



CHILDREN'S COUNTRYSIDE  
DAY 2026

# School Group Guide



We warmly welcome you to the 20th Children's Countryside Day. We hope that you enjoy a day filled with outdoor education, where you can learn about the countryside, local wildlife, where your food comes from, farming, agricultural businesses, forestry and the history of rural Northumberland.

This Information Document contains important event information that must be relayed to all pupils, teachers and helpers who are due to attend the event.

## LOCATION

Wooler Showfield, North Middleton, Wooler, NE71 6QX.  
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## TIMINGS

We kindly ask all schools to be onsite by 09:30am and departures can be from 14:30pm. ALL vehicles must be offsite by 16:00pm.

## ARRIVAL

ALL coaches/cars will use the main entrance to the Showfield, 2 miles south of Wooler on the A697 Morpeth to Coldstream road. The entrance has a highly visible sign for this year's Glendale Show, upon arrival you will be directed to the parking area.



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All adults in your party will be issued with badges to identify them, including your coach driver should they wish to come onto the field, they must be worn all day.

The children can then be collected from the coach to enter the site. We will send additional vehicle passes for any separate cars bringing adults or children to the event. These must be displayed to gain entry to the field. No-one will be allowed onto the site without proper authorisation and identification.

You will be directed to the School's Lunch Tent where you will be met by the Child Protection Officers and stewards. There will be a table designated for each school with your school's name labelled. There will be a bag for each child in your party to use to collect leaflets and items throughout the day. Please feel free to leave lunches, bags and coats on your school's table.

### LUNCH

All children and adults attending are requested to bring a packed lunch with them including a drink. Limited drinking water will be available on site and a hot food van will be situated behind the Stewards' Tent where adults (including coach drivers) can purchase hot drinks and sandwiches if they so wish. If it is due to be a hot day please bring with you plenty of liquids.

There will be some picnic tables and chairs in the main ring area, but in case of wet weather we advise schools to bring a groundsheet for your bags and picnic rugs would be advisable for groups to sit on. If there is heavy rainfall during the event, lunch can be eaten inside the tent and a lunch schedule will be communicated to group leaders on the day.

### HEALTH & HYGIENE

Hand washing facilities are located around the field and outside the Lunch Tent. Please ensure that children wash their hands thoroughly before handling food. , toilets are located at various stations on the field and are also marked on the map.

### FIRST AID & FIRE SAFETY

The first aid point is located in the secretary's & stewards tent, in an emergency you will be guided to the Fire Assembly point by stewards and the fire assembly and first aid points are located on the map.

### CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR

This is an outdoor event taking place on a grass field where cows and sheep have been grazing, so please wear suitable footwear and clothing; wellington boots are advised if it has been wet along with outer clothing to keep dry and if it is forecast to be very hot and sunny please ensure children bring with them a sun hat and sunscreen.

Please ensure that every child in your school party is wearing easily identifiable clothes, e.g. school jumper/coat/hat. (we kindly advise children and adults to avoid wearing yellow high visibility clothing as this will be confused with the stewards at the event).



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### MEDICATION & OTHER REQUIREMENTS

If children or adults are taking medication, or require medication for bites or stings, please ensure that they have it with them on the day. Please make appropriate arrangements for any children with special needs and check with us prior to the event if you have any concerns.

### STEWARDS SUPPORT & STANDS

Stewards will be on duty around the Showfield, all stewards are known to the Society are there to help, direct and ensure the well-being and safety of everyone on site. They will be easily identifiable with yellow high visibility waistcoats.

Each school is requested to split into small groups of no more than 10 according to the number of staff you have with you. This is important to allow the groups plenty of space at the stands and to give all the children the chance to interact with the exhibitors.

Everyone is encouraged to visit as many stands and activities as possible. There will be a large number of children on site and it would be appreciated if you could move past the activities that are busy and come back to them later on. Please follow the stewards' directions.

### PRESS & PHOTOGRAPHY

We are expecting press to attend the event and there will be photographing and filming the event. Photographers and Videographers will be wearing a red cap to be easily identifiable, so please make sure that you notify the photographer if any of your children need to be excluded from photographs/film, this is the responsibility of school and group leader. Press will be escorted on site at all times and will be wearing a coloured lanyard labelled **PRESS**.

### SMOKING & VAPING

Please note that there is strictly no smoking or vaping on site.



# SCHOOL GROUP COMPETITION



## ‘TRACTORS FROM TRASH’

We are excited to announce that this years School Group Competition is :  
**"Tractors from Trash!"**

We're inviting school groups to get creative and design their own model tractor using recycled materials. This fun and eco-friendly challenge celebrates one of the most important tools in modern farming — the **tractor**.

When we think of farms, we often imagine tractors, big fields, animals, and plants. Tractors are very important on farms. They help farmers with lots of jobs like planting seeds, picking crops, carrying animal food, and moving things around the farm.

As more people live in the UK and technology has improved, farming has had to change too. These changes help farmers work faster, grow more food, and take better care of the environment.

Today, there are lots of different types of tractors, and each one has a special job to do. Some big tractors are used for heavy jobs like turning the soil or collecting hay. Smaller tractors can help with jobs around the farm, like moving animal feed or cleaning out barns. Some modern tractors even use computers and GPS to help farmers drive them and do their work more carefully and cleverly.

Farmers today use old ways and new technology together to look after their land, plants, and animals. This helps them grow more food while also taking care of the Earth, so farming can be healthy and sustainable for a long time.

Please follow the criteria below:

- Your tractor model should be made from recycled or repurposed materials.
- Materials must be safe and clean. No sharp or hazardous items.
- The model must be built from scratch and should not exceed 1.5 meters in height.
- Each school group may submit one tractor model only.
- Your school name must be clearly visible on your tractor (we can provide labels on the day if needed).
- All entries should be completed before the event and brought with you on the day.
- After the event, please make sure to collect your tractor model and take it home with you.

### TRACTOR FACT SHEET

To support the communication of this year's school's competition theme to children , please see the following fact sheet to share with your school. This includes information about why tractors are important to farmers and rural businesses and the different types of tractors and jobs they do.





# TRACTOR WORKSHEET



## WHY ARE TRACTORS IMPORTANT?

Tractors are one of the most important machines on a farm. They help farmers do many different jobs quickly and easily. Tractors can plough fields, plant seeds, spray crops, carry heavy loads, and help harvest food. Without tractors, farmers would have to do all these jobs by hand, which would take much longer and be very tiring!

## THE HISTORY OF TRACTORS

Before tractors, farmers used animals like horses to pull heavy carts and ploughs. Tractors were first made over 100 years ago. They were big, slow, and ran on steam or petrol. Today's tractors are faster, easier to use, and full of smart technology to help farmers grow food more quickly, use less fuel, and take better care of the land.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF TRACTORS

Farms have many different needs, so there are lots of types of tractors made for different jobs:

### Large Tractors

- These are the biggest tractors on the farm and are very powerful.
- Some have caterpillar-style tracks instead of wheels, to help the tractor move over soft, muddy ground without getting stuck.

### Small Tractors

- These are smaller and easier to drive and are great for farms with animals, small fields, or narrow spaces like barns.
- Even though they're small, they are mighty!

### Tractors with Loaders

- Some tractors have a front loader, which is like a big scoop on the front; used to pick up and move things like soil, hay, or manure.
- It's a bit like a digger on a building site!

### Tractors with Hitches

- Most tractors have a hitch at the back to allow them to pull other machines, like ploughs, trailers, or seed planters on the back.
- Farmers can change the tool or machine depending on the job they need to do.



## TRACTOR DIAGRAM

