

Crowds flock to flower show

Over 20,000 people enjoyed an action packed day of fun at the 15th annual Knowsley Flower Show in Huyton on Sunday.

Highlights of the show, which is the largest free horticultural show in the North West, included performances by H&M Dog Display, Kuk Sool won Martial Arts, Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Mersey Morris Men.

This was in addition to the stunning floral marquee which was once again a blaze of colour with hundreds of fantastic horticultural displays, entered into more than 100 classes.

The overall winner of Best Exhibit in the Show was Philip Spark, for his two giant decorative dahlias.

Other winners included Chris Bright who scooped Best in Pot Plants Section and Helen Doran who went away with the Best in Cut Flower Section.

Amongst the younger flower enthusiasts, the Best in Young Persons Section went to Owen Murray.

Aside from the judging, children enjoyed free face painting, circus skills, craft activities and pottery.

There was also a giant Craft Marquee, Geraud Produce Food Market, health and wellbeing area, Community Marquee and the Marketplace Marquee which housed numerous Knowsley businesses and gave advice on starting a business.

Cllr Eddie Connor, Knowsley Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure, Community and Culture, said, "This year's flower show was once again a huge success and I'm glad to see so many people turned out to enjoy the North West's biggest free horticultural event.

"The flower show attracts visitors from far and wide and is always a highlight in the Knowsley calendar."



PHOTO: Mayor of Knowsley, Cllr Brian O'Hare and Don Sutcliffe, Vice Chairperson of the Knowsley Flower Show Committee, checking out this year's prize-winning vegetables

For more photos from the event, visit our [Flickr site](#).

NOTES TO EDITORS:

- Best in Cut Flower Section - Helen Dolan
- Best in Dahlias Section - Philip Spark
- Best in Roses Section - Sabah Khan
- Best in Pot Plants Section - Chris Bright
- Best in Vegetables Section - Ron Hill
- Best in Novice - Keith Silcock
- Best in Show - Philip Spark
- Best Boy - Owen Murray
- Best Girl -Katelyn Willock
- Best in Young Person's Section - Owen Murray
- The Arthur Jackson Master Gardener - Richard Burniston
- The Freda Gabrielsen Trophy for best basket of flowers - Helen Dolan
- The Bill Sandifer Trophy for best Gladioli Exhibit - Sabah Khan
- The North of England Dahlia Association Trophy for best Dahlia Exhibit - Philip Spark
- The Albert Sutcliffe Memorial Trophy for most points in Dahlia Section – Philip Spark
- The Ford Sports & Social Club Gardening Challenge Cup for most points in Vegetable Section - Richard Burniston
- The Banksian Medal for most points in the Show - Derek Brooks

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