

## Document 4

### Triallists

Our AGM assessment trials are an opportunity to grow new delphiniums assessed by the review group as very good or outstanding and worth our formal trial process. The plant material is unique and it is a privilege given to the triallists by the grower (raiser). In return triallists are expected to grow the plant(s) to a good standard and to record the (their) performance using the standard results sheets annually for the review group. Ideally triallists are asked to grow at least 3 plants of a particular trial entry and follow these conditions strictly.

Conditions which must be accepted by a triallist from the outset.

1 – The plant(s) given to you directly or indirectly by the grower (raiser) must be kept by you only. **None is to be passed to a third party.** If you decide to withdraw from the trial, all of the plants will be destroyed or returned to the grower (raiser).

2 – You must obtain the grower (raiser)'s permission if you wish to use the plant for breeding purposes.

3 – You may withdraw from the trial process at any time giving notice to the scheme organiser. A comment about why you are withdrawing will be helpful. Please indicate whether you are destroying the plants or returning them to the grower (raiser)?

4 – The growing conditions and details of the plant(s) performance are set out in the general sheet about the AGM delphinium society trials.

5 – A standard sheet to record the performance in the current year is available and it needs to be returned to the scheme organiser by the end of August that year.

6 - You may be asked to propagate the plant by cuttings in order to grow and assess the ideal number of plants. This is not essential but it would help to speed the trial process.

7 – You will help the trial process if you can bring a spike of the trial plant to the national show of the delphinium society. If the spike is past its best or not quite at its best it will not be relevant to the trial process. Seeing the plant at the show will help to speed up the trial process by giving the review group members a chance to see more material that year. It will also be of interest to society members visiting the show to see promising plants for the future.

If you have any queries about becoming a triallist please contact me or talk to a member of the review group.

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