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'It's about weight not about beauty'

GIANT vegetable grower Clive Bevan will judge other people's produce at the East of England Showground's Autumn Show next month.

Mr Bevan, of Millers Park, Wellingborough, has been involved in organising the show for three years and said he was looking forward to judging other growers' giant vegetables at this year's competition.

Mr Bevan (pictured) said: "We have already secured growers of the recently-grown world record-breaking swede (85.62 lbs) and onion (18 lbs) to bring them along to the show."

"It's not a beauty contest, it is all about the weight."

The East of England Showground Autumn Show will run from 10am to 4pm on Sunday, October 9.

'New medical evidence comes to light'

Herpes case defendant wins appeal

A TRAFFIC officer jailed for giving his ex-girlfriend genital herpes has walked free from prison on bail after launching an appeal against his conviction.

David Christopher Edward Golding, aged 28, from Greenway, Braunston, was jailed for 14 months at Northampton Crown Court last month after admitting causing grievous bodily harm.

But new evidence could cast doubt on whether it was Golding who actually passed on the sexually transmitted infection to the woman, the Court of Appeal heard.

A prosecution-commissioned medical report now suggests it could not be proved that it was definitely Golding who gave the victim the disease.

Mr Justice Burnett, sitting at the London court, granted Golding's application for bail while new evidence is gathered for his appeal.

Golding, who worked for the Highways Agency, was accused of recklessly infecting his then partner with the genital herpes virus when they were together about two years ago.

But his jailing caused outrage among sexual health groups, who said the sentence would add to the stigma attached to carriers

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of the "trivial" condition.

The appeal will be based around examination of a blood sample given by the woman some time ago, which might cast doubt on Golding's guilt, the court heard.

Mr Justice Burnett said: "This whole matter should not go into the long grass whilst both parties seek further expert evidence."

"It is important this proceeds with some speed. If the conclusion following the further medical evidence is that causation really could not be proved, then the sooner that is, the better."

"As importantly, if the outcome excludes the possibility of causation by another route, then that needs to be known as quickly as possible because the appellant may, in those circumstances, have to return to custody to continue to serve his sentence."

Granting bail pending appeals is a rare move for the Court of Appeal, but Mr Justice Burnett said Golding's was an "exceptional" case. The appeal is unlikely to return to court for at least a month, but Golding will be allowed to go home while further investigation is undertaken.