



Area News Bulletin

Welcome to the first Area News bulletin from the East of England Area of NAFAS' Media Team. These bulletins will be sent out regularly throughout the year to keep Clubs updated on the latest National, Area and Industry news and any key points from Council meetings or Area Days. It's not intended to replace any existing communications like Chairman's Chat, Latest News on the website or Facebook but to give you a round-up of news regularly so you don't miss anything.

These bulletins are designed to be shared with Club Officers, so if you've received this, please pass onto your officers, particularly Club Chairs so they can be kept up-to-date. Links will be provided where possible to easily access more information.

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National News

- A reminder that the Flower Arranger supplement 'NAFAS News' will now be available as a digital publication to flick through on the [NAFAS website](#) – there's no longer a paper printed version. [You can read it in full screen for ease.](#)
- [Details of the NAFAS National Show have now been published and you can read all about it and review the schedule here.](#)
- National Speakers Committee Zoom session on 25th February at 2.00pm. Full details available on the [Area website](#).
- Do you subscribe to the National monthly newsletter so you can get this straight into your Inbox – [click here](#) and submit your details.
- Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival – 13th-18th May – details available [here](#).
- [Demonstrators Symposium 2025](#) – open to National, Area and Trainee Demonstrators commencing Friday 28th February 2025 finishing on Sunday 2nd March – Telford Golf & Spa Hotel, Telford.

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- The Spring edition of the Spotlight East newsletter will be published on 1st March.
- [Demonstrator's Refresher Day](#) – 8th March in Mildenhall – Workshop with Helen Hare.
- Area Judges training has begun, tutored by Valerie Best, a National Judge, Adjudicator and Instructor - 14 trainees have begun six months of training, culminating with their Exam in July.
- Area Council meeting in Mildenhall on Wednesday 12th March. Don't forget to let Area Secretary, Sue Cooper (susan.cooper2@icloud.com) know how many will be going from your Club so the expected numbers are known for the event.
- Area Day – Wednesday 26th April – tickets available – details and booking form are on the [Area Events](#) page on the website.

- Club Insurance – please check all insurance companies who specialise in charities, groups and clubs when renewing your insurance. There are some very competitive rates around.

Industry News

- A new OASIS® Renewal™ Floral Foam which is a plant-based floral foam, made with renewable resources, is being launched this year. It's expected that the product will be available for purchase in the UK later this year. I expect we're all looking forward to seeing what its performance is actually like.

The next Area News bulletin is planned for mid-March 2025.