

October 2023

Dear Rose Enthusiast,

Winter 2023 will see the planting of the sixth rose trial at our trial ground in Hertfordshire. Rochfords International Rose Trials are accredited by the World Federation of Rose Societies and are the only trials in the UK to assess the suitability of unnamed rose varieties for their value as UK garden plants. The costs of each RIRT trial are met as part of Rochfords corporate social responsibility commitment. We have been supporting the rose community with our trials since 2018 and are proud to be completing this work on your behalf.

We invite you to send in your unnamed seedlings for Trial 6. The trial will be held from 2024 to 2026, with all varieties remaining anonymous until the results are announced. A permanent panel of judges will judge throughout the trial, with an international panel invited for final judging in late summer of the third year. Awards will be given to the winners as set out in our Trial Rules and Guidelines. Our previous results are available to view on the WFRS website.

Trial Timetable

Planting for Trial 6 will commence at the beginning of November 2023. We will accept plants up to the end of January 2024, although this could be extended to the end of February if we have adverse weather conditions.

What you need to do next

- complete the attached submission form and return to roses@rochfords.net
- send your plants within the window November 2023 to end January 2024 – plant numbers required are stated on the submission form.

If you are unable to organise carriage and import paperwork into the UK, we can assist. For further information please contact us at roses@rochfords.net

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Rochford, Managing Director