

Heathfield Agricultural Show



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Show Day – Saturday 23 May 2026

Sheep Secretary: sheepandpig@heathfieldshow.org

PRIZES

No of entries in class	1st	2nd	3rd
1-3	£20.00	£15.00	
4 or more	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00

Class Champion: £50.00, Reserve Champion: £25.00

RARE BREED CHAMPION Judge: Jason Wareham

THE YOUNG PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP presented by Young's Animal Health Ltd, for the Rare Breed Champion Rosettes and Prize Cards for the Champion and Reserve Rare Breed Champion.

SUPREME SHEEP CHAMPION Judge: Jason Wareham

PRIZES: £100 Champion. £50 Reserve Champion.

THE CLARE HASTINGS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY presented to the overall Sheep Champion with a Championship Rosette.

BEST TURNED OUT STOCK PERSON

There will be a Rosette for Best Turned out Stock person. An appointed Judge will be making their choice throughout the day and the result will be announced at the prize presentation at 16.00pm at the Sheep Secretary's tent.

Young Handlers

1st prize: £6, 2nd prize: £5, 3rd prize: £4 Rosettes will be awarded to all entrants.

Cup Presentation at 16:00

All Cups for Breed Champions, Prime Lambs, Wool & Rare Breeds and the Clare Hastings Perpetual Challenge Trophy for The Supreme Champion Sheep and The South East Marts Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Young Handler will be presented in the Championship Ring.

All Cups awarded at the 2026 Show must be collected on Show Day from the Sheep Secretary's

tent. Engraving will be undertaken on the return of the cup before presentation at the 2027 Show. **A**

returnable security deposit of £50.00 per cup will be required if cups are to be removed from showground.

Times of Judging

08:30 Judging starts - classes to follow on: Kerryhill, Texel, Southdown, British Shortwool, British Longwool, Hill & Heath, Any Other Continental Breed and Coloured Ryelands.

Rare Breed and Supreme Championships to follow.

14:30 Wool on Hoof fleeces and **15:00** Young Handler

Rare Breeds

The highest-placed exhibit from Hill & Heath, British Shortwool and the British Longwool classes will go forward to the Rare Breed Championship.

Breeds eligible are those listed in the Rare Breed Survival Trust Priority and Minority Lists.

Dress Code

All exhibitors are required to wear white coats.

ENTRY FEES

	Show member	Non-Member
Sheep entry per animal per class	£4.00	£6.00
Per Pen (inc Kit pen	£10.00	£15.00
Young Handlers	FREE	FREE
Wool Competition	£2.00	£2.00
Groups of 3	£6.00	£6.00

Don't forget to order your sheep pens (including kit pens) before checking out your order. Limited to 5 pens per exhibitor.

A copy of the Green SAC form MUST be sent with your entries, together with the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme Declaration.

Exhibitors are responsible for their own movement forms on/off the showground.

Animals Entered	Entry Tickets allocated
1-2	1
3-4	2
5-6	3
7-8	4

Additional entry passes may be purchased at the discounted pre-Show entry price before arrival day only.

Young Handlers will be allocated their own entry passes.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON 10 APRIL 2026

SHEEP RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE COVER IN EXCESS OF £1,000,000 TO EXHIBIT SHEEP AT THE HEATHFIELD AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

All entries must be accompanied by the correct remittance and are received on condition that the Show Committee accepts no responsibility for any loss damage or accident, etc. which may be sustained to vehicles, sheep or persons or any property whatsoever.

In the event of Show cancellation, entry fees will be refunded less 10% to cover administration costs.

All exhibitors must warrant that the animals entered have been in a fit and healthy condition for the last six months and it is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that all current legislation is met.

- 1 The Heathfield Agricultural Show reserves the right to disqualify or refuse the entry of any animal for any reason they may deem unfit.

2 Exhibitors Insurance

It is the responsibility of exhibitors to insure all property and livestock on the Showground or elsewhere which is their own, or for which they are responsible. The Show requires exhibitors to affect Employers Liability insurance where this is required by statute. The Show also requires exhibitors to affect Public Liability and Products Liability insurance. The Show requires all exhibitors to make sure they have the appropriate insurance cover by checking with their insurance company.

3 Veterinary

The Heathfield Show Veterinary Officer's (Vet) decision is final.

a) Contagion: Every exhibitor of any animal which to their knowledge is suffering from any contagious or infectious disease, or which has been in contact with any animal suffering as such, shall pay the Show £50 as compensation and for liquidated damages for every animal so sent. In addition, in the event of the Show's Vet certifying that any animal sent for exhibition is in their opinion a possible source of danger, the animal will be removed immediately by the Participant, from the showground, or be otherwise managed as per the Vet's direction with a view to averting the spread of contagion.

b) It is a condition of entry that in the event of a serious accident to an animal and on the recommendation of the Show Vet that the animal be euthanised. All efforts will be made to contact the animal's owner for consent. If emergency veterinary treatment is required at the Show, exhibitors will be responsible for the cost of any medication or drugs used in the treatment of their animals and payment must be made direct to the veterinary officer at the time of treatment.

c) Any animal receiving veterinary treatment at the time of the Show should not be entered unless the owner has had the animal examined by their own Vet and it is safe for them to enter the Show. However, animals still showing evidence of disease will not be permitted to be shown.

4 Sheep & Goat Health Scheme

The Show will accept entries as follows:

MV Accredited

Non-Scheme sheep

- a) Separate accommodation will be provided and identified for both categories.
- b) Separate unloading/loading points will be provided.
- c) **ALL** sheep must be halter/collar led and will be judged together, according to their status.
- d) Scheme sheep must be accompanied by a certificate stating the number and classification of their

Scheme Status including, in the case of an Accredited Flock, the flock registration number.

- e) Certificates will be handed to the Steward in charge before being allowed into the pens provided for them.
 - f) THE FLOCKS SCHEME STATUS MUST ALSO BE SHOWN ON THE SHEEP HEALTH DECLARATION FORMS AND A PHOTOCOPY OF THE RELEVANT CERTIFICATE MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRIES (Ref. Ministry Form No. SH 20).
 - g) Exhibitors (flock owners) are responsible for the following: Avoidance of any contact with sheep of a lower category. If no contact has been made, sheep may return home without isolation or blood test. If contact has been made, then the sheep must be placed in isolation on return and undergo appropriate blood tests to regain their scheme status.
 - h) Whilst the Show will take all necessary precautions to protect the status of scheme sheep it will not hold itself responsible for any accidental contacts made which may affect the status of an exhibitor's flock.
- 5 In view of the Animal Welfare Regulations, all sheep entered for the Show must comply with the Regulation that sufficient tail will have to be retained to cover the vulva of female sheep and the anus of male sheep. Any sheep which fails to meet this legal requirement will be refused admissions to the showground by the Show.
- 6 Shearing to be in accordance with Breed Standards.
- 7 In all classes for shearlings and lambs, these terms shall be as currently defined by the Breed Show for the sheep entered. Date of birth to be included on entry form. Lambs must show all lamb teeth and be bred by exhibitor.
- 8 If the judge believes any sheep have been unfairly clipped, the judge will mark and report them for disqualification.
- 9 Any sheep that has been dipped/sprayed and is still emitting fumes from this process will be excluded from the Show on the grounds of public health and safety. The use of Bloom dip or Bloom powder is prohibited. Any surface colouring will be at the discretion of the Breed Show Standards.
- 10 In all cases where single sheep are shown, these are not eligible for the Pen classes.
- 11 Flock promotional material may only be exhibited adjacent to livestock by each exhibitor in a manner which does not constitute a trade stand and does not exceed the length of the pen (i.e. 6 feet). Only rosettes awarded in the current year at the Show may be displayed.
- 12 The Show Committee reserves the right to cancel any class with three or less entries.
- 13 The Committee reserves the right to reject or cancel the entries made by any person, if it should deem fit to do so and the right to amalgamate classes or cancel any class or classes.
- 14 **Unloading.**
All Sheep must be on the showground by 8pm on Friday 22 May. Exhibitors can unload between 4pm - 8pm on Friday 22 May. Failure to comply may make exhibitors liable to a fine or disqualification.
- 15 **Objections**
Notice of objection to any entry or decision must be made in writing to the Sheep Secretary as soon as possible and not later than 60 minutes after the judging is completed. A deposit of £25 must be made; if on investigation the objection is not sustained, the deposit will be forfeited to the funds of the Show. Any objections will be considered by the Show organisers, with two members of the Sheep Committee.
- 16 **In all cases the Judge's decision is final.**
- 17 **Sheep Pens**
The Show reserves the right to limit the allocation of pens at future shows to exhibitors who fail to show the number of sheep entered and included in the livestock programme. All bedding and feed must be supplied by the exhibitor. Drinking and washing water is available on the showground. Pens must be booked at time of entry and are limited to 5 per exhibitor.
- 18 Although there is a closing date for entries, the Show reserves the right to limit entries to match the pen capacity.
- 19 Sheep may only be shown in one class except Group and Young Handler classes.

- 20** Sheep Cups and movement licences to be collected from the Sheep Secretary's tent from 16:30.
- 21** Exhibitors may enter one category of sheep only, either accredited or non-accredited no matter how many breeds are entered.
- 22** It is a condition of entry that all female sheep exhibited at the Show (except Dorset Horn and Poll Dorset) must be:
- non pregnant (empty)
 - not have lambed within 30 days prior to the Show.
 - not be subject to procedures which change the seasonal breeding pattern.
- 23** We require all exhibitors to make a declaration with their entry forms that their female sheep conform to the above ruling. The Show reserves the right to remove from the showground any sheep suspected of being in lamb or having recently lambed or generally showing signs of ill health.
- 24** No entries will be accepted from any exhibitor unless accompanied by the appropriate declaration forms and copy of certificate, in the case of scheme sheep.
- 25** Mobile phones are not permitted in the sheep judging rings.
- 26** Please be advised the Sheep Committee do not provide straw for exhibitor pens.
- 27** Exhibitors are responsible for the safe keeping of their cups and will be required to sign a form accepting liability for their cups if they wish to remove them from the showground.

SHEEP CLASSES

RARE BREED CHAMPION

Judge: Jason Wareham

SCH01 Champion and Reserve Rare Breed

The Champion Rare Breed will be presented with the YOUNG PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP, presented by Young's Animal Health Ltd. Rosettes and Prize Cards for the Champion and Reserve Champion Rare Breed.

SHEEP CLASSES

SUPREME CHAMPION

Judge: Jason Wareham

SCH02 Supreme Champion and Reserve Sheep

The CLARE HASTINGS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the Champion with a Champion Rosette.

SHEEP CLASSES

KERRYHILL

Judge: Tim Ward

Entries will be accepted from MV ACCREDITED and NON-SCHEME sheep in these classes.

Entries are restricted to sheep registered with BCSS. Sheep to be shown in accordance with the rules of the BCSS.

Sheep may only be shown in one class: excluding 108.

COLOURING WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AT A LEVEL AS APPROVED BY BCSS.

The committee reserve the right to amalgamate classes if there are insufficient entries.

Class 104 **Ram, shearling or older**

Class 105 **Ram Lamb**

Class 106 **Shearling Ewe**

Class 107 **Ewe Lamb**

Class 108 **Group of Three**

Must be the property of and bred by the same exhibitor. One animal must be the opposite sex to the other two. The animals must have been entered in the previous classes.

SCH03 **Champion and Reserve Kerryhill**

SHEEP CLASSES

TEXEL

Judge: Mr Jim Lukehurst

These classes are restricted to MV ACCREDITED sheep only.

Entries are restricted to sheep registered with BTSS. Sheep to be shown in accordance with the rules of the BTSS.

Sheep may only be shown in one class: excluding class 113.

Class 109 **Ram, shearling or older**

Class 110 **Ram Lamb**

THE SOUTH EASTERN TEXEL GROUP will present £15 to the winners of classes 110 & 112

Class 111 **Shearling Ewe**

Class 112 **Ewe Lamb**

THE SOUTH EASTERN TEXEL GROUP will present £15 to the winners of classes 110 & 112

Class 113 **Group of three**

Must be the property of and bred by the same exhibitor. One animal must be the opposite sex to the other two. The animals must have been entered in the previous classes. THE SOUTH EASTERN TEXEL GROUP will present £25 to best group of three

SCH04 **Champion and Reserve Texel**

THE JIM HORN PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR BEST TEXEL FEMALE IN SHOW.

THE SOUTH EASTERN TEXEL GROUP will present £20 and a rosette to the SETG Member with the most overall points.

SHEEP CLASSES

SOUTHDOWN

Judge: Daniel Bunting

All sheep must be led on a halter while in the ring unless instructed otherwise by the judge or stewards.

No more than one handler per sheep will be allowed in the show ring unless authorised by stewards eg to ensure health and safety. No sheep which has been artificially coloured or tinted may be shown. All animals entered in these classes must be from current members of the Southdown Sheep Society and either be registered or eligible for registration with the Southdown Sheep Society. All animals must be owned by exhibitors for a minimum of four months prior to the Show. Entries will be accepted from MV ACCREDITED and NON-SCHEME sheep in these classes. Sheep may only be shown in one class, excluding Class 118.

Class 114 **Ram, shearling or older**

Class 115 **Ram Lamb**

Class 116 **Shearling Ewe**

Class 117 **Ewe Lamb**

Class 118 **Group of Three**

Must be the property of and bred by the same exhibitor. One animal must be the opposite sex to the other two. The animals must have been entered in the previous classes.

SCH05 **Champion and Reserve Southdown**

The Southdown Champion will receive the FRANK GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY

THE PETER CLEMENTSON MEMORIAL TROPHY will be presented to the exhibitor of Southdown sheep gaining the most points on a scale of 1st 5, 2nd 4, 3rd 3, 4th 2, 5th 1, Champion 2, Reserve Champion 1.

SHEEP CLASSES

AOPB BRITISH SHORTWOOL

Judge: Viv Miles

Entries will be accepted from MV ACCREDITED and NON-SCHEME sheep of British origin only and not eligible to compete in classes 114 - 118 and 139 – 143. Entries are restricted to sheep registered with their own Breed society. Sheep may only be shown in one class.

Class 119 **Ram, shearling or older**

Class 120 **Ram Lamb**

Class 121 **Shearling Ewe**

Class 122 **Ewe Lamb**

Class 123 **Group of Three**

Must be the property of and bred by the same exhibitor. One animal must be the opposite sex to the other two. The animals must have been entered in the previous classes.

SCH06 **Champion and Reserve AOPB British Shortwool**

The Champion will receive the CLA PERPETUAL TROPHY, presented by the South East Region of the CLA.

SHEEP CLASSES

AOPB BRITISH LONGWOOL

Judge: Sheila Leech

Entries will be accepted from MV ACCREDITED and NON-SCHEME sheep of British origin only and are not eligible to compete in classes 119 -123 and 129 - 133

Entries are restricted to sheep registered with their own Breed society. Sheep may only be shown in one class.

Class 124 **Ram, shearling or older**

Class 125 **Ram Lamb**

Class 126 **Shearling Ewe**

Class 127 **Ewe Lamb**

Class 128 **Group of Three**

Must be the property of and bred by the same exhibitor. One animal must be the opposite sex to the other two. The animals must have been entered in the previous classes.

SCH07 **Champion and Reserve AOPB British Longwool**

The Champion will receive the HERONSDALE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP presented by WJ Chambers Esq. THE HERBERT CATT MEMORIAL TROPHY awarded for the Best Romney sheep.

SHEEP CLASSES

HILL & HEATH

Judge: Tim Ward

Entries will be accepted from MV ACCREDITED and NON-SCHEME sheep of British origin only and are not eligible to compete in classes 104 - 143

Entries are restricted to sheep registered with their own Breed society. Sheep may only be shown in one class.

Class 129 **Ram, shearling or older**

Class 130 **Ram Lamb**

Class 131 **Shearling Ewe**

Class 132 **Ewe Lamb**

Class 133 **Group of Three**

Must be the property of and bred by the same exhibitor. One animal must be the opposite sex to the other two. The animals must have been entered in the previous classes.

SCH08 **Champion and Reserve Hill & Heath**

The Champion will receive the SHEPHERD PUBLISHING PERPETUAL TROPHY presented by Shepherd Publishing Limited.

SHEEP CLASSES

ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL BREED

Judge: Jim Lukehurst

Entries will be accepted from MV ACCREDITED and NON-SCHEME sheep in these classes of foreign origin only, not eligible to compete in classes 109 – 113. Entries are restricted to sheep registered with their own Breed Society. Sheep to be shown in accordance with the rules of their Breed Society. Sheep may only be shown in one class, excluding class 138.

Class 134 **Ram, shearling or older**

Class 135 **Ram Lamb**

Class 136 **Shearling Ewe**

Class 137 **Ewe Lamb**

Class 138 **Group of Three**

Must be the property of and bred by the same exhibitor. One animal must be the opposite sex to the other two. The animals must have been entered in the previous classes.

SCH09 **Champion and Reserve Any Other Continental Breed**

The Show reserves the right to transfer sheep that do not comply with the Heathfield Agricultural Show rules of origin.

The Champion will receive the BAYER UK PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP presented by Bayer UK Ltd. THE HIP PERPETUAL TROPHY is awarded for the Best Charollais Sheep

SHEEP CLASSES

COLOURED RYELANDS

The committee reserve the right to amalgamate classes if there are insufficient entries.

Judge: Daniel Bunting

Class 139 **Ram, Shearling or older**

Class 140 **Ram Lamb**

Class 141 **Shearling Ewe**

Class 142 **Ewe Lamb**

Class 143 **Group of Three**

Must be the property of and bred by the same exhibitor. One animal must be the opposite sex to the other two. The animals must have been entered in the previous classes.

SCH10 **Champion and Reserve Coloured Ryelands**

SHEEP CLASSES

WOOL ON HOOF

Judge: Sheila Leech

Entry Fee £2.00. Entries may be taken on the day Judging to commence at 2.30pm
Trophy presented to the Champion.

Class 144 Shortwool Classes

Class 145 Longwool Classes

SCH11 Champion and Reserve Wool on Hoof

The Champion will receive the MALCOLM MEANWELL MEMORIAL TROPHY presented by Kent Wool Growers for the Champion Fleece.

The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from classes 139 and 140.

SHEEP CLASSES

YOUNG HANDLERS

Judge: Anne Lambert

Open to Young Handlers, 16 years of age or under, showing sheep already entered in previous classes including lambs from Prime Lamb classes. Judging will be on the ability of the handler to present to the Judge. The age of the handler is to be shown on the entry form. Sheep may be MV Accredited or Non- MV. Entries may be taken on the day of the Show if room. Prizes: £6, £5, £4. Rosettes for all entrants.

Class 146 Sheep Young Handler 6-10 yr olds

Class 147 Sheep Young Handler 11-16 yr olds

SCH12 Champion and Reserve Sheep Young Handler

SOUTH EAST MARTS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the best Young Handler presented by South East Mart.

