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MID-SOMERSET SHOW

16th August 2026

Mid-Somerset Showground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4GF



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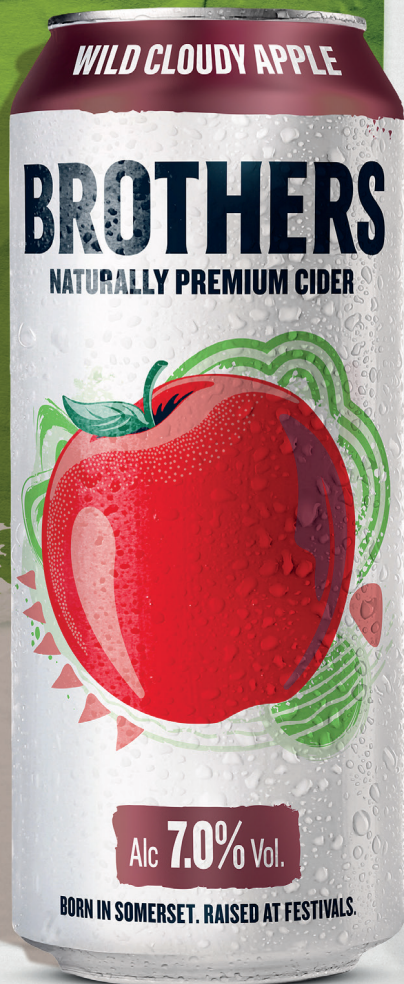


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Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society



It is my pleasure to invite you all to compete at the 2026 Mid Somerset Agricultural Show, in Shepton Mallet on Sunday 16th August.

Our purpose-built show site has never looked better. There will be an exciting programme of ring events and classes to suit all age groups. With a little luck, we will be blessed with fine weather and enjoy another great show following last year's successful event.

You can help us on the day by following the vehicle movement signage when accessing and leaving the site. The Ridgeway operates as a one-way system for a reason, so please follow the instructions of our stewards and the road signs at all times.

We value your support of the show. As exhibitors, you are one of the vital pillars of our event, alongside our volunteer stewards, sponsors, and visitors. Without each of these, the show could not be the success that it is. May I therefore express my sincere thanks to everyone who helps, sponsors, and supports the show in any way.

We will do our very best to ensure you have an enjoyable day, and we hope you leave with a sense of achievement and satisfaction after spending a great day with us — even if we cannot promise you will win your class!

Please read the rules carefully and follow the stewards' instructions and advice.

It is also my pleasure to welcome our new Society and Show President, Nicky Barber, a member of the cheesemaking family based in Ditcheat. The family firm has been producing their famous cheese since 1833.

Sadly, this will be the last show for our Show Secretary, Christine Barham, who has decided to retire after this year's event. Christine has made an outstanding contribution to both the show and the Society, including successfully overseeing the move from the old site to our present showground. The Society wishes its sincere and grateful thanks to Christine for her dedication, hard work, and commitment over many years.

I am delighted to welcome our Secretary Designate, Bella Bride, who has stepped up from her role as Assistant Secretary and will be taking over from Christine. Replacing Bella as Assistant Secretary is our newest member of staff, Sophia Orttewell.

Finally, thank you to the team in the office - they make the show what it is today, and thank you to all our exhibitors for competing.

Enjoy your day.

Graham Walton, Chairman



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Life Membership £500 one off payment - 2 members badges for show day + preferential parking.

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For a membership application please visit our website:
www.midsomersetshow.org.uk or contact the Show Office on
01749 938044 / secretary@midsomersetshow.org.uk

MID-SOMERSET SHOW– SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2026

Index to Classes and Schedules of Events

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

PLEASE NOTE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

12.30 pm Day before Show	THE CHEESE AWARDS @ THE MID SOMERSET SHOW
2.00 pm Show day	THE CHEESE LOVERS AWARD
Day before show	FODDER COMPETITION
Day before show	FLOWER & FLORAL ART
Day before show	ARTS & CRAFTS
9.30 am	SOMERSET CIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS
10.00 am	EGGS
9.00 am	CATTLE
8.30 am	Young handlers
9.00 am	SHEEP
8.30 am	Young Handlers
10.00 am	Fleece Competition
9.00 am	PIGS
	Young Handlers following on from showing classes

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

EQUINE TIMETABLE

Main Ring

8.30am	Shetland Ponies
12.30pm	Inter-Hunt Relay
3.30pm	Parade of Champions- Shetland Pony Champion & Heavy Horse Champion to participate

Ring 1 - Working Hunter

8.30am	NPS Training Stakes
Not before 10.00am	NPS Novice WHP
Not before 11.00am	Mini WHP
Not before 12.00pm	NPS Open WHP
Followed by	Unaffiliated Working Hunter

Ring 2 - Heavy Horses

8.30am	Ridden Hunter
10.00am	Heavy Horses
Followed by	Suffolks
1.00pm	Donkeys

Ring 3 - M&M

9.30am	M&M In-hand large breeds
Not before 10.45am	M&M In-hand small breeds
Not before 12.30pm	M&M Mini classes
Not before 1.30pm	M&M Ridden

Ring 4 - Riding Horses

9.00am	Veterans
Not before 1.00pm	ROR & Riding Horses
Not before 3.00pm	Coloured Horses

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 15th August and all Cattle must be off the site by 6.00 pm on Sunday 16th August.

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Blue Tongue update 2026

The Mid-Somerset Show is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all participants and livestock. Bluetongue continues to be present in Great Britain and, in line with current government guidance, the whole of England is designated as a bluetongue restricted zone. Movements within England are permitted, but exhibitors must comply with livestock movement rules and remain responsible for checking the latest guidance before travelling.

Competitors planning to bring animals to the Show should adhere to the following:

- **Stay Informed:** Check DEFRA and APHA updates for the latest information on bluetongue and any changes to movement requirements.
- **Movement Requirements:** Ensure compliance with all livestock identification and movement regulations when transporting animals.
- **Health Checks:** Inspect animals before attending. Do not bring animals showing signs of illness; consult your veterinarian if concerned.
- **Vaccination:** Discuss bluetongue vaccination with your veterinarian where appropriate.
- **Biosecurity:** Maintain good biosecurity and take reasonable steps to reduce exposure to biting midges.
- **Documentation:** Ensure all identification and movement paperwork is completed and compliant before travel.

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

Updates will be provided to competitors in accordance with current government and veterinary advice.

JUDGES 2026

HORSES

SPSBS Miniature Shetlands
SPSBS Standard Shetlands
NPS Mini Ridden
Unaffiliated Working Hunters
NPS Training Stakes
NPS Novice Working Hunter
Mini Working huter
NPS Open Working Hunter
NPS M&M InHand
NPS M&M Open Ridden
NPS M&M Novice Ridden
ROR & Riding Horses
Ridden Hunters
VHS Veterans
Heavy Horses
CHAPS

Mrs J Jones, East Sussex
Mr G Hurst, Hampshire
Mrs A Gomersall, Hampshire
Mrs L Caldwell
Mrs C Fletcher, Monmouthshire
Mrs LB Hillard, Carmarthenshire
Mrs C Fletcher, Monmouthshire
Mrs LB Hillard, Carmarthenshire
Mrs L Caldwell, Gloucestershire
Mrs P Balch, Worcestershire
Mrs A Gomersall, Hampshire
Mrs A Gomersall, Hampshire
Ms L Sims, Hampshire
Ms L Sims, Hampshire
Mrs L Caldwell
Mrs M Tarrant, Dorset

DONKEYS

DBS & Unaffiliated Donkeys

Mrs J Parrett, Hampshire

SHEEP

Suffolks
Primitives
Shetlands
Ryelands
Coloured Ryelands
Native Longwools
Poll Dorset/Dorset Horn
Any Other Down Breeds
Hampshire Downs
Native Hill & Upland Breeds
Black Welsh Mountain
Dutch Spotted
Texel
Beltex
Blue Texel
Charollais
Any Other Continentals
Locals
Butchers Lambs
Wool on the Hoof
Fleece
Young Handlers

Mr A Howie, Devon
Mr D Rashley, Somerset
Ms P Samociuk, Ceredigion
Mr D Duggan, Herefordshire
Miss H Bradbury, Pembrokeshire
Mrs S Champion, Somerset
Mr M Hayman, Devon
Mr A Howie, Devon
Mr A Brown, Somerset
Mr C Garn, Monmouthshire
Mr C Garn, Monmouthshire
Mrs C Long, Herefordshire
Mr B Roberts, Devon
Mr J Long, Herefordshire
Mr J Long, Herefordshire
Mr A Brown, Somerset
Mrs C Long, Herefordshire
Mr S Clatworthy, Somerset
Mr S Clatworthy, Somerset
Mr A Chilcott
Mr A Chilcott
Mrs C Long, Herefordshire
Mr J Long, Herefordshire
Miss S Long, Herefordshire
Mr D Rashley, Somerset
Mrs S Rashley, Somerset
Mr S Norman, Somerset
Mr S Norman, Somerset

Group of 3 Championship
Supreme Championship

CATTLE

Holstein Friesians
Dairy Shorthorn
Jersey
Any Other Dairy Breed
Young Farmers Dairy Cattle
Dexters
Gloucestershire
Any Other Dual Purpose Breed
Gloucestershire
Aberdeen Angus
British Whites
Galloways
Highlands
Any Other Native Beef Breeds
British Blue
Limousin
Lowlines
Any Other Continental Beef Breeds
Commercial Beef
Young Farmers Beef Cattle
Dairy Young Handlers
Beef Young Handlers

Mrs J Targett, Somerset
Mr R Stockton, Southampton
Mr T Garry, Dorset
Mr T Garry, Dorset
Mr R Stockton, Southampton
Mr L Digweed,
Mr L Digweed,
Mr J Barker, Somerset
Mr K Quinn, Somerset
Mr J Jordan, Devon
Mr J Jordan, Devon
Mr J Barker, Somerset
Mr A Haste, Devon
Mr T James, Wiltshire
Mr K Quinn, Somerset
Mr T James, Wiltshire
Mr K Quinn, Somerset
Mr A Haste, Devon
Mrs J Targett, Somerset
Mr J Jordan, Devon

PIGS

Miss H Loveless, Dorset

EGGS

Mr M Thompson, Dorset

FODDER

Mr S Harrison, Somerset

SOMERSET CIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr D Sheppy, Sheppy's Cider
Mr N Showering, Showerings Cider
Mr G Carnell, Cider Maker
Mr A Bray, Bray's Cider
Mr G Scott, Rich's Cider
Mr C Smolden, Bere Cider
Mr C Milton, Taste of the West Director
Mr B Meaden, Cranborne Chase Cider

COMMENTATORS

Sheep
Main Ring Co-ordinator
Pigs
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Cattle

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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 to 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

- 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.

LIVESTOCK SANITATION STATEMENT.

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.

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

16th August 2026 9.30am

Chief Stewards: Bob Chaplin & Richard Coles

Judges:

David Sheppy - Sheppy's Cider	Nick Showering - Showerings Cider
Greg Carnell - Cider Maker	Adam Bray - Bray's Cider
George Scott - Rich's cider	Chris Smolden - Bere Cider
Chris Milton - Taste of the West Director	Bill Meaden - Cranborne Chase Cider

Classes 100-102 Farmhouse Cider, Classes 103 Single Variety Cider, Class 104 Perry, Class 105 In Bottle Conditioned, Classes 106-108 Open Classes, Class 109 Low Alcohol Cider

Entry Fee - £7.50 per entry

Prize: Best in Class £10 (to be paid after the show)

The Mid-Somerset Show Showering Cup to be presented to the Supreme Cider Champion, classes 100-103 and 105-108

The Bob Cork Perpetual Trophy to be presented to the Best Somerset Produced Cider in Show from the winner of classes 100-103 and 105-108

Presentation of the trophies to take place at 2.45pm in the Cider and Heritage Marquee

Competition Rules

1. Entries are restricted to two per class.
2. All entries must be completed and fees received by **Monday 20th July**.
3. Class and entry numbers will be sent to entrants by the Show Secretary and must be written on a tie on label attached to each entry.
4. Cider and Perry must be the product of the entrant and not obtained from elsewhere.
5. **Entries to be delivered to the Show on Saturday 15th August between 10am and 4pm. or by 9am on Sunday 16th August. We cannot guarantee that entries received after 9am will be judged, so you are encouraged to deliver your entries on the Saturday or first thing Sunday morning.**
6. Judging will commence at 9.30 am on the morning of the Show.
7. **All entries must conform to HMRC Alcoholic Products Technical Guide, Section 2.2 Cider.**
8. Entries may be sweetened with sugar only and the addition of sulphur dioxide is permitted. Classes 104 and 109 are not eligible for The Mid-Somerset Show Showering Cup or The Bob Cork Perpetual Trophy
9. The Judges' decision will be final.
10. All cider and perry entries must be collected by 6.00pm on the day of the show, if not they will be disposed of by the Competition Stewards.
11. Prize money will be forwarded to Best in Class winners within 2 weeks of Show Day.
12. 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 for entrants on the show day, between 2pm and 4pm, contact Bob Chaplin in the marquee.

All commercial labels must be removed from the demijohns/bottles entered. Cans to be covered with paper. Each demijohn/bottle/can must only bear a tie on label stating class and entry number. For Class 105 state A, B or C on the tie on label. For Class 103 state the variety of apple used.

Cider Classes				
Class	Description	Class Requirements	Container	Labelling
100	Farmhouse Dry Cider	S.G. up to 1.005 must have been made in 2025	One Gallon Demijohn	All commercial labels must be removed from the demijohns/bottles entered. Cans to be covered with paper. Each demijohn/bottle/can must only bear a tie on label stating class and entry number. For Class 105 state A, B or C on the tie on label. For Class 103 state the variety of apple used.
101	Farmhouse Medium Cider	S.G. Greater than 1.005 and less than 1.012 must have been made in 2025	One Gallon Demijohn	
102	Farmhouse Sweet Cider	S.G. greater than 1.012 must have been made in 2025	One Gallon Demijohn	
103	Single Variety Cider	State Apple Variety on the tie on label, no S.G. restriction, still or carbonated.	1 x Glass 75cl screw top bottle, 2 x 50cl crowned bottles, 3 x 33cl cans, 2 x 44cl cans.	
104	Perry	Still or carbonated, no S.G. restriction		
105	A - Bottle Conditioned - Champagne Style	Aged for more than one year, with the yeast disgorged. No S.G. Restriction	1 x 75cl Champagne Style bottle with a wired down cork or plastic mushroom stopper	
	B - Bottle Conditioned	Cider which has undergone a secondary fermentation in the bottle resulting in a naturally sparkling cider. There may be a yeast deposit in the bottom of the bottle. No S.G. Restriction	1 x 75cl Champagne Style bottle with a crown cork closure or a wired down cork or plastic mushroom stopper	
	C - Keeved Cider	Made using the process known as "Keeving". No S.G. Restriction		
106	Open Class Dry	S.G. up to 1.005	1 x 75cl screw top bottle, 2 x 50cl crowned bottles, 3 x 33cl cans, 2 x 44cl cans.	
107	Open Class Medium	S.G. Greater than 1.005 and less than 1.012		
108	Open Class Sweet	S.G. greater than 1.012		
109	Low Alcohol Cider	Less than 1.2% ABV, no S.G. restriction		

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 and 109, Low Alcohol Cider).

POULTRY

Due to the ongoing Avian Flu outbreaks there will not be any poultry classes at the 2026 Mid Somerset Show. We hope this situation improves for the 2027 Show, but we will of course continue to monitor it.

EGGS

Chief Steward: Mrs S Ford
Mr Malcolm Thompson, Dorset (Judge)

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** Collection of 3 Eggs: 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** Egg Contents. To be broken by the judge, paper plates provided by the show.
- Class 162** 1 decorated egg or painted
- Class 163** Best display of 6 fresh eggs - complete display to be 30 cm x 30 cm
- Class 164** 6 eggs different colours
- Class 165** A collection of farmhouse produce, full description required.
Display to be presented in a box maximum size: 60cm x 75cm x 705cm
Prize money: 1st £5.00, 2nd £3.00, 3rd £2.00

ECH1 Egg Championship

CRAFT CLASSES

Mr Malcolm Thompson, Dorset (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 15th August or by 9.00 am on Sunday 16th August.

- Class 166** Children's Crafty Chicken - using recycled materials make your very own chicken. For entrants aged 16 years & under
- Class 167** Adult's Crafty Chicken - using recycled materials make your very own chicken.
- Class 168** Photograph of a cockerel
- Class 169** 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 **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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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 Roger Stockton, Southampton (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 1.1.25.

Class 201 Heifer in calf born before 31.12.24.

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

Mrs Jane Targett, Somerset (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 1.1.25.

Class 206 Heifer in calf born before 31.12.24.

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 Tim Garry, Dorset (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 1.1.25.
- Class 211** Heifer in calf born before 31.12.24.
- 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 Tim Garry, Dorset (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 Roger Stockton, Southampton (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 2025
- Class 221** Holstein heifer 6 months or under on show day
- Class 222** Dairy heifer, any other breed born on or after 1st August 2025

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 Les Digweed, Gloucestershire (Judge)

Affiliated with the Dexter Cattle Society

Dexter Female Championship to be judged from all first prize-winners in classes 223-226. 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 Les Digweed, Gloucestershire (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 John Barker, Somerset (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led

- Class 239** Calf born after 1.1.26
- Class 240** Cow or heifer born before 1.1.24 in calf or with calf at foot
- Class 241** Bull born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 242** Bull born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 243** Heifer born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 244** Heifer born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 245** Pair of Aberdeen Angus, drawn from the above classes

BRITISH WHITE

Mr Kevin Quinn, Somerset (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 1.1.26
- Class 247** Cow or heifer born before 1.1.24 in calf or with calf at foot
- Class 248** Bull born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 249** Bull born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 250** Heifer born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 251** Heifer born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 252** Pair of British White, drawn from the above classes

GALLOWAY

Inc Belted, Plain & Rigget

Mr John Jordan, Devon (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 253** Calf born after 1.1.26
- Class 254** Cow or heifer born before 1.1.24 in calf or with calf at foot
- Class 255** Bull born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 256** Bull born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 257** Heifer born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 258** Heifer born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 259** Pair of Galloway, drawn from the above classes

HIGHLAND

Mr John Jordan, Devon (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 260** Calf born after 1.1.26
- Class 261** Cow or heifer born before 1.1.24 in calf or with calf at foot
- Class 262** Bull born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 263** Bull born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 264** Heifer born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 265** Heifer born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 266** Pair of Highland, drawn from the above classes

ANY OTHER NATIVE BEEF BREEDS

including Devons and Herefords and rare and minority breeds

Mr John Barker, Somerset (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 267** Calf born after 1.1.26
- Class 268** Cow or heifer born before 1.1.24 in calf or with calf at foot
- Class 269** Bull born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 270** Bull born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 271** Heifer born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 272** Heifer born on or after 1.1.25
- 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 Andrew Haste, Devon (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led

- Class 274** Calf born after 1.1.26
- Class 275** Cow or heifer born before 1.1.24 in calf or with calf at foot
- Class 276** Bull born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 277** Bull born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 278** Heifer born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 279** Heifer born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 280** Pair of British Blue, drawn from the above classes

LIMOUSIN

Mr Terry James, Wiltshire (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led

- Class 281** Calf born after 1.1.26
- Class 282** Cow or heifer born before 1.1.24 in calf or with calf at foot
- Class 283** Bull born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 284** Bull born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 285** Heifer born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 286** Heifer born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 287** Pair of Limousin, drawn from the above classes

LOWLINES

Mr Kevin Quinn, Somerset (Judge)

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

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 288** Calf born after 1.1.26
- Class 289** Cow or heifer born before 1.1.24 in calf or with calf at foot
- Class 290** Bull born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 291** Bull born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 292** Heifer born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 293** Heifer born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 294** Pair of Lowlines, drawn from the above classes

ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL BEEF BREEDS

Mr Terry James, Wiltshire (Judge)

Reminder: all cattle must be halter led.

- Class 295** Calf born after 1.1.26
- Class 296** Cow or heifer born before 1.1.24 in calf or with calf at foot
- Class 297** Bull born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 298** Bull born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 299** Heifer born on or before 31.12.24
- Class 300** Heifer born on or after 1.1.25
- Class 301** Pair of Any other Continental Beef breeds, drawn from the above classes

COMMERCIAL BEEF

Mr Kevin Quinn, 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 Andrew Haste, Devon (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 01/08/25
- Class 307** Beef steer or heifer. Pure bred with a dam and sire British native breeds, born on or after 01/08/25
- Class 308** Beef heifer or steer, pure or crossbred, born on or after 01/08/25

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 Sept 2025, the other to be 26 or under on 1st Sept 2025, 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 2025 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 Sept 2025, the other to be 26 or under on 1st Sept 2025, 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 2025 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 2025, the other to be 26 or under on 1st Sept 2025, and to be members of a Young Farmers Club.

Class 316 Sheep judging by a Junior Individual aged 21 or under on 1st September 2025 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

Dairy: Mrs Jane Targett, Somerset (Judge)

Beef: Mr John Jordan, Devon (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 Maedi 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 3.20pm).
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 control will be removed from the sheep field.
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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

SUFFOLKS

Mr Angus Howie, Devon (Judge)

- Class 401** Ram any age
- Class 402** Ram lamb
- Class 403** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 404** Shearling Ewe
- Class 405** Ewe lamb
- Class 406** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH1** Suffolk Sheep Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

PRIMITIVE BREEDS

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

Mr Darren Rashley, Somerset (Judge)

- Class 407** Ram any age
- Class 408** Ram lamb
- Class 409** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 410** Shearling Ewe
- Class 411** Ewe lamb
- Class 412** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH2** Primitive Sheep Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes
- The Pretty Oak Challenge Cup** for The Champion Primitive (Kindly presented by Mr G Wakeling).

SHETLANDS

Ms Penny Samociuk, Ceredigion (Judge)

Shetland Sheep (excluding Katmoget)

Shetland sheep of any colour or pattern except for Katmoget

- Class 413** Ram any age
- Class 414** Ram lamb
- Class 415** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 416** Shearling Ewe
- Class 417** Ewe lamb
- Class 418** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH3** Shetland Sheep (excluding Katmoget) Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

Katmoget Shetland Sheep

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

- Class 419** Ram any age
- Class 420** Ram lamb
- Class 421** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 422** Shearling Ewe
- Class 423** Ewe lamb
- Class 424** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH12** Katmoget Shetland Sheep Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes
- 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

Ms Penny Samociuk, Ceredigion (Judge)
Mr Darren Rashley, Somerset (Judge)

SH26 Primitive section & **BOTH** Shetland section Champions to compete
The Flock Salver for the Inter-breed Champion

WHITE RYELAND

Mr David Duggan, Herefordshire (Judge)

- Class 425** Ram any age
 - Class 426** Ram lamb
 - Class 427** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
 - Class 428** Shearling Ewe
 - Class 429** Ewe lamb
 - Class 430** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
 - SH4** White Ryeland Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes
- The Ryeland Flock Book Society Ryeland Committee offers Champion and Reserve champion rosettes.

COLOURED RYELAND

Miss Hannah Bradbury, Pembrokeshire (Judge)

- Class 431** Ram any age
- Class 432** Ram lamb
- Class 433** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 434** Shearling Ewe
- Class 435** Ewe lamb
- Class 436** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH5** Coloured Ryeland Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes
- 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

Mrs Sadie Champion, Somerset (Judge)

- Class 437** Ram any age
 - Class 438** Ram lamb
 - Class 439** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
 - Class 440** Shearling Ewe
 - Class 441** Ewe lamb
 - Class 442** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
 - SH7** Native Longwool Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes
- The Laurel Bank Challenge Cup** for Champion Longwool (Kindly presented by Mr M J Pullin).

POLL DORSET/DORSET HORN

Mr M Hayman, Devon (Judge)

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

Class 443 Ram any age

Class 444 Ram lamb

Class 445 Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year

Class 446 Shearling Ewe

Class 447 Ewe lamb

Class 448 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH8 Poll Dorset/Dorset Horn Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

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

HAMPSHIRE DOWN

Mr Arthur Brown, Somerset (Judge)

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

Class 449 Ram any age

Class 450 Ram lamb

Class 451 Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year

Class 452 Shearling Ewe

Class 453 Ewe lamb

Class 454 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH29 Hampshire Down Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

ANY OTHER DOWN BREEDS

Dorset Down, Oxford Down, Shropshire, Southdown

Mr Angus Howie, Devon (Judge)

Class 455 Ram any age

Class 456 Ram lamb

Class 457 Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year

Class 458 Shearling Ewe

Class 459 Ewe lamb

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

SH9 Any Other Down Breed Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

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 Christopher Garn, Monmouthshire (Judge)

Class 461 Ram any age

Class 462 Ram lamb

Class 463 Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year

Class 464 Shearling Ewe

Class 465 Ewe lamb

Class 466 Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.

SH10 Native Hill & Upland Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN

Mr Christopher Garn, Monmouthshire (Judge)

- Class 467** Ram any age
- Class 468** Ram lamb
- Class 469** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 470** Shearling Ewe
- Class 471** Ewe lamb
- Class 472** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH11** Black Welsh Mountain Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

TEXEL

Mr Ben Roberts, Devon (Judge)

- Class 473** Ram any age
- Class 474** Ram lamb
- Class 475** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 476** Shearling Ewe
- Class 477** Ewe lamb
- Class 478** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH13** Texel Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes A Special Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes from the Texel Sheep Society awarded to the highest placed Texel.

BELTEX

Mr Jonathan Long, Herefordshire (Judge)

- Class 479** Ram any age
- Class 480** Ram lamb
- Class 481** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 482** Shearling Ewe
- Class 483** Ewe lamb
- Class 484** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH14** Beltex Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

BLUE TEXEL

Mr Jonathan Long, Herefordshire (Judge)

- Class 485** Ram any age
- Class 486** Ram lamb
- Class 487** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 488** Shearling Ewe
- Class 489** Ewe lamb
- Class 490** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH15** Blue Texel Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

CHAROLLAIS

Mr Arthur Brown, Somerset (Judge)

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

- Class 491** Ram any age
- Class 492** Ram lamb
- Class 493** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 494** Shearling Ewe
- Class 495** Ewe lamb
- Class 496** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH16** Charollais Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

DUTCH SPOTTED

Mrs Chrissy Long, Herefordshire (Judge)

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

- Class 497** Ram any age
- Class 498** Ram lamb
- Class 499** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 500** Shearling Ewe
- Class 501** Ewe lamb
- Class 502** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH28** Dutch Spotted Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

ANY OTHER CONTINENTALS

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

Mrs Chrissy Long, Herefordshire (Judge)

- Class 503** Ram any age
- Class 504** Ram lamb
- Class 505** Aged Ewe- to have reared a lamb in the current year
- Class 506** Shearling Ewe
- Class 507** Ewe lamb
- Class 508** Group of 3. Must be drawn from above classes and one must be of the opposite sex.
- SH17** Any Other Continental Breeds Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr Simon Norman, Somerset (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 Simon Norman, Somerset (Judge)

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

LOCAL

Mr Stuart Clatworthy, Somerset (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 509 Pair of ewe lambs- to be kept for breeding, any breed or cross

Class 510 Pair of two-four tooth ewes- any breed or cross

Class 511 Pair of six-tooth-full mouth ewes, any breed or cross

Class 512 A Ram- any breed or cross

SH19 Local Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

The Sutherland Perpetual Trophy for the Champion Local Sheep.

YOUNG HANDLER

To be judged at 8.30 am

All classes will be judged concurrently

Mrs Chrissy Long, Herefordshire (Judge), Mr Jonathan Long, Herefordshire (Judge), Miss Sophie Long, Herefordshire (Judge), Mr Darren Rashley, Somerset (Judge) & Mrs Sarah Rashley, Somerset (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 513 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- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

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

BUTCHERS LAMBS

Mr Stuart Clatworthy, Somerset (Judge)

Animals not to be entered in any other classes.

Class 514 Two butcher's lambs- Sired by a Suffolk

Class 515 Two butcher's lambs- Sired by a Continental

Class 516 Two butcher's lambs- Sired by any other breed

SH20 Butchers Lambs Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

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 517 Best dressed Lamb & Handler

WOOL ON THE HOOF

Mr Aaron Chilcott (Judge)

Limited to one entry from each exhibitor.

Class 518 Long

Class 519 Short

Class 520 Naturally coloured Wool

Class 521 Shetland

SH22 Wool on the Hoof Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

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.

Breed to be stated on entry form

Class 522 Medium/Extra Fine/Fine - from Charollais, Clun, Down, Halfbred, Ileyn, Merino, Ryeland, Suffolk etc

Class 523 Cross and Lustre - from Devon & Cornwall, Greyfaced/Whitefaced Dartmoor, Leicester, Lincoln, Teeswater, Wensleydale etc

Class 524 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 525 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 526 Shetland Fleece

SH24 Fleece Championship- For 1st and 2nd prize winners from the above classes

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 16th August 2026 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.

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

Miss H Loveless, 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 540 Sow with suckling litter - Any breed or crossbreed. Sows from other classes are eligible to enter

Class 541 Boar - born on or after 1st January 2026

Class 542 Sow - must have produced and reared a litter within 6 months prior to show date

Class 543 Gilt - born on or after 1st July 2025

Class 544 Gilt - born on or after 1st January 2026

Class 545 Pair of pigs from above classes (1 male, 1 female)

Class 546 Group - 3 pigs one from each class

MODERN BREEDS

Miss H Loveless, 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 547** Boar - born on or after 1st January 2026
- Class 548** Sow - must have produced and reared a litter within 6 months prior to show date
- Class 549** Gilt - born on or after 1st July 2025
- Class 550** Gilt - born on or after 1st January 2026
- Class 551** Pair of pigs from above classes (1 male, 1 female)
- Class 552** Group - 3 pigs one from each class

KUNE KUNE

Miss H Loveless, 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 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. Gilt's 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 553** Sow - born before 1st July 2025
- Class 554** Boar - before 1st January 2026
- Class 555** Gilt - born on or after 1st July 2025. (Gilt's can be up to 18 months old)
- Class 556** Gilt - born in 2026 (Must be 4 months old at date of show).
- Class 557** Nonbreeding (pet) sow/gilt/castrate
- Class 558** Sow and Litter
- Class 559** Pair of pigs from above classes (1 male, 1 female)

YOUNG HANDLER

Miss H Loveless, 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 560 Young Handler - up to age 11

Class 561 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 562 Veteran Pig - any boar or sow born before 1st September 2022.

Class 563 Best dressed pig and handler

Class 564 First time exhibitor - for entries who have not entered a show before.

FODDER

Mr S Harrison, Norton St Phillip (Judge)

Chief Steward: Sarah Ford

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 15th August 2026 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 580 Grass Silage

Class 581 Maize Silage

Class 582 Big Bale Silage

Class 583 Whole Crop Silage

Class 584 Meadow Hay

Class 585 6 stems of Maize, as grown by the exhibitor

Class 586 Barley, any variety

Class 587 Winter Wheat, any variety

Class 588 Oats

Class 589 5 cobs of maize

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; VG1; (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; VG1; (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 bitten 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 in the livestock field.
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.
19. The Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society strongly recommends that all equine exhibitors carry public liability insurance with a limit of no less than £2,000,000.
20. The Society accepts no responsibility for any illness or accident, from any cause whatsoever, that may occur to any person (whether an exhibitor or otherwise) or any animal, nor for any damage to or loss of any item exhibited at the Show. As a condition of entry, each exhibitor must indemnify the Society against all claims and costs arising from any such illness, accident, damage, or loss.
21. Class fees are non-refundable unless a signed veterinary certificate detailing the reason for withdrawal is provided.

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 non-members 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 in August 2027. 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/WJT 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 strongly recommend all equines attending The Mid Somerset Show 2026 have been vaccinated for 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.

Foals should be vaccinated for Equine Influenza at 6 months to commence their primary course.

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 NEITHER 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: £10 per Vehicle

SHETLANDS

Miniature Judge: Mrs J Jones, East Sussex **Standard Judge:** Mr G Hurst, Winchester

Main Ring- 8.30am

Please note the ring will be split, the Standard & Miniature sections will run at the same time starting with class 600 for the Miniatures and 604 for the Standards.

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 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**.

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 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 Standard 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: Mrs C Fletcher, Monmouthshire

Ring 1 - 8.30am

The following classes are qualifiers for: **The NPS 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 Working Hunter Pony Training Stakes National Championship. Height of fences 45cms to 55cms.

Class 610 The NPS 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: Mrs LB Hillard, Carmarthenshire

Ring 1 - Not Before 10.00am

The following classes are qualifiers for: **The NPS/ ELITE COACHWORKS & HORSEBOXES LTD 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/ ELITE COACHWORKS & HORSEBOXES LTD M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship 122cm. Ponies not exceeding 122cms.

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

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

Class 614 The NPS/ELITE COACHWORKS & HORSEBOXES LTD 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 C Fletcher, Monmouthshire

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/STEVENS ON 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 LB Hillard, Carmarthenshire

Ring 1- Not Before 12.00pm

The following classes are qualifiers for: The NPS/SMITHERS SHOW TEAM 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/SMITHERS SHOW TEAM M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship 122cm. Ponies not exceeding 122cm
- Class 618** The NPS/SMITHERS SHOW TEAM M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship 133cm. Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms
- Class 619** The NPS/SMITHERS SHOW TEAM M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship 143cm. Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms
- Class 620** The NPS/SMITHERS SHOW TEAM 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

Judge: Mrs L Caldwell

Ring 1- following on from NPS Classes

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 L Sims, Hampshire

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 or 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 Adleshaw Cup** for the Champion

HEAVY HORSES

Open Heavy Horses

Judge: Mr M Burks, Lincolnshire

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 approx 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..

This show is a qualifier for: THE WEST OF ENGLAND HEAVY HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026
Kindly sponsored by: All 4 Wood Tree Services (In-Hand and Harness) and SDP Farriery (Ridden)
To be held on SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2026 at the Turnpike Showground, Shaftesbury, Dorset

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES: HEAVY HORSE CHAMPION IN-HAND
HEAVY HORSE CHAMPION IN SHOW/DECORATED HARNESS

RULES OF QUALIFICATION:

1. In-Hand Qualifiers must be from Recognised Heavy Horse Breeds of any age; Stallions, Colts, Mares, Fillies and Geldings. Harness Qualifiers are open to horses 4 years old and over.
2. (a) The In-Hand Qualifier must be the Show Champion of the day. If the Champion is already qualified at a previous Qualifier Show then the Qualifier position can go down the line to 4th place, at the Judge's discretion. If the top 4 horses have already qualified then no Qualifier can be awarded.
(b) The Show Harness and/or Decorated Harness Qualifier must be the highest placed on the day, down to 4th position at the Judge's discretion.
4. If a Qualifier is subsequently unable to attend the Championships on 13th September at the Turnpike Showground (between Shaftesbury and Gillingham in North Dorset) then the Championship Secretary must be notified no later than 8th September 2026. The Qualification can then be passed to the next eligible horse.

Each horse that qualifies will receive a Qualifier rosette.

AWARDS AT CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

EACH CHAMPION: £150 Prize Money, Sash and Rosette

EACH RESERVE CHAMPION: £100 Prize Money, Sash and Rosette.

THE REMAINING FINALISTS ATTENDING CHAMPIONSHIP: Travel grant and Rosette

If exhibitors have any queries, please contact the West of England Heavy Horse Championship Secretary, Erica Macey-Bracken at The School House, Cranborne Middle School, Damerham Road, Cranborne, Dorset BH21 5RP.

Mobile: 07958 921089 Email: wessexheavyhorsesociety@gmail.com

SPECIAL NOTE

Horses qualifying for the Championship and others from the same stables may enter and take part in the Wessex Heavy Horse Society's Annual Show on the same day. Schedules are available from the Championship Secretary at the address above. Overnight/day stabling will be available at the Show.

The Shire Horse Society offers a spoon and rosette for the Best Shire Mare or Filly. 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, 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 2026.

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: Mr M Burks, Lincolnshire

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 P Balch, Worcestershire

Ring 3- 9.30am

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.

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

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

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

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

NOT BEFORE 10.45am

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.

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

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. This class is a qualifier for The NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship

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 600-607 & 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. 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 A Gomersall, Hampshire

Ring 3- Not Before 12.30am

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

SEPARATE SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHEESE SHOW, FLOWER SHOW, FLORAL ART, ARTS & CRAFTS, CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Contact Show Secretary, Mid Somerset Showground, Cannards Grave Road,
Shepton Mallet BA4 4GF Email: secretary@midsomersetshow.org.uk

HONEY SHOW

Send SAE to Mr Paul Harper, 3 High View Drive, Ashcott, Bridgwater, Somerset TA7 9QY

OR VISIT THE WEBSITE www.midsomersetshow.org.uk

The NPS/PICTON STUD

M&M Novice Ridden National Championship

Judge: Mrs A Gomersall, Hampshire

Ring 3- Not before 1.30pm

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 A Gomersall, Hampshire

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.

ECH17 **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 2026

The following classes are:

First round qualifier for the Veteran Horse Society Supreme Final:

VETERAN HORSE OF THE YEAR 2026

Kindly Sponsored by Allen & Page

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 in August 2026. No qualification or membership necessary. See VHS website for schedule which is available mid season in 2026.

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 Caldwell

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 Caldwell

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: Ms L Sims, Hampshire

Ring 4- Not before 1.00pm

This class is a qualifier for: 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. Handlers must be 15 years or over on the 1st of January 2026.

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. Blemishes caused by racing will be ignored.

All those entering horses and/or participating in the show agree to be bound by the Retraining of Racehorses Rules and Regulations from time to time in force.

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

The first three go forward to the final at The Jockey Club RoR National Championships at Aintree, August 2027

Prizes – RoR rosettes 1st –4th plus Tattersalls RoR official merchandise voucher 1st £20, 2nd £10, 3rd £5,

Highest placed Veteran (15+) £10.

The Highest Placed Veteran also qualifies for the Tattersalls RoR Open In-Hand Veteran Show final at the Jockey Club RoR National Championships in August 2027

For further showing rules please visit the [RoR Rules and Regulations](#).

Class 660 Tattersalls RoR OPEN In Hand Show Series Qualifier 2027. Open to all RoR and NR competition registered horses, 3yrs and over, fillies, mares and geldings.

Ridden Riding Horses

Judge: Ms L Sims, Hampshire

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

ROR Ridden

Judge: Ms L Sims, Hampshire

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.

Tattersalls RoR AMATEUR Ridden Show Series Qualifier 2027

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 2026. 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/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 2027

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

The winner also qualifies for the Tattersalls RoR Amateur Ridden Special at the Jockey Club RoR National Championships in August 2027. Highest Placed Veteran qualifies for the RoR Ridden Veteran Final on the same date – August 2027

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 a 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 commercial capacity. Horses must not have been stabled at or reside in a Professional Producer's/Trainer's yard from January 1st, 2025. 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 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 2027. Open to all RoR and NR competition registered horses, 4yrs and over, mares and geldings, owned, produced and ridden by an Amateur.

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COLOURED HORSES

Judge: Mrs Marian Tarrant, Dorset

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 J Parrett, Hants

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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 701-704 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. 4 years old and over. Any height

Class 702 Gelding. 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 Open Youngstock. Aged 3 and Under Colt, Filly or Gelding. Any height. This class will be split if entries suffice.

DCH1 Donkey Breed Championship. For 1st & 2nd Prize Winners from classes 701-704

Donkey Championship

Prize: The Benjamin Trophy for the Champion Donkey

Open Donkey Classes

Ring 2- following on from Donkey Breed Championship

Class 705 Veteran. Open to donkeys aged 20 years and over. Any height

Class 706 Matching Pairs. Open to two donkeys with two handlers. To be judged on similarity of type, colour, conformation & movement. Foals are not eligible

Class 707 Miniature Donkey. Open to donkeys not exceeding 36" at maturity. May be split into age and sex categories if entries suffice.

Class 708 Pet Donkey. This class to be judged entirely on the suitability of the donkey as a family pet and not as a Handy Donkey; conformation shall not in any circumstances be taken into account; donkey may be shown in hand or ridden.

Class 709 Long Reining.

Class 710 Handy Donkey. Timed obstacle course

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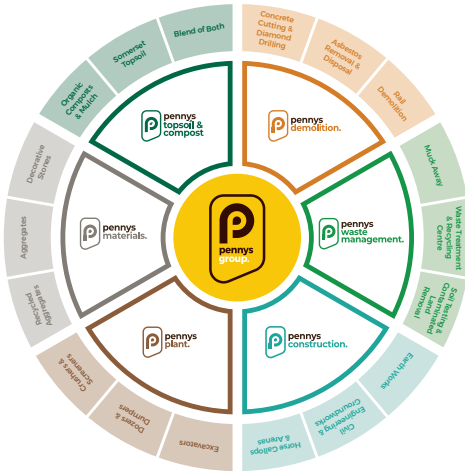
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