

**Eastern Regional Final of the Young Horticulturist of the Year
Saturday 15th March 2025 at King's College, Cambridge**

Programme for the day:

10.00 - Registration and welcome drinks
10.30 - Competitors start identification rounds
11.00 - Main competition commences
12.30 - Lunch
13:30 - Tours of the site and historical collections
16.00 - Day concludes (Approx.)

Competition Venue:

The competition will be taking place in the Jubilee Building at King's College.

King's College is a constituent college of the University of Cambridge and lies beside the River Cam and faces out onto King's Parade in the centre of the city.

Afternoon Visit:

Steve Coghill (Head Gardener, Kings College), will lead us on a tour of the magnificent gardens at Kings College, paying particular attention to Biodiversity and Meadow Management. King's college has famously turned it's large formal lawn into a spectacular meadow which is maintained using traditional methods including using Shire horses to cut the meadows down at the end of the season. The college was founded in 1441 and Steve will have plenty of historical facts as the tour develops. There will also be a chance to view some exhibits from the archives to learn about the history of the college and which famous alumni studied there.

The Fellows' Garden, on the west side of Queen's Road, was created in the early nineteenth century from space previously used as paddocks for the Provost's horses. It took another century for the garden to be opened to junior members of the College, and it is now occasionally open to the public under the National Gardens Scheme. The tranquil garden serves as a wildlife corridor and a beautiful green wedge that extends right into Cambridge. It features a number of island borders, specimen plants, and houses a variety of trees of scientific interest.

Venue Address and Additional Information:

King's College, Porters Lodge, King's Parade, Cambridge, CB2 1ST

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There is no public parking for cars at King's College, please use Public Transport or the Park and Ride. More information about the Park and Ride Services can be located at: <https://cambridgeparkandride.info/> Cambridge train station is located about 2 miles away from King's College (about 30 minutes' walk)

Photography:

Photographs will be taken at this event for publicity purposes. If you would prefer not to be included in any photographs, please let me know.

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