

**WESTMORLAND COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY LTD**

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President: Mr J Cooke

**WESTMORLAND COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S**

10th Annual Young Shepherds Event
held in conjunction with the Rare Breeds Survival Trust

To be held at Country Fest
County Showground,
Lane Farm, Crooklands,
Nr. Kendal (Near Junction 36, M6)

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May 2026

SCHEDULE

Entries close: Friday 8th May 2026



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Notes for Exhibitors

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING ENTRY FORM

GENERAL

1. All entries must be made on Showing Scene, via the link on the Westmorland Agricultural Society Website, or the attached form and be accompanied by the appropriate remittance for the classes entered.
2. No late entries – no entries will be accepted after the closing date: **Friday 8th May. Postal entries to be in by Wednesday 6th May. Entries may close early as the pens are fully allocated.**
3. All classes are open with no radius restriction, unless otherwise stated.
4. All exhibitors agree to abide by Rules and Conditions quoted by submitting their Official Entry Form.
5. The Judging of all Classes will commence at the stated times. Stock must be on the field by 9.00am on Saturday 30th May, no vehicle movements after 9.30am on Saturday 30th May. Arrivals will be permitted on Friday 29th May, strictly between 4pm and 9pm, with no exceptions. Overnight (camping) accommodation available, please state clearly on the entry form if you will be arriving on Friday.
6. Each exhibitor should arrive with a fully completed movement licence, along with a return.
7. Sheep pens will be named and Exhibitors' stock penned together. **Non MV** accredited sheep only can be accommodated.
8. The organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes where entry numbers are low.

SHEEP

Entry Fees: Entry fees are £3.00 per class for non RBST member and £2.00 per class for RBST member. Should you wish to join RBST, and benefit from the reduced entry prices please complete a membership form and note 'membership applied for' on your entry. Membership forms can be downloaded from the RBST website.

PROGRAMME:

The event programme will start at 10.00am on Saturday 30th May, 2026.

Participants are expected to take part in both days of the event, one day tickets will not be allocated.

PENNING & IDENTIFICATION:

Exhibitor names will be used to identify pens, which will be allocated by the Society and the RBST. Sheep will be off loaded at the direction of the Stewards and the Lines must be cleared of vehicles as soon as possible. Appropriate movement licences must be handed to the Steward on arrival. Identification of all sheep must comply with regulations currently in force. Exhibitors may not leave until after 4.00pm on Sunday 31st May 2026.

ACCOMMODATION:

Basic camping will be available on site for participants. Tents, caravans or living vehicles welcome – toilets available but not showers.

PRIZES:

We have worked hard to keep entry fees low, so prize money will not be paid but there will be some beautiful rosettes awarded.

ENTRIES:

Only pre-entered animals are allowed to compete. No entries permitted on the day. Sheep must be owned/bred by the family of the child or young person showing them, unless a child has previously made arrangements to borrow a sheep and has pre-entered that sheep.

ROSETTES are awarded in all classes to the first three animals, where there are 6 or less entries. In classes where there are 7 to 10 entries there will be five rosettes. Six rosettes will be awarded where classes of 11 or more entries. A Champion and Reserve champion rosette will be awarded in each section.

Show Programme

Friday 29th May: Arrival from 4.00pm to 9.00pm

Saturday 30th May: Arrival by 9.00am. All vehicles off the field by 9.30am

09:45am	Introduction
10:00am	Getting show ready. Practical demonstration and opportunity to 'have a go' at preparing different breeds of sheep for the showing, learning ring etiquette and preparation for young handlers competitions.
11:30 am	Break
11:45 am	7 and under Young Handlers.
12.30pm	Lunch Break
1.30pm	Parade of sheep in the main ring with commentary on the breeds by Lyn Arrowsmith.
2.15pm	Novice, 8-12, 13-16 and 17-21 young handlers competitions. Followed by young handler Championship.
3.30pm	Wool on the hoof classes
4.30pm	Stock Judging. Novices and 17 - 21 are judging Rough Fells with Tony Ellis. Seniors judging Herdwicks with Ian Grisedale.
5.30pm	Feed, water, check and tidy marquee
6.30pm onwards	Barbeque, social and games

Sunday 31st May :

9.45 am	Preparation of stock for show
10.00am	Breed classes, starting with the Hill and Heath.
1.30 pm	Lunch break
2.45 pm	Wool on the hoof Championship
3.00pm	Overall show Championship.
3.30pm	Prize-giving

Country Fest is a public event, celebrating food, farming and the countryside. The RBST Native Breed Show is generously supported by the Westmorland Agricultural Society and we hope that all our participants will help the public enjoy this special event, showcasing the best of young showing talent, and the amazing diversity of our native breeds.

******* Classes are open to non-MV accredited sheep only *******

SECTION 1 (Exhibitor to be 23 years or under)

Hill & Heath

Welsh Hill and Heath Breeds

Breeds accepted: Balwen, Hill Radnor, Llanwenog, Kerry Hill, Badger Face Welsh Mountain, Clun Forest, any other welsh hill breed

JUDGE: Rachel Willan, Buttermere

CLASSES:

- Class 1** Aged or Shearling ram
- Class 2** Ram lamb
- Class 3** Shearling ewe
- Class 4** Ewe which is rearing a lamb in the current year
- Class 5** Gimmer lamb

Followed by Championship

Non-welsh Hill and Heath breeds

Breeds accepted: Lonk, Norfolk Horn, Portland, Whiteface Dartmoor, Whitefaced Woodland, Jacob, also non-rare pedigree native Hill breeds

JUDGE: Sue Tyson, Keswick

CLASSES:

- Class 6** Aged or Shearling ram
- Class 7** Ram lamb
- Class 8** Shearling ewe
- Class 9** Ewe which is rearing a lamb in the current year
- Class 10** Gimmer lamb

Followed by Championship

Derbyshire Gritstone

JUDGE: tbc

CLASSES:

- Class 11** Aged or Shearling ram
- Class 12** Ram lamb
- Class 13** Shearling ewe
- Class 14** Ewe which is rearing a lamb in the current year
- Class 15** Gimmer lamb

Followed by Championship

SECTION 2 (Exhibitor to be 23 years or under)

Shortwool & Down

Breeds accepted: Coloured Ryeland, Devon Closewool, Dorset Down, Dorset Horn, Hampshire Down, Oxford Down, Ryeland, Shropshire, Southdown and any other native shortwool or down breed

JUDGE: tbc

CLASSES:

- Class 16** Aged or Shearling ram
- Class 17** Ram lamb
- Class 18** Shearling ewe
- Class 19** Ewe which is rearing a lamb in the current year
- Class 20** Gimmer lamb

Followed by championship

SECTION 3 (Exhibitor to be 23 years or under)

Primitive

Breeds accepted: Boreray, Castlemilk Moorit, Hebridean, Manx Loaghtan, North Ronaldsay, Shetland, Soay

JUDGE: Roger Mason, Carnforth

CLASSES:

- Class 21** Aged or Shearling ram
- Class 22** Ram lamb
- Class 23** Shearling ewe
- Class 24** Ewe which is rearing a lamb in the current year
- Class 25** Gimmer lamb

Followed by Championship

SECTION 4 (Exhibitor to be 23 years or under)

Longwool

Blue Faced Leicester, Cotswold, Devon & Cornwall Longwool, Border Leicester, Greyface Dartmoor, Leicester Longwool, Lincoln Longwool, Teeswater, Wensleydale

JUDGE: Julia Watson, Ravensglass

CLASSES:

- Class 26** Aged or Shearling ram
- Class 27** Ram lamb
- Class 28** Shearling ewe
- Class 29** Ewe which is rearing a lamb in the current year
- Class 30** Gimmer lamb

Followed by the Championship

SECTION 5 (OPEN)

Young Shepherds

Any sheep may be shown, sheep to be haltered in the ring.

JUDGE: Lyn Arrowsmith, York

CLASSES:

Class 31 7 years and under

Class 32 Novice (open to any young person aged 7 years plus who has never won a first prize in a young handlers class)

Class 33 RBST Young Shepherds Qualifier 8-12 years

Class 34 RBST Young Shepherds Qualifier 13-16 years

Class 35 17-21 years

Trophies to be awarded to each class winner

Overall Young Shepherd champion to be awarded the Michael Burn Memorial Trophy

SECTION 6 (OPEN)

Wool on the Hoof

Lambs may not be shown in the wool on the hoof classes

JUDGE: Roger Mason, Carnforth

CLASSES:

Class 36 Hill, Heath and Mountain Breeds

Class 37 Shortwool and Down Breeds

Class 38 Primitive Breeds

Class 39 Longwool and Lustre

Championship to be held on Sunday afternoon. Champion to be awarded the Wool on the Hoof cup.

******* New for 2026 *******

Class 40 'Back British Farming' competition – FREE ENTRY - £50 first prize

In keeping with the Countryfest theme of celebrating food, farming and the countryside we are encouraging all children and young people to produce a display on their pens to educate the general public about the benefits of grazing native breeds and why it's important to back British Farming.

You could include photographs, breed society promotional material, colourful bunting etc...

Each display will be marked out of 20 points as follows

- Promotion of the young person's sheep and why other people should consider this breed – max 5 points
- The young person's story of how they got into breeding and showing sheep – max 5 points
- Why it is important that the general public back British farming and what they can do to support farmers. – max 5 points
- How visually attractive the display is – max 5 points

There will be a prize for every young person who makes the effort to produce a display.

OVERALL SHEEP SECTION AWARDS

(Only open to Champions of each section)

Judging to take place from all sections to award Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Sheep.



BOOKING FORM

Young Shepherds @ Countryfest

Enquiries Tel: Sarah Miles
07989342710

Closing date for booking 8th May 2026

Please send to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Event	Price	Quantity
Young Shepherds Event young person (23 years and under)	£5.00	
Young Shepherds Event accompanying adult weekend pass	£15.00	
Sheep entries – non RBST member	£3.00	
Sheep entries – RBST member	£2.00	
	TOTAL:	
Preferred number of sheep pens		

Please include names and RBST membership numbers (where applicable) for all attendees.

1. _____ Name: _____ Member Number: _____

2. _____ Name: _____ Member Number: _____

3. _____ Name: _____ Member Number: _____

4. _____ Name: _____ Member Number: _____

I/we would like to stay overnight on Friday Saturday Both Friday & Saturday

I/we will be camping bringing a caravan staying in a vehicle

Post forms to:

Natalie Galbraith, Westmorland Agricultural Society, Lane Farm, Crooklands

Payment can be made via bank transfer to account: WCAS LTD

Sort code: 01-04-66 Account number: 75927993

Please use 'RBST' and your surname as the reference

Thank you for your support.

