

# Cattle

## Schedule 2026

# Mid Devon Show

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# Saturday 25th July 2026



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Mid Devon Town & Country Show Society Ltd, Charity No 1029231

Entries Close  
**Sunday  
14th June**

# Cattle

Senior Stewards: Barry Mildon and Chris Pring

All Champions and Reserve Champions will be expected to take part in the Grand Parade.

All cattle in breed classes must be eligible for registration in Breed Society Herd Book

**ALL CATTLE TO BE LED AND BULLS TO BE RINGED**

It is a condition of entry that exhibitors ensure that handlers must only lead animals where they have the necessary strength and experience to cope with foreseeable problems.

Any class within a breed, having only one entry will be amalgamated with another class within that breed.

Exhibitors will be notified of the position in time to allow them to withdraw, if they so wish.

Entry Fee: £7 per class

Young Handlers Free of Charge to enter

Prize Money: 1st £25 2nd £20 3rd £15

If more than 12 entries per class then 4th place will receive prize money of £10.

In addition Champion and Reserve Champion Rosette in each section.

If 10 or more entries the bull class may be split, providing there are not less than 2 entries in the minority class.

Please bring any Health Certificates on Show Day for inspection.

## **Special Incentive for the 2026 Cattle Classes:**

Thanks to generous support received, an attendance fee of £7 per animal will be paid and can be collected on show day.

It is hoped this initiative will encourage increased support in the future.

This excludes Young Handler animals

### TICKET ALLOCATION

Up to 3 animals - 2 tickets

4 or 5 animals - 3 tickets

6 or more animals - 4 tickets

# Holstein Friesian

**Judge** Matt Norman

## Classes

Number	Name	Description
1	Maiden HEIFER	
2	HEIFER in-calf	
3	COW in-calf	
4	HEIFER in-milk	
5	COW in-milk, second or subsequent lactation	
C1	Champion Holstein Friesian	Winner 2025: Steve Reed
C3	Champion in-milk Heifer	Winner 2025: Steve Reed

# Ayrshire

Animals entered must be registered in Appendices or Fully Pedigree Section of the Ayrshire Herd Book, Ayrshire Hybrid or Red & White Sections of the Ayrshire Society Herd Book and be at least 75% Ayrshire. If black and white in colour, animals must be registered in the Herd Book's Full Pedigree Ayrshire Section.

**Judge** Matt Norman

## Classes

Number	Name	Description
6	Maiden HEIFER	
7	HEIFER in-calf	
8	COW in-calf	
9	HEIFER in-milk	
10	COW in-milk, second or subsequent lactation	
C21	Champion Ayrshire	Winner 2025: Mark Nicholls

## Guernsey

**Judge** Matt Norman

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
11	Maiden HEIFER	
12	HEIFER in-calf	
13	COW in-calf	
14	HEIFER in-milk	
15	COW in-milk, second or subsequent lactation	
C5	Champion Guernsey	Winner 2025: No Entries

## Jersey

**Judge** Matt Norman

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
16	Maiden HEIFER	
17	HEIFER in-calf	
18	COW in-calf	
19	HEIFER in-milk	
20	COW in-milk, second or subsequent lactation	
C4	Champion Jersey	Winner 2025: No Entries

# Any Other Dairy

**Judge** Matt Norman

## Classes

Number	Name	Description
21	Maiden HEIFER	
22	HEIFER in-calf	
23	COW in-calf	
24	HEIFER in-milk	
25	COW in-milk, second or subsequent lactation	
Z1	Champion Other Dairy Animal	Winner 2025: No Entries

## Devon

The Devon Cattle Breeders Society will award the Holwell Manor (East) Cup to the member gaining the most points from the following shows : Dunster, Mid Devon, Dorset County, Honiton, Gillingham & Shaftesbury, Melplash, Frome, North Somerset.

Points awarded as follows (1 point per entry forward - cow and calf = 1 point)

First Prize = 5 points, Second Prize = 4 points, Third Prize = 3 points.

Where a pairs or group class is scheduled as a specific class then points will be awarded for these.

**Judge** Roy Gove

## Classes

Number	Name	Description
26	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
27	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 & before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	
28	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	
29	BULL born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	
30	BULL born on or before 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	
31	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
C22	Champion Devon 'Red Ruby' Junior Female 1 & 2 year old Heifer from classes 27 and 28	Winner 2025: Angela Poad
C24	Best Exhibitor-bred Devon owned by a Member in Somerset	Winner 2025: Angela Poad
C29	Best Exhibitor-bred Devon owned by a Member in Devon	Winner 2025: John Stanbury
C6	Champion Devon	Winner 2025: John Stanbury

## Aberdeen Angus

**Judge** Richard Tully

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
32	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
33	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
34	BULL (any age)	
35	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
C7	Champion Aberdeen Angus	Winner 2025: Lucy Pulsford

## Belted Galloway

**Judge** Carolyn Fletcher

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
36	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
37	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
38	BULL (any age)	
39	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
C30	Champion Belted Galloway	Winner 2025: Yvonne Hopkins

## Dexter

**Judge** Hazel Bickerton

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
40	COW or HEIFER in milk	
41	COW or HEIFER in calf	
42	HEIFER under 16 months of age	
43	HEIFER 16-24 months on day of show	
44	BULL (any age)	
45	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
C9	Champion Dexter	Winner 2025: M A Hamlett
C28	Dexter Pairs	Winner 2025 : M A Hamlett

## Hereford

**Judge** Christopher Mitchell

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
46	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
47	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
48	BULL (any age)	
49	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
C31	Champion Hereford	Winner 2025: Mr Joshua Edwards

## South Devon

**Judge** Richard Rowe

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
50	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
51	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
52	BULL (any age)	
53	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
Z2	Champion South Devon	Winner 2025: R & G Edwards

## British White

**Judge** David Wright

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
54	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
55	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
56	BULL (any age)	
57	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
Z5	Champion British White	Winner 2025: Chris Davis

## Any Other Native Breed

Please state breed when entering

**Judge** Richard Tully

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
58	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
59	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
60	BULL (any age)	
61	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
Z3	Champion Any Other Native	Winner 2025: Milly Bradley

## British Blue

**Judge** To Be Confirmed

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
62	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
63	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
64	BULL (any age)	
65	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
C8	Champion British Blue	Winner 2025: Andrew Luxton

## British Limousin

**Judge** Mark Quick

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
66	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
67	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
68	BULL (any age)	
69	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
C17	Champion Limousin	Winner 2025: Patrick Greed

## British Simmental

**Judge** Steve Gummon

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
70	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
71	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
72	BULL (any age)	
73	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
C18	Champion Simmental	Winner 2025: No Entries

## Any Other Continental Breed

The South West Charolais Association Perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed Charolais.

Please state breed when entering

**Judge** To Be Confirmed

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
74	COW or HEIFER born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
75	HEIFER born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
76	BULL (any age)	
77	PAIRS (any combination male/female, owned by the same exhibitor)	
C23	Champion Charolais	Winner 2025: Will Glover
Z4	Champion Any Other Continental	

## Commercial Beef

(not eligible for Inter Breed Championship)

**Judge** Roy Stuart

### Classes

Number	Name	Description
78	STEER (born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January in previous year)	
79	HEIFER (born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January in previous year)	
C16	Commercial Cattle Champion	Winner 2025: Columbpark and Sapphire Livestock

## Cattle Young Handlers

It is a condition of entry that handlers must only lead animals where they have the necessary strength and experience to cope with foreseeable problems.

No Entry Fee,

Prize Money £5 to the first 5 places, Rosettes to all exhibitors

Ages as of 1st January 2026

**Judges** Jill Persey BEEF & Matt Norman DAIRY

## Classes

Number	Name	Description
80	Open to exhibitors of 12 Years and Under	<p>Ages as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</p> <p>Showing dairy calves of any breed born since the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the Show.</p> <p>To be judged on preparation and manner and ability with which the animal is shown. Exhibitors must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>This class is part of the Mole Valley Farmers Young Handler Series 2026. Children placed first, second or third at participating shows in the Young Handlers Series will be allotted points throughout the season, which culminates at the Holsworthy and Stratton Show on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August</p>
81	Open to exhibitors from 13 to 16 years	<p>Ages as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</p> <p>Showing dairy calves of any breed born since the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year prior to the show. To be judged on preparation and manner and ability with which the animal is shown.</p>
82	Open to exhibitors of 12 years and under	<p>Ages as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</p> <p>Showing beef calves of any breed born since the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the Show. To be judged on preparation and manner and ability with which the animal is shown. Exhibitors must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>This class is part of the Mole Valley Farmers Young Handler Series 2026. Children placed first, second or third at participating shows in the Young Handlers Series will be allotted points throughout the season, which culminates at the Holsworthy and Stratton Show on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August</p>
83	Open to exhibitors from 13 to 16 years	<p>Ages as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026</p> <p>Showing beef calves of any breed born since the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year prior to the Show. to be judged on preparation and manner and ability with which the animal is shown.</p>

# Devon Holstein Young Breeders Calf

This show is NOT a Devon Qualifier for the All British Show

**Judges** Matt Norman

## Classes

Number	Name	Description
84	JUNIOR	(Aged 12 years of age and under on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2026)
85	INTERMEDIATE	(Aged between 13 and 15 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2026)
86	SENIOR	(Aged between 16 and 20 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2026)
87	MATURE	(Aged between 21 and 26 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2026)
88	Born on or after 1.2.25	
89	Born between 1.12.24 and 31.1.26	
90	Born between 1.10.24 and 31.11.25	
91	Born between 1.8.24 and 30.9.25	
92	Born between 1.6.24 and 31.5.25	
93	Born between 1.4.25 and 31.5.25	

# Exe Valley Group of Young Farmers Classes

**Judge** To Be Confirmed

## Classes

Number	Name	Description
94	Club Bullock (not to be born before 1.1.25)	To be led
95	Club Calf (not to be born before 1.1.26)	To be led
96	Dairy Heifer (not to be born before 1.1.26)	To be led
97	Dairy Bulling Heifer (not to be born before 1.1.26)	To be led
98	Pair of Ewe Lambs (born after Nov 2025)	
99	Pair of Butchers Lambs	
100	Tame Lamb (born in 2026)	To be led

## Rules and Regulations 2026

1. All cattle, sheep, pig, and goat exhibitors to be in the Show Field with their exhibits by 8.30am. No exhibits to be removed from the Show Field before 4.00pm.
2. The committee disclaims all responsibility for any accident to or loss by any person or animal at the show. No claim will be entertained for anything that may happen to exhibitors, their employees or those who accompany them, their property, exhibits or goods. All exhibitors should have public liability insurance to cover themselves.
3. It is a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall indemnify the Society and/or any official or guest of the Society against any claim arising from any accident and/or occurrence in which the exhibitor or their exhibit are involved. The Society reserves the right to remove an animal from a ring and/or the Showground if considered dangerous. Animals should not be left unattended.
4. The Society may, in its absolute discretion, postpone cancel or abandon the Show without giving reasons and such decision shall be final and binding on exhibitors. Exhibitors shall not have any claim against the Society or any member of the Society in respect or any loss or damage consequent upon the Show or part of the Show, (for whatsoever reason) being postponed, cancelled, or abandoned. In the event of cancellation, the return of exhibitor fees will be at the discretion of the Society and will not exceed the amount of the payment received from the exhibitor. In the event of postponement or abandonment there will be no return of payments. In no event will any consequential loss be paid.
5. It is the right at their absolute discretion to put forward or alter any class without notice if found expedient to do so and the right to refuse any entry and to cancel or amalgamate any class if less than three entries or otherwise without necessarily, giving a reason. The Society reserves the right to withdraw that breed section in the event of there being less than 4 exhibitors in anyone. All livestock must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor for one month prior to the closing date for entries. Full breeding details to be provided in breed classes.
6. Suitable clothing must be worn for the purpose, in particular footwear.
7. The Society will adhere as closely as possible to the published schedule and programme but reserve the right to withdraw that Breed Section.
8. Only officials appointed by the Society and exhibitors currently showing in class shall be permitted to enter the Show Ring.
9. Prize Money will be awarded according to the following scale of forward entries; 1, 2 or 3 entries, 1, 2 or 3 prizes, respectively. Rosettes to 5th place. N.B. Some variations. Prize Money may be withheld, or having been awarded may be reclaimed, if an exhibit is found subsequently not to be as represented.
10. In awarding Interbreed Championships, only the Champion in each breed shall be initially paraded: when the judge has decided the Interbreed Champion, he shall then call for the second prize winner in the Champion's class so that it may be considered with the other Champions for Reserve Interbreed Champion. Not applicable to Interbreed Cattle Pairs Championship.
11. Trophy winners are responsible for having awards engraved, the Society can not undertake to keep the cups up to date.
12. All protests must be made in writing stating the grounds of objection and must be lodged with the Secretary within one hour from the time the prize was awarded, together with a deposit of £10 which will then be forfeit to the funds of the Society unless the protest is upheld.
13. All disputes shall be settled by committee which the Society has appointed or by any referee whom that committee may appoint and such decision shall be final.
14. All animals entered for special prizes or cups must be in their appropriate class.
15. **Please ensure that you register your entry by the closing date.**
16. Owners are to provide their own straw

## **Ticket Allocation**

Up to 3 Animals – 2 Tickets  
4 or 5 Animals – 3 Tickets  
6 or More Animals – 4 Tickets

Fleece Classes - Exhibitors who make three entries or more will be entitled to a free entry ticket.

## **CATTLE**

17. No cattle to be shown in any more than one section, with the exception of Young Handlers.
18. Cows must not appear in the ring in an over-stocked condition.
19. Should any contrivance or device of any description be found on or proved to have been used on a cow or heifer at any time during the show either for preventing or influencing abnormally the flow of milk, blistering, bandaging, and/or boarding of udders, the sucking of teats or any other purposes the Society at their absolute discretion shall have the power to disqualify the cow or heifer so concerned from any award or trophy at the show.
20. All bulls to be shown by two competent handlers.
21. All prize winners are expected to participate in the Grand Parade.

## **SHEEP**

22. Sheep Scab - Exhibitors must comply with SAC regulations in force at the time.
23. Maedi Visna - Entries from non-scheme flocks will be accepted, except where stated relevant certificates must be brought with any Accredited entry. Separate pen areas allocated.
24. Docking - Current legislation requires that lambs must have sufficient tail retained to cover the vulva of female sheep and the anus of male sheep.
25. No sheep to be shown in more than one section, with the exception of Young Handlers.
26. Sheep will be inspected in the lines by the Show's Veterinary Officers.
27. All Champions and Reserve Champions are expected to participate in the Grand Parade. Prize Money will be forfeited if not in attendance.

## **PGYMY GOATS**

28. Conditions of entry are subject to current DEFRA movement restrictions and exhibitors must comply with all animal health regulations in force at the time of the Show.
29. All goats must be ear tagged in accordance with DEFRA regulations.
30. All exhibits must be registered with the Pygmy Goat Club with the exception of female kid under 6 months, male kids under 12 months, wethers and pet females. Registration details must be included on the entry form.
31. All exhibitors (except Junior Handlers) must be current members of the Pygmy Goat Club.
32. No late entries will be allowed.
33. All dates to be calculated to the day of the show. Dates of birth and kidding dates to be included on the entry form.
34. No pregnant goats may be admitted to the showground to have kidded a minimum of 30 days prior to the Show.
35. Classes with only one entry will be cancelled or, if possible, amalgamated