



Dirleton's Little Growing Competition 2026: Guidance Sheet

The aim of this competition is to encourage both adults and children to enjoy the pleasures, health and social benefits of gardening – individually and together and so promote gardening skills. It is intended as an informal, fun competition but with a few rules. Hence this guidance sheet.

VENUE: This year's Competition has its own dedicated gazebo – *Dirleton's Little Growing Tent* - next to the Tea Tent. at the Dirleton Fete & Games on Saturday 20th June. This year there are competition classes for Sweet Peas, Herbs and June Flowers. Please bring your entries to the Tent on the Saturday morning between 10.30 and 11am. Entries cannot be accepted after 11am when judging will commence. If you cannot deliver your entry at this time, please contact Anne Orr to arrange an alternative drop-off time. See contact details below.

CLASSES & CATEGORIES: We encourage adults to help children grow and present their entries, but we also want to support individual enthusiasm and effort. Each entrant will receive a '*Dirleton's Little Growing Tent 2026*' sticker.

Within each class there will be two winners for each category. The first prize winner will receive a Dirleton 2026 mug, and the runner-up will receive a special laminated sticker.

CATEGORIES:

Each competition class is open to entries from **children, adults** and **family/household groups** and will be judged in three categories: **Category A:** Children aged 12 & under; **Category B:** Teens aged 13+ and adults; **Category C:** Family/household entries.

Entry is free. One entry only please in each category within each class. But you may enter as many different classes as you wish.

CLASSES:

1. *Six Sweet Peas: all the same variety and colour in a glass jar*
2. *Ten Sweet Peas: mixed colours and varieties in a glass jar*
3. *A single Sweet Pea with the longest and straightest stem in glass bottle*
4. *A pot of 2 or more growing Culinary Herbs – maximum pot diameter 20cm (8")*
5. *A posy of 2 or more Fragrant Herbs tied with a ribbon – maximum height & width 20cm (8")*
6. *A mix of six varieties of June Garden Flowers in a glass jar – max. height & width 40cm (16")*

FURTHER INFORMATION:

The competition entries will be displayed on tables covered with a bright green cloth within the **Little Growing Tent**. The aim is to highlight the flowers and plants themselves and so all flowers should be presented in plain glass containers. If you do not have a suitable container, some spare ones will be available at the Tent on the day for you to use.

Classes 1,2,3 & 6 - please use a plain glass jar or bottle.

Class 4 – Culinary Herbs in a small pot – please use a plain terracotta or plastic pot.

Class 5 – A Herb Posy will be displayed laid out on plain white paper plates (provided).

If you can provide extra details with your entry such as the named variety of Sweet Peas or the names of herbs in the pot or posy, this will enhance the interest for visitors to the Tent – but it is not essential.

Please provide a separate entry form for each of your entries. Spare copies are available online and *at The Little Growing Tent* on the day. If you would like your entry returned, please pick up near the end of the Fete and Games, or contact Anne to arrange later collection. Unfortunately we cannot take responsibility for any damage to your entry.

PRIVACY: The display card beside your entry will show your name, class and category, but NOT your contact details. These will be used solely to contact you regarding your entry to the competition.

JUDGING: Diane Dangerfield and Pamela Wales of the East Lothian u3a Gardening Group have kindly agreed to be our judges. The winners will be announced at the Fete and Games, and prizes will be presented. But if you are unable to be there, we will contact you to arrange collection. The prize winners will be listed on the Dirleton village website www.dirletonvillage.org



SPONSORSHIP A big thank you to Dirleton Market on the Green for sponsoring the prizes and for their help in organizing the separate Mug Design Competition.

CONTACT for further information, queries and help: Anne Orr orralo@aol.com



**DIRLETON FETE & GAMES 2026 – LITTLE GROWING COMPETITION
ENTRY FORM**

(Forms are also available on the village website and in the Competition Tent on the day)

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