

News from Knowsley

Time for the nation's gardeners to get growing

Its National Gardening Week and time for all the green fingered growers to get going.

Knowsley's Flower Show is on Sunday August 5 and is the biggest free show of its kind in the North West.

It's at Court Hey Park in Roby Road in Huyton and details of the classes and prizes are now available.

The show runs from 11am until 5pm and celebrates both the Olympics and the Queens Diamond Jubilee

There'll be an Olympics Style sports village, a bigger floral marquee with more exhibits and a bigger farmers market, as well as all the usual attractions.

People hoping to enter their prize blooms, preserves or vegetables can now get a schedule detailing classes, prize money and the rules.

There's a section for novices, one for jams and chutneys and lots for children, who can enter for free, including some new categories.

These include the longest Olympic Runner Bean, the best hand crafted crown or tiara and the best computer generated picture of a Royal or Olympic Garden.

The show will be opened by Knowsley's new Mayor Cllr Norman Hogg and the head gardener at Tatton Park, Sam Youd, who's also a judge and a panellist on Gardeners' Question Time at the show.

To get a schedule of the classes at Knowsley Flower Show, call show secretary Christine Yates on 480 8666. For general information, call Carla Simkin at Knowsley Council on 443 5353. Or you can log onto www.knowsleyflowershow.com.

Ends

Pic caption: Knowsley's Flower show at Court Hey Park.

For more information: contact Jackie Rand at Knowsley Council's communications department on 0151 443 3269 or email jackie.rand@knowsley.gov.uk

Notes to editors: National Gardening Week runs from April 16 to 22. To mark the event, over 240 square metres of wildflower meadow will be sown on Merseyside, as part of a national campaign to replenish some of the 97% of wildflower meadows lost since 1930