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Hexham show 3 October 2026



Cyclamen are a staple of the autumn shows, though this October the big pots seemed not as numerous or floriferous as usual. Bob and Ranveig Wallis still managed to bring a very full car of bulbous plants from Carmarthen in South Wales which means a round trip of over 600 miles. They were rewarded with the Ponteland Bowl for most (1080) first points. Their large *Cyclamen rohlfsianum* received a certificate of merit





However, the best plant in the show, winning Michael Wilson his first Farrer medal, was a silver leaved form of *Cyclamen hederifolium*. Not the biggest example of the genus in the show but very well proportioned with attractive foliage surrounding a compact centre of white flowers. This plant has already won awards in foliage classes at shows. Other species of cyclamen were also on display.





Cyclamen foliage is so attractive that autumn shows provide classes for this feature.

Besides cyclamen the visiting public can encounter less familiar bulbous plants such as *Empodium* and *Oxalis*. One genus now increasingly seen at autumn shows is *Petrocosmea*. These gesneriads look similar to African violets but are much hardier though most people seem to keep them under cold glass.









Grey and mixed trios of foliage and immaculate cushion plants



More foliage interest from an impressive *Arum*, trios of hardy ferns and a forest of dwarf conifers.







Cones, berries and a variety of dwarf shrubs



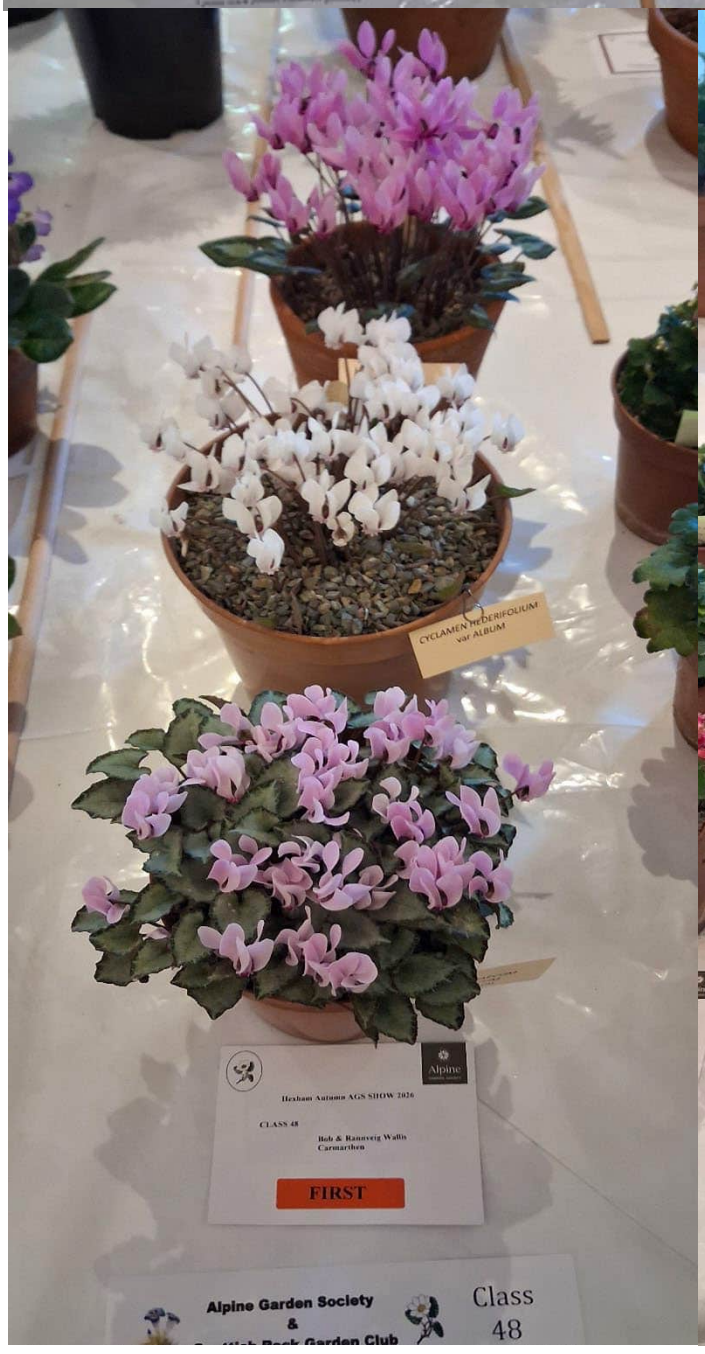
Open ground plants, hardy succulents and mini gardens.









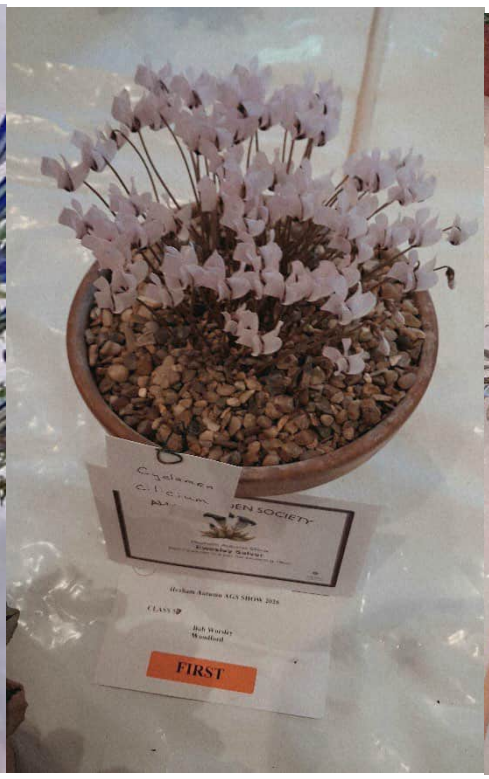

CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM
var ALBUM
Alpine
Hexham Autumn AGS SHOW 2026
CLASS 48
Bob & Rannveig Wallis
Carmarthen
FIRST
Alpine Garden Society
&
Class
48


SECOND



In the smaller pot classes three smaller cyclamen *C. cilicium, C. graecum candicum* and *C. mirabile niveum*, along with *Oxalis speciosus, O. perdicaria citrino* and *Crocus pulchellus albus* won team Wallis an AGS medal for six small pots at most three from any one genus. The only other certificate of merit went to their *Narcissus elegans*, from southern Spain. Bob Worsley won the Ewesley salver for best cyclamen in a19cm pot with *C.cilicium*. Stan da Prato won the Patricia Furness vase for a *Saxifraga fortunei* cv in a 19cm pot. Alan Newton took the David Boyd award, this year for autumn foliage, with a colourful *Aruncus*.


Gentiana 'The Colony'
FIRST


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Alpine Garden Society
&
Scottish Rock Garden Club
Class
60
1 pan rock plant lifted from the unprotected
open garden in the last 7 days


Alpine Garden Society
&
Scottish Rock Garden Club
1 pan rock plant for variegated foliag


FIRST
Alpine Garden Society
&
Scottish Rock Garden Club
Class
85
1 pan hardy cactus




FIRST
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An interesting display mounted by a local fungus group created considerable interest



Finally loading the cars for the homeward journey and tidying the hall

