Mr. Noton wins five daffodil trophies

Mr. W. A. Noton, an enthusiastic and highly successful daffodil grower, of Station Road, Oakham, captured no fewer than five of the seven cups awarded at the Daffodil Society's show at Birmingham on Monday.

This followed his successes at the Royal Horticultural Society's show in London last week when, in addition to winning the Bowles cup for 24 varieties of daffodils, he secured eight first prizes and several seconds and thirds. It was the second time he had won this cup, the first occasion being in 1964.

At the London show, Mr. Noton exhibited about 100 blooms, although 74 of them were in the class for which he won the cup.

At Birmingham he regained the Cartwright cup, which he lost last year after having held it for the three previous years. It was awarded for 12 daffodils of different varieties in commerce.

Other cups he won were: The Walter Ware cup for three varieties of daffodils with pink centres; the White Daffodil trophy for six varieties of white trumpet daffodils; the Leamington cup for six varieties pink centres; and the Williams cup for six varieties of yellow daffodils.

He also secured the silver medal for the highest number of points in the single bloom classes.

In our picture, Mr. Noton (left) and Mr. Fred Board (president of the Daffodil Society) examine a bloom of the yellow trumpet flower Longwood Court during the Birmingham show. Longwood Court, bred by Mr. Board, was among the six yellows that gained Mr. Noton the Williams cup, and Mr. Board pronounced it excellently grown.

Mr. Noton is treasurer of the Daffodil Society.