

Froggatt and District Horticultural Society Show 2020

COVID-19 (Corona Virus) and Froggatt Show

The 75th FDHS Show is due to take place on Saturday 29th August 2020. I would like to reassure everyone that after careful discussion the FDHS Committee has decided that the show will still take place on that date. We were planning to hold a celebratory dinner on Sunday 30th March 2020, this has been postponed until 2021.

We will keep the decision to go ahead with the show under constant review, consider the advice from Public Health England and will update you all later in the year to confirm the status of the show.

To ensure that society will not incur unnecessary costs we will not be printing the show schedule for distribution at this time. Instead we will publish an electronic version on our website (froggattshow.org) and on social media to allow everyone to plan their entries. Assuming the show is not cancelled when the Committee next review the situation we will print and distribute the paper schedule to patrons.

The show costs a considerable amount of money to put on each year so making a commitment to continue with preparations could have been more difficult. However, our suppliers have been very understanding which has allowed us to defer a final decision about the show until later in the year. Hence our intention to hold the 2020 Show on the planned date for now.

The decision to postpone the 75th Show dinner was made to avoid incurring up-front costs at this time that we would have been unlikely to recover should the event be cancelled. But more importantly because a large gathering of people in an enclosed environment would be ill-advised especially if the virus outbreak persists into late summer.

David Platts

Chairman

Froggatt and District Horticultural Society

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