

Hardy Orchid Society Seed Sowing Workshop

Venue Hagbourne Village Hall, Main Road, East Hagbourne, Didcot
Oxfordshire, OX11 9LR

Date & time Sunday 23rd August 2026. Start 9.30 am. Finish 4.00 pm. **Please note:** Only current members can take part.

Workshop contents

The Organiser John Haggard, plus the other two tutors Alan Dash and Neil Evans, have a wealth of experience of hardy orchid seed sowing and subsequent care. The workshop will take place under non-sterile conditions. John goes through a detailed step-by-step presentation of the two aseptic techniques, asymbiotic and symbiotic, and with Neil's assistance, gives practical demonstrations in the various techniques required. Included in the presentation are:

- Differences in Life cycles (summer green and winter green) and how this affects propagation
- Seed sowing timing & techniques for different genera and species
- Media & media preparation for seed sowing, tools and equipment and how they are used
- Treatment of seed cultures
- Weaning of seedlings and growing media
- After care, light and temperature
- Details on sourcing equipment and materials in addition to the HOS items that members can buy.

Alan contributes his exceptional knowledge and experience of growing from seed, particularly with regard to the non-sterile "growing on cardboard" method, which is becoming used more and more.

Participants will have the opportunity to sterilise and sow some orchid seed on a prepared agar plate, using a laminar flow cabinet and take the results home with them to germinate. (Note: this will entail working with bleach so, although protective covering will be available, old clothes are recommended).

All materials will be made available to participants on the day. You will also receive a copy of John's step by step presentation as a reference guide, when you have a go on your own. The feedback we have had over many years is that this is a very informative and fun day, delivered in a very insightful manner with the right balance of science and practical skills for beginners.

Workshop cost

The cost of the workshop is £25/person.

Refreshments

Tea/Coffee/Fruit juice will be available, but please make your own arrangements for lunch.

Please tear off or scan booking form and send with your payment for the workshop.

HOS seed sowing workshop booking form

I wish to attend the HOS Seed Sowing Workshop on 23rd August 2026.

Name

Address

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EmailMembership No.....

Payment options:

1. Post the form and cheque (payable to Hardy Orchid Society) to Moira Tarrant, HOS Workshop, Bumby's, Fox Road, Mashbury, Chelmsford Essex CM1 4TJ

2. Electronically – send a scanned booking form to moira.tarrant@outlook.com & request either a PayPal invoice or HOS bank details to make a direct payment.