

Sheep Schedule 2026

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Saturday 25th July 2026



The Showground, Knightshayes, Chettiscombe, Tiverton, EX16 7PP - Holding Number 10/406/8019



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

Entries Close
**Sunday
14th June**

Sheep

PLEASE NOTE - The closing date for sheep entries is Sunday 14th June 2026. However due to the large number of Sheep entries we receive we have had to cap the numbers we can accept. If we reach that cap before the 14th June then we will close entries early.

An Award of £30 will be made for the Best Exhibitor's Area and Best Presented Livestock within the Sheep lines
Senior Steward : Robert Hopper

SHEEP CLASSES - SPECIAL NOTICE

- 1) Sheep Scab - Exhibitors must comply with SAC sheep scab regulations in force at the time
- 2) Maedi Visna - Entries for non-scheme flocks will be accepted. Exhibitors with Accredited flocks must bring their papers for verification on arrival. Separate pen areas allocated.
- 3) Docking - Current legislation requires that lambs must have sufficient tail retained to cover the vulva of female sheep and the anus of the male sheep. Sheep will be inspected in the lines by the Show's Veterinary Officers
- 4) All sheep in breed classes must be eligible for registration in the Breed Society Flock Book
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.
All Champion and Reserve Champion animals must enter the Grand Parade.
Any class within a breed, having less than 5 entries could be amalgamated with another class within that breed.

If 15 or more entries are forward a class may be split.

Classes may be cancelled if insufficient entries.

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

Entry Fees: £7.00 per class. Pen hire £3.00 each - limited to 5 pens per exhibitor - if anymore are required please phone the office to book.

Prize Money : 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5, 4th (given in the event of there being at least 10 entries in the class) £3, Rosettes to 5th place in all classes. If 12 or more entries Rosettes to 6th place.

In addition Champion and Reserve Champion Rosette in each section.

Young Handlers judging to commence at 9.00 a.m.

No breed sections to commence before 10am

Interbreed Sheep then Wool on the Hoof, Fleece Classes not before 11.00 a.m.

Prize Money will be forfeited if not present at the Parade

Please state breed of sheep if entering: Primitive and Rare Breed, Any Other Native, Any Other Continental and Any Other Coloured Sheep

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

TICKET ALLOCATION

Up to 3 animals - 2 tickets

4 or 5 animals - 3 tickets

6 or more animals - 4 tickets

Young Shepherd

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.

Age as of 1st January 2026

NO ENTRY FEE

Judges Catherine Derryman & Peter Derryman

Classes

Number	Name	Description
105	8 Years and Under	<p>Open to exhibitors 8 Years and Under</p> <p>Age as of 1st January 2026</p> <p>Showing a sheep (any age) of any breed. To be judged on preparation and manner and ability with which the animal is shown.</p> <p>This class is part of the Mole Valley Farmers Young Handlers 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 27th August</p>
106	9 - 12 Years Old	<p>Open to exhibitors 9 to 12 Years</p> <p>Age as of 1st January 2026</p> <p>Showing a sheep (any age) of any breed. To be judged on preparation and manner and ability with which the animal is shown.</p> <p>This class is part of the Mole Valley Farmers Young Handlers 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 27th August</p>
107	13 - 16 Years of Age	<p>Open to exhibitors from 13 to 16 years of age.</p> <p>Showing a sheep (any age) of any breed. To be judged on preparation and manner and ability with which the animal is shown.</p> <p>Age on 1st January 2026</p>

Beltex

Entries must be from MV accredited flocks only

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship
Beltex Sheep Society rosette awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion

Judge Lorna Gregory

Classes

Number	Name	Description
108	Older RAM	
109	RAM Shearling	
110	RAM LAMB	
111	Older EWE	
112	EWE Shearling	
113	EWE LAMB	
114	GROUP OF THREE SHEEP	One of opposite sex, exhibitor bred, selected from animals entered in the classes above.

Blue Texel

Entries must be from MV accredited flocks only

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Andrew Bishop

Classes

Number	Name	Description
115	Older RAM	
116	RAM Shearling	
117	RAM LAMB	
118	Older EWE	
119	EWE Shearling	
120	EWE LAMB	
121	GROUP OF THREE SHEEP	One of opposite sex, exhibitor bred, selected from animals entered in the classes above.

Charollais

This Show is a qualifier for the British Charollais Sheep Society Points Cup for the Exhibitor gaining the most prizes at one day shows in the South West region

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship
Entries must be from MV accredited flocks only

Judge Ed Simmons

Classes

Number	Name	Description
122	Older RAM	
123	RAM Shearling	
124	RAM LAMB	
125	Older EWE	
126	EWE Shearling	
127	EWE LAMB	
128	GROUP OF THREE SHEEP	One of opposite sex, exhibitor bred, selected from animals entered in the classes above.

Texel

Entries must be from MV accredited flocks only

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Henry Summerhayes

Classes

Number	Name	Description
129	Older RAM	
130	RAM Shearling	
131	Ram Lamb	
132	Older EWE	
133	EWE Shearling	
134	EWE LAMB	
135	GROUP OF THREE SHEEP	One of opposite sex, exhibitor bred, selected from animals entered in the classes above.

Any Other Coloured Native

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship
Please state breed of sheep when entering.

Judge Andrew Bishop

Classes

Number	Name	Description
136	Older RAM	
137	RAM Shearling	
138	RAM LAMB	
139	Older EWE	
140	EWE Shearling	
141	EWE LAMB	

Any Other Continental Breed

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship
Please state breed of sheep when entering.

Judge Ed Simmons

Classes

Number	Name	Description
142	Older RAM	
143	RAM Shearling	
144	RAM LAMB	
145	Older EWE	
146	EWE Shearling	
147	EWE LAMB	

Any Other Native Breed

Southdown Sheep Society Rosette for the Champion Southdown exhibited by a Society Member
A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship
Please state breed of sheep when entering.

Judge Sue Martyn

Classes

Number	Name	Description
148	Older RAM	
149	RAM Shearling	
150	RAM LAMB	
151	Older EWE	
152	EWE Shearling	
153	EWE LAMB	

Bluefaced Leicester

Champion - Bluefaced Leicester Society Rosette
Reserve Champion - Bluefaced Leicester Society Rosette
A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge John Armstrong

Classes

Number	Name	Description
154	Older RAM	
155	RAM Shearling	
156	RAM LAMB	
157	Older EWE	
158	EWE Shearling	
159	EWE LAMB	

Coloured Ryeland

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Ann Swankie

Classes

Number	Name	Description
160	Older RAM	
161	RAM Shearling	
162	RAM LAMB	
163	Older EWE	
164	EWE Shearling	
165	EWE LAMB	

Devon Closewool

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Jim Rowe

Classes

Number	Name	Description
166	Older RAM	
167	RAM Shearling	
168	RAM LAMB	
169	Older EWE	
170	EWE Shearling	
171	EWE LAMB	
172	GROUP OF THREE SHEEP	One of opposite sex, exhibitor bred, selected from animals entered in the classes above.

Devon & Cornwall Longwool

Devon & Cornwall Longwool Sheep Society Rosettes for the Best Male & Best Female

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Henry Derryman

Classes

Number	Name	Description
173	Older RAM	
174	RAM Shearling	
175	RAM LAMB	
176	Older EWE	
177	EWE Shearling	
178	EWE LAMB	

Dorset Horn / Poll Dorset

Best Dorset exhibited by a Society Member - Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Sheep. Breeders' Association Rosette.

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Robert Hole

Classes

Number	Name	Description
179	Older RAM	
180	RAM Shearling	
181	RAM LAMB	
182	Older EWE	
183	EWE Shearling	
184	EWE LAMB	

Dutch Spotted

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Laura Monk

Classes

Number	Name	Description
185	Older RAM	
186	RAM Shearling	
187	RAM LAMB	
188	Older EWE	
189	EWE Shearling	
190	EWE LAMB	

Exmoor Horn

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Jane Scripps

Classes

Number	Name	Description
191	Older RAM	
192	RAM Shearling	
193	RAM LAMB	
194	Older EWE	
195	EWE Shearling	
196	EWE LAMB	
197	GROUP OF THREE SHEEP	One of opposite sex, exhibitor bred, selected from animals entered in the classes above.

Greyface Dartmoor

Dartmoor Sheep breeders Ass'n Reserve Champion Rosette DSBA prize of £10 & Rosette to the Best Male & Best Female shown and owned by an Association member.

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship
All sheep, including lambs must have been shorn this year, before the show.

Judge Kate Jeans

Classes

Number	Name	Description
198	Older RAM	
199	RAM Shearling	
200	RAM LAMB	
201	Older EWE	
202	EWE Shearling	
203	EWE LAMB	

Hampshire Down

A pair of sheep, one of each sex to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Henry Derryman

Classes

Number	Name	Description
204	RAM Shearling	
205	RAM LAMB	
206	RAM LAMB - untrimmed	
207	EWE Shearling	
208	EWE LAMB	

Jacob

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge James Leonard

Classes

Number	Name	Description
209	Older RAM	
210	RAM Shearling	
211	RAM LAMB	
212	Older EWE	
213	EWE Shearling	
214	EWE LAMB	

LLeyn

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Sarah Eckett

Classes

Number	Name	Description
215	Older RAM	
216	RAM Shearling	
217	RAM LAMB	
218	Older EWE	
219	EWE Shearling	
220	EWE LAMB	

Primitive and Rare Breeds

Breeds will be accepted into this section as per the RBST Watchlist, apart from those breeds who already have their own sections

Wensleydale Assoc. Special Rosette for highest placed registered Wensleydale

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Please state breed of sheep when entering.

Judge To Be Confirmed

Classes

Number	Name	Description
221	Older RAM	
222	RAM Shearling	
223	RAM LAMB	
224	Older EWE	
225	EWE Shearling	
226	EWE LAMB	

Ryeland

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

The Ryeland Flock Book Society will award Rosettes to the Champion and Reserve Champion

Judge Ann Swankie

Classes

Number	Name	Description
227	Older RAM	
228	RAM Shearling	
229	RAM LAMB	
230	Older EWE	
231	EWE Shearling	
232	EWE LAMB	

Shetland

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Jane Bissett

Classes

Number	Name	Description
233	Older RAM	
234	RAM Shearling	
235	RAM LAMB	
236	Older EWE	
237	EWE Shearling	
238	EWE LAMB	
239	GROUP OF THREE SHEEP	One of opposite sex, exhibitor bred, selected from animals entered in the classes above.

Suffolk

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Peter Derryman

Classes

Number	Name	Description
240	Older RAM	
241	RAM Shearling	
242	RAM LAMB	
243	Older EWE	
244	EWE Shearling	
245	EWE LAMB	
246	GROUP OF THREE SHEEP	One of opposite sex, exhibitor bred, selected from animals entered in the classes above.

White Face Dartmoor

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Matthew Cole

Classes

Number	Name	Description
247	Older RAM	
248	RAM Shearling	
249	RAM LAMB	
250	Older EWE	
251	EWE Shearling	
252	EWE LAMB	

Zwartbles

"ZSA Southern Branch Perpetual Challenge Cup" awarded to the overall Champion

Classes open to both MV and non MV Registered Zwartbles

A pair of sheep, one of each sex, to be selected by the Judge for the Interbreed Pairs Championship

Judge Andrew Coombs

Classes

Number	Name	Description
253	Older RAM	
254	RAM Shearling	
255	RAM LAMB	
256	Older EWE	
257	EWE Shearling	
258	EWE LAMB	

Commercial Sheep

Judge To Be Confirmed

Classes

Number	Name	Description
259	Pair of Crossbred Ewes	
260	Pair of Butcher's Lambs	

Wool on the Hoof

Entry Fee £7,

Prize Money : 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5, 4th (given in the event of there being at least 10 entries in the class) £3, Rosettes to 5th place in all classes. If 12 or more entries Rosettes to 6th place.

In addition Champion and Reserve Champion Rosette

To be judged after the Interbreed Sheep Championships

Please indicate breed of sheep when completing entry. No lambs born after January 1st in the year of the show.

If 15 or more entries are forward the class may be split, providing there are not less than 5 entries in the minority class. Please specify breed or cross on entry form.

Judge To Be Confirmed

Classes

Number	Name	Description
261	Short and Fine Wool	
262	Medium Wool	
263	Lustre & Longwool	
264	Jacob & Other Coloured	
265	Shetland	

Fleece Competition

Entry Fee £3 per fleece,

Prize Money 1st £10, 2nd £8, 3rd £5 Please indicate breed of sheep when completing entry

Rules

- 1 Exhibitors may make any number of entries in the classes listed but may only exhibit two entries per class. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure they enter the one correct class for their type of fleece
- 2 Fleeces should be rolled and secured by the neck wool
- 3 Fleeces should be on display by 8.30 am on the day of the Show. They may be removed by 4.00 pm
- 4 Exhibitors who make three entries or more will be entitled to a free entry ticket
- 5 Fleeces that are artificially stained or coloured or fastened with twine will be eliminated
- 6 If less than 4 entries the class may be amalgamated
- 7 The Competition will be judged on a points system and the judge's decision will be final

Judge To Be Confirmed

Classes

Number	Name	Description
266	Longwool Fleece - Any Longwool Breed including Scottish Blackface	
267	Medium Type Fleece	
268	Shetland Fleece (rued fleece acceptable)	
269	Fine Wool Fleece & White Shetland	
270	Any Coloured fleece Other than Shetland who have their own class	

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