

**Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society**  
**ANNUAL SCOTTISH ALLOTMENTS CONFERENCE**  
**21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY ALLOTMENTS**

**WORKSHOPS REPORTS:**

**5. Growing for showing**

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*General:* Know your schedule and get your timings right, big is not best, know your standards. We are not talking professionals, but what can be achieved on an allotment. I am assuming some basic knowledge but ask at any time. Free for all in the last 20 minutes.

Some tips on sweet peas, potatoes and onions

***Soil***

Two basic types natural in your ground, or artificial.

Ground problems, pests, disease, non-homogenous

Artificial, intensive, expensive.

Large entry to maximise points use the ground

Best in class go artificial

Preparation ground crop rotation, 8-year cycle, log and diary

Legumes

Bras note where

Pots and onions

Roots

Green manure through winter.

Double dig  $\frac{1}{4}$  of plot before legumes.

Artificial black bags, bottomless waste paper bins, old technique sterilising the

soil

***Seeds***

Exhibition variety are essential.

Save your own onions how?

Talk to other plot holders and exhibitors.

Germination techniques.

Greenhouse window sill

***Cultivation***

Organic or not competitions becoming more aware. Define organic.

Calcified seaweed, rock dust, fish blood bone meal, even organic growmore

Disease know your organic sprays

Know your plants and what they need

Pests and protection, birds

Weeds

Timings.

***Showing***

Make sure you are in the right class

Must be well presented, check your schedule and standards.

Vases for flowers, green baize stands.

Tubes, sand, for veg

Neat ends, raffia ties.

Single exhibit, good shape, no blemishes.  
Multiple entries, all the same.

***Standards***

RHS and NVS books are essential