

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT VILLAGE SHOW

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THE VILLAGE SHOW!

I wonder if the people who dreamed up what’s become known as the Annual Village Show, all those years ago, ever thought it would still be running and indeed flourishing some 150 years later. The Show, which used to be called The Flower Show has had several homes over the years culminating in its current ‘home’ the Old Basing Village Hall ever since the hall was built in 1982.

That the Village Show IS still flourishing is due not only to the very committed VS committee, and my thanks to each and every one of you for all you do throughout the year and on show day, but also to the number of non-committee persons who offer their time each year on show day, helping in various roles to ensure the show runs smoothly. I know Judith has sent out letters of appreciation to you all, but I would also like to add my personal thanks to you as well.

As to the 2024 show, another very successful show, so once again thank you to everyone who helped in any way (and I hope we see you again in 2025). Entries were well up this year from 395 in 2023 to 461 entries in 2024 due to a good number of new entrants and the return of some old entrants. Once again, the judges were very complimentary about our show placing it above many of the shows they attend.

Unfortunately, total profit this year was down by 33% on 2023 due mainly to the huge increase in the cost of hiring the hall.

So, as I said before, thank you to everyone involved in this year’s show and here’s to the 2025 Village Show.

