Cattle

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 *PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME *
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.
27/08/2026 09:00

Champion Beef Awards

CHAMPION BEEF PAIRS
Judge: Mr Alan Lyons, Axbridge

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: Mr Alan Lyons, Axbridge

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.
Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Alan Lyons (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

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.
Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Brian Miller (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
90	Female calf under six months of age	Female calf under six months of age
91	Heifer, 6-12 months old on day of show	Heifer, 6-12 months old on day of show
92	Heifer, over 12 months old and under 18 months old on day of show	Heifer, over 12 months old and under 18 months old on day of show
93	Heifer, in-calf with first calf	Heifer, in-calf with first calf
94	Heifer, after having first calf	Heifer, after having first calf
95	Cow after having second or subsequent calvings	Cow after having second or subsequent calvings
96	Best Pair of Animals	Best Pair of Animals. Both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Holstein section.
R1	Holstein Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Holstein classes.

Any Other Dairy Breed

(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.

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Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Arthur Walters (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
97	Female calf under six months of age	Female calf under six months of age
98	Heifer, 6-12 months old on day of show	Heifer, 6-12 months old on day of show
99	Heifer, over 12 months old and under 18 months old on day of show	Heifer, over 12 months old and under 18 months old on day of show
100	Heifer, in-calf with first calf	Heifer, in-calf with first calf
101	Heifer, after having first calf	Heifer, after having first calf
102	Cow after having second or subsequent calvings	Cow after having second or subsequent calvings
103	Best Pair of Animals	The Best Pair of animals. Both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Any Other Dairy Breed section.
R2	Any Other Dairy Breed Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Any Other Dairy Breed classes.

Local Dairy Class

Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

To Be Confirmed (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
104	Local Dairy Class - Open to any animal entered in classes 90 - 103.	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.
Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Malcolm Hurd (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
105	Cow, calved, any age.	Cow, calved, any age.
106	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024
107	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
108	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026
109	Bull, any age	Bull, any age
110	The Best Pair of Animals	The Best Pair of Animals, both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Red Ruby Devon section.
R3	Red Ruby Devon Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Red Ruby Devon classes.

Hereford

If there are insufficient entries, this section will be amalgamated with the Native British Beef classes.
Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Kevin Hasemore (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
111	Cow, calved, any age.	Cow, calved, any age.
112	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024
113	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
114	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026
115	Bull, any age	Bull, any age
116	The Best Pair of Animals.	The Best Pair of Animals. Both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Hereford Section.
R4	Hereford Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Hereford classes.

Any Pure British Beef Breed, or breed originating from a native British breed

Any Pure British Beef Breed, or breed originating from a native British breed, excluding Dexter, Hereford, Red Ruby Devon and Rare & Minority Breeds who have their own sections at our show.
Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Barry Butler (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
117	Cow, calved, any age.	Cow, calved, any age.
118	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024
119	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
120	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026
121	Bull, any age	Bull, any age
122	Best Pair of Animals	Best Pair, both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Any Pure Beef Breed Indigenous to Britain section.
R5	Any Pure British Beef Breed, or breed originating from a native British breed Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Any Pure Beef Breed Indigenous to Britain classes.

Any Other Pure Beef Breeds

Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Phil White (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
123	Cow, calved, any age.	Cow, calved, any age.
124	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024
125	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
126	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026
127	Bull, any age	Bull, any age
128	Best Pair of Animals	Best Pair, both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Any Other Pure Beef Breeds section
R6	Any Other Pure Beef Breeds Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Any Other Pure Beef Breeds classes.

Commercial Beef

Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Phil White (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
129	Commercial Beef Steer of any breed or cross, for animals under two years of age.	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.	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	Commercial Beef Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Commercial Beef classes.

Longhorn

Pure Bred only. If there are insufficient entries, this section will be amalgamated with the Rare & Minority Breed classes.

Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Joshua Brigg (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
131	Cow, calved, any age.	Cow, calved, any age.
132	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024
133	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
134	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026
135	Bull, any age	Bull, any age
136	Best Pair of Animals.	Best Pair of Animals. Both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Longhorn Section.
R10	Longhorn Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Longhorn classes.

Dexter

Pure Bred Only. If there are insufficient entries, this section will be amalgamated with the Native British Beef classes.
Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mrs Sally Ann Hasemore (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
137	Heifer under 16 months of age	Heifer under 16 months of age
138	Heifer, 16 months and over	Heifer, 16 months and over
139	Cow dry	Cow dry
140	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026
141	Bull under 30 months of age	Bull under 30 months of age
142	Bull 30 months of age and over	Bull 30 months of age and over
143	Cow in Milk	Cow in Milk
144	Best Pair of Animals	Best Pair, both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Dexter section.
R8	Dexter Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Dexter classes.

Rare & Minority Cattle

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.
Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Mr Joshua Brigg (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
145	Cow, calved, any age.	Cow, calved, any age.
146	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024	Heifer not calved, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024
147	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025	Heifer, born 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
148	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026	Calf, born on or after 1st January 2026
149	Bull, any age	Bull, any age
150	Best Pair of Animals	Best Pair, both animals having been entered in their appropriate class in the Rare & Minority Breeds section.
R9	Rare and Minority Cattle Breeds Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion sash and rosette and Reserve Champion rosette in the Rare & Minority classes.

Young Cattle Handler

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME Young Handler judging will start at 9.00am

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 relevant breed section as well as this class. Please ensure handlers display their correct entry number when showing.

Young Handlers classes will start at 9.00am.
Ring: Cattle Showing Area

Judges

Ms Becky Walters (Judge)
Mr Malcolm Hurd (Judge)
Ms Rebecca Hurd (Judge)
Mr Arthur Walters (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
151	Young Dairy Cattle Handler - handler to be aged 12 years or under on the day of the Show	Young Dairy Cattle Handler - handler to be aged 12 years or under on the day of the Show. 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	Young Dairy Cattle Handler - handler to be aged 13-18 years on the day of the Show	Young Dairy Cattle Handler - handler to be aged 13-18 years on the day of the Show. 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.
153	Young Beef Cattle Handler - handler to be aged 12 years or under on the day of the Show	Young Beef Cattle Handler - handler to be aged 12 years or under on the day of the Show. 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.
154	Young Beef Cattle Handler - handler to be aged 13-18 years on the day of the Show	Young Beef Cattle Handler - handler to be aged 13-18 years on the day of the Show. 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.