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150th DRIFFIELD SHOW

The Showground, Kelleythorpe, Driffield

Horse and Show Jumping entries to:
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ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 12th June 2026

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Driffield Show is affiliated to the following societies and classes will run under the Rules and Regulations of these societies.

Shire Horse Society	Agricultural In Hand Section
British Show Jumping	Show Jumping Classes
British Show Horse Association	Ridden Hunters, Ridden Cob, Racehorse to Riding Horse
Coloured Horse and Pony Society	Ridden and In Hand Coloured Section
Horse of the Year Show	In Hand Shire Horse

All equine classes will run under the rules and regulations of the British Show Pony Society and UK Horses and Ponies Limited unless stated otherwise. The current rules and regulations can be found in the BSPS 2026 rulebook or the UK Horses and Ponies Limited rulebook 2026, both of which can be found on their individual association websites.

Driffield Show is holding DIRECT QUALIFIERS for Finals at **London International Horse Show in December 2026**. For more information, please see the full list of Rising Star rules in the Rising Star section available on the BSHA website. www.britishshowhorse.org

Driffield show is also holding **Horse of the Year Show 2026 Qualifiers** for In- Hand Shire of the Year supported by the Shire Horse Society. **HOYS Fees are not refundable.**

If entering a Horse of the Year Show qualifying class, you must include ALL the relevant HOYS ID numbers, i.e. owner/exhibitor, animal, rider, agent, and postcodes on the form so that your entry can be processed. If you don't have your HOYS ID numbers, please contact Grandstand Media Equine Section on Tel: 02476 858205.

Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Official Identity Documents for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling. Competitors are reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that the Official Identity Documents must be in the name of the legal owner within 30 days of ownership. This must be registered with the breed society, relevant studbook or ID issuing agency, dependent on breed/type of animal, spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies.

Important Equine Updates for 2026

Entry Numbers

Due to the increased popularity of the various equine classes available at Driffield Show this year, the entries are limited per class to ensure the safety of all competitors in the main ring, it is therefore recommended entry forms per competitor are received in sufficient time.

Main Ring

If an equine exhibitor falls off in the main ring, they will not be allowed to remount. First Aid will be offered in the first instance, competitors enter the main ring at their own risk and ability.

Trimming of Sensory Hairs

All equines competing at Driffield Show should present with no evidence of whiskers or sensory hairs having been trimmed or removed (other than for veterinary purposes in which case you must provide written proof from your Vet; this proof must be available at the Show if requested by a Show Official).

Sensory hairs are the hard hairs located on the horse's muzzle and around the eyes, also known as 'whiskers' that are used for sensation.

Trophies

It is encouraged that all eligible trophy winners stay for the Grand Parade to be presented their trophy by the President of the Driffield Agricultural Society. However, it is understandable if exhibitors need to leave the showground earlier. Trophies can therefore be collected and signed for from the Equine Secretary's tent. The trophies are kept for a year and **must** be returned.

Stallions are not permitted in the showing classes at Driffield Showground unless competing in the Agricultural Horse sections and the Show Jumping classes

Equine Influenza

The minimum requirement is two vaccinations 21 days apart. There must be a clear 7 days, after the second vaccination before entry onto the showground, it is mandatory that all other horses/ponies have received a booster within 6 calendar months on their entry to the showground. Foals of 6 months of age or older must meet the above requirement. Foals of less than 6 months of age must be out of a mare that meets the above requirements. Passports may be inspected at any time.



Main Ring Timetable 2026

8.00am	Open Ridden Hunter Small Ridden Hunter (Ridden Hunter Championship)	8.10am Tiny Tots Lead Rein Pony Open First Ridden Pony Mini Championship	
9.10am	Agricultural Heavy Horses – Singles Turnout & Ladies Cart		
9.40am	Mixed Height Show Pony Show Hunter Pony Local Ridden Pony	Coloured Ridden M&M Ridden	Rising Star Cob Type In Hand Hunter Youngstock (x4 classes) Championship
11.00am	Atkinsons Action Horses		
11.45am	Agricultural Heavy Horse Pairs Turnouts		
12.15pm	Parade of Foxhounds		
12.45pm	In Hand Agricultural Horses (7 classes) Judging of Fancy Dress Commence before the Grand Parade	In Hand Mountain & Moorlands In Hand Coloureds In Hand Local Horse/Pony In Hand Championship	Ridden Veterans Rising Star Racehorse to Show Horse
3.00 pm	Grand Parade- Prize Winners and Presentation of Awards		
3.40 pm	Atkinson Action Horses		
4. 25pm	Ridden Heavy Horse		
4.55 pm	British Showjumping 1.35m Championship		
Followed by	British Showjumping 1.25m Hunting Scurry		



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**150th
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Show**

H1	The Lt Col Sir John Frankland Payne Galway Bart Trophy	Awarded to the Best Agricultural Single's Turnout
H2	The Peter Caley Perpetual Challenge Cup	Awarded to the Best Turned Out Ladies Cart

In Hand Agricultural Horses

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Entry fees: £5.00

Prize Money: 1st - £38 2nd - £23 3rd - £15

In classes 4 –11 £60 appearance money will be handed out on Show Day to the person in charge.

Judges

J Whittaker, Knutsford

Classes

Number	Name	Description
4	In Hand Agricultural Horse Gelding	In Hand Agricultural Horse Gelding, 4 years old and upwards
5	In Hand Agricultural Horse Brood Mare with Foal at Foot	In Hand Agricultural Horse Brood Mare with Foal at Foot
6	In Hand Agricultural Horse Foal, Colt or Filly	In Hand Agricultural Horse Foal, Colt or Filly
7	In Hand Agricultural Horse Yearling, Colt, Gelding or Filly	In Hand Agricultural Horse Yearling, Colt, Gelding or Filly
8	In Hand Agricultural Horse Two Year Old	In Hand Agricultural Horse Two Year Old, Colt, Gelding or Filly
9	In Hand Agricultural Horse Three Year Old	In Hand Agricultural Horse Three Year Old, Gelding or Filly
10	In Hand Agricultural Horse Mare	In Hand Agricultural Horse Mare, barren, 4 years old and upwards
11	Any Other Agricultural Horse Breed in Hand	Any Other Agricultural Horse Breed in Hand (other than Shire)
12	Shire Horse of the Year Qualifying Class	Shire Horse of the Year Qualifying Class
H3	The John Payne Galway Cup	Champion Agricultural Horse in the Show
H4	The WE & CM Waind Perpetual Challenge cup	Awarded to the Best Agricultural Brood Mare
H5	The Percy Long Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the Best Agricultural Foal

H6	JP Towse Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the highest placed exhibitor bred horse in the Junior Championship, Classes 9-11
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Ridden Heavy Horse

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Entry fees: £5.00

Prize Money: 1st - £50 2nd - £40 3rd - £30

Judges

J Collins, Newport

Classes

13	Ridden Heavy Horses	Open to all breeds and levels of heavy horses, 4 years old and upwards
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SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFYING CLASS Supported by the Shire Horse Society Shire Horse of the Year Qualifying Class - This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year Championship supported by the Shire Horse Society, to be held at the NEC, Birmingham, 7-11th October 2026. 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 the Show.

Horses must be registered in and complying with the showing requirements of the Shire Horse Society. Members of the Shire Horse Society. This class will be run in accordance with the Shire Horse Society guidelines, which for the avoidance of doubt will be considered rules for Horse of the Year Show and its qualifiers, however the general rules as set out within this rule book will take precedence.

Qualification will not pass below 5th place. Horses must be entered in the name and ownership in which they are registered. Horses should be turned out in a traditional manner, with flights. Horse's docks must be covered with a fan of hair in accordance with the Shire Horse Society rules.

The turning up of coats is not permitted, in accordance with the Shire Horse Society rulebook. At the final and qualifiers, horses may have foot inspections carried out by a Shire Horse Society farrier and vet. Horses must be correctly shod in accordance with the shoeing standards, as detailed in The Shire Horse Society Rulebook. Horses may be unshod. Horses that are part bred or from the Grade A, B or C registers of the Shire Horse Society are not eligible to compete. Geldings must be registered in the Shire Horse Society Non-Breeding Register and must be pure bred e.g. not out of Grade B mares, and parentage verified.

Exhibitors please note that the HOYS contribution fee of £20 is payable for this class.

The HOYS entry form is required in addition to that of the show. The show reserves the right to share membership data with Grandstand Media Limited in compliance with the Horse of the Year Show's 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 show is affiliated to the Shire Horse Association, a silver spoon and rosette will be awarded to the best Shire Mare or Filly exhibited in the Agricultural In-Hand classes. The winner must be a member of the Shire Horse Society and the winning horse should be fully registered in the Stud Book or Grade B Register. Please see www.shire-horse.org.uk for full rules and regulations.

Hunters



Entry Fees: £10.00

Rosettes to 6th place

Prize Money:

Class 14	1 st - £35	2 nd - £20	3 rd - £15
Class 15	1 st - £30	2 nd - £16	3 rd - £8
Classes 16, 19+20	1 st - £30	2 nd - £16	3 rd - £8
Classes 17+18	1 st - £15	2 nd - £10	3 rd - £5

The Judge will **NOT** ride exhibits in these classes.

Judge

Mrs Penelope Hollings

Classes

Number	Name	Description
14	Open Ridden Hunter	Open Ridden Hunter, 4 years old or over exceeding 158cm (15.2hhs) The judge will not ride exhibits in this class.
15	Small Ridden Hunter	Small Ridden Hunter, Mare or gelding 4 years or over. Height exceeding 148cm (14.2hh) but not exceeding 158cm (15.2hh). Animals can not be shown in Small Hunter Class and a weight class at the same show
H7	The Jean Norris Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the Best Ridden Hunter at the Show

Hunter Youngstock

Judge

Mrs Penelope Hollings

Classes

Number	Name	Description
16	Brood Mare	Brood Mare with own Foal at Foot (or relevant certificate of pregnancy for following year to be inspected at the Show)
17	Colt Foal	Colt Foal with Mare in Class 16, Foals must be at least 3 weeks old on the day of the Show
18	Filly Foal	Filly Foal with Mare in Class 16, Foals must be at least 3 weeks old on the day of the Show
19	Yearling Hunter	Yearling Hunter, Colt, Gelding or Filly - Foaled in 2025
20	Two and Three Year Old Hunter	Two and Three Year Old Hunters, Colt, Gelding or Filly - foaled in 2024
H9	The Miah (Jerry) Dodsworth Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the Champion Hunter foal
H10	The A Fetches Challenge Cup	Awarded to the Best 'In Hand' Hunter Classes 16-20 inc
H8	The TP Jefferson Challenge Cup	Awarded to the Best Brood mare in Class 16
H11	The Stardale Trophy	Awarded to the Young Stock champion of Classes 19-20
H12	The Janet Thompson Memorial Salver	Awarded to the Best Colt, Filly or Gelding Hunter in Classes 17 & 18
H13	The Shirley Ann Dodsworth Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the Best Two Year Old Hunter in Class 20

22	LIHS Rising Star Cob	<p>LIHS Rising Star Cob, Lightweight, Heavyweight and Maxi Cob type: Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms. rider to be 15yrs or over. to be shown hogged. The highest placed unqualified horse in the top 5 will qualify for the LIHS BSHA Rising Star Cob Supreme Final at the LIHS in December. This class is open to all competitors. QUALIFICATION WILL BE CONFIRMED BY EMAIL ONCE FULL LIHS QUALIFIED MEMBERSHIP AND HORSE REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF QUALIFICATION. Please note LIHS Qualifier-Eligible membership must be in place before entering any BSHA LIHS qualifying class.</p> <p>In addition, the two highest place unqualified horses will qualify for the Associate Rising Star Cob final at the BSHA National Championship Show in September. Associate Rising Star Qualification Cards will be awarded in the ring.</p> <p>The judge will not ride exhibits in this class.</p>
H14	The Holmefield Trophy	Awarded to the Best Ridden Cob in Class 22.

BRITISH SHOW HORSE ASSOCIATION

**RISING
STAR**



Pony Judges

Mr Adam Brooke & Ms Stacey Wiseman

Entry Fee: £10.00

Prize money: Classes 25-30. 1st - £20 2nd - £14 3rd- £7

Classes

Number	Name	Description
23	Tiny Tots Lead Rein Pony	Tiny Tots Lead Rein Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January, 2026. Snaffle bridles only. Lead Rein to be attached to nose band only. All ponies to be plaited unless a native breed. All competitors will receive a rosette.
24	Open First Ridden Pony	Open First Ridden Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January 2026. All ponies to be plaited unless a native breed.
H15	The Ernest & Isobel Gilson Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the Best Leading Rein placed highest in the Mini Championships
H16	The Frank Palmer Challenge Cup	Awarded to the Best Pony in the Best Pony in the Mini Championship

MINI CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to ponies that have been placed 1st. or 2nd in classes 23 & 24.

Number	Name	Description
25	Mixed Height Open Show Pony	Mixed Height Open Show Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 148cm. Riders must be correct age for the height of pony they ride. All ponies to be plaited.
26	Mixed Height Open Show Hunter Pony	Mixed Height Open Show Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over. Not exceeding 153cms. Riders must be correct age for the height of pony they ride. All ponies to be plaited.
27	Local Ridden Pony	Local Ridden Pony, not exceeding 148cm. Suitable for and to be ridden by a rider aged 16 and under and living with a 22 mile radius of Driffield Showground. Turnout taken into consideration. No lead reins allowed. Pony or rider must not be registered with BSPS, NPS or Ponies UK

H17	The Mason Family Trophy	Awarded to the best Mixed Height Open Show Pony
H18	The Thomas Caley Memorial Cup	Awarded to the Best Local Ridden Pony
H20	The Westow Vineyard Trophy	Awarded to the Best Mixed Height Open Show Hunter Pony

Please note that classes 27&28 will be combined but will be judged separately. Both classes will enter the ring at the same time.

Number	Name	Description
28	Fancy Dress	Fancy Dress, open to all ages or rider. Any breed, height and age of horse/pony. Can be mounted or in hand.

Please note the Fancy Dress will take place and be judged before the Grand Parade.

Open Ridden

Entry Fee: £10.00

Rosettes to 6th

Prize money: Classes 29 – 31 1st - £20 2nd - £14 3rd- £7

Judges

Mrs Penelope Hollings – Ms Stacey Wiseman – Mr Adam Brooks

Classes

Number	Name	Description
29	Ridden Veteran	Ridden Veteran, Mare or Gelding, over 15 years old, any breed or height. No galloping is allowed in this class. No spurs to be worn. Rider any age. Lead reins are permitted.
30	CHAPS (UK) Open Ridden Qualifier	CHAPS (UK) Open Ridden Qualifier, Native, Non Native, Cob, Traditional, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over. Any height. No stallions. Rider any age.
31	Mountain and Moorland Ridden	Mountain and Moorland Ridden, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. No stallions. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C or D. Rider any age. No lead reins.
H21	The May & Dawson Trophy	Awarded to the Best Ridden Coloured in Class 30
H22	The Rushfield Trophy	Awarded to Best Ridden M&M Breed in class 31

This show is affiliated to The Coloured Horse and Pony Society (UK). Affiliation No **26-096** Both owner and the rider/exhibitor need Not be a member of CHAPS (UK) nor must the horse or pony be registered with CHAPS (UK) to compete. However, in order to qualify both horse and rider/exhibitor need to be a current showing member and have a valid qualifier card. Members to apply to CHAPS (UK) for appropriate qualifier card. **The CHAPS (UK) Championship Show will be held On 20th-22nd August 2026.** For full rulings and information on competition/qualification, please refer to the CHAPS (UK) Members Handbook; or visit www.chapsuk.com. Only 'coloured' horses and ponies (as defined in the current CHAPS UK Members Handbook) may compete in these classes.

Driffield Show is not holding British Show Pony Society classes or any UK Horses and Pony Limited qualifier classes this year. However, all equine classes will run under the rules and regulations of both associations. The current rules and regulations can be found in the BSPS 2026 rulebook or the UK Horses and Ponies Limited rulebook 2026, both of which can be found on their individual association websites.

In Hand Show

Entry Fee: £10.00

Rosettes to 6th

Prize money: Classes 32 – 34 1st - £20 2nd - £14 3rd- £7

Judge

Miss Stacey Wiseman

Classes

Number	Name	Description
32	Open Mountain and Moorland In Hand	Open Mountain and Moorland In Hand, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. No stallions. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C or D. Handler any age.
33	CHAPS (UK) Open In Hand qualifer	CHAPS (UK) Open In Hand Qualifier, Native, Non Native, Cob, Traditional. Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over. Any height. Handler any age. No foals. No stallions
34	In Hand Local Horse/Pony	In Hand Local Horse/Pony, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, living within a 22mile radius of Driffield Showground. Turnout taken into consideration. Handler any age.

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