

The Young Horticulturist of the Year Competition 2022 is launched!

We are thrilled to be launching the 2022 Young Horticulturist of the Year Competition (YHoY) run by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture.

The competition is open to anyone across the UK and Ireland, who is under 30 on 31st July 2022. Whether you are a student, apprentice or working in the industry, this is a fantastic opportunity to test your horticultural knowledge and network with a wide range of individuals from across the industry.

The winner of the competition gain's the prestige title of 'Young Horticulturist of the Year' and will receive a £2,500 travel bursary from The Percy Thrower Trust, generously provided by the Shropshire Horticultural Society. The winner can undertake a trip, anywhere in the world, to study a subject related to their chosen field of horticulture.

The Grand Final will be held on Saturday 7th May 2022 at the University of Warwick, so get the date in your diary now!

Victoria George, the Competition Chair said, "*Despite the pandemic, 2021 was a very successful year for the competition and I am excited to build on that success for 2022; the new look Round 1 online was very popular and increased the accessibility of the competition so we hope to encourage more Young Horticulturists to take part in this wonderful competition.*"

To find out more about the competition and how to take part, visit the Young Horticulturist of the Year page at <https://www.horticulture.org.uk/young-horticulturist-of-the-year>.

The competition's first round 'Round 1' opens on our website on 1st February 2022.

Join in the discussions with past competitors on **Facebook.com/CIHort**, **Twitter.com/CIHort**, **Instagram.com/cihort**, and **Linkedin.com/company/the-chartered-institute-of-horticulture**

If you are interested in sponsoring the 2022 competition, please contact the Chartered Institute of Horticulture - Email: cih@horticulture.org.uk

Stages of the Competition:

The first round will be held online during the month of February and from here, the top 8 competitors from each region are selected to go through to battle it out against each other in a Regional Final which will be held during March and the winner from each Regional Final will go to the Grand Final. Prizes and prize money are awarded at each stage, provided generously by our regional and national sponsors.

1. Round 1 - Is based on questions covering a wide range of horticultural topics and takes place online throughout February.

2. Regional Finals - The winners of Round 1 progress to one of the eight Regional Finals held in March, broken into 10 rounds with questions covering a wide range of Horticultural topics with buzzer and directed questions and identification rounds.

3. Grand Final - The winner of each Regional Final progresses to the Grand Final where the format is the same as for the Regional Finals with questions covering a wide range of Horticultural topics with buzzer and directed questions and identification rounds.

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Social Media Snippets

Hashtags: #YHOY, #CIHort

- The Young Horticulturist of the Year Competition brings together a diverse group of young people who are the future of our industry.
- The University of Warwick will be hosting the Grand Final of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture's Young Horticulturist of the Year competition.
- Shropshire Horticultural Society, through the Percy Thrower Trust, provides the travel bursary to Grand Final Winner of the Young Horticulturist of the Year. The 2022 Grand Final takes place at the University of Warwick.

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About The Competition:

Annual competition organised by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture, was established in its current format in 1990 as a way of encouraging and rewarding excellence among those in horticulture. The competition is open to any horticulturist who is below the age of 30 on 31st July 2022.

The winner of the Grand Final receives a £2,500 Percy Thrower Travel Bursary, provided by the Shropshire Horticultural Society, via the Percy Thrower Trust.

Sponsorship

We are interested in hearing from companies and organisation who would be willing to offer financial, or other forms of sponsorship, at all levels of the 2022 competition and beyond. Email:

cih@horticulture.org.uk

About the Chartered Institute of Horticulture:

The Chartered Institute of Horticulture was established in 1984 and received its Royal Charter in 2014. The aim of the Institute is of fostering a close relationship between all sectors of professional horticulture throughout the UK and Ireland. It is the only professional body representing those who work in all aspects of horticulture.

The Chartered Institute of Horticulture administers and supports the Grow Careers initiative set up in 2006 by some of the UK's leading horticulture organisations to promote horticulture as a challenging, dynamic, exciting, and rewarding career.

The Chartered Institute of Horticulture has eight branches throughout the UK and Ireland, as well as overseas members. Members are linked to the branch where they live but are encouraged to attend events arranged by any branch area.

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