

# MELPLASH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW 2025

at West Bay Showground,  
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**Entries Close**  
**Friday 25th July 2025**

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THE SOCIETY IS INDEBTED TO:

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WHO KINDLY LOAN THEIR LAND FOR THE SHOW

and Mr Paul Townsend and his team for the work they  
carry out preparing the showground

**BIOSECURITY**

For biosecurity reasons after the 2001 Foot and Mouth outbreak, the area of land that will be used by cloven hoofed animals during the Show has to be licensed by DEFRA in accordance with the requirements of the Animal Gatherings (England) Order 2010. Therefore, we would ask all persons involved with the handling of stock to co-operate fully with any requirements and instructions that may be in place. To obtain a Show Licence, DEFRA requires that:

- the Show secretary has a complete record of anyone handling or in contact with the stock and of all entries, so please complete all the documentation fully that is supplied to all livestock entrants and hand it to the relevant person on the show day.
- all transport has been correctly cleansed and disinfected prior to loading as any vehicle entering the licensed premises may be inspected by the Biosecurity Officer or their nominee and any vehicle contaminated with animal excreta other than excreta from animals on the vehicle at the time will be denied access.
- Attendants wear protective clothing and footwear capable of being disinfected whilst in the animal area.
- any clothing or protective clothing used is not dirty or contaminated with animal excreta, as access by any judge, stock handler or owner who arrives in dirty clothing will be restricted until they have either:
  - i. removed the dirty clothing and put on clean clothing
  - ii. cleansed and disinfected the dirty clothing
- when leaving the animal area, attendants remove protective clothing, wash their hands and ensure that footwear is clean and disinfected.

N.B There will be clearly signed facilities for drivers, exhibitors, stock handlers and others who handle animals, used bedding, used feed or animal excreta to change or cleanse and disinfect clothes and footwear or to dispose of disposable clothes; these facilities will be provided at the veterinary tent in the Animal area. Suitable medicated hand wipes for use by such persons and by members of the public on request will also be supplied.

- any livestock vehicle must remain on the licensed premises for the duration of the gathering in the designated parking areas on the showground and only reload the stock that it transported to the show. Any livestock vehicle that leaves empty will require a special declaration to undertake disinfection elsewhere before returning as supplied by the Animal Health authorities.
- vehicles do not leave the showground contaminated with animal excreta picked up in that area. Any such vehicles that are visibly dirty will not be allowed to leave until the affected parts are cleansed and disinfected. A pressure washer will be available if required.
- all documents relevant to your entries are completed and submitted.

### ANIMAL WELFARE

**The Melpash Agricultural Society Ltd trusts that all exhibitors will provide the highest welfare standards for their stock at all times.**

### ANIMAL TRANSPORT

Exhibitors are reminded to ensure they, or their haulier, can provide upon request, completed Animal Transport Certificates for their journey(s) to the Showground. Remember that if your journey is further than 65 kms (about 40 miles) you will require an **Animal Transporter Authorisation** and have a **Certificate of Competence** for the relevant species. **NOTE:** It is an offence to transport any female animal for whom 90% or more of the gestation period has already passed or female animals that have given birth in the previous week.

### SHOW REGULATIONS

*The Committee shall have the power to interpret these rules and the regulations if there should be any ambiguity or difference of opinion concerning the purport or intention of any rule or regulation. The Committee shall have power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.*

**Subscribers' Rates of Entry** - All members of the Society are 'Subscribers' and may take advantage of reduced entry fees as mentioned in the schedule as follows: Subscribers of £30 (Junior Member) £37.50 (Member) £70.00 (Double Member): Four entries at Subscriber's Rates each. Subscribers of £45 (Vice President), £85.00 (Double Vice President): Unlimited number of entries at Subscribers' Rates.

- a) No Member, while their subscription is unpaid shall enjoy any privileges of this Society, and no person, formerly a member of the Society but resigning whilst standing indebted to the Society, shall be permitted to make Subscribers' Rate Entries.

- b) The privilege of entering at Subscribers' Rates is strictly limited to members of the Melplash Agricultural Society Show.
- c) No entry will be accepted unless the fee accompanies it, and if the Exhibitor is a Member of the Society the subscription for the year, unless previously paid, together with any arrears that may be due.

**Classes** - The Society reserves the right to cancel any breed section with three or less exhibitors and to amalgamate or cancel classes in which there are less than 6 entries. In the event of a class having to be cancelled the entry will be returned.

**Entries & Closing Date** - All Subscriptions and Entry Fees must be paid to the Secretary at the time of entry, or the entries will not be accepted. All entries must be made on the printed forms to be obtained from the Show Secretary and must be received in the Show Secretary's Office by the closing date of entries. Alternatively, entries can be made online via our website [www.melplashshow.co.uk](http://www.melplashshow.co.uk). If any animal is entered in more than one class, this must be clearly stated on the entry form.

**Ownership of Exhibits** - Except where otherwise stated in the Schedule all exhibits must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor and all animals must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor **two calendar months before the date of entry**.

**Ages of Animals** - The ages of all animals exhibited must be stated at time of entry. The judges have the liberty of asking the Honorary Veterinary Surgeons to apply the dentition test to any animal.

**Local Class** - Entries in Local Classes must come from within a radius of 12 miles of Melplash Church.

**Time of Arrival of Exhibits** - Exhibits must be on the Show Field and be ready to be judged as per timetable. Competitors to provide armbands where applicable.

**Bearer Entrance Tickets** - Bearer Entrance Tickets will be issued to enable Exhibitors to bring animals into the Show Field. Bearer tickets will be issued at the discretion of the Committee.

**Rejection of Entries** - The Committee reserves the right to reject an entry.

**Entry Fees Forfeited** - Subscribers and Non-Subscribers making an entry and not sending their proposed exhibits to the Show shall forfeit their entry fee.

**Prizes may be withheld** - All Prize Winners in the classes for Cattle, Sheep and Goats must parade in the Grand Parade or forfeit their prize money.

**Substitution and Nomination** - All entries in classes for Hunters, Ponies and Livestock are to be made by name, and no substitution will be allowed. Any substitution must be requested to the show office prior to show day, approval is required and will not be unreasonably withheld. Nomination entries will not be accepted.

**Protests** - Any person making a protest must make the same in writing within 30 minutes of completion of the judging of the class concerned and at the same time deposit £10.00 with the Secretary, which will be forfeited if the Chairman of Committees consider the objection frivolous. If the objection be on the grounds of unsoundness, the particular character of unsoundness must be stated, and any objection not made in the manner and within the time mentioned in this rule will be inadmissible, unless the Chairman of Committees shall otherwise direct.

**Disputes** - All disputes will be settled by a Committee and their decision will be final.

**The Judging Ring** - No one will be allowed in the rings or near the Judges whilst they are engaged upon the awards, except those who have duties to perform and any Steward being an exhibitor or interested in any exhibit must withdraw from the ring whilst the class in which they have entered or are interested in is being judged.

**Departures** - All winners must stay at their relevant section to parade in the Grand Parade or they will forfeit their prize. Exhibits in the Horticultural, Home Produce, Woodcraft & Handicraft Sections must not be moved until after the prizegiving has taken place, usually by 5pm.

**Accident or Illness** - The Society will not be responsible for any illness or accident from any cause whatsoever that may occur to any person (whether an exhibitor or not) or animal or damage to or loss of any article exhibited in the Show, and it shall be a condition of entry that any exhibitor shall indemnify the Society against any claim and cost arising from any such illness, accident, damage or loss.

**Conditions of Judging** - In awarding prizes to cattle, Judges are instructed to decide according to the merits of the animals for breeding purposes so that an animal in 'store' condition may compete on equal terms with one which is fat.

**'Extra Stock** - Spaces will NOT be allotted for extra stock not shown for prizes, unless asked for prior to the day of the show'

**Animals Not Entered for Exhibition** - If any animals are brought into the Show Field without having been entered for exhibition, unless prior consent has been obtained from the Show Secretary, the owner shall be liable for a fine of up to £15 and the forfeiture of any prize awarded to them. The animal may need to be removed from the show field at the section chairmen's decision.

**Rosettes** - No animal shall be decorated in colours other than the Society's Prize Rosettes and other rosettes awarded at the Show.

The Melplash Agricultural Society has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present at the Show. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid or prevent accidents occurring and must act upon the instructions of all Officials and Stewards.

All dogs should be kept under strict control on the Showground particularly around the Livestock Areas. Stewards and Officials reserve the right to reject any animal deemed to be unsafe.

To comply with Health & Safety Executive guidelines the Society has provided Horse Walks. It is a condition of entry that all exhibits keep within these designated routes, that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent accidents and that guidance is taken from Officials & Stewards at crossing points etc.

### CATTLE

**Section Chairmen:** Mr Frank Greenway & Mr Kevin Wallbridge

**Vice Chairman:** Mr Kevin Groves

**Cattle Secretary:** Ms Alison Citroen

#### **\*\* Judging of Young Handlers starts at 9.00am \*\***

The General Rules and Regulations of the Show will also apply to this Section. The judging of Cattle starts at 9.30am. It is the responsibility of owners to ensure that all cattle entries can fulfil all DEFRA requirements of pre-movement isolation, pre-movement testing, official identification, and freedom from any herd, flock or other types of restrictions in force at the time. Every animal must be entered or certified as eligible to be entered in the Herd Book of its Breed, or Grading Register, except where otherwise stated at the top of the breed classification. All cattle must be tattooed in accordance with the rules of their respective Breed Societies, where such rules exist, and tattoos must be clearly legible. Where an animal is entered by the exhibitor as eligible for entry in the Herd Book of its Breed, proof of such eligibility must be given on the entry form.

Owners of Cattle must ensure that the animals are accompanied by and must provide the relevant Full Cattle Passport. Guidance on the necessary completion of Cattle Passports to/from the Showground can be obtained from the BCMS Helpline, Telephone 0345 050 1234.

Owners of all stock are reminded that the relevant records of the animal(s) movements to and from the Show ground must be duly entered into their Farm Register or movement book within 36 hours and to notify BCMS of movements

within 3 days. Cattle must have been the bona fide property of the exhibitor on his holding for at least two calendar months prior to the Show.

Definition of Exhibitor Bred. An animal is defined, as exhibitor bred if the prefix of the animal is that registered to the exhibitor and the exhibitor was the registered owner/joint owner of the dam at the time of birth and registration. An animal born as a result of embryo transfer is deemed "Exhibitor Bred" if at the time of embryo collection the donor female was in sole or joint ownership of the exhibitor.

Cows or Heifers which calve at the Show, or which have signs or abnormal discharge, will be placed into isolation and returned to the herd of origin as soon as practicable. The DVM will be informed immediately. If calving should take place, or if abnormal discharge should occur before the time of judging, such animals will not be allowed to compete. **Please state if bringing suckling calf with cow that is not entered in a separate calf class.**

All cattle exhibitors, judges and stewards will be given a copy of the DEFRA Schedule of Conditions which must be strictly complied with. All cattle must be halter led at all times. Exhibitors should bring their own buckets for watering cattle. Water will be provided but no exhibitor will be permitted to bring a trough. In the interest of Public Safety, the Show Committee has decided that no bull shall be paraded unless it is properly rung and is controlled by one person with a bull staff or two persons both holding ropes attached through the bull's nose. Cattle belonging to a CHeCS-approved Health Scheme must be accompanied by a Herd Certificate of their Status, a copy of which should accompany the entry form. Members must ensure that they and their cattle comply with the Scheme Rules concerning attendance at Shows.

<p>2026 Show Date will be Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2026</p>
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## **SHEEP**

**Section Chairman:** Mr Ian Andrews

The General Rules and Regulations of the Show will also apply to this Section.

Young Sheep Handler judging will commence at 9.00am

The judging of sheep will commence at 9.30am.

It is the responsibility of owners to ensure that all sheep entries can fulfil all DEFRA requirements of pre-movement isolation, official identification, and freedom from any herd, flock or other types of restrictions in force at the time. Movement document AML 1 required on entry. Under the Welfare of Livestock (Prohibited Operations) Regulations 1982 all sheep's tails must cover the vulva of the female and the anus of the male.

**Classes for Registered Sheep.** Every animal entered for competition, must be entered or certified as eligible to be entered in the flock Book of its Breed. All Sheep must also be tattooed in accordance with the rules of their respective Breed Societies, where such rules exist. Where an animal is entered by the exhibitor as eligible for entry in the Flock Book of its Breed, proof of such eligibility may be requested and the animal shown to Breed Society Rules.

Each sheep exhibited can only enter one class except for the Group of Three and special classes. All other sheep, except lambs, must be clean shorn after 1<sup>st</sup> April of the current year. All sheep shown in the local classes to be untrimmed with shears, but tailing permitted. The judges will be instructed to disqualify any sheep not conforming to this rule.

### **HEALTH SCHEMES MV - SHEEP**

All owners of MV accredited animals, must produce a valid certificate of MV/CAE accredited status on arrival at the Show. These will be collected by stewards for validation at the unloading point only, who will then direct owners to the appropriate approved section of the Show. Non-presentation of the certificates will mean that animals cannot go to approved sections and will so lose their Health Scheme status. They will then have to go through the 'added animals' procedure as per scheme rules, which requires isolation and testing when returned home. All exhibitors should co-operate with Show Stewards' directions, to avoid mixing of Health Scheme and non-Health Scheme stock.

### **SCRAPIE MONITORED NEGATIVE**

Exhibits will be accepted for Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Section. Appropriate penning arrangements will be provided.

## GOATS

### **Section Chairman:** Mr Tim Garry

The General Rules and Regulations of the Show will also apply to this Section. It is the responsibility of owners to ensure that all goat entries can fulfil all DEFRA requirements of pre-movement isolation, official identification, and freedom from any herd, flock or other types of restrictions in force at the time. Movement document AML 1 required on entry.

All exhibits must be registered with the British Goat Society, PO Box 137, Swanley, Kent BR8 9BW, as in the ownership of, and in the name of the exhibitor.

The Goat Classes/Milking Competitions only are held under the Rules, Regulations and Recognition of the British Goat Society. All exhibits must be registered with the BGS as in the ownership and in the name of the exhibitor, the registered name and number being quoted on the entry form. (Also the kidding date for goats in milk). All goats in milk must be kidded or aborted a minimum of 30 days previous to the date of the Show.

Entry Form. The Registered name and registered number, ear mark, date of birth, sire and dam, and if in milk, the date of last kidding, must be quoted on the entry form. 'kids to be registered with the BGS before the show.

Entries will be restricted to goats from herds that are whole herd negative CAE tested within the twelve months prior to the show. Whole herd negative CAE tested means an entire herd in which all animals over one year old hold a current negative CAE test certificate, and all kids should have a current negative CAE test certificate for their dams.

If any herds have had a positive CAE result, they must provide two clear whole herd tests, completed since the reactor has been culled. The tests must not be more than 12 months apart and not less than 6 months apart.

All Goats to be CAE Negative tested.

**PLEASE NOTE: PROVISION IS NOT PROVIDED FOR THE OFFICIAL SAC CAE ACCREDITED GOAT SCHEMES.**

**All Goats** to be on the Show field by 9.00am and vehicles removed to the car park. All goats entering classes 275 - 281 and 295 - 296 inclusive must be on the Show field by 5pm on the afternoon prior to the Show. Stripping out will be completed by 6.00pm. Female kids must be over two months but not exceed one year of age. Goatlings must not have borne a kid and must be over one year but not exceed two years of age. Goat pens: Goats are penned in a marquee. According to number of entries, classes may be divided into breeds.

## PIGS

**Section Chairman:** Mr Robert Rabbetts

The General Rules and Regulations of the Show will also apply to this Section. The judging of Pigs starts at 9.30am.

It is the responsibility of owners to ensure that all pig entries can fulfil all DEFRA requirements of pre-movement isolation, official identification, and freedom from any herd, flock or other types of restrictions in force at the time. Movement document AML 2 required on entry.

In the event of only two entries the classes may be amalgamated at the judge's discretion.

### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EXHIBITORS OF PIGS**

To confirm with pig health schemes please ensure that all animals are free from lice.

The Society will not be responsible for pigs on the Show Field.

All boars must be shown by two competent adult handlers who are equipped with protective boards.

Colouring. The use of artificial colouring, whitening and/or powder on pigs, as well as the removal or addition of spots by artificial means is prohibited. (White woodflower is permitted).

**ALL TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED TO THE SOCIETY OFFICES  
BY 1ST JULY PLEASE**

**2026 Show Date will be  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

## DORSET SHOWS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four separate championships for Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Sheep & Goats.

Entry is automatic for exhibitors that exhibit at the three Dorset Agricultural Shows. Young Handler classes are not eligible.

Points to be accumulated as follows:

### Cattle - Beef

Points awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> - 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6 points.

1 <sup>st</sup>	£150 & Dorchester Agricultural Society Perpetual Challenge Cup
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£125
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£100

### Cattle - Dairy

1st	£150 & Gillingham & Shaftesbury Agricultural Society Perpetual Challenge Cup
2nd	£125
3rd	£100

### Sheep

Points awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 points, 4<sup>th</sup> 4 points

1 <sup>st</sup>	£100 & the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Agricultural Society Perpetual Challenge Cup
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£50

### Goats

Points awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 points, 4<sup>th</sup> 4 points

1 <sup>st</sup>	£75 & Melplash Agricultural Society Perpetual Challenge Cup
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£25



To be presented in the Grand Parade at the  
Dorset County Show on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### CATTLE SECTION

**Section Chairmen:** Mr Frank Greenway and Mr Kevin Wallbridge

**Vice Chairman:** Mr Kevin Groves

**Cattle Secretary:** Ms Alison Citroen

**Young Handler judging will commence at 9.00am \*NEW TIME FOR 2025 \***

Judging of all other Cattle classes will commence at 9.30am

**Please ensure that any coverings / gazebos fit within your allocated space,  
please contact the office with any queries.**

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- **PASSPORTS FOR ALL CATTLE MUST BE PRESENTED ON ARRIVAL. PLEASE ENSURE YOU COLLECT PASSPORTS FROM CATTLE SECRETARY AFTER JUDGING AND BEFORE 2.00PM. ANY PASSPORTS NOT COLLECTED WILL BE SENT TO THE SHOW SECRETARY'S OFFICE.**
- **ALL LIVESTOCK VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED TO THE OFFICIAL LORRY PARK BY 9.00AM.**
- **NO EXHIBITOR MAY LEAVE THE SHOW GROUND BEFORE THE GRAND PARADE AND CANNOT LEAVE UNTIL THEY HAVE COLLECTED THEIR PASSPORTS**
- **EACH INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL MAY ONLY ENTER ONE CLASS PLUS A PAIRS CLASS IN THEIR APPLICABLE SECTIONS AND THE YOUNG HANDLERS CLASS.**
- **CALVES AT FOOT SHOULD BE NOTED ON THE ENTRY FORM TO ALLOW CORRECT LINEAGE TO BE ALLOCATED. ALL CALVES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR OWN FULL PASSPORT**
- **MAXIMUM OF SIX ANIMALS PER EXHIBITOR.**

### CHAMPION TROPHIES

These trophies will be awarded as part of the Grand Parade

**Judges' Panel:** formed from the judges of the Beef Breeds and Rare Breeds.

- C1 **Silver Perpetual Challenge Cup**, given by the **Townspeople of Bridport** for the Best Beef Beast at the show.
- C2 **The Lawrences Auctioneers of Crewkerne Silver Perpetual Challenge Cup**, given by Mrs Helen Carless for the Best Dairy Beast at the show. Champions in each of the Holstein and Any Other Dairy breeds section will be automatically judged for this award.
- C3 **The Reg Wallbridge Points Trophy** for the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points for exhibits overall. Points are awarded across all section classes as follows: 1st 10 points, 2nd 8 points, 3rd 6 points. No additional points will be awarded for Section Champion, Reserve Champion or Overall Beef/Dairy Champion.
- C4 **Perpetual Challenge Cup**, given by Mr and Mrs Philip Crawford for the Supreme Dairy Calf Champion. Animals placed 1st and 2nd in the Dairy classes for calves aged 12 months and under will be eligible. (classes 90, 91, 97 and 98).
- C16 **The Colaba Perpetual Cup**, given by Mr Peter Guest for the Pedigree Beef Interbreed Pairs Champion (to include Rare Breeds). Winning pairs from each beef section will be invited to take part in the championship, no rosettes to be worn.

We accept  
**ENTRIES ONLINE**



Visit [www.melplashshow.co.uk](http://www.melplashshow.co.uk)

## Holstein

*(Pedigree and Non-Pedigree permissible as long as they are milk recorded and by a nominated sire)*

**If there are not sufficient entries in the Holstein and Any Other Dairy Breed sections classes will be combined at the judge's discretion.**

### **Note to Dairy Exhibitors**

A vacuum line will be provided for you to attach your own milking equipment. Milk produced on the show ground must not be used for human consumption; it must be removed from the show ground by the exhibitor and disposed of properly. Exhibitors must provide their own milk cluster and lidded bucket.

**Thank you to Andrew Bailey, Elite Dairy Services  
for kindly loaning the equipment.**

**Entry Fee:** Member: £5 Non Member £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Mr Mike Deakins, Burnham-on-Sea

**Stewards:** Mrs Nicky Greenway and Ms Ginny Greenway

- 90 **Female calf under six months of age**
- 91 **Heifer**, 6-12 months old on or before day of show
- 92 **Heifer**, over 12 months old and under 18 months old on day of show
- 93 **Heifer**, in-calf with first calf
- 94 **Heifer**, after having first calf
- 95 **Cow** after having second or subsequent calvings
- 96 **Pair of animals**, both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Holstein section.

R1 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Holstein classes.

C19 **Thornbrook Cup**, presented by Mr & Mrs Frank Greenway will be awarded to the best animal in the Holstein cattle classes.

**Holstein UK** present rosettes for The Champion, Reserve Champion, Best Exhibitor Bred, Best Udder and Junior Champion.

C17 **The Melplash Agricultural Society Perpetual Challenge Trophy**, presented by Lt. Commander Newgass for the best exhibit of a Friesian Cow judged on Production and Inspection.

Any other Dairy Breed  
**KINDLY SPONSORED BY MR BRIAN DODD**

*(Pedigree and Non-Pedigree permissible as long as they are  
milk recorded and by a nominated sire)*

**If there are not sufficient entries in the Holstein and Any Other Dairy Breed  
sections classes will be combined at the judge's discretion.**

**Note to Dairy Exhibitors**

A vacuum line will be provided for you to attach your own milking equipment.  
Milk produced on the show ground must not be used for human consumption; it  
must be removed from the show ground by the exhibitor and disposed of  
properly. Exhibitors must provide their own milk cluster and lidded bucket.

**Entry Fee:** Member: £5 Non Member £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Mr Tom Osborne, Bath

**Steward:** Miss Megan Edwards

- 97 **Female calf** under six months of age
- 98 **Heifer**, 6-12 months old on or before day of show
- 99 **Heifer**, over 12 months old and under 18 months old on day of show
- 100 **Heifer**, in-calf with first calf
- 101 **Heifer**, after having first calf
- 102 **Cow** after having second or subsequent calvings
- 103 **Pair of animals**, both animals having been entered in their appropriate  
class in the Any Other Dairy Breed section.
  
- R2 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and  
rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Any Other Dairy Breed  
classes.
  
- C18 **The Dorset AEC Challenge Cup** presented to the Best Dairy Shorthorn  
in the Any Other Dairy breed classes.
  
- C20 **The Perpetual Challenge Cup** for the Champion Any Other Dairy Breed  
given by **Mr David Honeybun**.



### Local Dairy Class

**Entry Fee:** Member: £5 Non Member £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

- 104 **Local Dairy Class** - Open to any animal entered in classes 90 - 103, owned and residing within a 12 mile radius of Melplash Church.

### Red Ruby Devon

If there are insufficient entries, this section will be amalgamated with the Native British Beef classes.

**Entry Fee:** Member: £5 Non Member £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Mr M Cowell, Chulmleigh

**Steward:** Mr John Bale

- 105 **Cow**, born on or before 31st December 2021  
106 **Heifer**, born between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023  
107 **Heifer**, born 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024  
108 **Calf**, born on or after 1st January 2025  
109 **Bull**, any age  
110 **The Best Pair of Animals.** Both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Red Ruby Devon section.

- R3 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Red Ruby Devon classes.

- C11 **The Ashley Chase Estate Trophy** will be awarded to the Best Devon Beast in the above Classes.

**The Devon Cattle Breeders Society** will award a sash and rosette to the Champion Devon.

### Hereford

If there are insufficient entries, this section will be amalgamated with the Native British Beef classes.

**Entry Fee:** Member: £5 Non Member £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Mr Jonathan Moorhouse, Taunton

**Steward:** Mr Russell Coombes

- 111 **Cow**, born on or before 31st December 2021
- 112 **Heifer**, born between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023
- 113 **Heifer**, born 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024
- 114 **Calf**, born on or after 1st January 2025
- 115 **Bull**, any age
- 116 **The Best Pair of Animals.** Both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Hereford Section.
- R4 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Hereford classes.
- C8 **The Yeovil Livestock Auctioneers Ltd Perpetual Challenge Trophy** awarded to the Best Animal in the Hereford classes.
- C9 **The Simon Chick Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy**, presented by Messrs W N Chick & Sons, for the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points for exhibits in the open Hereford classes. Points to be awarded: 1st 4 points; 2nd 2 points; 3rd 1 point.
- The South Western Hereford Association's Certificate** for the herdsman showing the Breed Champion and Rosette for Breed Champion.

**Any Pure British Beef Breed, or breed originating from a native British breed**  
(excluding Red Ruby Devon, Dexter, Hereford and Rare & Minority Breeds)

**Entry Fee:** Member: £5 Non Member £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Mr Richard Tully, Brixham

**Stewards:** Mr Rodney Cuff

- 117 **Cow**, born on or before 31st December 2021  
118 **Heifer**, born between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023  
119 **Heifer**, born 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024  
120 **Calf**, born on or after 1st January 2025  
121 **Bull**, any age  
122 **Best Pair of Animals.** Both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Any Pure Beef Breed Indigenous to Britain Section.
- R5 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Any Pure Beef Breed or breed originating from a native British breed classes.
- C15 **Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by NFU - Beaminster** awarded to the Champion Animal in the Any Pure Beef Breed Indigenous to Britain classes
- C5 **The John Thacker Perpetual Challenge Cup** presented by Mr J Thacker for the Best Aberdeen Angus.

**The Aberdeen Angus Society** will award a **Sash** for the Best Aberdeen Angus in these classes and a **Rosette** for the Best Animal bred by Exhibitor.

**CHAMPION DAIRY BEAST**

**Champions in each of the Dairy Sections**  
will be automatically judged for this award.

### Any Other Pure Beef Breeds

**Entry Fee:** Member: £5; Non-Member: £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Mr Stephen Potter, Bristol

**Stewards:** Mr Kevin Groves and Miss Amy Groves

- 123 **Cow**, born on or before 31st December 2021
- 124 **Heifer**, born between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023
- 125 **Heifer**, born 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024
- 126 **Calf**, born on or after 1st January 2025
- 127 **Bull**, any age
- 128 **Best Pair of Animals.** Both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in this Section
- R6 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Any Other Pure Beef Breeds classes.
- C6 **The BR Cox Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy**, given by the Family of the late BR Cox Esq for the Best Animal in these classes.

**The British Simmental Cattle Society** award Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes in this section.

### Commercial Beef

**Entry Fee:** Member: £5 Non Member £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Mr John Norman, Bridport

**Stewards:** Mr Kevin Groves and Ms Amy Groves

- 129 **Commercial Beef Steer of any breed or cross**, for animals under two years of age. Judged as a potential butcher's animal and not to be entered into any other class, except Young Handler.
- 130 **Commercial Beef Heifer of any breed or cross**, for animals under two years of age. Judged as a potential butcher's animal and not to be entered into any other class, except Young Handler.
- R7 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette Rosettes in the Commercial Beef classes.

**Longhorn Cattle**  
*(Pure Bred Only)*

If there are insufficient entries, this section will be amalgamated with the Rare and Minority Breed classes.

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Mr George Woollatt, Chepstow

**Steward:** Mr Kevin Wallbridge

- 131 **Cow**, born on or before 31st December 2021
- 132 **Heifer**, born between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023
- 133 **Heifer**, born 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024
- 134 **Calf**, born on or after 1st January 2025
- 135 **Bull**, any age
- 136 **Best Pair of Animals.** Both animals having been entered in their appropriate Class in the Longhorn Section.

- R10 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Longhorn Cattle classes.

**Dexter Cattle**  
*(Pure Bred Only)*

If there are insufficient entries, this section will be amalgamated with the Native British Beef classes.

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Ms Hazel Bickerton, Middlewich

**Steward:** Miss Rosie Fox

- 137 Heifer under 16 months of age
- 138 Heifer, 16 months and over
- 139 Cow dry
- 140 Bull under 30 months of age
- 141 Bull 30 months of age and over
- 142 Cow in Milk
- 143 **Best Pair of Animals.** Both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Dexter section.

- R8      **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Dexter classes.
- C7      **The Rumenco Limited Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the Best Animal in the Dexter classes.
- C14     The **Mike Gurd Memorial Challenge Trophy**, presented by Mrs Mavis Gurd, for the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points for exhibits in the open Dexter classes. Points to be awarded: 1st 4 points; 2nd 2 points; 3rd 1 point.

**The Dexter Society** offer a Breed Medal and Rosette for the Champion Dexter.

### **Rare & Minority Breeds**

**As listed, or has previously been listed by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust**

Please note, if there are insufficient entries, the heifer classes may be amalgamated.

**Entry Fee:** Member: £5; Non -Member: £6

**Prize Money:** 1st £30; 2nd £20; 3rd £10

**Judge:** Mr Alan Lyons, Axbridge

**Stewards:** Mr & Mrs Bernard and Sheila Newman

- 144     **Cow**, born on or before 31st December 2021
- 145     **Heifer**, born between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023
- 146     **Heifer**, born 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024
- 147     **Calf**, born on or after 1st January 2025
- 148     **Bull**, any age
- 149     **Best Pair of Animals.** Both animals having been entered in their appropriate Class in the Rare & Minority Breeds Section.

**Please note** that animals entered in the Rare Breeds Classes are not eligible for any other breed classes.

- R9      **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Rare & Minority classes.
- C10     **The Gordon Pullin Challenge Cup** will be awarded to the Best Animal in Rare Breed Classes.

### CHAMPION BEEF PAIRS

**Judge:** Mrs Vicky Smith, Crediton

Winning pairs from each beef section including **Rare Breeds** will be invited to take part in the Pedigree Beef Interbreed Pairs Championship.

### CHAMPION BEEF BEAST

**Judge:** Mrs Vicky Smith, Crediton

Champions in each of the **Pure Bred Beef Sections** will be automatically judged on points for this award.

Trophies will be presented in the Main Ring as part of the Grand Parade.

### **Young Cattle Handler**

**Judging starts at 9.00am \*\*New time for 2025\*\***

**(NO ENTRY FEE)**

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10

**Classes very kindly sponsored by The Farm Consultancy Group**



**Dairy Judge:** Mr Mike Deakins, Burnham-on-Sea

**Beef Judge:** Mrs Vicky Smith, Crediton

Handlers must be dressed appropriate to the breed of their cattle and the cattle to be halter led. Please state handler age clearly on entry form.

**Cattle must be entered in their individual breed section as well as this class.**

**Please ensure handlers display their correct entry number when showing.**

- 150 **Dairy Cattle Handler - JUNIOR**, handler to be aged 12 years or under on the day of the Show - Junior. Dairy cattle of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult *may* accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health & Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, cattle (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.

- 151 **Dairy Cattle Handler - SENIOR**, handler to be aged 13 -18 years on the day of the Show - Senior. Dairy cattle of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult *may* accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health & Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, cattle (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.
- 152 **Beef Cattle Handler – JUNIOR**, handler to be aged 12 years or under on the day of the Show - Junior. Beef cattle of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult *may* accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health & Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, cattle (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.
- 153 **Beef Cattle Handler - SENIOR**, handler to be aged 13 - 18 years on the day of the Show - Senior. Beef cattle of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult *may* accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health & Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, cattle (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.
- C13A **Perpetual Challenge Cup** presented by Mr & Mrs Frank Greenway will be awarded to the Best Young Dairy Cattle Handler (Junior)
- C13 The **Semex UK Trophy** will be awarded to the Best Young Dairy Cattle Handler (Senior)
- C12A **Perpetual Challenge Cup** presented by Ms Alison Citroen will be awarded to the Best Young Beef Cattle Handler (Junior)
- C12 **The RJ Edmunds Trophy** will be awarded to the Best Young Beef Cattle Handler (Senior).



**SHEEP SECTION**  
**Section Chairmen - Mr Ian Andrews**

Young Handler Judging will commence at 9.00am  
Judging of all other Sheep classes will commence at 9.30am

**Thank you to our Sheep Commentator: Mrs Marg Cowley**

**Only one handler to be in the showing ring during judging please**  
**(with the exception of the Young Handler classes)**

**Please note: Pens are 6ft square. We do not charge for pens and they are**  
**allocated by our sheep chairman.**

**ALL LIVESTOCK VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED TO**  
**THE OFFICIAL LORRY PARK BY 9.00 am**

**Dorset Down- MV and Non MV**

If there are insufficient entries (less than 4 exhibitors) these classes will be  
amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.

**Prize Money: 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10**

**Entry Fee: Member £5; Non-Member: £6**

**Judge: Mr Alex Hext, Bridgwater**

**Steward: Mrs Carolyn Gill**

- 150 **Ram, of any age**
- 151 **Ram Lamb**
- 152 **One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2025.**
- 153 **Shearling Ewe**
- 154 **Ewe Lamb**
- 155 **A Group of Three, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)**
  
- R10 **The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette**
  
- S5 **The Joe Bryant Silver Perpetual Cup, will be awarded to the Best Dorset Down entry.**
  
- S6 **The EB Holloway Perpetual Challenge Cup will be awarded to the Best Dorset Down of the opposite sex to the Best Dorset Down entry.**

### Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset - MV and Non MV

If there are insufficient entries (less than 4 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.

(Sheep in classes 161 & 162 need not be registered)

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Judge:** Mr Sam Driver, Glossop

**Steward:** Mrs Helen Wallbridge

- 156 **Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ram Lamb**
- 157 **Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ram**, Shearling Ram or older
- 158 **One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Shearling Ewe**
- 159 **One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Chilver Lamb**, born on or after 1st September 2024
- 160 **One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ewe**, four tooth or older.
- 161 **Two Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ewes**, of any age. This is a local class - all untrimmed. To be judged in pens.
- 162 **Two Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Chilver Lambs**, born on or after 1st September 2024. This is a local class - all untrimmed.
- 163 **A Group of Three** to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)

The judging of the Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Championship will take place after Class 163.

- R11 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.
- S1 **The AW Cheek Silver Perpetual Challenge Cup** for the Best Exhibit in the registered Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Sheep Classes (Classes 156-160 only).
- S2 **The Alfred Johnson Silver Perpetual Challenge Cup** for the Best Exhibit in the Local Classes for Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Sheep. The sheep shown to have been bred by the exhibitor.

**The Dorset Horn and Poll Dorset Sheep Breeders' Association** has donated a Rosette for the Best Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset entry.

### Dutch Spotted - MV and Non MV

If there are insufficient entries (less than 4 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Continental Breed classes.

**Prize Money: 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10**

**Entry Fee: Member £5; Non-Member: £6**

**Judge:** Ms Imogen Crump, Wiveliscombe

**Steward:** Mr Michael Fooks

- 164 **Ram**, of any age
- 165 **Ram Lamb**
- 166 **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.
- 167 **Shearling Ewe**
- 168 **Ewe Lamb**
- 169 **A Group of Three**, to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown)

- R12 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

**The Dutch Spotted Sheep Society** will offer Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes if there are sufficient entries.

### Greyface Dartmoor

If there are insufficient entries (less than 4 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.

**1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10**

**Entry Fee: Member £5; Non-Member £6**

**Judge:** Mrs Jane Epstein, Crediton

**Steward:** Mr Tom Baker

- 170 **Ram**, of any age
- 171 **Shearling Ram**
- 172 **Ram Lamb**
- 173 **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.
- 174 **Shearling Ewe**
- 175 **Ewe Lamb**, born 2025
- 176 **Group of Three** to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)

R13     **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette

**The Hazelwood Cup**, presented by Mrs Sadie Champion for the best animal in the Greyface Dartmoor classes.

**The Greyface Dartmoor Sheep Breeders Association** offer a rosette and prize of £10 for the Best Male shown and owned by an exhibitor and the Best Female shown and owned by an exhibitor.

**Hampshire Down - MV and Non MV**

If there are insufficient entries (less than 4 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.

**Prize Money: 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10**

**Entry Fee: Member £5; Non-Member: £6**

**Judge:** Mr Matthew Osmond, Stockbridge

**Steward:** Mr Martin Yeates

177     **Ram of any age**

178     **Ram Lamb**

179     **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.

180     **Shearling Ewe**

181     **Ewe Lamb**

182     **A Group of Three**, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)

The judging of the Hampshire Down championship will take place after class 182.

R14     **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette

**The Hampshire Down Sheep Breeders Association** offer a rosette for the Breed Champion.

### Jacob

If there are insufficient entries (less than 4 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.

**These classes are to be run under Jacob Sheep Society Rules**

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Judge:** Mr Mike Bundy, Bath

**Steward:** Mr Ed Stantiford and Mr Kai Kenway

- 183 **Ram**, of any age
- 184 **Ram Lamb**
- 185 **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.
- 186 **Shearling Ewe**
- 187 **Ewe Lamb**
- 188 **A Group of Three**, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be drawn)

The judging of the Jacob Championship will take place after Class 188

- R15 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

- S8 **The Melplash Agricultural Society Perpetual Challenge Cup** for the Best Exhibit in the Jacob Sheep Classes.

**The Jacob Sheep Society** offers a **Special Rosette** for the Winner, provided the owner is a member of the Jacob Sheep Society.

### Portland

If there are insufficient entries (less than 4 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Rare Breed classes.

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Judge:** Mr Steve Gould, Blandford Forum

**Steward:** Mr David Fooks

189 **Ram any age**

190 **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.

191 **Shearling Ewe**

192 **Ram Lamb**

193 **Ewe Lamb**

194 **A Group of Three**, to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown)

The judging of the Portland Championship will take place after Class 194.

R16 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

S10 **The Perpetual Southover Plate** kindly presented by the late **Mrs Michelle Jones** will be awarded to the Best Portland Sheep.

**The Portland Sheep Breeders' Group** has kindly donated a rosette for the Best Portland Exhibit.

### Suffolk - MV and Non MV

If there are insufficient entries (less than 4 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10.

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Judge:** Mr Stephen Pierce, Bristol

**Steward:** Mr John Yeates

- 195 **Ram of any age**
- 196 **Ram Lamb**
- 197 **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.
- 198 **Shearling Ewe**
- 199 **Ewe Lamb**
- 200 **A Group of Three**, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown).
  
- R17 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.
  
- S4 **Youngs Animal Health, Glasgow**, has kindly donated a perpetual trophy for the Best Suffolk Sheep.
  
- The Suffolk Sheep Society** offers a **Special Rosette** for the Best Suffolk Exhibit.

**Texel - MV and Non MV**

**All sheep shown in this section, must be eligible under the Texel Sheep Society Auspices.**

If there are insufficient entries (less than 4 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Continental Breed Classes.

**Prize Money: 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10.**

**Entry Fee: Member £5; Non-Member £6**

**Judge:** Mr Anthony Carter, Dawlish

**Steward:** Mr Vernon Edmunds

- 201 **Registered Texel Ram, any age.**
- 202 **Registered Texel Ram Lamb**
- 203 **One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2025.**
- 204 **One Registered Texel Shearling Ewe**
- 205 **One Registered Texel Ewe Lamb**
- 206 **A Group of Three, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)**

The judging of the Texel Championship will take place after Class 206.

- R18 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

- S7 **The John Studley Perpetual Cup** will be awarded to the best Texel in the Texel classes.

**The British Texel Sheep Society** offers Champion & Reserve Champion Rosettes for the Best Exhibits.



### Rare Breeds

except for those with their own Breed Classes.

If not more than three exhibitors, entries in this section will be amalgamated with the Primitive Breeds classes

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10.

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Judge:** Mrs Lenice Bell, Chulmleigh

**Steward:** Miss Milly White

207 **Ram**, of any age

208 **Ram Lamb**

209 **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.

210 **Ewe Lamb**, born 2025

211 **Group of Three** to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)

R19 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette in the Rare Breed section.

S9 The **JIM BINGHAM Perpetual Trophy** to be presented to the Best Animal overall in the Rare and Primitive Breed Classes. This exhibit will be the one going forward to the Interbreed Championship.

### Primitive Breeds

except for those with their own Breed Classes.

If not more than three exhibitors entries in this section will be amalgamated with the Rare Breeds classes

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Judge:** Mr David Gill, Dorchester

**Steward:** Miss Jessica Wyles

212 **Ram**, of any age

213 **Ram Lamb**

214 **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.

215 **Ewe Lamb** born 2025

216 **A Group of Three**, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)

- R20     **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.
- S9        The **JIM BINGHAM Perpetual Trophy** to be presented to the Best Animal overall in the Rare and Primitive Breed Classes. This exhibit will be the one going forward to the Interbreed Championship.

**Any Other Pure Native Breed – MV and Non MV**

Except those which have their own breed classes.  
To be registered with their respective breed society

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10.

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Judge:** Mrs Ruth Kirby, Dorchester

**Steward:** Mr Matthew Bagwell

- 217     **Ram of any age**  
218     **Ram Lamb**  
219     **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.  
220     **Shearling Ewe**  
221     **Ewe Lamb**  
222     **A Group of Three**, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
- R21     **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion and Reserve Champion Rosette

**Any Other Pure Continental Breed – MV and Non MV**

Except those who have their own breed classes  
To be registered with their respective breed society.

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10.

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Judge:** Mr Philip Caunter, Totnes

**Steward:** Miss Ellie Hughes

- 223 **Ram of any age**  
224 **Ram Lamb**  
225 **One Ewe of any age**, having reared a lamb in 2025.  
226 **Shearling Ewe**  
227 **Ewe Lamb**  
228 **A Group of Three**, to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
- R22 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion and Reserve Champion Rosette
- S22 **The Baroness of Bachuil Perpetual Challenge Trophy** to be awarded to the Champion in Any Pure Continental Sheep section.

**Crossbreed Ewes and Lambs**

(TO BE JUDGED IN THEIR PENS)

Please note that judging starts at 9.30am, please ensure a representative is at the pen during judging.

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10

**Entry Fee:** Member £5; Non-Member £6

**Judge:** Mr Richard Jenkins, Launceston

**Steward:** Mr Robert Yeates

- 229 **Two Crossbreed Ewes**, excluding all pure breed sheep.  
230 **Two Crossbreed Ewe Lambs**, excluding all pure breed Sheep.
- R23 **The Melplash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.
- S11 **The HP Yeates Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy**, presented by J H Yeates Esq and Family, to the winner of the Cross Breed section.

### Interbreed Group of Three Championship

This will take place at 11.45am, or as soon as the last breed class finishes.

The Winning Group of Three from each breed section will go forward to the Interbreed Championship

**Judge:** Mr Arthur Brown, Templecombe

- S12 **P W Baker Esq** has kindly donated a Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to the Champion Group. The Melplash Agricultural Society offers Rosettes to the Winning Group.

### Interbreed Champion

The judging will take place immediately after the Interbreed Group of Three Championship

### The Champion exhibit from each breed section to go forward

**Judge:** Mr Arthur Brown, Templecombe

- S13 **The Wilfred Fooks Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup**, presented by Messrs Fooks Bros to the Champion.

### Best Opposite Sex to the Interbreed Champion Championship

**Judge:** Mr Arthur Brown, Templecombe

- S14 **The Synergy Farm Health Perpetual Challenge Trophy** presented by Synergy Farm Health, Evershot

**Young Sheep Handler**  
**Judging starts at 9.00am**  
**NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SHOW DAY**  
**(NO ENTRY FEE)**

**Prize Money:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10

Handlers must wear white coats and the sheep to be halter led. Please state clearly age on Entry Form and MV Status.

**Judge:** Mrs Fiona Andrews, Beaminster

**Steward:** Mrs Helen Wallbridge

- 231 **Handler**, aged 3 - 6 years old on the day of the Show. Sheep of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult may accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health & Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, sheep (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.
- S23 **The Cattistock Texels Trophy** kindly presented by Ian and Fiona Andrews is awarded to the winner of class 231.

**Judge:** Mrs Helen Driver, Glossop

**Steward:** Miss Milly White

- 232 **Handler**, aged 7-10 years old on the day of the Show. Sheep of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult may accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health & Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, sheep (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.
- S24 **The Wytherston Trophy** kindly presented Mr J Boden is awarded to the winner of class 232.

**Judge:** Mr Peter Yeates, Dorchester

**Steward:** Mr Martin Yeates

- 233 **Handler**, aged 11-14 years old on the day of the Show. Sheep of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult may accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health & Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, sheep (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.
- S15 **The Edmunds Family Trophy** kindly presented by Mr V Edmunds is awarded to the winner of class 233.

### Live Lambs - Prior to Show Day

**Prize Money:** 1st £25; 2nd £15; 3rd £10;  
Rosettes to 6th Place

**Entry Fee:** Member £7; Non-Member £9  
(includes automatic entry to carcass class)

Judge: Mr Stuart Clatworthy, Highbridge  
Judging to take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**EXHIBITORS ARE TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR LIVE LAMBS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE MELPLASH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW GROUND BY 5.15pm ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST FOR JUDGING.**  
**NO LAMBS WEIGHING UNDER 40KGS CAN BE ENTERED INTO THE COMPETITION**

The Society will make arrangements for slaughtering at AC Hopkins, Taunton. Please bear in mind that as sheep are moving to the showground prior to going to the abattoir you must observe any 6-day standstill in force on your premises which means sheep will only be able to attend the show if the standstill period has ended or they move out of a Defra approved isolation unit.

- 234 **Two Lambs born in 2025 - Continental Sired** suitable for the meat trade. Live weight of each animal 40kgs – 45kgs. Entries in this class will also be entered in Class 238.
- 235 **Two Lambs born in 2025 - Continental Sired** suitable for the meat trade. Live weight of each animal 46kgs and over. Entries in this class will also be entered in Class 239.
- 236 **Two Lambs born in 2025 - Native Sired**, suitable for the meat trade. Live weight of each animal 40kgs – 45kgs. Entries in this class will also be entered into class 240.
- 237 **Two Lambs born in 2025 - Native Sired**, suitable for the meat trade. Live weight of each animal 46kgs and over. Entries in this class will also be entered into class 241.

**A Lamb Supper will be held at the showground after judging, please contact the show office for further information and to buy tickets.**

- S16 **The Powerstock Perpetual Cup** presented by the Society's 1983 Officers in Powerstock Parish, to the Best Native Sired Lamb in Class 236 and 237.
- S17 **The Joe Yeates Perpetual Cup**, will be presented to the Best Continental Sired Lamb in Class 238 and 239.

## Carcass

The carcass in these classes will be paid for at the current market price, according to grade. Payments will be sent to exhibitors by the Melplash Agricultural Society within three weeks of the show.

Prize Giving will take place at 9.30am on show day, at the Sheep Secretary's tent. Winning carcasses ***will not*** be displayed at the show.

**Prize Money:** 1st £25; 2nd £15; 3rd £10;  
Rosettes to 6th Place

**Judge:** Mr Eric Marlborough, TAUNTON

**Judging to take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
at AC Hopkins, Taunton at 6.00pm.**

- 238 **Best Lamb Carcass - Continental Sired** (Lightweight)
- 239 **Best Lamb Carcass - Continental Sired** (Heavyweight)
- 240 **Best Lamb Carcass - Native Sired** (Lightweight)
- 241 **Best Lamb Carcass - Native Sired** (Heavyweight)
- S18 **Silver Perpetual Challenge Cup** for the Best Lightweight Lamb Carcass in Classes 238 & 240.
- S19 **Silver Perpetual Challenge Cup**, presented by Mr and Mrs D J Churchill for the Best Heavyweight Carcass in Classes 239 & 241.

**PIG SECTION**  
KINDLY SPONSORED BY  
RJ BALSON & SONS, BUTCHERS, BRIDPORT



Section Chairman: Mr Robert Rabbetts  
**All pigs to be housed in a marquee.**  
Thank you to our commentator, Mr David Yates  
Judging Starts at 9.30am

IN THE EVENT OF ONLY TWO ENTRIES THE CLASSES MAY BE  
AMALGAMATED AT THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION

**Judge:** Mr John Flay, Cardiff  
Entry Fee: Member £4, Non-Member £5  
Prize Money: 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10

- 260 **Boars under 12 months** - modern (Large White, Landrace, Welsh, Duroc etc)
- 261 **Boars under 12 months** - traditional (Saddleback, Large Black, Oxford Sandy & Black, etc.)
- 262 **Sow Class** - Modern breed (to have had at least one litter in last six months)
- 263 **Sow Class** - Traditional breed (to have had at least one litter in last six months)
- 264 **Gilt Class** - Modern (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024)
- 265 **Gilt Class** - Traditional (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024)
- 266 **Gilt Class** – Modern (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024)
- 267 **Gilt Class** - Traditional (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024)
- 268 **Gilt Class** - Modern (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025)
- 269 **Gilt Class** - Traditional (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025)
- 270 **2 Pork Pigs** (any breed)
- 271 **Kunekune Boar**, born after 1st January 2025
- 272 **Kunekune Sow**, must have produced and reared a litter within 6 months prior to the show.
- 273 **Kunekune Gilt**, born after 1st July 2024
- 274 **Kunekune Gilt**, born after 1st January 2025
- 275 **Young Pig Handler**, 14 years and under
  
- R24 **The Melpash Agricultural Society** will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette. The Championship for the Overall Best Pig will follow the judging of the Pig Classes



P1 **The Stanley Swaffield Loveless Perpetual Challenge Trophy**, for the Best Animal in the Individual Pig Classes presented by **Messrs S S Loveless & Sons**.

P2 **Silver Perpetual Challenge Salver** for the Best Sow of Any Breed. First and Second Prize winning shows in Classes 262 & 263 are eligible.

P3 **The Christopher Hill Ltd Silver Perpetual Challenge Cup** to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points for exhibits in the Pig Classes. Points to be awarded: 1st - 4 points; 2nd - 2 points; 3rd - 1 point.

**The Oxford Sandy and Black Society** offer a Special Rosette to the winner in eligible classes if a member of the Oxford Sandy & Black Society.

**The Large Black Pig Society** offers a Rosette to the winner in eligible classes if a member of the Large Black Pig Breeding Society.

The Show is a qualifier for the following **British Saddleback Breeders' Club** Championships. Please note: Rosettes may only be awarded to fully paid-up members of the BSB Club.

BSBC Champion of Champions to be held at Malvern Autumn Show  
Overall winner of the Saddleback Classes receives Champion rosette and may enter the above competition. If the pig has already qualified elsewhere, then the reserve is eligible to receive the rosette and enter the class.

BSBC Young Pig of the Year to be held at Malvern Autumn Show  
Male and female winners of the January classes each receive a Young Pig Qualifier rosette and qualify for the above competition.

BSBC Sow Champion to be held at Newbury Show  
Open to the winner of a sow class (sows must have raised a litter to three weeks in the previous 6 months) at qualifying shows. (Please note entries: for this class must also be entered in the main show.)

**Gloucestershire Old Spots Pig Breeders' Club** offer a Best of Breed rosette for the best GOS owned by a Club member at the show.

**The Tamworth Breeders' Club** offers a Rosette for the Best Tamworth pig and the winner will be eligible to compete in the Tamworth Champion of Champions, which this year is being hosted by Westmorland County Show on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

## GOAT SECTION

The Goat Classes / Milking Competitions are held under the Rules, Regulations and Recognition of The British Goat Society. All exhibits must be registered with the BGS as in the ownership and in the name of the exhibitor, the registered name and number being quoted on the entry form. (Also the kidding date for goats in milk). All goats in milk must be kidded or aborted a minimum of 30 days previous to the date of the show.

### **ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF ENTRIES, CLASSES MAY BE DIVIDED INTO BREEDS.**

Entry Fee: Member £4, Non-Member £5

Prize Money: 1st £10; 2nd £8; 3rd £5

Section Chairman: Mr Tim Garry

**Judge:** Mrs Margaret Hardman, Sheffield

- 275 **British Saanen & Saanen Milker** that has borne a kid any age entered in the Herd Book.
- 276 **British Toggenburg and Toggenburg Milker** that has borne a kid any age entered in the Herd Book.
- 277 **British Alpine Milker** that has borne a kid any age entered in the Herd Book.
- 278 **Golden Guernsey or British Guernsey Milker** that has borne a kid any age entered in the Herd Book.
- 279 **Anglo Nubian Milker** that has borne a kid any age entered in the Herd Book.
- 280 **Any other variety Milker** that has borne a kid any age entered in the Herd Book
- 281 **Milk Recorded/Inspection Production Class;** for milk recorded goats. (See notes for class 281)
- 282 **British Saanen or Saanen Goatling** that has not borne a kid, over 1 but not exceeding 2 years old.
- 283 **British Toggenburg or Toggenburg Goatling** that has not borne a kid, over 1 but not exceeding 2 years old.
- 284 **British Alpine Goatling** that has not borne a kid, over 1 but not exceeding 2 years old.
- 285 **Golden Guernsey or British Guernsey Goatling**
- 286 **Anglo Nubian Goatling** that has not borne a kid, over 1 but not exceeding 2 years old.
- 287 **Any other variety Goatling** that has not borne a kid, over 1 but not exceeding 2 years old.

- 288 **British Saanen or Saanen Kid** that is over 2 months old and not exceeding 1 year old.
- 289 **British Toggenburg or Toggenburg Kid** that is over 2 months old and not exceeding 1 year old.
- 290 **British Alpine Kid** that is over 2 months old and not exceeding 1 year old.
- 291 **Golden Guernsey or British Guernsey Kid** that is over 2 months old and not exceeding 1 year old.
- 292 **Anglo Nubian Kid** that is over 2 months old and not exceeding 1 year old.
- 293 **Any other variety Kid** that is over 2 months old and not exceeding 1 year.
- 294 **Milker and Female Progeny.**
- 295 **Milking Competition** for Goats that have kidded once only.
- 296 **Milking Competition** for Goats that have kidded more than once.
- 297 **Young Goat Handler**, handler to be 16 years or under on show day. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the goat is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult may accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health & Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, goat (and accompanying adult) not to be judged. No entry fee.

#### NOTES FOR CLASS 281

1. Goats must be officially recorded.
2. Certificate for the last lactation not exceeding 365 days, authenticated by the milk records secretary to be sent to the show secretary with your entry.
3. Judging will be on points as follows: Each goat will be allocated milk recording points as follows: One point for each complete kg of butterfat and one point for each kg of protein. These points are added together. The goat with the least points will receive one 'recording point' and so on to the goat with the most points which receives as many points as there are goats present. The goats parade before the judge who will place them according to their respective merits. The goat placed last will receive one 'inspection point' and so on to the goat placed first which will receive as many 'inspection points' as there are goats present. Points are added together and the goat with the most points is the winner. In the event of a draw, the total milk yield will be taken into consideration.

**The Melplash Agricultural Society offers rosettes for the following:**

Best Milker and Reserve Best Milker  
Best Goatling and Reserve Best Goatling  
Best Kid and Reserve Best Kid

**Melplash Agricultural Society offers a Sash for the Best Exhibit.**

## SPECIAL PRIZES OFFERED BY THE BRITISH GOAT SOCIETY

A **Rosette** for the Best Goat in Show.

A **Challenge Certificate** for the Best Goat that has borne a kid.

A **Challenge Certificate** for the Best Inspection / Production Goat.

A **Breed Challenge Certificate** for the Best Goat that has borne a kid in each of the following breeds: Anglo Nubian, Saanen, Toggenburg, British-Alpine, British-Guernsey, British-Saanen, British-Toggenburg and Golden Guernsey.

A **Certificate of Merit** for the Best Milker, entered in the British Section of the Herd Book that has borne a kid.

- G1     **The Mrs JHB Bowditch Perpetual Challenge Shield** for the Best Goat in the Show.
- G2     **Perpetual Challenge Cup** presented by **James Foot (Bridport) Ltd.**, for the Best Milker and Progeny.
- G3     **Perpetual Challenge Cup** presented by **Lopen Feed Mills Ltd.**, for the Best Goatling.
- G4     **The 'Hazelton' Guernsey Can Perpetual Trophy** presented by **Mr & Mrs Rex Drewitt**, for the Best Golden Guernsey. This cup may be presented to the best British Guernsey Goat if no Golden Guernsey has entered.
- G5     **The Diana Miller Cup** for the Best Kid
- G6     **Dr Richard Dunnill Trophy** presented by the late Mrs Charlotte Dunnill for the Best Junior Handler
- G7     **The Charlotte Dunnill Trophy** presented by Mrs Christine Baverstock for the highest milk yield on the day of the show

### Farm Produce

to have been grown by exhibitor and staged in the Horticulture Marquee by 8.30am.

**Section Chairman:** Mr Anthony Butler

**Steward:** Mr Roy Vickery

**Entry Fee:** 50p

**Prize Money:** 1st £5; 2nd £3; 3rd £2.

**Judge:** Mr George Cornwall, ILMINSTER

Nets will be provided for display of Hay and Straw.

### **Silage**

- 600     6kgs of conventional Silage (not big bale Silage), to be displayed in tubs provided by the Society.
- 601     6kgs of whole crop Silage, to be displayed in tubs provided by the Society.

### **Maize**

- 602 Four stalks of Maize.
- 603 Four cobs of Maize.

### **Straw**

- 604 2kgs of 2025 Barley Straw.
- 605 2kgs of 2025 Wheat Straw.

### **Hay**

- 606 2kgs of 2025 Seed Hay.
- 607 2kgs of 2025 Meadow Hay.

### **Grain**

Approx. 5 kgs of grain to be exhibited in a sack provided by MAS (sack not to be removed). All varieties of corn to be named and grown on exhibitor's own farm.

- 608 Wheat (feed).
- 609 Wheat (potential milling).
- 610 Barley (feed).
- 611 Barley (potential malting).

### **Fleeces**

**Judge:** Mr Mike Berry, SOUTH MOULTON

- 612 The Best Long Wool Fleece (shown rolled).  
The Breed name to be exhibited beside each fleece.
- 613 The Best Short Wool Fleece (shown rolled).  
The Breed name to be exhibited beside each fleece.
- 614 The Best Coloured Wool Fleece (shown rolled).  
The Breed name to be exhibited beside each fleece

HC18 **The Kingston Hill Farm Perpetual Trophy** presented by J Barker, Esq., will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the Farm Produce classes, excluding Egg classes. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st 4 points, 2nd 2 points; 3rd 1 point.

HC19 **The Peter Yeates Perpetual Crook** will be awarded for the best fleece.

## **Eggs**

**Judge:** Mr Terry Hannam, ANDOVER

**Steward:** Mr Roy Vickery

**Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £3.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> £2.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> £1.00

**The judge is empowered to break any egg during the process of judging.**

- 615 Three new laid Hens' Eggs (white or cream)
- 616 Three new laid Hens' Eggs (brown)
- 617 Three new laid Hens' Eggs (Any other colour).
- 618 One new laid Hens Egg (white or cream)
- 619 One new laid Hens Egg (brown)
- 620 One new laid Hens Egg (Any other colour)
- 621 Contents of one Hens' Egg, to be exhibited on a white saucer (provided by the Society) and broken by the judge.
- 622 Contents of one Bantam's Egg, to be exhibited on a white saucer (provided by the Society) and broken by the judge.
- 623 Three Ducks' Eggs
- 624 Three Bantams' Eggs
- 625 Three Eggs, any other breed (Turkey, Guinea Fowl etc)
- 626 One Duck Egg
- 627 One Bantam Egg
- 628 One Egg, any other breed (Turkey, Guinea Fowl etc.)
- 629 Best Caption photograph featuring poultry, Prints to be sized 15x10cms / 6"x4" or 17x12cms / 7"x5"). Best photograph with the most amusing or appropriate caption.

HC20 **The John Cooper Trophy** kindly presented by his daughter, Mrs Shirley Cornick, will be awarded to the best exhibit in the Egg classes.