



## **The 150<sup>th</sup> Shropshire County Show**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Show President: Anna Turner, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire

County Show Chairman: Neale Sadler

Showground Chief Executive Officer: Ian Bebbington

Horse Section Secretary: Jenna Payne

Heavy Horse Secretary: Yvonne Simmons

**This show is affiliated to The Shire Horse Society, The Veteran Horse Society and The Shetland Pony Studbook Society.**

### **2025 Judges:**

Heavy Horses - Mr. D. Curtis (Cambridgeshire)

Horses & Ponies – Mrs. S. Chamberlain (Denbighshire)

Young Handlers - Mr. J. Payne (Cornwall)

Mountain & Moorlands - Mr. S. Follows (Staffordshire)

Shetland Ponies – Mr. R. James (Staffordshire)

## Ring One

Starting at 10am

1. Stallion (0)
2. Yearling (0)
3. 2 & 3 Year Old (3)
4. Gelding (3)
5. Barren Mare (5)
6. Brood Mare (0)
7. Foal (1)

*Heavy Horse Championship*

8. Young Handlers (2)

*1 HOUR LUNCH BREAK*

9. Ridden Heavy Horse (2)

**LOCAL RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS &  
LIGHT HORSE SUPREME  
will take place following the  
conclusion of Rings 2 & 3.**

## Ring Two

Starting at 9.30am

10. Pony Youngstock (4)
  11. Pony – 4 years & over (0)
- Pony Breeding Championship*

12. Horse Youngstock (1)
  13. Horse – 4 years & over (1)
- Horse Breeding Championship*

14. Coloured Youngstock (5)
  15. Coloured – 4 years & over (4)
- Coloured Championship*

16. Young Handler – up to 11 years (1)
  17. Young Handler – 12-16 years (2)
- Young Handler Championship*

18. Leading Rein Pony (0)
  19. First Ridden Pony (1)
  20. Open Ridden Pony (0)
- Ridden Pony Championship*

21. Ridden Hunter (1)
  22. Ridden Cob (2)
  23. Riding Horse or Hack (4)
  24. Retraining of Racehorses (0)
- Ridden Horse Championship*

## Ring Three

Starting at 9am

25. M&M Yearling (0)
  26. M&M 2 & 3 Year Old (5)
  27. M&M Small Breeds (7)
  28. M&M Large Breeds (1)
- In-hand M&M Championship*

29. In-Hand Veterans (10)

30. Shetland Youngstock (5)
  31. Miniature Shetland (2)
  32. Standard Shetland (9)
- Shetland Championship*

33. Ridden Veterans (5)
- Veteran Championship*

34. M&M Leading Rein (4)
  35. M&M First Ridden (0)
- M&M Mini Championship*

36. Novice Ridden M&M (1)
  37. M&M Ridden Small Breeds (1)
  38. M&Ms Ridden Large Breeds (2)
- M&M Ridden Championship*

39. Ridden Coloured Pony (3)
  40. Ridden Coloured Horse (2)
- Ridden Coloured Championship*

## RULES & REGULATIONS

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS TO READ AND COMPLY WITH THE SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS SET OUT BELOW. ENTRY TO THE SHOW IS ACCEPTANCE OF THESE SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS.

1. Horses & ponies should never be left unattended.
2. Safety helmets and appropriate footwear should always be worn when around horses & ponies. Anyone riding a horse anywhere on the Showground is **required** to wear a properly fitted SAFETY HAT meeting a minimum standard as set out by the British Horse Society Hat Rules 2024.
3. **All Horses/Ponies MUST have a competent person in charge.**
4. **Colts & stallions:** may only be handled by persons over the age of 14 years.
5. **Stallions:** all entire males 2 years old and over must be bitted and display a stallion disc.
6. **Ridden Stallions:** Riders must be 12 years old or over riding stallions not exceeding 128cms or M&M small breeds. Riders must be 14 years old or over when riding stallions exceeding 128cms or M&M large breeds.
7. Ridden Section: judges will not be riding any exhibits at the 2025 show.
8. **Fall of Horse/Pony or Rider.** A fall of Horse/Pony or Rider during any class will result in elimination. The rider must not remount in the ring and should seek medically qualified attendant before remounting. The onus is on every rider who suffers a fall or any person who suffers an injury whilst on the Showground to report the fall/injury to the Show Secretary.
9. Horse walks will be provided, and Exhibitors are required to use these designated routes to access the showing rings and must obey directions from the Officials and Stewards at the crossing points. Exhibitors need to be aware that this is a busy Agricultural Show with large crowds and traditional displays performing throughout the showground: total segregation from both the general public and noisy attractions cannot, therefore, be guaranteed. Exhibitors are only permitted to use the horse walks to access their ring at the start of their class and horses must be kept at a walk. Trotting, cantering or exercising of horses is not allowed on the horse walks under any circumstances and may result in disqualification.
10. **Horse Passports** (England) Regulation 2009 requires all owners to obtain a passport for each animal that they own. Please remember to bring these passport(s) to the Show and have them available for inspection if requested by Local Trading Standards Officers. If you require any further information, please contact the DEFRA helpline, or visit their website. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure all animals are registered and they are members of the relevant breed societies.
11. **Horse Equine Influenza Vaccinations:** Horses must have been vaccinated to comply with the Silver Gilt standard set out in the British Equestrian advice notes. Requirements of the primary course (1st vaccination and then 2nd vaccination between 21 – 60 days later), followed by the first booster (120 – 180 days) and all subsequent boosters and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. Horses may compete having received the primary course and prior to the first booster but not within 7 days of receiving a vaccine dose. Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old. Horses that received the primary course prior to 1 January 2024 are permitted to have an interval of up to 92 days between the first and second vaccination of the primary course and for the first booster an interval of up to 7 months following the date of the administration of the second vaccination of the primary course. Vaccinations are subject to local risk assessments by the attending veterinarians. We urge all owners to always adhere to strict biosecurity protocols. **PLEASE NOTE:** that neither vaccination certificates nor passports should be sent to the show office prior to the event but must be available for spot checks on the day of the show.

**12. Public Liability Insurance:** All owners and competitors must ensure they have adequate public liability insurance cover (minimum of £5 million). It is a requirement of entry that owners and competitors have adequate public liability insurance of a minimum of £5 million.

**13. Judges & Classes:** The Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural Society reserves the right to substitute other judges/classes from those printed in the schedule or to make additional appointments as necessary. All exhibitors will be notified of any changes by email.

**14.** Shropshire & West Midlands County Show reserves the right to split or amalgamate classes based upon the number of entries made; should this become necessary, all exhibitors will be notified by email.

**15.** No Refunds for errors on entries will be given if you are rejected by the Society governing the classes you enter. There are no exceptions. Please ensure you are eligible to compete in the classes you are entering.

**16. Responsibility of Exhibitors** Exhibitors are responsible for seeing that their exhibits are in the ring at the correct time for judging of the championships, special prizes etc.

**17.** Mobile Phones: the use of mobile phones is not permitted within the collecting and judging rings.

**18.** Timetabled classes may commence at or after the published start time. The Society will not be responsible for any loss where an exhibitor has made entries in more than one class and because of time over run it is not possible for him/her or the horse/pony to compete in one or more later classes. No claim for refund of fees paid or other loss, direct, indirect or consequential will be accepted or paid. Once a class has started trotting for ridden classes and once the last exhibitor has started trotting for in-hand classes, it is deemed the class is closed and no further exhibitors may enter the ring.

**19.** No refunds will be given under any circumstances. It is the **competitor's responsibility** to be at the ring for their class. No exceptions can be made for any persons missing their classes.

**20.** Where classes are run under Affiliated Societies the rules of these Affiliated Societies apply. Please contact Societies direct with any membership or registration queries.

**21.** No corraling of horses or ponies is allowed. If horses/ponies are found to be corralled, they will be charged a stabling rate of £50 per animal.

**22.** Dogs to be kept on the lead at all times.

**23.** A fine of £20.00 will be charged for mucking out of horseboxes onto the Showground.

**24. Litter:** Please ensure that litter is placed in designated receptacles or taken home with you.

**25. Equine Welfare:** All animals ridden anywhere on the Showground, rings or torry parks (day or night), must only be ridden by a rider whose size and weight does not compromise the animal's welfare. We are operating under the 20% rider weight guideline where the rider in full riding attire with full tack must be less than 20% of the animal's body weight. This is based on a relatively fit, health animal, as an overweight animal is also a welfare concern.

**Stewards will be on duty in the Horse Parking Area/Horse Lines and will be checking wristbands for entry. Please ensure you are wearing your wristband visibly.**

## **SAFETY**

Where possible, all vehicles must be on site and parked up by 8am and not leave the site until 5.00pm. If you need to exit the showground before 5.00pm, you must locate a Showground Steward who will arrange for you exit with the help of showground staff for safety reason. The Organisers of the Show have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers, and all the Officials and Stewards.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** - Please contact your nearest Steward/Official who will call for on site medical support.

**VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS:**

Fyrnwy Equine Clinic – Tel: 01939 260251. Fyrnwy are also supplying a Farrier.

A Veterinary Surgeon will be on-site throughout the Show period.

**Exhibitors are responsible for their own cost of veterinary treatment or farriery.**

**Disease Caveat:** If you are affected by a notifiable disease and unable to attend, we will refund the entry fee upon receipt of an email from your veterinary surgeon.

**ACTION IN CASE OF FIRE.** In the event of a fire occurring on the Showground the following action should be taken:

1. Notify the nearest Steward who will arrange for the Fire Service to attend.
2. Ensure that all other persons retreat to a safe area away from the fire and clear the approach roadways which will be used for access by the Fire Service.
3. Only if it is safe to do so, tackle the fire with extinguishers until the Fire Service arrives.
4. Any directive given by the Fire Service must be followed.