

Shire & Heavy Horses

We are proud to host the HOYS qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year championship and the Driven Heavy Horse of the Year Championship.

We also welcome Shires, Clydesdale breed , along with all heavy horses, decorated and turn outs.

18/07/2026 10:00

Great Ecclestone Show Championship **Start At: 18/07/2026 12:01**

SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFYING CLASS - Supported by the Shire Horse Society.

This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2026. This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year Championship supported by the Shire Horse Society. This class is open to pure bred fully registered shires of two years old and over that are entered and exhibited in their appropriate breed classes at Qualifying Shows. The Shire Horse Society reserve the right to share your membership data with Grandstand Media Limited in compliance with the Horse of The Year Show (HOYS) Rules and Regulations. This sharing is for the purpose of HOYS matters to include, but not limited to, qualification or disciplinary. For further details regarding the use of data for Horse of The Year Show qualifiers please refer to www.hoys.co.uk. This class will be judged at the conclusion of the Championship.

All owners, handlers and exhibitors must be members of the Shire Horse Society

Qualification will not pass below fifth place and will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show Office.

Ring: Main Ring

Judges

Mr C Malkin (Judge)

Mr K Sessions (Judge)

Mr S Roper (Judge)

Ms Anita Chetwood (Judge)

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Number	Name	Description
1	Stallion	two years old and upwards
2	Gelding	three years and over
3	Vanner Mare or Gelding	not eligible for any other class except paus. Animals must not exceed 16.3 hds, to be measured by Vet at 9.30am.
4	Colt, Filly or Gelding	one year old.
5	Filly or Gelding	two years old.
6	Barren Mare	three years old or over
7	Brood Mare	three years old and over, with own foal at foot, to have produced a foal in 2026.
8	Colt Foal	
9	Filly foal	
10	Young Handler Class	no entry fee
11	Pair of Horses	A Pair of Shire Horses, any age
12	Shire Horse of the Year Qualifier Class 2026	This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2026. This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year Championship supported by the Shire Horse Society. This class is open to pure bred fully registered shires of two years old and over that are entered and exhibited in their appropriate breed classes at Qualifying Shows. The Shire Horse Society reserve the right to share your membership data with Grandstand Media Limited in compliance with the Horse of The Year Show (HOYS) Rules and Regulations. This sharing is for the purpose of HOYS matters to include, but not limited to, qualification or disciplinary. For further details regarding the use of data for Horse of The Year Show qualifiers please refer to www.hoys.co.uk . This class will be judged at the conclusion of the Championship The entry fee includes a £20.00 Horse of the Year Show contribution.
13	In Hand Heavy Horse excluding Shire and Clydesdale.	In Hand Heavy Horse, excluding Shire and Clydesdale. Judging approx 1pm. Not eligible for Appearance money of in another class previously. Judge:
14	In Hand Clydesdale	Any age horse, registered with the Clydesdale Horse Society. Exhibitors, handlers and their grooms must always present themselves in the show ring neatly and smartly dressed. For in-hand classes a white coat is recommended, with smart trousers or skirt with a shirt and tie. Appropriate footwear should be worn.
15	Ridden Heavy Horse	Open to any ridden heavy horse, including Shire and Clydesdale judged on performance and obedience as a ridden horse in Walk, Trot, Canter Stand and Rein. Not eligible for the Appearance if in another class previously.
16	Best Decorated Horse	Must be shown with Full Decoration.
18	DRIVEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP	DRIVEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP (not to be shown till approx 2pm) Judge: Anita Chetwood This competition is open to mares and geldings that are Heavy Horses of draught type, four years old and over. Breeds to include, but not limited to Shires, Clydesdale, Percheron, Suffolk Punch and Belgian Draught. All Drivers and Owners must be Members of either the Shire Horse Society, The Clydesdale Horse Society, The Suffolk Horse Society, British Percheron Horse Society or The Showing Register. Single Horse to be driven in a two wheeled show cart, Drivers to have obtained their 18th birthday by the 1st of January in the current year. This class will run in accordance with the Horse of the Year Show Rulebook.

		<p>Additional Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Qualification will not pass below 5th place.ii. Horses must be entered in the name and ownership they are registered.iii. To be driven in chrome harness and peak collars or English harness to suit the cart, brass harness and short top collars allowed.iv. Carts must only be two wheeled and single driven.v. This is not a turnout class; aprons, spares and lamps are not required.
19	Tradesman's and /or Farmers Turnout	All Turnouts will receive £100 appearance money.