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Mid-Somerset Show

17th August 2025

Mid-Somerset Showground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4GF



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Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society



It is my pleasure to invite you all to compete at the 2025 Mid Somerset Agricultural Show in Shepton Mallet on Sunday 17th August.

Our purpose built Show Site has never looked better.

There will be an exciting set of ring events and classes to suit all age groups. Hopefully we will be blessed with fine weather and enjoy another great Show after last year's successful event.

You can help us on the day by following our vehicle movement signage when accessing and leaving the site. The Ridgway is one way for a purpose so please do follow our Stewards instructions and the road signs.

We value your support of the Show, as exhibitors you are one of the vital corner pillars to our event, Exhibitors, Volunteer Stewards, Sponsors, and our visitors.

Without each of these the Show could not be the success that it is. So may I

express my thanks to all those who help, sponsor, and support the Show in one way or another.

I promise we will do our level best to ensure you have a good day, enjoy yourselves and hope you leave with a sense of achievement and satisfaction having had a great day with us. Even if I cannot promise you will win your class!

Please read the rules carefully and please abide by the Stewards instruction and advice.

The Show team led by our Secretary, Christine Barham and our Assistant Secretary Bella Bride is ready to welcome you.

Enjoy your day.

Graham Walton, Chairman

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General Public are excluded from livestock areas whilst judging takes place.

PLEASE NOTE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

THE CHEESE AWARDS @ the Mid Somerset Show	12.30 pm	Day before Show
The Cheese Lovers Award	2.00 pm	Show day
SOMERSET CIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS	9.30 am	Day before Show
POULTRY & EGGS	10.00 am	Show day
CATTLE	9.00 am	Show day
Young handlers	11.30 am	Show day
SHEEP	9.00 am	Show day
Young Handlers	8.30 am	Show day
Fleece Competition	10.00 am	Show day
PIGS	9.00 am	Show day
Young Handlers following on from showing classes		Show day
RIDDEN HUNTERS – RING 2	8.30 am	Show day
HEAVY HORSE PARADE & HARNESS CLASS		
– MAIN RING	3.00 pm	Show day
WORKING HUNTER TRAINING STAKES – RING 1	8.30 am	Show day
NOVICE WORKING HUNTERS – RING 1	Not before 10.00am	Show day
OPEN WORKING HUNTERS – RING 1	Not before midday	Show day
SHETLAND PONIES – MAIN RING	8.30 am	
MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND IN-HAND – RING 3	9.00 am	Show day
MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RIDDEN – RING 3	Not before 11.00am	Show day
VETERAN HORSES – RING 4	9.00 am	Show day
RIDING HORSES – RING 4	Not before 1.00pm	Show day
COLOURED HORSES – RING 4	Not before 3.00 pm	Show day
HEAVY HORSE IN HAND – RING 2	10.00 am	Show day
DONKEY CLASSES – RING 2	1.00 pm	Show day
FODDER COMPETITION		Day before show
FLOWER & FLORAL ART		Day before show
ARTS & CRAFTS		Day before show

The Show is Exempt from Pre-Movement TB Testing of Cattle. This requires that Cattle are not on the Showfield for more than 24 hours. To comply, no cattle may come on site before 6.00 pm on Saturday 16th August and all Cattle must be off the site by 6.00 pm on Sunday 17th August.

SHEEP & CATTLE CLASSES – The society reserve the right to amalgamate classes and sections if necessary

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SPSBS MINIATURE SHETLANDS
NPS M&M MINI RIDDEN
SPSBS STANDARD SHETLANDS
NOVICE WHP (UNAFFILIATED)
OPEN WHP (UNAFFILIATED)
NPS TRAINING STAKES
NPS NOVICE WHP
LEAD REIN WHP (UNAFFILIATED)
NPS 1ST RIDDEN WHP
NPS OPEN WHP
NOVICE HORSE WH (UNAFFILIATED)
OPEN HORSE WH (UNAFFILIATED)
NPS M & M IN-HAND
NPS M&M NOVICE RIDDEN
NPS M&M OPEN RIDDEN
ROR & RIDING HORSES
RIDDEN HUNTERS CONF
RIDDEN HUNTERS RIDE
VHS VETERANS
HEAVY HORSES
CHAPS

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Mr Andrew Bain, East Lothian
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Ms Kate Odey, Somerset
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Miss Lucy Haywood, Somerset
Mr Steve Gray, Ledbury, Herefordshire
Mr John, Newport
Mr Mike, Bristol
Mr M Lear, Devon
Miss Louise Elworthy, Exeter
Miss Louise Elworthy, Exeter
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Mr Will Hyde, Dorset
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Mr Alex Hext, Somerset
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SHETLANDS
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COLOURED RYELANDS
NATIVE LONGWOOLS
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Mr Matt Gillet, Tricky Cider, Somerset
Mr Mat Manning, Cider Aficionado, Somerset
Mr Chris Smolden, Bere Cider, Somerset

PIGS

Mr Peter Clark, Dorset

EGGS

Mrs Felicity Doble, Taunton

FODDER

Mr Steve Harrison, Somerset

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GENERAL SHOWRULES AND CONDITIONS

Headings are for ease of reference and do not form part of the Show rules.

Abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. The Society reserves the right to remove anybody from the show site who shows abusive behaviour.

1. ENTRIES.

- 1.1 Members of the judges family or anyone with any connections to the judge are not allowed to enter that section of the Show, of which he/she has been appointed to judge
- 1.2 **Every exhibitor or competitor entering for the show is deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and entries are accepted on that understanding.**
- 1.3 All entries must be made in writing to the Show Secretary or through the online entry system on or before the date specified in the schedule on the requisite forms, accompanied by the necessary entry fees and subscriptions.
- 1.4 Entries received after the closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Secretary or Society.
- 1.5 The Society reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason.
- 1.6 If in the opinion of the Society there are insufficient entries in a class at the closing date the class may be withdrawn in which case the entrant will be informed and the entry fees returned.
- 1.7 The acceptance by the Society of any entry in a class shall not exonerate the exhibitor from the responsibility of ensuring that the entry complies strictly with the rules of that class. Any entry that does not comply will be disqualified.
- 1.8 Exhibitors will comply with any direction or instructions given to them by the Society which the Society deems to be expedient.
- 1.9 If a class is cancelled the only compensation due to an exhibitor will be the refund of the entry fee paid for the cancelled class.
- 1.10 Competitions qualifying for events organised by other bodies are offered in good faith on information provided by those bodies. No liability is accepted by the Society if those events take place in circumstances other than those originally stated or do not proceed.
- 2 **OWNERSHIP.** Exhibits in all classes must be the bonafide property of the owners and must be in the possession of the owners at the time of the entry. Any person who has care and control of an exhibit on the Showground will be deemed to be the agent of that exhibit's owner for all purposes connected with the Show.
- 3 **ENTRY FEES.** Entry fees must accompany entries or they will not be accepted. The entry fee for any animal entered and not exhibited will be forfeited. Any additional costs incurred by the Society arising from non-clearance of a cheque must be paid by the exhibitor before he/she is allowed to compete.
- 4 **JUDGES.** The Show Secretary may substitute a different judge to the one nominated in the show catalogue or programme.
- 5 **STEWARDS.** An exhibitor cannot act as a steward in any class in which he/she has an entry.
- 6 **OBJECTIONS.** The decision of the judges shall be final. Objections of any kind must be made in writing and delivered to the Show Secretary within one hour of judging, with a deposit of £60 for each objection, in the case of a joint objection the deposit shall be payable by each objector. Such objections will be considered by a panel of not less than three members of the Society appointed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and their decision shall be final. Anonymity shall not be available to any objector. The deposit shall be forfeited if the objection is not upheld.
- 7 **SAFETY.** The organisers of the Show have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards. It is a condition of entry that exhibitors conform with the requirements of the Society's safety policy and the health and safety legislation and for ensuring that safe working practices are followed by themselves, their employees, agents and contractors and that appropriate safety and/or protective equipment is worn.
- 8 **UNRULY ANIMALS.** All animals must be controlled to the satisfaction of the stewards who shall have power to confine or exclude from the Showground any vicious or unruly animals. Animals with a previous record of unruly behaviour should not be brought to the Showground.
- 9 **LIABILITY.**
- 9.1 The Society shall not be responsible for any error which may appear in the programme or catalogue or for any entry made in the wrong class; nor shall the Society be responsible for exhibits arriving too late to be judged.
- 9.2 The Society shall not be liable for any loss, injury or damage to any persons or exhibits at the show and it shall be a condition of entry that exhibitors hold the Society blameless and indemnify it against all such claims and liability.
- 9.3 The Society shall not be liable for any damage to vehicles that may occur while being towed on the Showground
- 10 **CONDUCT.** In their absolute discretion the Chairman, the Show Secretary or a Chief Steward shall have the power to order an exhibitor or competitor to leave the Showground and to recommend that the Society to refuse that person's entry for future shows. Should an exhibitor be aggrieved at such action he/she may lodge an objection in writing. Such objections will be considered by a panel of not less than three members of the Society appointed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and their decision shall be final.
- 11 **ANIMAL HEALTH.**
- 11.1 If an exhibitor brings to the Showground an animal showing signs of a contagious disease all his/her animals will be sent home and entries for future shows may, at the discretion of the Society be refused.
- 11.2 Diseased or unfit animals will be sent home. Should any animal prove to be, at the time it was sent to the show, suffering from any contagious or infectious disease the exhibitor shall be liable to forfeit and pay a sum of £2000 as damages in addition to any penalty he/she may incur by the contravention of the orders of any public authority or damages recovered by any other stock owner.
- 11.3 In any case concerning the health or well-being of an animal the decision of the Society's Veterinary Officer shall be final.
- 11.4 The presence in any form or quantity in a horse being shown or ridden of a substance, which could by its nature alter its performance, is forbidden.
- 11.5 Any animal showing signs of infectious disease or appearing to be about to calve or abort will be isolated until the Society's Veterinary Officer permits its return to the farm of origin.
- 11.6 The presence of any substance in any form or quantity found in any animal should not be present on the Showground.
- 12 **DATA STORAGE.** Information from entry forms may be stored on computer and the name, address and details of entries will be published in the catalogue; information about results may also be published and/or provided at the press and to Breed Societies for publication. Information about exhibitors and their animals may also be provided to DEFRA, Trading Standards Depts of the County Councils, BCMS, SAC and others having regulatory functions as well as the Society's veterinary advisers. The making of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.
- 13 **CHILDREN.** Children shall only handle animals under the supervision of an adult and when they have the necessary strength and experience to deal with foreseeable problems.
- 14 **SPECIAL REGULATIONS** applicable to any section and any special class conditions shall be deemed to be part of these General Rules and Conditions. In the event of a conflict then the Special Regulations shall prevail.

ADDITIONAL HORSE, CATTLE, PIG & SHEEP RULES

Exhibitors must be mentally and physically capable of handling the animal they are showing/leading.

- 15 Exhibitors and competitors must obey the direction of judges and stewards at all times; failure to do so may result in disqualification and an order to be removed from the ring.
- 16 The Society will not provide fodder or straw.
- 17 All riders must wear appropriate protective headgear when riding animals on the Showground.
- 18 The Show Society are not responsible for any damage incurred to any vehicle whilst being towed in or off the Showground.
- 19 No animals are to be sold whilst they are on the Show Field. They may however be advertised "For Sale" and any agreement reached, completed once they have returned to their registered holding.
- 20 Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society strongly recommends all exhibitors hold sufficient public liability insurance to cover themselves, their animals and anyone handling their animals on the day of the show.

Blue Tongue update

The Mid-Somerset Show is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all participants and livestock. As of February 2025, bluetongue cases have been identified in parts of Somerset, leading to the establishment of restricted zones to control its spread. At the time of writing the Showground is not within the restricted zone, however it is your duty to check the updated restricted zone.

Competitors planning to bring animals to the show should adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Stay Informed:** Regularly check updates from the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the National Farmers' Union (NFU) for the latest information on bluetongue outbreaks and control measures.
- **Movement Restrictions:** Be aware of any movement restrictions in place within bluetongue control zones. Ensure compliance with all regulations when transporting animals to and from the show.
- **Health Checks:** Conduct thorough health inspections of your animals before attending the show. Look for symptoms such as fever, lesions, or nasal discharge, and consult a veterinarian if any signs are present.
- **Vaccination:** Discuss vaccination options with your veterinarian. While vaccines may not prevent infection entirely, they can reduce clinical signs and improve animal welfare.
- **Documentation:** Ensure all necessary health certifications and movement licenses are up to date and comply with current regulations before travel to the Show.

By following these guidelines, competitors can help maintain a safe and successful Mid-Somerset Show for all involved.

Cancellation policy: In the event the Show has to cancel sheep and/or cattle competitions due to Blue Tongue outbreaks and/or restrictions, the Mid-Somerset Show will offer competitors the following options:

- a) Full refund of entries
- b) Carry entries forward to the 2026 Show
- c) Donation of entries to support the Show

Updates will be given to competitors by the Show in accordance with government & veterinary advice.

Abusive Behaviour Policy

Verbal or physical abuse and threats towards our stewards, volunteers, contractors, and staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances. If you display such behaviour, you will be asked to leave the show site immediately and reported to the police.

Please ensure that all stock are fully compliant with the appropriate regulations as non-compliance will result in immediate disqualification.

For the most updated regulations, please visit: GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Cattle: Moving cattle: what cattle keepers need to know

Sheep & Goat: Sheep and goat keepers: how to report animal movements

Pigs: Pig keepers: report and record movements to or from your holding

General: General licence for the movement of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and deer

THE SOMERSET CIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chief Steward: Bob Chaplin

Judges:

Classes 100-102 Farmhouse Cider – Matt Gillet, Tricky Cider & Mat Manning, Cider Aficionado

Classes 103 Single Variety, 104 Perry, 105 In Bottle Conditioned –

Paul Ross, Thatchers Cider & Roger Blake, Shed Cider

Classes 106-108 Open Classes – Richard Johnson, Thatchers Cider, Chris Smolden, Bere Cider

Entry Fee - £5.00 per entry

Prize: Best in Class £7.50

The Mid-Somerset Show Showering Cup to be presented to the Supreme Cider Champion,
classes 100-103 and 105 -110

The Bob Cork Perpetual Trophy to be presented to the Best Somerset Produced Cider in Show
from the winner of classes 100-103 and 105 -110

Presentation of the trophies to take place at 3pm in the Cider and Heritage Marquee

Competition Rules

1. Entries are restricted to two per class.
2. Cider entries in classes 100, 101 and 102 must have been made in 2023 and presented in one gallon demijohns bearing a tie-on label stating class and entry number.
3. Entries for Classes 103, 104, 108, 109 and 110 to be presented in one glass 75cl screw top bottles or two 50cl crowned bottles, each bearing only a tie on label stating class and entry number. Three 33cl or two 44cl cans are acceptable.
4. The variety of apple used for Class 104, Single Variety Cider, to be stated on the label.
5. Entries for Class 105 to be presented in one 75cl glass Champagne style bottles, a wired down cork or plastic mushroom stopper, bearing a tie-on label stating class and entry number.
5. Entries for Class 106 and 107 to be presented in a bottle with a crown cork closure or a wired down cork or plastic mushroom stopper, bearing a tie-on label stating class and entry number.
6. All entries must conform to HMRC Notice 162. Entries may be sweetened with sugar only and the addition of sulphur dioxide is permitted.
7. All entry forms and fees must be received by **Monday 21st July**.
8. Class and entry numbers will be sent to entrants by the Show Secretary.
9. **Entries to be delivered to the Show on Saturday 16th August between 11am and 4pm or by 9am on Sunday 17th August.**
10. Judging will commence at 9.30 am on the morning of the Show.
11. Cider and Perry must be the product of the entrant and not obtained from elsewhere.
12. The Judges' decision will be final.
13. The Judges reserve the right not to award a certificate if it is considered that the entry does meet the required standard.
14. All cider and perry entries must be collected by 6.30pm on the day of the show, if not they will be disposed of by the Show Stewards.
15. Prize money will be forwarded to winners within 2 weeks of Show Day.
15. Verbal and written feedback on entries can be given to competitors when judging is complete. Written comments will be e mailed after the show. There will be a tasting clinic on the show day between 2pm and 4pm for entrants, contact Bob Chaplin in the marquee.

- Class 100** Farmhouse Dry Cider - S.G up to 1.005
- Class 101** Farmhouse Medium Cider - S.G 1.005 and 1.012
- Class 102** Farmhouse Sweet Cider - S.G. greater than 1.012
- Class 103** Single Variety Cider - state variety on label
- Class 104** Perry, sparkling or still
- Class 105** To consist of the following cider styles:
- (A)** Bottle Conditioned Champagne style - Aged for more than one year, with the yeast disgorged. Presented in one 75cl champagne style bottle, with a wired down cork or plastic mushroom stopper.
- (B)** Bottle Conditioned - Cider which has undergone a secondary fermentation in bottle resulting in a naturally sparkling cider. There will be a yeast deposit in the bottom of the bottle. Presented in one 75cl or 2 x 50cl bottles with a crown cork closure, a wired down cork or plastic mushroom stopper.
- (C)** Keeved Cider - made using the process known as keeving. Presented in one 75cl bottle with a crown cork closure, a wired down cork or plastic mushroom stopper.
- On the tie on label supplied write **A, B or C**, to identify the cider style.
- Class 106** Open Class - Dry, S.G up to 1.005
- Class 107** Open Class - Medium, S.G 1.005 - 1.012
- Class 108** Open Class - Sweet, S.G greater than 1.012

Judging

The judges will award points each cider after considering the following attributes, Appearance, Aroma, Flavour and Mouthfeel and Overall Impression. The score for each attribute will be added together and the total score compared to the score guide for a Gold, Silver, Bronze or 'No Award'. The judges will record their comments for each cider, these and the scores will be fed back to the entrant.

Gold 42 to 50	Excellent example of style
Silver 31 to 41	Exemplifies Style well, requires minor fine tuning,
Bronze 15 to 30	Within Style parameters, minor flaws.
No Award 0 to 14	Off flavours/aromas or major style deficiencies.

The "Best in Class" winners in each class, will be awarded to the highest points score for a gold medal, in the event of a tie the judges will retaste and decide. These will then go forward for the judging of the "Supreme Cider Champion", (except for Class 104, Perry).

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

This year sees the return of the People's Choice, whereby members of the public taste award winning ciders from last year's Somerset Cider Championship to choose their favourite cider. The Bristol Cider Shop is kindly sponsoring the event and the winning ciders will be given the opportunity to take part in an online award winning box of 6 ciders promoted by the Bristol Cider Shop. The ciders will be available on the day for the public to taste and judge as well as purchase through the online offering. Visit the Cider Marquee in the Horse Field next to Trade Stand Zone D to taste Champion Ciders.

POULTRY

Due to the ongoing Avian Flu outbreaks there will not be any poultry classes at the 2025 Mid Somerset Show. We hope this situation has improved for the 2026 Show, but we will of course continue to monitor it.

EGGS

Chief Stewards: Mrs S Ford
Mrs F Doble, Taunton

Entry Fee: £1.50
Prizes: 1st £2.50, 2nd £1.50, 3rd £1.00

The Mid-Somerset Show Best In Show will be awarded to the Best Egg in Show

Eggs to be staged in the Poultry marquee by 9am on Show Day. Judging at 10am.
The winner from each class goes forward to Best In Show.

- Class 152** 3 Large
 - Class 153** 1 Large
 - Class 154** 3 Bantam
 - Class 155** 1 Bantam
 - Class 156** 3 Waterfowl
 - Class 157** 1 Waterfowl
 - Class 158** 1 Hen, 1 Duck, 1 Bantam
 - Class 159** 3 any other type from quail to ostrich
 - Class 160** 1 any other type from quail to ostrich
 - Class 161** 1 decorated egg or painted
 - Class 162** Best display of 6 fresh eggs - complete display to be 30 cm x 30 cm
 - Class 163** 6 eggs different colours
 - Class 164** A collection of farmhouse produce, full description required.
Display to be presented in a box maximum size: 60cm x 75cm x 705cm
- ECH1 Egg Championship**

CRAFT CLASSES

Mrs F Doble, Taunton (Judge)

Entry fee: £1.50
Prizes: 1st £5.00, 2nd £3.00, 3rd £2.00

These classes will be staged in the Poultry Tent in the Main Show field. You will be able to deliver your entry either between 8.00 am and 1.00 pm on Saturday 16th August or by 9.00 am on Sunday 17th August.

- Class 165** Crafty Chicken- using recycled materials make your very own chicken.
- Class 166** Photograph of a cockerel
- Class 167** Photograph of any poultry group

CATTLE

Chief Stewards: Mr Tom Osborne & Mr Marcus Doig

Entry fee: £6.50 per class entry. Young Handler Classes: **free entry**

Prizes: 1st £35, 2nd £25, 3rd £15 (4 rosettes) **Young handler:** 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8

Additional rules for Cattle to the **General Show Rules & Conditions:**

All cattle must be halter led whilst on the showground.

Exhibitors and stock attendants must be fully aware of their obligations for the safety of the general public and fellow exhibitors and stock attendants at all times whilst on the show ground and must observe orders given by stewards or officials when leading stock to and from the Judging Rings and Main Ring for Grand Parade. Stock attendants are responsible for their own cattle at all times.

BULLS

All exhibitors of bulls should make themselves familiar with HSE Guidance Note GS36 "Safe Custody and Handling of Bulls at Agricultural Shows, Markets and Similar Premises Off the Farm." This Guidance Note gives the following methods for handling bulls at events:

- 1. One person using a bull staff attached to the bull's nose ring and a rope or chain attached to a halter or head chain through the nose ring with a competent person standing by able to assist in the control of the bull if required; if in doubt two experienced people to lead.**
- 2. One person using a rope or chain attached to a halter with a second rope or chain attached directly to the nose ring or via the nose ring to the halter, with a competent person standing by able to assist if necessary.**
- 3. The stewards have the power to refuse the entry of any animal which they consider might get out of control or to ask for any animal to be removed from the show ground.**

GENERAL

1. All Cattle **must** be on the showground by 8.30am and **not removed** before 4.00pm. Judging to commence at 9.00am prompt. Passports to be taken to the check-in tent. Milk Certificates to be handed to the Chief Steward on arrival.
2. For the purpose of this show a **cow** is an animal which has completed its first lactation and is in calf for her second or subsequent calf. A **heifer** is an animal which has calved once only before show day and has not completed her first lactation. Animals with sealed teats will be disqualified.
3. All classes are **open** unless stated. Names and earmarks must be given for Pedigree and Grading Register animals B, C or D.
4. If the Chief Steward considers that any dairy animal on the showground is overstocked he shall demand her to be relieved at once.
5. All prize winning animals must be ready to enter the main ring when required for the Grand Parade (at approximately 3.20pm).
6. Exhibitors must provide their own straw and fodder.
7. Please ensure you are ready to enter the showing ring in plenty of time.
8. Verbal or physical abuse and threats towards our stewards, volunteers, contractors and staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances. If you display such behaviour, you will be asked to leave the show site immediately and reported to the police.
9. Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society are within their rights to amalgamate any classes with insufficient entries.

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The Society reserves the right to amalgamate classes/sections where necessary.

CUPS, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

The following will be presented:

The Alan Vining Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Supreme Beef Champion and a cash prize of £50.

HRH Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall Cup for the Supreme Dairy Champion and a cash prize of £50.

The Douglas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Jersey.

The Herbert Showering Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Shorthorn.

The Bibby Challenge Cup for the best Heifer in calf or milk 3 years old and under.

The Fresian Challenge Cup for the best Holstein Friesian in milk.

The Mid-Somerset Guernsey Challenge Cup for Champion Pedigree Guernsey

The Wessex Dexter Group Cup for the Champion Dexter Bull

The George Phelps Challenge Cup for the Champion Female Dexter

The Cannington Award for the Best Dexter Group of 3 .

The Francis Cup will be presented to the Best Young Handler.

The Enkangala Lowline Perpetual Challenge Cup to be awarded to the Champion Lowline.

The Finn Christensen Perpetual Cup for outstanding conduct is the Dairy Industry

DAIRY CATTLE

The Supreme Dairy Champion of the show to be judged from the Champions of the Shorthorn (dairy), Holstein Friesians, Guernsey, Jersey, Any Other Dairy Breed or Dual Purpose if female.

The Overall Champion will be presented with a Sash of Honour by the Society and a cash prize of £50.

SHORTHORN DAIRY

Mr Arthur Whittle, Taunton (Judge)

Shorthorn Championship to be judged from the first prize-winners in the following classes excluding the pairs class. The Championship will automatically go forward to the Supreme Dairy Championship.

Special rules:

All cows and heifers are required to be entered in the Coates's Herd Book Main, Supplementary or Grade B sections. To be red, white or roan in colour.

These classes are run under the Shorthorn Dairy Society Showing Regulation.

Reminder: all must be halter led.

Class 200 Maiden heifer born after 1.1.24.

Class 201 Heifer in calf born before 31.12.23.

Class 202 Cow or heifer in milk

Class 203 Dry cow or heifer in calf

Class 204 Pair of females already exhibited in above classes.

HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS

Mr Dave Lawrence, Ottery St Mary (Judge)

Holstein Friesian Championship to be judged from the first prize-winners in the following classes excluding the pairs class. The Championship will automatically go forward to the Supreme Dairy Championship.

Special rules:

Exhibitors must be members of the Holstein Friesian Society (HFS). All entries must be entered in the Herd Book or Class B & C of the Supplementary Register.

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

Class 205 Maiden heifer born after 1.1.24.

Class 206 Heifer in calf born before 31.12.23.

Class 207 Cow or heifer in milk

Class 208 Dry cow or heifer in calf

Class 209 Pair of females already exhibited in above classes.

JERSEYS

Mr Arthur Whittle, Taunton (Judge)

Jersey Championship to be judged from the first prize-winners in the following classes excluding the pairs class. The Championship will automatically go forward to the Supreme Dairy Championship.

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

Class 210 Maiden heifer born after 1.1.24.

Class 211 Heifer in calf born before 31.12.23.

Class 212 Cow or heifer in milk

Class 213 Dry cow or heifer in calf

Class 214 Pair of females already exhibited in above classes.

ANY OTHER DAIRY BREED

Mr Arthur Whittle, Taunton (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

Class 215 Maiden heifer born after 1.1.24.

Class 216 Heifer in calf born before 31.12.23.

Class 217 Cow or heifer in milk

Class 218 Dry cow or heifer in calf

Class 219 Pair of females already exhibited in above classes.

YOUNG FARMERS CLUB DAIRY CATTLE

Mr Dave Lawrence, Ottery St Mary (Judge)

Entry fee: £3.50

PRIZES in each class: 1st £10.00, 2nd £7.00, 3rd £5.00 (4 rosettes)

See general rules

Open to all current YFC members

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

Class 220 Holstein heifer born on or after 1st August 2024

Class 221 Holstein heifer 6 months or under on show day

Class 222 Dairy heifer, any other breed born on or after 1st August 2024

DUAL PURPOSE

Exhibitors can only enter Dual Purpose or Any Other Native Breed Class or Beef: Native Breed Classes

The Dual Purpose Champion if female will go forward to the Supreme Dairy or if male will go forward to the Beef Supreme Championship

DEXTERS

Mr Adrian Park, Malmesbury (Judge)

Affiliated with the Dexter Cattle Society

Dexter Female Championship to be judged from the first prize-winners in classes 224-226. The Champion Female will automatically be entered in the Best of Breed.

Dexter Champion Bull to be judged from the first-prize winners in classes 228 & 229. **The Bull Champion** will automatically be entered in the Best of Breed.

The Best of Breed will be judged from the winners of the Dexter Female Championship and the Dexter Bull Championship..

Special rules:

Every animal must be entered in the Herd Book of the Dexter Cattle Society.

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 223** Maiden heifer under 18 months old on showday
Class 224 Heifer in calf over 18 months of age
Class 225 Cow or heifer in milk
Class 226 Dry cow or heifer in calf
Class 227 Pair of females
Class 228 Bull under 30 months
Class 229 Bull of any age
Class 230 Group of three animals, one bull allowed already exhibited in preceding classes.

ANY OTHER DUAL PURPOSE BREED

Including Red Polls

Mr Adrian Park, Malmesbury (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 231** Maiden heifer under 18 months old on showday
Class 232 Heifer in calf over 18 months of age
Class 233 Cow or heifer in milk
Class 234 Dry cow or heifer in calf
Class 235 Pair of females
Class 236 Bull under 30 months
Class 237 Bull of any age
Class 238 Group of three animals, one bull allowed already exhibited in preceding classes.

BEEF: NATIVE CATTLE

The Supreme Beef: Native Champion of the show to be judged from the Champions of the Aberdeen Angus, Devons, Galloways, Hereford, Highlands, Beef Shorthorns, Any Other Native Beef Breeds and Dual Purpose, if male.

The winner of the Supreme Championship Beef: Native will be judged against the winner of the Supreme Championship Beef: Continental for an Overall Championship where a Sash of Honour will be presented by the Society and a cash prize of £50.

ABERDEEN ANGUS

Mr Richard Ashenden, Poole (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led

- Class 239** Calf born after 1.1.25
Class 240 Cow or heifer born before 1.1.23 in calf or with calf at foot
Class 241 Bull born on or before 31.12.23
Class 242 Bull born on or after 1.1.24
Class 243 Heifer born on or before 31.12.23
Class 244 Heifer born on or after 1.1.24
Class 245 Pair of Aberdeen Angus, drawn from the above classes

BRITISH WHITE

Mrs Judith Denning, Bridgwater (Judge)

(If insufficient entries these classes will be amalgamated with Any Other Native Beef Breeds)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 246** Calf born after 1.1.25
Class 247 Cow or heifer born before 1.1.23 in calf or with calf at foot
Class 248 Bull born on or before 31.12.23
Class 249 Bull born on or after 1.1.24
Class 250 Heifer born on or before 31.12.23
Class 251 Heifer born on or after 1.1.24
Class 252 Pair of British White, drawn from the above classes

GALLOWAY

Inc Belted, Plain & Rigget

Mrs Annie Perkins, Warwickshire (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 253** Calf born after 1.1.25
Class 254 Cow or heifer born before 1.1.23 in calf or with calf at foot
Class 255 Bull born on or before 31.12.23
Class 256 Bull born on or after 1.1.24
Class 257 Heifer born on or before 31.12.23
Class 258 Heifer born on or after 1.1.24
Class 259 Pair of Galloway, drawn from the above classes

HIGHLAND

Mrs Annie Perkins, Warwickshire (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 260** Calf born after 1.1.25
Class 261 Cow or heifer born before 1.1.23 in calf or with calf at foot
Class 262 Bull born on or before 31.12.23
Class 263 Bull born on or after 1.1.24
Class 264 Heifer born on or before 31.12.23
Class 265 Heifer born on or after 1.1.24
Class 266 Pair of Highland, drawn from the above classes

ANY OTHER NATIVE BEEF BREEDS

including Devons and Herefords and rare and minority breeds

Mrs Judith Denning, Bridgwater (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 267** Calf born after 1.1.25
Class 268 Cow or heifer born before 1.1.23 in calf or with calf at foot
Class 269 Bull born on or before 31.12.23
Class 270 Bull born on or after 1.1.24
Class 271 Heifer born on or before 31.12.23
Class 272 Heifer born on or after 1.1.24
Class 273 Pair of Any other Native Beef Breeds, drawn from the above classes

BEEF: CONTINENTAL CATTLE

The Supreme Beef: Continental Champion of the show to be judged from the Champions of the British Blue, Charolais, Limousin, Lowlines, Simmental and Any Other Continental Beef Breeds.

The winner of the Supreme Championship Beef: Continental will be judged against the winner of the Supreme Championship Beef: Native for an Overall Championship where a Sash of Honour will be presented by the Society and a cash prize of £50.

BRITISH BLUE

Mr Michael Phillips, Berkshire (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led

- Class 274** Calf born after 1.1.25
Class 275 Cow or heifer born before 1.1.23 in calf or with calf at foot
Class 276 Bull born on or before 31.12.23
Class 277 Bull born on or after 1.1.24
Class 278 Heifer born on or before 31.12.23
Class 279 Heifer born on or after 1.1.24
Class 280 Pair of British Blue, drawn from the above classes

LIMOUSIN

Mr Michael Phillips, Berkshire (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led

- Class 281** Calf born after 1.1.25
Class 282 Cow or heifer born before 1.1.23 in calf or with calf at foot
Class 283 Bull born on or before 31.12.23
Class 284 Bull born on or after 1.1.24
Class 285 Heifer born on or before 31.12.23
Class 286 Heifer born on or after 1.1.24
Class 287 Pair of Limousin, drawn from the above classes

LOWLINES

Mr Richard Ashenden, Poole (Judge)

The Ankangala Lowline Perpetual Challenge Cup to be awarded to the Champion Lowline.

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 288** Calf born after 1.1.25
Class 289 Cow or heifer born before 1.1.23 in calf or with calf at foot
Class 290 Bull born on or before 31.12.23
Class 291 Bull born on or after 1.1.24
Class 292 Heifer born on or before 31.12.23
Class 293 Heifer born on or after 1.1.24
Class 294 Pair of Lowlines, drawn from the above classes

ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL BEEF BREEDS

Mr Michael Phillips, Berkshire (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

Class 295 Calf born after 1.1.25

Class 296 Cow or heifer born before 1.1.23 in calf or with calf at foot

Class 297 Bull born on or before 31.12.23

Class 298 Bull born on or after 1.1.24

Class 299 Heifer born on or before 31.12.23

Class 300 Heifer born on or after 1.1.24

Class 301 Pair of Any other Continental Beef breeds, drawn from the above classes

COMMERCIAL BEEF

Mr John Barker, Wellington- Somerset (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

Class 302 Continental Steer suitable for retail trade. Animal to have been in the ownership of the exhibitor and prepared by the exhibitor or employee for at least 3 months prior to show day.

Class 303 Continental Heifer suitable for retail trade. Animal to have been in the ownership of the exhibitor and prepared by the exhibitor or employee for at least 3 months prior to show day

Class 304 Native Steer suitable for retail trade. Animal to have been in the ownership of the exhibitor and prepared by the exhibitor or employee for at least 3 months prior to show day.

Class 305 Native Heifer suitable for retail trade. Animal to have been in the ownership of the exhibitor and prepared by the exhibitor or employee for at least 3 months prior to show day.

YOUNG FARMERS CLUB BEEF CATTLE

Mr John Barker, Wellington- Somerset (Judge)

Open to all current YFC members

Entry fee: £3.50

Prizes in each class: 1st £10.00, 2nd £7.00, 3rd £5.00 (4 rosettes).

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

Class 306 Beef steer or heifer from a dam of any dairy breed, born on or after 01/08/24

Class 307 Beef steer or heifer. Pure bred with a dam and sire British native breeds, born on or after 01/08/24

Class 308 Beef heifer or steer, pure or crossbred, born on or after 01/08/24

YFC STOCK JUDGING

Classes judged from approx 11 am onwards

Entry fee: £3.50 for each class.

PRIZES in each class: 1st £10.00, 2nd £7.00, 3rd £5.00

Important: Please state number of competitors on your Entry Form.

Please state competitors names and YFC Club

The following cups and awards will be presented:

The Sheldon Jones Perpetual Challenge Cup for the team gaining the most points in Dairy Stock Judging for YFC teams

Silcock Perpetual Challenge Cup for the team gaining the most points in the Beef Stock Judging for YFC teams

The MSS YFC Perpetual Challenge Cup for the YFC team gaining the most overall points

- Class 309** Dairy stock judging for YFC teams. Each team to consist of two members: one member to be 21 or under on 1st September 2024, the other to be 26 or under on 1st Sept 2024, and to be members of a Young Farmers Club.
- Class 310** Dairy stock judging by a Junior Individual aged 21 or under on 1st September 2024 and to be member of a Young Farmers Club.
- Class 311** Dairy stock judging by a Senior Individual aged 21 & over on Show Day and to be member of a Young Farmers Club.
- Class 312** Beef stock judging for YFC teams. Each team to consist of two members: one member to be 21 or under on 1st September 2024, the other to be 26 or under on 1st Sept 2024, and to be members of a Young Farmers Club.
- Class 313** Beef stock judging by a Junior Individual aged 21 or under on 1st September 2024 and to be member of a Young Farmers Club.
- Class 314** Beef stock judging by a Senior Individual aged 21 & over on the Show Day and to be member of a Young Farmers Club.
- Class 315** Sheep judging for YFC teams. Each team to consist of two members: one member to be 21 or under on 1st Sept 2024, the other to be 26 or under on 1st Sept 2024, and to be members of a Young Farmers Club.
- Class 316** Sheep judging by a Junior Individual aged 21 or under on 1st September 2024 and to be member of a Young Farmers Club. To judge and give reasons on one ring of fat lambs.
- Class 317** Sheep judging by a Senior Individual aged 21 and over on Show Day and to be member of a Young Farmers Club. To judge and give reasons on one ring of fat lambs.

YOUNG HANDLER

Mr John Barker, Wellington- Somerset (Judge), Mr Dave Lawrence, Ottery St Mary (Judge)

To be judged at **8.30 am**

1st £10.00, 2nd £8.00, 3rd £6.00

Free entry - no entries will be taken on the day and age must be stated on the entry form.

Beef and Dairy classes will run concurrently.

- Class 321** Dairy young handler aged 7 to 10 yrs old
- Class 322** Dairy young handler aged 11 to 16 yrs old
- Class 323** Beef young handler aged 7 to 10 yrs old
- Class 324** Beef young handler aged 11 to 16 yrs old

SHEEP

Chief Steward: Mrs Sue Lake
Chief Steward for Fleece: Sarah Ford

Entry fee: £4.50 per class entry. Young Handler Classes: **free entry**

Prizes: 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5 (4 rosettes) **Young handler:** 1st £10, 2nd £8, 3rd £6

Additional rules for Sheep to the General Show Rules & Conditions:

Tail Docking: To be i.a.w. DEFRA Code of Recommendations for Welfare of Livestock - Sheep, p.14 para 62-63.

Exhibitors are reminded that there must be a gap of at least 2 metres between MV Accredited and Non-Accredited at all times.

GENERAL:

1. All Sheep must be unloaded and vehicles parked by 8.15am and not removed before 4.00pm. Young Handler judging to commence at 8.30am. Other judging to commence at 9.00am prompt.
2. Artificial colouring to be used within their society's regulations.
3. Sheep to be entered on the correct form only, stating whether the flock is in the Maidi Visna Accreditation Scheme. Sheep should be eligible for registration with their respective Breed Society except in Local and Butcher's Lamb Classes.
4. All sheep exhibited must have been owned by entrant for a minimum of 3 months prior to show day.
5. Movement will be on paper via ARAMS-1 form. Forms to be made out for both inward and outward journeys and taken to the tent at the head of the penning for logging.
6. A certificate of MV status is to accompany all sheep that are in the Sheep & Goat Health Scheme. The certificate is to be shown to the steward before unloading and animals checked. All MV Accredited Sheep, Health Declaration forms will be collected by a steward on show day.
7. All prize winning animals must be ready to enter the main ring when required for the Grand Parade (at approximately 3.15pm).
8. Exhibitors must provide their own straw and fodder.
9. No dogs in the sheep field until after 2pm.
10. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times. Any dog not under controlled will be removed from the sheep field.
11. Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society are within their rights to amalgamate any classes with insufficient entries.

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The following will be presented:

The Roy Clarke Challenge Cup for the Supreme Champion and a cash prize of £25.

The Mid-Somerset Show Cup for the Champion Pen of Sheep.

The George Sutherland Perpetual Trophy for the Champion Local Sheep

The Mallows Perpetual Trophy for the Champion Shetland Sheep

The Max Gidding Trophy for the Best Dorset Down

The Norman Clothier Cup for Best Dorset Sheep in Show

The Roy Allen Cup for the Champion Ryeland

The Pretty Oak Cup for the Champion Primitive

The Laurel Bank Challenge Cup for the Champion Longwool

The Somerset Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Two Butcher's Lambs Sired by a Suffolk Ram

The WG Cook Challenge Cup for the Champion Pen of Butchers Lambs (Best Sheep for Retail Trade)

The Richard Draper Perpetual Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Wool on the Hoof

The Furzehill Frame for the Best Shetland Wool on the Hoof

The J Stroud Cup for the Best Sheep Young Handler

The Commander Mayes Cup for Outstanding Conduct in Sheep Section

Champion & Reserve Champion cards and rosettes will be awarded for each section. Supreme Champion & Reserve Supreme Champion cards and rosettes will be awarded

The 2025 Mid-Somerset Show is incorporating the Shetland Sheep Society Ruby Anniversary National Show. The Shetland Sheep Society will provide commemorative 40th anniversary rosettes for 1st – 5th placings in all classes and Champions & Reserves; as well as a Ruby Anniversary sash, £40 prize money, and keepsake, for overall breed champion. A special rosette will be presented to the best young handler under 16 years of age.

Additional classes & Championships have been added to the Shetland Sheep section including an overall Shetland Sheep Championship. Please note that champions from the Shetland sections will still be eligible to compete in both the Primitive & Shetland Interbreed Championship & the Supreme of Show Championship. The Mallows Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Champion Shetland Sheep.

SUFFOLKS

Mr Stephen Pierce, Bristol (Judge)

- Class 401** Ram any age
Class 402 Ram lamb
Class 403 Ewe any age
Class 404 Ewe lamb
Class 405 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
SH1 Suffolk Sheep Championship

PRIMITIVE BREEDS

Hebridean, Manx Loaghtan, North Ronaldsay, Portland, Soay, Boreray etc

Mrs Doreen Smillie-Gray, Herefordshire (Judge)

- Class 406** Ram any age
Class 407 Ram lamb
Class 408 Ewe any age
Class 409 Ewe lamb
Class 410 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
SH2 Primitive Sheep Championship

The Pretty Oak Challenge Cup for The Champion Primitive (Kindly presented by Mr G Wakeling).

SHETLANDS

Mr Andrew Bain, East Lothian (Judge)

As part of the 2025 Shetland Sheep Society Ruby Anniversary Show the Shetland Sheep section will be divided as follows:

Shetland Sheep (excluding Katmoget)

Shetland sheep of any colour or pattern except for Katmoget

- Class 411** Ram any age
Class 412 Ram lamb
Class 413 Ewe any age
Class 414 Ewe lamb
Class 415 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
SH3 Shetland Sheep (excluding Katmoget) Championship

Katmoget Shetland Sheep

To be of light coloured body with dark belly, legs and a moget face.

- Class 416** Ram any age
Class 417 Ram lamb
Class 418 Ewe any age
Class 419 Ewe lamb
Class 420 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
SH12 Katmoget Shetland Sheep Championship
SH31 Overall Shetland Sheep Champion (Katmoget and non-Katmoget to compete)

The Mallows Perpetual Cup for the Best Shetland Sheep to be presented to the Overall Champion Shetland Sheep.

PRIMITIVE & SHETLAND INTER-BREED CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr Jock Muirhead, Watchet (Judge)

SH26 Primitive section & **BOTH** Shetland section Champions to compete

The Flock Salver for the Inter-breed Champion

WHITE RYELAND

Mr Alex Hext Bridgwater (Judge)

Class 421 Ram any age

Class 422 Ram lamb

Class 423 Ewe any age

Class 424 Ewe lamb

Class 425 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH4 White Ryeland Championship

The Ryeland Flock Book Society Ryeland Committee offers Champion and Reserve champion rosettes.

COLOURED RYELAND

Mrs Doreen Smillie-Gray, Herefordshire (Judge)

Class 426 Ram any age

Class 427 Ram lamb

Class 428 Ewe any age

Class 429 Ewe lamb

Class 430 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH5 Coloured Ryeland Championship

SH6 Overall Ryeland Championship- Coloured & Ryelands to compete

The Roy Allen Memorial Cup for the Best Ryeland In Show.

The Ryeland Flock Book Society Ryeland Committee offers Champion and Reserve champion rosettes

NATIVE LONGWOOLS

Devon & Cornwall, Leicester, Lincoln, Teeswater, Wensleydale, Whitefaced & Greyfaced Dartmoor

Mr Steve Gray, Herefordshire (Judge)

Class 431 Ram any age

Class 432 Ram lamb

Class 433 Ewe any age

Class 434 Ewe lamb

Class 435 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH7 Native Longwool Championship

The Laurel Bank Challenge Cup for Champion Longwool (Kindly presented by Mr M J Pullin).

POLL DORSET/DORSET HORN

Ms Kate Odey, Axbridge (Judge)

(If insufficient entries these classes will be amalgamated with Other Down and Lowland classes).

436 Ram any age

437 Ram lamb

438 Ewe any age

439 Ewe lamb

440 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH8 Poll Dorset/Dorset Horn Championship

The Max Giddings Trophy in memory of the late Ken Osborne for The Best Dorset Sheep.

HAMPSHIRE DOWN

Miss Lucy Haywood, Watchet (Judge)

(If insufficient entries these classes will be amalgamated with Other Down and Lowland classes).

Class 441 Ram any age

Class 442 Ram lamb

Class 443 Ewe any age

Class 444 Ewe lamb

Class 445 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH29 Hampshire Down Championship

ANY OTHER DOWN BREEDS

Dorset Down, Oxford Down, Shropshire, Southdown

Miss Lucy Haywood, Watchet (Judge)

Class 446 Ram any age

Class 447 Ram lamb

Class 448 Ewe any age

Class 449 Ewe lamb

Class 450 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH9 Any Other Down Breed Championship

The Norman Clothier for the Best Dorset Down Sheep in Show

NATIVE HILL & UPLAND

Beulah Speckle Face, Cheviot, Clun Forest, Exmoor Horn, Herdwick, Llanwenog, Welsh Mountain,
Badger Faced Welsh Mountain, Scottish Black Face, Swaledale

Mr Steve Gray, Herefordshire (Judge)

Class 451 Ram any age

Class 452 Ram lamb

Class 453 Ewe any age

Class 454 Ewe lamb

Class 455 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH10 Native Hill & Upland Championship

BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN

Mr John Griffiths, Newport (Judge)

Class 456 Ram any age

Class 457 Ram lamb

Class 458 Ewe any age

Class 459 Ewe lamb

Class 460 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH11 Black Welsh Mountain Championship

TEXEL

Mr M Lear, Tiverton (Judge)

Class 461 Ram any age

Class 462 Ram lamb

Class 463 Ewe any age

Class 464 Ewe lamb

Class 465 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH13 Texel Championship

A Special Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes from the Texel Sheep Society awarded to the highest placed Texel.

BELTEX

Miss Louise Elworthy, Exeter (Judge)

- Class 466** Ram any age
Class 467 Ram lamb
Class 468 Ewe any age
Class 469 Ewe lamb
Class 470 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
SH14 Beltex Championship

BLUE TEXEL

Miss Louise Elworthy, Exeter (Judge)

- Class 471** Ram any age
Class 472 Ram lamb
Class 473 Ewe any age
Class 474 Ewe lamb
Class 475 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
SH15 Blue Texel Championship

CHAROLLAIS

Mr Andrew Coombs, Radstock (Judge)

(If insufficient entries these classes will be amalgamated with Any Other Continentals classes).

- Class 476** Ram any age
Class 477 Ram lamb
Class 478 Ewe any age
Class 479 Ewe lamb
Class 480 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
SH16 Charollais Championship

DUTCH SPOTTED

Mr Mike Robertson, Bristol (Judge)

(If insufficient entries these classes will be amalgamated with Any Other Continentals classes).

- Class 481** Ram any age
Class 482 Ram lamb
Class 483 Ewe any age
Class 484 Ewe lamb
Class 485 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
SH28 Dutch Spotted Championship

ANY OTHER CONTINENTALS

Bleu du Maine, Rouge de l'ouest, Vendéen, Berrichon due Cher etc

Mr Andrew Coombs, Radstock (Judge)

- Class 486** Ram any age
Class 487 Ram lamb
Class 488 Ewe any age
Class 489 Ewe lamb
Class 490 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
SH17 Any Other Continental Breeds Championship

SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr Jock Muirhead, Watchet (Judge)

SH18 Supreme of Show- Champions from all above sections to compete

The Roy Clarke Cup for the Best Sheep in Show

GROUP OF THREE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr Jock Muirhead, Watchet (Judge)

SH30 Group of Three Championship- All winners from Group of 3 classes to compete

LOCAL

Mr Will Hyde, Dorset (Judge)

Exhibitors to reside within 15 miles of the show field.

Any mouths that are not correct will be rejected. Please check mouths before entering.

Animals not halter led & untrimmed

Animals not to be entered in any other classes.

Class 491 Pair of ewe lambs- to be kept for breeding, any breed or cross

Class 492 Pair of two-four tooth ewes- any breed or cross

Class 493 Pair of six-tooth-full mouth ewes, any breed or cross

Class 494 A Ram- any breed or cross

SH19 Local Championship

The Sutherland Perpetual Trophy for the Champion Local Sheep.

YOUNG HANDLER

To be judged at 8.30 am

All classes will be judged concurrently

Mr Will Hyde, Dorset (Judge), Ms Kate Odey, Axbridge (Judge),

Mr Alex Hext Bridgwater (Judge), Miss Louise Elworthy, Exeter (Judge)

Free entry

All entries to be made prior to show day with the show secretary.

No entries will be taken on the day.

Class 495 Young Handlers- Open to 5 to 16 yr olds (on show day). Classes will be allocated once all entries have been completed. No more than 10 children per class.

SH21 Young Handler Championship

Winner from each class will put forward for **The J Stroud Cup** for the Best Young Handler

BUTCHERS LAMBS

Mr Will Hyde, Dorset (Judge)

Animals not to be entered in any other classes.

Class 496 Two butcher's lambs- Sired by a Suffolk

Class 497 Two butcher's lambs- Sired by a Continental

Class 498 Two butcher's lambs- Sired by any other breed

Class SH20 Butchers Lambs Championship

The J Blacker Perpetual Cup for the Champion pen of Butcher's Lambs.

NOVELTY CLASS

TBC (Judge)

Free entry

All entries to be made prior to show day with the show secretary.

No entries will be taken on the day.

Class 499 Best dressed Lamb & Handler

WOOL ON THE HOOF

Mr Aaron Chilcott (Judge)

Limited to one entry from each exhibitor.

Class 500 Long

Class 501 Short

Class 502 Naturally coloured Wool

Class 503 Shetland

SH22 Wool on the Hoof Championship

Richard Draper Cup for the Best Wool on the Hoof.

The Furzehill Frame for best Shetland Wool on the Hoof.

FLEECE COMPETITION

Mr Aaron Chilcott (Judge)

Chief Steward: Sarah Ford

Entry Fee: £2.50 per fleece

Prize Money: 1st £15.00, 2nd £10.00, 3rd £5.00

Judging takes place at 10 am on show morning. Fleeces to be staged in the Fleece tent before 9 am.

Special rules:

- 1 Exhibitors may make any number of entries in the classes listed. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure they enter the correct class. Breed to be stated on entry form.
- 2 All fleeces should be rolled and secured by the neck wool.
- 3 All fleeces should be labelled with the class entered, the breed or cross and the exhibitor number.
- 4 Fleeces should be on display by 9am on the day of the show. They may be removed after the grand parade.
- 5 Fleeces that are artificially stained or coloured or fastened with twine will be eliminated.
- 6 The judge's decision is final.
- 7 The winner of the Shetland class will go forward to a national fleece competition at The Shetland Sheep Society York National Show & Sale 2025

Breed to be stated on entry form

Class 504 Medium/Extra Fine/Fine - from Charollais, Clun, Down, Halfbred, Ileyn, Merino, Ryeland, Suffolk etc

Class 505 Cross and Lustre - from Devon & Cornwall, Greyfaced/Whitefaced Dartmoor, Leicester, Lincoln, Teeswater, Wensleydale etc

Class 506 Hill and Mountain - from Beulah Speckle Face, Cheviot, Exmoor Horn, Herdwick, Kerry Hill, Llanwenog, Welsh Mountain, Black Welsh Mountain, Badger faced Welsh Mountain, Scottish Black Face

Class 507 Naturally Coloured - from Black Wells Mountain, Badger faced Welsh Mountain, Coloured Ryeland, Jacob, Zwartbles or any other natural coloured pure bred or cross fleece

Class 508 Shetland Fleece- Winner to compete at national fleece competition at The Shetland Sheep Society York National Show & Sale 2025

SH24 Fleece Championship

PIGS

Chief Steward – Mrs Susan Tanner

Entry fee - £5.50 per entry Young handler classes - **free entry**

All exhibitors are asked to pay £3.50 as a contribution towards the cost of hiring the pig pens

Prizes: 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. **Group:** 1st £10, 2nd £8, 3rd £6

Young handler: 1st £10, 2nd £8, 3rd £6

The following cups will be presented:

Interbreed Champion Pig Trophy will be awarded to the Supreme Champion.

The Farrington & Shepton Fat Stock Challenge Cup will be awarded to Best Sow and Litter.

The Roger Noble Trophy for best young handler.

The Society General Rules and Conditions apply:

- 1 Judging starts at **9.00am**
- 2 All animals must be on the show ground before 9.00am and not removed **until after** 4.00 pm.
- 3 Exhibitors' animals to be block penned.
- 4 The ages of all animals must be reckoned to 17th August 2025 unless otherwise stated.
- 5 Date of birth of all livestock must be stated on the entry form
- 6 Classes may be amalgamated if insufficient entries in any section of the schedule
- 7 Please state number of pens required. If possible please put two or more pigs to a pen.
- 8 Pigs for group classes can be selected on the showground but exhibitors must make the entry on the entry form and pay the correct entry fee.
- 9 If any more than 3 pigs of the same breed in same class then a separate class may be held.
- 10 Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society are within their rights to amalgamate any classes with insufficient entries.

LIVESTOCK SANITATION STATEMENT.

PLEASE READ THE BELOW STATEMENT CAREFULLY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEFRA REGULATIONS I/WE HEREBY AGREE TO CLEANSE AND DISINFECT THE VEHICLE USED FOR THE TRANSPORT OF LIVESTOCK WITHIN 24 HOURS OF LEAVING THE SHOW GROUND.

I/WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT VEHICLES ARE EXPECTED TO STAY ON SITE DURING THE DAY, ANY VEHICLE USED FOR TRANSPORTING ANIMALS THAT LEAVES DURING THE DAY MUST BE CLEANSED AND DISINFECTED BEFORE RETURNING TO THE SHOWGROUND. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN THE VEHICLE BEING REFUSED RE-ENTRY.

Young Handlers on at end of showing classes

TRADITIONAL BREEDS

Mr Peter Clark, Dorset (Judge)

Winner from each class will be put forward for the Traditional Breeds Championship.

The winner will then be put forward for the Supreme Championship.

- Class 504** Sow with suckling litter - Any breed or crossbreed. Sows from other classes are eligible to enter
- Class 505** Boar - born on or after 1st January 2025
- Class 506** Sow - must have produced and reared a litter within 6 months prior to show date
- Class 507** Gilt - born on or after 1st July 2024
- Class 508** Gilt - born on or after 1st January 2025
- Class 509** Pair of pigs from above classes (1 male, 1 female)
- Class 510** Group - 3 pigs one from each class

MODERN BREEDS

Mr Peter Clark, Dorset (Judge)

Winner from each class will be put forward for the Modern Breeds Championship. The winner will then be put forward for the Supreme Championship.

- Class 511** Boar - born on or after 1st January 2025
Class 512 Sow - must have produced and reared a litter within 6 months prior to show date
Class 513 Gilt - born on or after 1st July 2024
Class 514 Gilt - born on or after 1st January 2025
Class 515 Pair of pigs from above classes (1 male, 1 female)
Class 516 Group - 3 pigs one from each class

KUNE KUNE

Mr Peter Clark, Dorset (Judge)

(If insufficient entries these classes will be amalgamated with traditional breed classes)

Champion female and champion male will be put forward for the Breed Champion and Reserve.

The winner will be put forward for the Supreme Championship.

The Champion Kune Kune will qualify for Champion of Champions to be held at Edenbridge and Oxted Show in 2024
The British Kunekune Pig Society

Show Rules

1. All classes are held under the general rules and conditions of the BKKPS as detailed below.
2. All pigs must be registered with the British Kunekune Pig Society (including non-breeding pigs) - entries will be checked prior to, and at the show. Any unregistered pigs will not be allowed in the ring.
3. All pigs entered in the show must be the bone fide property of the exhibitor and must have been transferred into their ownership by the BKKPS before being entered into the show.
4. Exhibitors must display the pigs' registration certificate (or a copy) on the pen to verify pedigree registration and ownership.
5. All pigs must be correctly tagged and the information should match with the registration certificate displayed
6. No pigs under the age of 4 months will be entered. Piglets accompanying a sow must be at least 3 weeks of age and individually tagged.
7. Boars over 12 months of age MUST have tusks trimmed and be shown by 2 adult handlers (over 18 years) with proper boards and sticks/batons.
8. Handlers are required to be of smart appearance with appropriate footwear; white coats must be worn at all times in the show ring. Proper pig boards and sticks must be used. Pig boards should not show any form of individual advertising or Herd names.
9. Animals in poor health or suffering from any form of contagious or infectious disease must not be brought to the show.
10. A competent person must be in attendance with each lot of pigs for the duration of the show and all attendants must comply with reasonable requests from the Stewards.
11. With the exception of the Stewards or other representatives of the Organisers, no person will be admitted to the judging rings or permitted to be in contact with the judges on any pretext.
12. Sows must have produced and reared a pedigree (birth notified) litter in the 12 months prior to show date.
13. Gilts are eligible to be shown up to 18 months old, after this they must meet the requirement of rule 12.
14. Boars over a year old must have sired a litter within 12 months prior to show.
15. Veteran pigs must be 6 years and over.
16. Castrated pigs will not be eligible for Champion of Champions.

- Class 517** Sow - born before 1st July 2024
Class 518 Boar - before 1st January 2025
Class 519 Gilt - born on or after 1st July 2024. (Gilts can be up to 18 months old)
Class 520 Gilt - born in 2025 (Must be 4 months old at date of show).
Class 521 Nonbreeding (pet) sow/gilt/castrate
Class 522 Sow and Litter
Class 523 Pair of pigs from above classes (1 male, 1 female)

YOUNG HANDLER

Mr Peter Clark, Dorset (Judge)

Judging at end of showing classes

Free entry

All entries to be made prior to show day with the show secretary.

No entries will be taken on the day.

Class 524 Young Handler - up to age 11

Class 525 Young Handler - 12 to age 17

NOVELTY CLASSES

Judge TBC

Veteran pig & First time exhibitor: **Entry fee:** £5.50 **Prizes:** 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10

Best dressed pig: **Free entry** **Prizes:** 1st £10, 2nd £8, 3rd £6

Class 526 Veteran Pig - any boar or sow born before 1st September 2021.

Class 527 Best dressed pig and handler

Class 528 First time exhibitor - for entries who have not entered a show before.

FODDER

Mr S Harrison, Norton St Phillip

Entry Fee - £3.50 per entry

Prizes: 1st £10.00, 2nd £5.00, 3rd £2.00

A **Perpetual Challenge Cup** kindly presented by Blandford and Webb will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the fodder classes

The Animal Health Trust Cup for most points for fodder, sheep & cattle

Rules

- 1 No exhibitor will be awarded more than one prize in any one class.
- 2 Grain and fodder etc must be staged on Saturday 16th August 2025 by 12 noon with the judging taking place on that day at 2.30pm
- 3 In classes with only one entry, the chief steward reserves the right to award only a second prize, if in the opinion of the judge the entry is of insufficient merit to warrant a first prize. No second prize will be awarded in classes where there are less than 3 entries.
- 4 The Society will not be liable for any loss or damage that may arise, whether by fire, accident or otherwise.
- 5 Any prize money not collected on show day will be forfeited
- 6 General Rules of the Society also apply

Class 550 Grass Silage

Class 551 Maize Silage

Class 552 Big Bale Silage

Class 553 Whole Crop Silage

Class 554 Meadow Hay

Class 555 6 stems of Maize, as grown by the exhibitor

Class 556 Barley, any variety

Class 557 Winter Wheat, any variety

Class 558 Oats

FCH1 Fodder Championship

HORSES

Chief Steward: Harriet Farquhar

Entry Fees: £12-00 per class; late entries £18-00 per class

PRIZE MONEY*:

All classes: 1st £20.00, 2nd £15.00, 3rd £10.00

With the exception of classes 629 to 636: 1st £30.00, 2nd £20.00, 3rd £10.00

Rosettes 1st-6th in each class

Show Rules:

The Society General Rules and Conditions also apply

1. The Society operates a Health and Safety policy on the Showground. All riders must wear protective head gear which includes a retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points. Such headgear must be worn with the chin strap properly adjusted and fastened. Correctly secured current British Standard skull caps/riding hats must be worn at all times whilst mounted (including Ride Judges) Such headgear must be worn with the chin strap correctly and securely fastened at all times whilst mounted on the Showground.
When jumping in the Ring, the practice or collecting areas, all Riders must wear protective headgear, according to the current standards as listed below: All PAS 015; VG 1; (BS)EN1384 2017; ASTM F1163 04a onwards; SNELL E2001; SNELL E2016; AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. Skullcaps must be of, or worn with, a dark coloured plain peaked cover. Refer to your Society/Association Rule Book for further clarification. Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats that meet one of the following current Safety Standards/specifications MUST be worn by all Riders between the ages of 15 to 17 inclusive. All PAS 015; VG 1; (BS) EN1384 2017; ASTM F1163 04a onwards; SNELL E2001; SNELL E2016; AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards.
2. The Society reserves the right to refuse an entry, to restrict the entries in a class, to change the schedule in any way.
3. Exhibitors making false statements on entry or acting in any way fraudulently will be disqualified and prize money withheld.
4. Any exhibitor wishing to lodge a protest shall do so in writing with a deposit of £60 to the Horse Secretary within 2 hours of the end of the class.
5. All ridden or driven entries and brood mares must be 4 years old or over. Foals to be 3 weeks old or over. Stallions to be handled by people 14 years old or over. All exhibitors must have the physical ability, relevant experience and be competent to handle the animal in their charge at all times. In the interest of safety all stallions and colts, 2 years old and over must be adequately bitted whilst on the showground.
6. A fall of horse or rider in any class will result in retirement from the class and must leave the ring dismounted. All persons in charge of exhibits will be subject to the orders of the stewards and will be required to parade or exhibit the animals in their charge at such times as may be directed by the stewards. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to be in attendance at least ten minutes before the start time appointed for their class. No exhibitors shall be allowed to lead more than one animal at a time in the ring.
7. The presence, in any form or quantity, in a horse entered of a substance which by its nature could affect its performance is banned. The presence of any substance in any form or quantity found in any animal should not be present on the showground.
8. Should any animal prove to be suffering from an infectious or contagious disease the exhibitor shall be liable to forfeit and pay a sum of £2000 as damages in addition to any penalty incurred by the contravention of the orders of any public authority or damages recoverable by other animal owners.
9. All cups and trophies are perpetual challenge awards. They must be signed for at the Trophy Tent next to the Secretary's Office next to the main ring.
10. It is a condition of entry at the Mid-Somerset Show that children must only handle animals where they have the necessary strength and experience to cope with foreseeable problems.
11. Competitors must at all times wear correct riding clothes complete with jackets or as specified.
12. Long hair is to be tied back in the interest of safety
13. Each exhibitor is to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner whilst on the show field.
14. No exhibitor is to ill-treat their horse or pony at the Show whether inside or outside the showing rings. It is the owner's due diligence to ensure that their horses and ponies are not left unattended whilst tied to the side of trailers or lorries.
15. No exhibitor is to excessively use a whip or spur whilst on the Showfield.
16. Verbal or physical abuse and threats towards our stewards, volunteers, contractors and staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances. If you display such behaviour, you will be asked to leave the show site immediately and reported to the police.
17. *Prize money will only be awarded in classes with sufficient entries. Where only two horses are in the class, prize money will only go to the 1st place horse. Where only three horses are in the class, prize money will only go to 2nd place.
18. All animals ridden anywhere on the Showground, rings or lorry parks (day or night), must only be ridden by a rider whose size and weight does not compromise the animal's welfare. We are operating under the 20% rider weight guideline where the rider in full riding attire with full tack must be less than 20% of the animal's bodyweight. This is based on a relatively fit, healthy animal, as an overweight animal is also a welfare concern. Furthermore, the Society & officials working on behalf of the society including ring stewards have the right to ask someone to dismount their horse or pony if they feel the rider is not of an appropriate size for the horse or pony they are riding.

NPS CLASSES

NPS Qualifying Rounds: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. Ponies must be registered in any of the British Riding Pony studbook sections or the Ridden Register; the GSB; the AHSB; the AASB, or registered in the main body of their respective M&M Stud Book. Part bred are not eligible unless over stamped into one of the British Riding Pony studbook sections, or the Ridden Register. Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and nonmembers but only ponies owned by adult NPS Qualifying or Life members are eligible to qualify for the final of the competition at the NPS Summer Championship Show at Malvern from 4th – 6th August 2026. The highest placed pony, if owned by an NPS member, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified. NPS/WTJ Insurance Brokers Ltd Home Produced Ridden Championship - Riders of Home Produced ponies (see definition in the NPS Rules Book) can wear a white arm band in classes where this is indicated. These ponies, if owned by NPS members, are then eligible to qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship Show. The Owner's Membership cards MUST be produced in the ring when requested or the qualification will be forfeit.

NPS Silver Medal Rosette Championships: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. NPS Silver Medal Rosettes are only awarded when the owner of the champion pony is a Qualifying or Life member of the NPS. A valid membership card must be in the rider's/handler's possession on entering the ring and be produced immediately on request by either the judge or the steward. If the owner of the Champion pony is not a member, or the owner's membership card is not immediately produced, the rosette may be awarded to the Reserve Champion provided they have the required membership card. If the Champion pony has previously qualified it is still entitled to the Silver Medal Rosette, but the qualification card goes to the Reserve Champion pony, provided the owner of that pony is a member of the NPS. The Silver Medal Rosette and the qualification card can be awarded no lower than first Reserve (third). Foals are not eligible for Silver Medal Championships.

Equine Flu

We recommend all Horses & Donkeys attending The Mid Somerset Show are vaccinated against Equine Influenza.

The requirement for the first 3 vaccinations is as follows:

Primary course:

First 2 vaccinations 21 - 92 days apart

3rd booster between 150 - 215 days

6 monthly booster vaccinations thereafter.

No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of a vaccination dose.

We urge all owners to adhere to strict biosecurity protocols at all times.

Vaccinations are subject to local risk assessments by the attending veterinarians.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NIETHER VACCINATION CERTIFICATES NOR PASSPORTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SHOW OFFICE PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

First aid cover from 8-00 am until 6-30 pm. Farrier on showground

Reasonable precautions have been taken by the Society to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers, officials and stewards.

Please Note: Whilst we have tried to provide as accurate a timetable as possible, it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they are in the ring at the start of their class. We strongly recommend competitors arrive at least 30 minutes before the estimated time of their first class. As with any show, traffic can be heavy on the roads surrounding the site so please allow plenty of travelling time.

PASSES

The Mid-Somerset Show is a FREE ENTRY SHOW the only charge to visitors is car parking. As an exhibitor you will receive a vehicle pass for the Equine Car Park, this car park is for horse lorries/trailers only. YOU DO NOT NEED ANY INDIVIDUAL TICKETS- your vehicle pass will give entry to the show to all occupants of your vehicle. If you require an additional car pass for a rider/groom to gain access to the site in a car, please contact the show office at the time of making your entries. The pass allocation for entrants is as follows:

1 - 3 Horses: 1 Vehicle Pass

4 or more Horses: 2 Vehicle Passes

Additional Passes: £5 per Vehicle

SHETLANDS

Miniature Judge: Mrs J James, Staffordshire

Standard Judge: Mr R James, Staffordshire

Main Ring- 8.30am

All classes affiliated to The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society

Special Rules:

1. Classes must be confined to SPS-BS registered ponies. Ponies must be named on the entry form and in the catalogue if one is produced. Society rosettes must only be given to ponies registered with the Society or to foals eligible for registration.
2. Three-year-old-fillies with foals at foot may not be shown. All foals must a minimum of three weeks old on the day of the Show.
3. Entire males aged 4 years old and over must have an "S" number and have been successfully through either the SPSBS Stallion assessment prior to 2006 or the current SPSBS Voluntary Veterinary Examination. Ridden stallions MUST display a stallion bridle badge. In-hand stallions & colts 2 years and over must wear a correctly fitted bit are advised to display a stallion bridle badge.
4. There must be no colts or entire males in Young Handlers classes. Children under 14 years old may not show colts (excluding foals) or entire males in In-hand classes. Children under 12 years old on the day of the show may not show entire males in ridden classes. In the interests of safety, hard hats must be worn by all handlers aged 14 years or under in In-hand classes. Exhibitors should not kneel but remain standing while in the ring

The South West Shetland Pony Group will present a Special Rosette to the highest placed pony owned by a Member in each class. Current Membership Cards **MUST** be produced in the **RING**.

The Wessex Shetland Pony Group will present a Special Rosette to the highest placed pony owned by a Member in each class. Current Membership Cards **MUST** be produced in the **RING**.

Class 600 In-hand Miniature Shetland Yearling Open to SPSBS registered miniature Shetland yearling fillies, colts or geldings.

Class 601 In-hand Miniature Shetland 2 and 3 year olds Open to SPSBS registered miniature Shetland 2 & 3 year old fillies, colts or geldings.

ECH1 Shetland Miniature Junior Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 600 & 601

Class 602 In-hand Miniature Shetland 4 yrs + mares Open to SPSBS registered miniature Shetland mares aged 4 years & over with or without foal at foot.

Class 603 In-hand Miniature Shetland 4 yrs + stallions & geldings Open to SPSBS registered miniature Shetland stallions and geldings aged 4 years & over. Special rosette to the highest placed gelding.

ECH2 Shetland Miniature Senior Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize Winners from classes 602 & 603

ECH3 Shetland Miniature Overall Championship For miniature junior and senior champion & reserve

Class 604 In-hand Standard Shetland Yearling Open to SPSBS registered standard Shetland yearling fillies, colts or geldings.

Class 605 In-hand Standard Shetland 2 and 3 year olds Open to SPSBS registered standard Shetland 2 & 3 year old fillies, colts or geldings.

ECH4 Shetland Standard Junior Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 604 & 605

Class 606 In-hand Standard Shetland 4 yrs + mares Open to SPSBS registered standard Shetland mares aged 4 years & over with or without foal at foot.

Class 607 In-hand Miniature Shetland 4 yrs + stallions & geldings Open to SPSBS registered standard Shetland stallions & geldings aged 4 years & over. Special rosette to the highest placed gelding.

ECH5 Shetland Standard Senior Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize Winners from classes 606 & 607

ECH6 Shetland Standard Overall Championship For standard junior and senior champion & reserve

ECH7 Shetland Overall Supreme Championship For miniature and standard champion & reserve

Shetland Overall Supreme Championship

Prize: **The Cherhill Shetlands Salver** for the Supreme Champion Shetland

INTER HUNT RELAY

Main Ring 12.30 pm

Chief Steward: Claire Dunn

Invitation only

1st £100.00, 2nd £50.00, 3rd £30.00, 4th £20.00

Rosettes 1st to 8th 1st place turnout prizes and rosettes

Class 608 INTER HUNT RELAY Team of three. Knock out rounds

WORKING HUNTER CLASSES

Course Builder: Mr. N. Payne

NPS Working Hunter Pony Training Stakes

Judge: Mr M Fry, Hants

Ring 1- 8.30am

The following classes are qualifiers for: The NPS/THE SIMONS FAMILY & MARBETH STUD Working Hunter Pony Training Stakes National Championship (Open to M&M and Plaited) . Classes are open to mares, geldings and stallions four year old and over, in possession of an equine passport but no specific registration or breed society criteria. Plaited ponies to a maximum of 158cms. Riders may only ride one pony in each class. Rider any age except stallions (see NPS rules.)

Class 609 The NPS/THE SIMONS FAMILY & MARBETH STUD Working Hunter Pony Training Stakes National Championship Height of fences 45cms to 55cms.

Class 610 The NPS/THE SIMONS FAMILY & MARBETH STUD Working Hunter Pony Training Stakes National Championship Height of fences 55cms to 70cms.

ECH8 NPS WHP Training Stakes Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 609 & 610

NPS Novice Working Hunter Pony

Judge: Mr M Fry, Hants

Ring 1 - Not Before 10.00am

The following classes are qualifiers for: The NPS/ M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship. These classes are open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings, four years old or over. Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year, it has done any of the following:

- i) Won an open affiliated WHP class
- ii) Qualified for Horse of the Year Show or RIHS Open WHP classes
- iii) Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate WHP final at the NPS Summer Championship show (N.B. Ponies can compete as novices in this competition for two consecutive years provided they do not submit an entry to the final in the first year).
- iv) If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show or RIHS in its second year it is immediately denoviced and cannot compete in the Novice WHP Final.
- v) Ponies that have won more than 5 BE points or 200 BS points, at home or equivalent abroad before 1st January in the current year, are not eligible to compete in novice working classes.

Class 611 The NPS/ M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship 122cm Ponies not exceeding 122cms.

Class 612 The NPS/ M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship 133cm Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Class 613 The NPS/ M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship 143cm Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Class 614 The NPS/ M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship 148cm Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148cms (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction).

ECH9 NPS Novice WHP Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 611-614

NPS Novice WHP Championship

Prize: **The Yeoman Cup** for the Champion

Mini Working Hunter Pony Classes

Judge: Mrs J Lowth, Somerset

Ring 1 - Not Before 11.00am

Class 616 is a qualifier for: The NPS/STEVENSON BROTHERS ROCKING HORSES M&M First Ridden Working Hunter Pony National Championship. The class is open to registered M&M mares or geldings four years old or over not exceeding 128 cm. Riders must have attained their 5th birthday but must not have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Riders who have qualified for the (Horse of the Year Show/RIHS) M&M Working Hunter Pony Championship before the 1st January in the current year are not eligible. Ponies must not be asked to gallop. The three highest placed ponies, owned by an NPS member, in each class go forward to the final. Where these ponies have already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification goes no lower than fifth place.

Class 615 Lead Rein WHP Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their 9th Birthday before 1st Jan in the current year. Fences not to exceed 1ft3

Class 616 The NPS/STEVENSON BROTHERS ROCKING HORSES M&M First Ridden Working Hunter Pony Open to registered M&M mares or geldings four years old or over not exceeding 128 cm. Riders must have attained their 5th birthday but must not have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

NPS Open Working Hunter Pony

Judge: Mrs J Lowth, Somerset

Ring 1 - Not Before 12.00pm

The following classes are qualifiers for: The NPS/TOPSPEC M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship. These classes are open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over.

Class 617 The NPS/TOPSPEC M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship 122cm Ponies not exceeding 122cm

Class 618 The NPS/TOPSPEC M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship 133cm Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Class 619 The NPS/TOPSPEC M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship 143cm Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Class 620 The NPS/TOPSPEC M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship 148cm Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148cms (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction).

ECH10 NPS Open WHP Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 617-620

NPS Novice WHP Championship

Prize: **The Mid Somerset Show Open Working Hunter** for the Champion

Unaffiliated Working Hunter Ponies

Pony Judge: Mr R James, Staffordshire (Classes 621 & 623A)

Horse Judge: Ms Bindy Higgins, Broadway (Classes 622 & 623 B)

Definition of a novice: Combination of Horse & Rider not to have won 1st or 2nd prize in any Working Hunter class before 1st Jan in the current year.

Class 621 Novice Working Hunter Pony Mare, gelding or stallion, 4 years old or over not exceeding 148cms. Fences not to exceed 50cm. No lead reins allowed.

Class 622 Novice Working Hunter Horse Mare, gelding or stallion, 4 years old or over exceeding 148cms. Fences not to exceed 75cm.

Class 623A Open Working Hunter Pony Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 148cms. Fences not to exceed 80cm

Class 623B Open Working Hunter Horse Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over exceeding 153cms. Fences not to exceed 100cm

ECH11 Working Hunter Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize Winners from classes 621-623

RIDDEN HUNTERS

Judge (Conf): Ms Bindy Higgins, Broadway

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO RIDE JUDGE THIS YEAR SO ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RIDDEN BY THE JUDGE.

Ring 2- 8.30am

- Class 624** Novice Hunter Not to have won 1st prize of £25 or total of £100 in Ridden Hunter classes before 01.01.25
Class 625 Lightweight Hunter Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, capable of carrying up to 12.7 stone
Class 626 Middleweight Hunter Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, capable of carrying 12.7 stone but not 14 stone.
Class 627 Heavyweight Hunter Mare of gelding, 4 years old and over capable of carrying over 14 stone
Class 628 Local Hunter Residing within 12 miles of Shepton Mallet.

ECH12 Ridden Hunter Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 624-628

Ridden Hunter Championship

Prize: **The Addleshaw Cup** for the Champion

HEAVY HORSES

Open Heavy Horses

Judge: Mrs J Wordsworth, Hampshire

Ring 2- 10.00am

Main Ring Parade- 3.00pm

All prize winners and in-hand horses are invited to parade in the Main Ring during the Harness Class at approximately 3.00 pm

PRIZE MONEY & FEES

Please note we have changed our prize money/expenses protocol for 2025

In-hand Classes: **1st** £30, **2nd** £25, **3rd** £20, All other placings: £10

Foal Class (632): **1st** £12, **2nd** £10, **3rd** £8, All other placings: £5

Harness Class: £40 Appearance money per horse

Travel Expenses: £40 per exhibitor

APPEARANCE FEES & TRAVEL EXPENSES WILL BE IN PRE-PREPARED ENVELOPES AND MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE PRIZE MONEY BOOTH ALONG WITH ANY ADDITIONAL WINNINGS ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW. NO MONEY WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE SHOW.

Open to all recognised heavy horse breeds

The Newpole Easton Countess Cup will awarded to the Champion Suffolk.

We are a qualifier for the West of England Heavy Horse Championships 2025 sponsored by All 4 Wood Tree Services. The In Hand Champion and the winner of the Harness Class will be the qualifier. If either of the winners have already qualified at a previous show then if necessary the qualifier can go down to fourth place. If the top four horses have already qualified, then no qualifier can be nominated. The final will be held on the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Showground on the 21st September 2025

The Shire Horse Society offers a Spoon and a Rosette for the Best Shire Mare or Filly 2025. The offer of Spoons and Rosettes is subject to the Shire Horse Society Special Conditions of Offer.

Class 629 Heavy Horse Stallion Open to Heavy Horse Stallions

Class 630 Heavy Horse Gelding, 3 years old and over

Class 631 Heavy Horse Mare, 3 years old and over With or Without Foal at foot

Class 632 Heavy Horse Foal Heavy Horse Foal. Colt or Filly. To be the progeny of a mare from class 631

Class 633 Heavy Horse yearling or two year old filly, colt or gelding

Class 634 Heavy Horse in Harness/Turnout, Mare, Stallion or Gelding 3 years and over Section A: Heavy horse show harness decorated with traditional brass. To be show in full sets. To be judged: 70% harness, 20% horse cleanliness (not conformation), 10% presentation. This is a qualifier for the West of England Heavy Horse Championships 2024.

ECH13 Heavy Horse Championship

For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 629-633

Heavy Horse Championship

Prizes: **The Shelia Selway Memorial Cup** for the Champion Heavy Horse

Mrs I M Barton Cup for the Best Gelding

The Mid Somerset Show Perpetual Mendip Cup for the Best Mare

SUFFOLKS

Judge: Mrs J Wordsworth, Hampshire

Ring 2- Following on from Heavy Horses

Class 635 Suffolk colt, filly, or gelding 1, 2 or 3 yr old

Class 636 Suffolk stallion, mare or gelding 4 yrs and over

ECH 14 Suffolk Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners in classes 635 & 636

Suffolk Championship

Prize: **The Newpole Easton Countess Cup** will awarded to the Champion Suffolk.

MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CLASSES

The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

Judge: Mrs M Bigley, Herefordshire

Ring 3- 9.00am

The following classes are qualifiers for: The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

These classes are open to pure bred registered M&M ponies in the main body of their studbook. Owner's membership cards must be shown in the ring to receive qualifications. Foals are not eligible.

Class 637 The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship - Large Breeds Youngstock excluding Welsh Open to registered yearling, 2 or 3 year old colt, filly or gelding- Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest. Excluding Welsh. Membership Card to be Produced in Ring. This class is a qualifier for The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

Class 638 The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship - Large Breeds Youngstock Welsh Sec C and D only Open to registered yearling, 2 or 3 year old colt, filly or gelding- Welsh Section C, Welsh Section D This class is a qualifier for The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

Class 639 The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship - Large Breeds 4 years + excluding Welsh Open to registered 4 years old and over stallion, mare or gelding- Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest. Excluding Welsh. Membership Card to be Produced in Ring. This class is a qualifier for The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

Class 640 The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship - Large Breeds 4 years + Welsh Sec C and D only Open to registered 4 years old and over stallion, mare or gelding- Welsh Section C, Welsh Section D. This class is a qualifier for The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

Class 641 The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship - Small Breeds Youngstock excluding Welsh Open to registered yearling, 2 or 3 year old colt, filly or gelding- Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland. Excluding Welsh. This class is a qualifier for The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championships.

Class 642 The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship - Small Breeds Youngstock Welsh Sec A and B only Open to registered yearling, 2 or 3 year old colt, filly or gelding- Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B This class is a qualifier for The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

Class 643 The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship- Small Breeds 4 years + excluding Welsh Open to registered 4 years old or over stallion, mare or gelding- Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland. Excluding Welsh. The Dartmoor Pony Society Rosette offered to the Best Registered Dartmoor Pony. This class is a qualifier for The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

Class 644 The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship - Small Breeds 4 years + Welsh Sec A and B only Open to registered 4 years old or over stallion, mare or gelding- Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B This class is a qualifier for The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

ECH 15 NPS M&M In-Hand Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 637-644

NPS M&M In-Hand Championship

NPS/BLACKERTOR & SHARPTOR STUDS M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship: A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an NPS Qualifying or Life member in the M&M In Hand section. Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification. NPS M&M Breed Champions Prelim Rounds Qualifier for the Great British In Hand Show – 14th September 2025, Vale View. A pony can only attend one M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship final in a season either at NPS Summer Championships at Malvern or at NPS Scotland Championships at Scone Palace. A pony may only take the qualification for the Silver Medal Final once in a season.

Prizes: **The Presidents Cup** for the Champion M&M In-Hand Pony

The Samantha York Cup for the Small Breed M&M In-Hand Pony

The NPS Silver Medal to the Champion M&M In-Hand Pony

NPS Mini M&M Ridden

Judge: Mrs J James, Staffordshire

Ring 3- Not Before 11.00am

The following class is a qualifier for: The NPS/SHOWING CLASSICS M&M Leading Rein National Championship.

Open to mares and geldings four years old or over not exceeding 122 cm registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but must not have attained their 9th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. To be shown in a snaffle bit. NPS/ WTJ Insurance Brokers Ltd Home Produced Ridden Championship Qualifier – wear white arm bands.

Class 645 The NPS/SHOWING CLASSICS M&M Leading Rein National Championship Open to mares and geldings four years old or over not exceeding 122 cm registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book

The following class is a qualifier for: The NPS/PARTRIDGE & PARR M& M First Ridden National Championship.

Open to mares and geldings four years old or over not exceeding 128 cm registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but not reached their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. NPS/ WTJ Insurance Brokers Ltd Home Produced Ridden Championship Qualifier – wear white arm bands. NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 years

Class 646 The NPS/PARTRIDGE & PARR M& M First Ridden National Championship. Open to mares and geldings four years old or over not exceeding 128 cm registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book

ECH16 NPS Mini M&M Ridden Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 645 & 646

NPS Mini M&M Ridden Championship

Prize: **The Moss Bros Championship Cup** for the Champion Mini M&M Ridden Pony

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The NPS/PICTON STUD M&M Novice Ridden National Championship

Judge: Mrs EA Nicholls, Gloucestershire

Ring 3- Not before 1.00pm

The following classes are qualifiers for: The NPS/PICTON STUD M&M Novice Ridden National Championship. Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over. A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year, it has done any of the following: i. Won an open affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class ii. Qualified for Horse of the Year Show, LIHS or RIHS Open M&M Ridden classes iii. Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate Ridden final at the NPS Summer Championship show (N.B. Ponies can compete as novices in this competition for two consecutive years provided they do not submit an entry to the final in the first year). iv. If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show, LIHS or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Picton Final. Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 years

Class 647 NPS/PICTON Stud M&M Novice Ridden Small Breeds excluding Welsh Open to registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland mares, stallions and geldings for years old and over. This class is a qualifier for the NPS/PICTON stud Novice Ridden National Championship.

Class 648 NPS/PICTON stud M&M Novice Ridden Small Breeds Welsh A & B only Open to registered Welsh Sec A & B mares, stallions and geldings four years old and over This class is a qualifier for the NPS/PICTON stud Novice Ridden National Championship.

Class 649 NPS/PICTON stud M&M Novice Ridden Large Breeds excluding Welsh Open to registered Highland, Fell & Dales, stallions and geldings four years old and over This class is a qualifier for the NPS/PICTON stud Novice Ridden National Championship.

Class 650 NPS/PICTON Stud M & M Novice Ridden - Large Breeds Ex Welsh. Open to registered Connemara & New Forest, stallions and geldings four years old and over This class is a qualifier for the NPS/PICTON stud Novice Ridden National Championship.

Class 651 NPS/PICTON stud M & M Novice Ridden Large Breeds Welsh C & D only Open to registered Welsh Section C & D mares, stallions and geldings four years old and over This class is a qualifier for the NPS/PICTON stud Novice Ridden National Championship.

1st & 2nd Prize winners from the above classes to go through to Novice/Open M&M Ridden Championship immediately after the Open Ridden classes.

The NPS/RINGSIDE STUD M&M Open Ridden National Championship

Judge: Mrs EA Nicholls, Gloucestershire

Ring 3- Following on from Novice classes

The following classes are qualifiers for: The NPS/RINGSIDE STUD M&M Open Ridden National Championship. Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over. NPS/WTJ Insurance Brokers Ltd Home Produced Ridden Championship Qualifier– wear white arm bands. NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 years

Class 652 NPS/RINGSIDE Stud M&M Open Ridden Small Breeds Open to registered Shetlands, Exmoors, Dartmoors, Welsh A and Welsh B mares, stallions or geldings aged 5 years old or over. This class is a qualifier for the NPS/RINGSIDE stud M&M Open Ridden National Championship.

Class 653 NPS/RINGSIDE Stud M&M Open Ridden Large Breeds Open to registered Connemaras, New Forests, Fells, Dales, Highland, Welsh C and Welsh D mares, stallions or geldings aged 5 years old or over. This class is a qualifier for the NPS/RINGSIDE stud M&M Open Ridden National Championship.

ECH16 NPS M&M Novice/Open Ridden Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 647-653
NPS M&M Novice/Open Ridden Championship

NPS/NIPNA DALES PONY STUD M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship: A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an NPS Qualifying or Life member in the M&M Ridden section (excluding Leading Rein, First Ridden & WHP). Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification. A pony can only attend one M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship final in a season either at NPS Summer Championships at Malvern or at NPS Scotland Championships at Scone Palace. A pony may only take the qualification for the Silver Medal Final once in a season.

Prizes: **The Brooking Clarke Cup** for the Champion NPS M&M Novice/Open Ridden

The NPS Silver Medal to the Champion NPS M&M Novice/Open Ridden

VETERAN HORSES

Veteran Horse Society - AREA QUALIFIER 2025

The following classes are:

First round qualifier for the Veteran Horse Society Supreme Final:

VETERAN HORSE OF THE YEAR 2025

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Open to members and non-members. All competitors and grooms must adhere to VHS Rules in all circumstances. Failure to do so may result in immediate disqualification.

VHS Regional Final qualification. All competitors placed 1st to 4th in each Area Qualifier class will qualify for the corresponding class at VHS Regional Finals. Members must carry their card in the ring at all times and have their showing card signed by the judge as proof of qualification. Non-members will receive a red qualification card which can be exchanged for signed showing card when applying for VHS membership, this MUST be done within 21 days of qualification. It is the competitors' responsibility to present their Showing card to the judge.

Regional Finals are open to members only.

All competitors are eligible to enter open classes at the National Veteran Championships, to be held at Arena UK Lincolnshire on the 29th- 31st August 2025. No qualification or membership necessary. See VHS website for schedule which is available mid season in 2025.

For further information please visit the VHS website www.veteran-horse-society.co.uk or telephone the VHS Show Office on 01239 881300 or 07789 514004.

In-Hand Veterans

Judge: Mrs L Sharpe, Devon

Ring 4- 9.00am

Class 654 Diamond Veteran In-Hand (25 years and over). Open to horses and ponies of any breed or height 25 years of age or over.

Class 655 Veteran In-Hand (20-24 years) . Open to horses and ponies of any breed or height age 20-24 years .

Class 656 Pre-Veteran In-Hand (15-19 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed or height age 15-19 years .

ECH18 **Veteran Horse In-Hand Championship** For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 654-656

Ridden Veterans

Judge: Mrs L Sharpe, Devon

Ring 4- following on from In-hand Veterans

Class 657 Diamond Veteran Ridden (25 years and over). Open to horses and ponies of any breed or height age 25 years or over.

Class 658 Veteran Ridden (20-24 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed or height age 20-24 years.

Class 659 Pre-Veteran Ridden (15-19 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed or height age 15-19 years.

ECH19 **Veteran Horse Ridden Championship** For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 657-659

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY

ECH20 **Supreme Veteran Championship** For Champion & Reserve from the Veteran In-Hand & Ridden Championships

Supreme Veteran Championship

Prize: **Phyllis Grace Challenge Cup** for the Supreme Veteran Champion

RIDING HORSES

Classes 660 & 663 are for ROR & NR competition registered horses only. Please find the appropriate information for each qualifier below.

ROR In-Hand

Judge: Mr R Sharp, Wiltshire

Ring 4- Not before 1.00pm

This class is a qualifier for: Tattersalls RoR OPEN In Hand Showing Series Final. The first three go forward to the final at The Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree equestrian Centre in August 2026.

RoR eligibility: Open to GB raced horses and horses that have raced abroad or been in training. Horses must have RoR Competition Membership and handlers to be 15 years old on the 1 January of the current year. For horses three years and over, fillies, mares and geldings.

Additional ROR Rules

- Handlers must wear the current approved safety/kite mark hard hat with a chinstrap.
- Racing injuries and blemishes are ignored. Horses do not need to be shod to compete in the RoR Open In Hand class. Horses can be shown in a bitless/In hand bridle.
- For further showing rules please visit the [RoR Rules and Regulations](#).

Class 660 Tattersalls RoR OPEN In Hand Show Series Qualifier 2026 Open to all RoR and NR competition registered horses, 3yrs and over, fillies, mares and geldings.

Ridden Riding Horses

Judge: Mr R Sharp, Wiltshire

Ring 4- following on from In-Hand

Class 661 Riding Horse Open to horses exceeding 148cms of riding horse type. Riding horses should have quality, substance, good bone, correct conformation, presence and true action. To be judged on type, ride, manners and conformation.

Class 662 Ex Race Horse Ridden To be judged on manners and way of going in a riding horse format. The horse must have raced in either Point to Point, National Hunt or Flat races.

ECH21 Riding Horse Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 661 & 662

Riding Horse Championship

Prize: The Alan Hoskins Trophy for the Champion Riding Horse



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ROR Ridden

Judge: Mr R Sharp, Wiltshire

Ring 4- following on from Riding Horse Championship

This class is a qualifier for: Tattersalls RoR AMATEUR Ridden Showing Series Final.

RoR eligibility: Open to GB raced horses and horses that have raced abroad or been in training. Horses must have and have current RoR competition membership. Riders must be 15 years or over on the 1 January of the current year. For horses four years old and over mares and geldings owned, produced and ridden by an Amateur.

Open to all RoR and NR competition registered horses, 4yrs and over, mares and geldings, owned, produced and ridden by an Amateur. Riders must be 15 years or over on the 1st January 2025. Horses should be ridden in a snaffle, Pelham or simple double bridle with a plain cavesson noseband. Horses should be plaited. Racing injuries and blemishes ARE IGNORED in this series.

The Series is open to AMATEUR riders only – those employed in racing will be allowed to compete. Class will be judged under 'riding horse' format without 'type' being taken into consideration.

The Judge will not ride in the qualifiers but will ride in the Final.

Competitors/handlers/grooms must wear a safety/kite mark hard hat with a chinstrap.

The first three go forward to the final at the Hickstead Derby Meeting June 2026.

Prizes – RoR rosettes 1st –4th plus Tattersalls RoR official merchandise voucher 1st £20, 2nd £10, 3rd £5, Highest placed Veteran (15+) £10.

For qualifiers held prior to July 31st, 2025, the winner will qualify for the Tattersalls RoR Amateur Ridden Show Series Special at the Jockey Club RoR National Championships on August 23rd 2025. Highest Placed Veteran qualifies for the RoR Ridden Veteran Final on the same day.

Amateur definition:

The rules are as in the rulebook with the following addition that an amateur may not show a horse owned or sponsored by a company or commercial firm. In addition, a person classed as an amateur must not be supported by a company in any way or act as brand ambassador whether financially or in-kind. An amateur is a person who for the purpose of RoR classes does not/has not during the current season or previous season:

Engage (d) in breeding, livery, buying or selling, dealing or hiring horses in a commercial capacity. Horses must not have been stabled at or reside in a Professional Producer's/Trainer's yard from January 1st, 2024. Riders must not have ridden any animals produced by a Professional/Trainer in the current or previous season. Horses and riders must not receive any help from a Professional Producer/Trainer at a SHOW in the current season. A rider who has ridden for a Professional/Producer Trainer in the current or previous season must not have ridden horses at a show. Any breaches of this ruling will be taken seriously and will result in disqualification from future classes

Class 663 Tattersalls RoR AMATEUR Ridden Show Series Qualifier 2026 Open to all RoR and NR competition registered horses, 4yrs and over, mares and geldings, owned, produced and ridden by an Amateur.

The ROR qualifiers are kindly sponsored by Tattersalls



COLOURED HORSES

Judge: Mr Michael Cook, Somerset

Ring 4 - Not Before 3.00pm

This show is affiliated to The Coloured Horse & Pony Society (UK). Affiliation No. 23-035.

Both owner and the rider/exhibitor need not be a member of CHAPS (UK) nor must the horse or pony be registered with CHAPS (UK) to compete. However, in order to Qualify both Owner and Rider/Exhibitor need to be a current showing member and present their valid Qualifier card.

Members to apply CHAPS (UK) for appropriate qualifier card.

This show is a qualifier for the 2026 championships

Classes 666, 667 & 669 are CHAPS (UK) Qualifiers. For full rulings and information on competition/qualification, please refer to the CHAPS (UK) Members' Handbook; or visit www.chapsuk.com for rulings. Only Skewbalds/Piebalds may compete in these classes.

All stallions, 4 years old and over entering these classes must be graded with CHAPS (UK). All stallions must wear Stallion ID Discs in the ring without exception.

Class 665 Coloured Horse or Pony Inhand Open to horse and ponies, any age/breed/height/sex Must be broken coloured.

Class 666 CHAPS (UK) Open In-hand Qualifier Open to horses/ponies of any height, age or type. No foals.

Class 667 CHAPS (UK) Open Youngstock Qualifier Open to horses aged 3 years & under of any height and type. No Foals allowed.

Class 668 Coloured Horse or Pony Ridden Open to horse and ponies age 4 years or over any breed/height/sex Must be broken coloured.

Class 669 CHAPS (UK) Open Ridden Qualifier Open to horses/ponies aged 4 years & over of any height, any type.

ECH22 Coloured Horse Championship For 1st & 2nd Prize Winners from classes 665-669



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DONKEYS

Judge: Mrs Viv Huddleston, Hampshire

Donkey Turnout

Ring 2 - 1.00pm

Class 700 Best Conditioned & Turned Out any age/sex. To be judged 75% condition, 25% turnout: conformation must not be taken into account. In-hand or ridden

Donkey Breed Classes

Ring 2 - following on from Turnout

Classes 701-706 are Donkey breed classes affiliated to the Donkey Breed Society.

Additional Donkey Class Rules

- (a) No person may deliberately enter or show a donkey under a Judge who is known to have either owned, bred, leased, sold, produced, prepared or shown that donkey. No donkey should be entered or shown under a judge who currently owns or leases the sire of that animal or owned or leased the sire at the time of covering. The breeder is the mare owner. In the case of leased donkeys, DBS certificates and awards will only be presented to donkeys that are leased from fully paid up members of the Society. This rule only applies to Breed and Driving classes.
- (b) Entering one donkey and exhibiting another is not permitted.
- (c) Donkeys entered in the following classes (more fully described under Recommendations for Donkey Classes) must be four years old or over: (A) Stallion (in-hand); (B) Gelding (in-hand); (C) Mare with/without Foal* at Foot (in-hand); (2) Driving Classes; (4) Ridden Donkey; (5) Pet Donkey. *Foal to be six weeks old or over on day of day; foals to be the progeny of parents who were at least four years of age at conception.
- (d) No nomination entries are permitted.
- (e) Once a Judge has commenced judging a class, a donkey may not be led, ridden or driven in or out of the ring without the permission of the Judge.
- (f) A Judge will ask a competitor to leave the ring if either they or their donkey act in a dangerous or improper manner.
- (g) Whips/canes carried in the show ring to be no longer than 30" (75cms) overall (not applicable to Driving classes).
- (h) DBS members must carry their DBS membership cards at all times when showing for production on request in order to receive DBS rosettes.
- (i) Stallions and entire colts must be properly dressed in bridle and bit with the leading rein correctly attached to the bit. No person under the age of 18 may handle an entire donkey (foals excepted). No entire male donkey is allowed to compete in any children's classes.
- (j) Mare with own foal at foot Class: superficial blemishes of a non-hereditary character do not necessarily bar the mare from being awarded a prize in such a class.
- (k) There shall be no objection to a foal under six months of age being exhibited without its dam providing that the dam is present on the showground, but this rule shall not apply to an orphan or bottle-fed foal supported by an appropriate letter from the veterinary surgeon. Foals must be at least six weeks old or over on the day of the show. Foals must be progeny of parents who were at least four years of age at conception.

Class 701 Stallion Stallions 4 years old and over. Any height

Class 702 Gelding Geldings 4 years old and over. Any height

Class 703 Mares & Broodmares Mares 4 years old and over. Broodmares with own foal at foot 5 years old and over. Any height.

Class 704 Colt or Gelding 2/3 Years Old Colts or Geldings aged 2 or 3 years old. Any height

Class 705 Filly 2/3 years old Filly aged 2 or 3 years old. Any height

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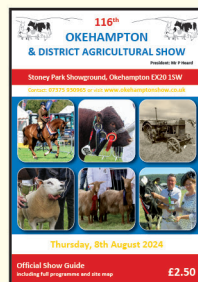
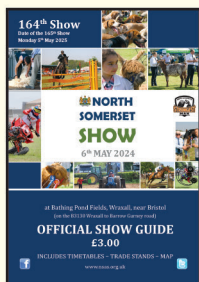
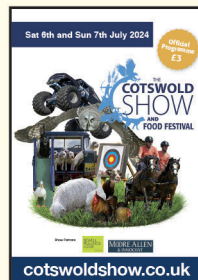
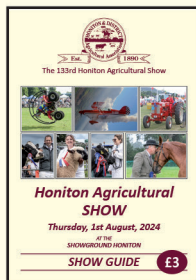
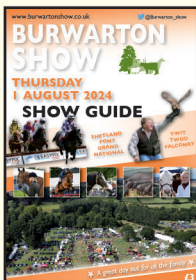
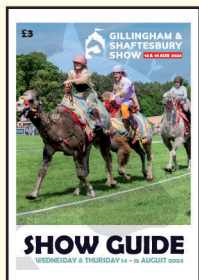
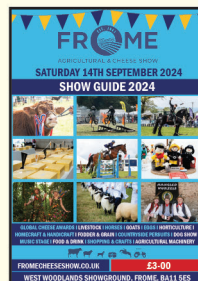
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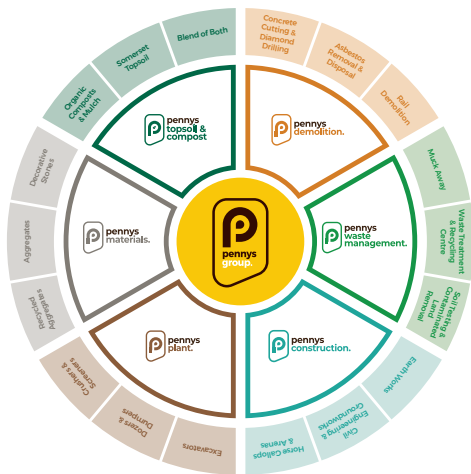
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