

DUNBLANE EARLY BULB DISPLAY

21st February 2026, 10 am to 4 pm

Organised by the BULB GROUP

VICTORIA HALL, STIRLING ROAD, DUNBLANE, PERTHSHIRE FK15 9EX

Opposite the railway station. Parking is limited outside the hall. The closest is on the main road, in Station Square & on Mill Row. Best for disabled parking is the lower car park at TESCO, with access to the hall via lifts and bridge at the railway station. Charges may apply.

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ENTRIES: To be staged on the day, 9–10 am

Growing bulbs for all seasons

Our speaker is Dave Hardy, a professional grower, hybridiser of daffodils and exhibitor.

Dave and wife Jules are owners of Esker Farm Daffodils, in Omagh, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland, specialising in a wide range of daffodil cultivars, along with snowdrops, crocus and much more. Dave is also Chair of the RHS Bulb Expert Group.

11 am 'A Year on the Farm – Life as a Daffodil Bulb Grower at Esker Farm Daffodils'

In this talk, Dave Hardy takes you through the changing seasons at Esker Farm Daffodils, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the life and work of a daffodil bulb farmer. Dave shares insights into variety breeding, field management, weather challenges, and the rewarding moments when fields burst into bloom. It's a year-round story of patience, passion, and a deep love for growing beautiful daffodils.

2 pm 'Daffodils, Snowdrops and beyond'

What began with a simple love of daffodils has blossomed into a journey that now includes snowdrops, crocus, lilies, and many more treasures. Along the way, Dave talks about plant shows, RHS involvement, and the community of fellow enthusiasts who inspire him. Most of all, this talk is about the beauty and resilience of bulbs – and the way they bring people together.

Display

Members are invited to bring as many pans of dwarf bulbs and early flowering alpine plants as possible.

Space will be available for cut flowers of plants which members do not want to disturb in the garden. Please bring your own vases for cut flowers.

Plants will be grouped according to genera during staging between 9 and 10 am.

The rule of one pan per class per exhibitor will be waived. No points will be awarded.

Members may also stage small displays comprising several exhibits to show variation in species etc.

Every contribution increases the value of the display for others.

Plant sales

Contributions are invited to the 50:50 plant sale and raffle, which will be held to cover expenses.

Members are asked to help with the teas and plant stall as this day is organised by the Bulb Group rather than a local group.