

media release

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Organisers of Taunton Flower Show have decided not to hold a show in 2020 due to the uncertainties caused by the corona virus situation.

The show's directors announced that they have decided to focus their efforts on making next year's event the biggest celebratory garden party the town has seen for years. Soon-to-retire chairman of the show, Adrian Prior-Sankey explained,

'For the first time since the war there won't be a show in the park this August but the organising team is in good heart and want to make sure that as soon as we can be out and about again we will put plans in place for a great celebration in 2021.

In 2021 the show will be 190 years old and will have been held in Vivary Park for 170 years'

Anyone who has purchased tickets for this year's show can receive a refund or carry them over to next year. Members of the show who have renewed their subscription will have the same options.

Adrian is retiring after more than 20 years at the forefront of the show which is the oldest, longest running event of its kind in Britain (and the second in the world). Apart from a flood in 1997 after the exhibits were set up, only wars have interrupted the annual gathering of gardeners and the public in Taunton's Vivary Park.

The chairman-elect is Nigel Handbury who has served as vice chairman and is retired having had a distinguished career in the armed forces working with medical teams.

Details of how to contact the show's administrative team during the covid19 restriction period can be found on the show's website at www.tauntonfs.co.uk

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Adrian Prior-Sankey or Nigel Handbury can be contacted for interview by telephone. Adrian on 07973 252 346 and Nigel on 01823 326 264 or 07507 500 459. It may be possible to undertake a video interview.