



City of Belfast Autumn Fair 2026

Botanic Gardens, Belfast

(College Park Avenue, Botanic Avenue, Belfast, BT7 1LP)

Saturday, 12th & Sunday, 13th September 2026

Autumn will get underway in the city with the return of the fabulous Autumn Fair in Belfast's beautiful Botanic Gardens. This will be a weekend of celebration, marking the changing of the season with flowers, food and free fun for all the family – and the WI will be there, along with the return of our Competitions!

WI Section

(Entry confined to WI members only –
Competing for the Northern Bank Trophy)



Theme: 'Afternoon Tea Party'

Five articles to be staged by members of The Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland. Individual Institutes or Area groups may enter more than one team. A maximum of 130 points will be awarded per team (20 points for each of the five articles, and 30 points for overall presentation and layout)

Please note: Any props used in the display must fit on the card table with your competition items. The table must be a standard card table size (maximum 30inch x 30inch / 76cm x 76cm)

WI Section –

'Afternoon Tea Party' –

Table display to consist of the following:

1. Two-tiered cake stand – *Top tier: 4 small scones / Bottom tier: 12 mini traybakes of 3 varieties*
2. Jar of strawberry jam
3. Floral arrangement – *Width not exceeding 15cm. Height unlimited*
4. Woollen tea cosy
5. Two metres of bunting to decorate table

Open Section - Entry open to all

(Preserves – pot size not less than 200g, not more than 500g)

1. Plum chutney
2. Cucumber relish
3. Apple jelly
4. Lemon & lime marmalade
5. Damson jam



The classes in the Open Section are open to everyone – competitors do not need to be members of the WI.

All applications are dealt with directly through Belfast City Council but please let WI Headquarters know if your Institute/Area intends to enter a table display.

(Please remember: the judge's decision is final.)