

Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association

# Press Release



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What can a gardening club do when people can't meet up?

Answer: organise an online show!

That's exactly what the Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association have done.

Its chairman, Richard Haigh, says: "We had to cancel our usual spring show but one of our members had the idea of holding a virtual show online. We thought 'why not?' so our web team got it going and we had a fantastic response from the community. Of course it doesn't replace the real thing, but it does give us an impression of what could have been – a brilliant display and a great compliment to everyone who took part."

How on earth do you adjudicate such an exhibition? The hardest part, Richard says, was remembering that it was a not a photographic exhibition. "I had to review the entries on content rather than their photographic merit. I did not insist on vases, but I did follow the rule on how many stems of flowers should be present in each class."

The exhibition can be viewed online at [www.gardenreg.org](http://www.gardenreg.org). "It brings a little colour to the community when we all need it" says Richard.

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**For images:** [www.gardenreg.org/press](http://www.gardenreg.org/press)

**Background info:**

The Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association (EGRGA) was founded in 1945 and normally organises spring, summer and autumn shows every year. They're all popular, the Summer Show being a classic village event with several marquees, brass band, dog show and lots of other activities.

2020 is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association. But because of the lockdown, shows have had to be cancelled – including the Summer Show scheduled for 4 July 2020. The Association is organising 'virtual' shows online – more details on the website.