



ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW

FARRIERY & SMITHING COMPETITIONS and WROUGHT IRONWORK COMPETITIONS

FRIDAY
12 JUNE
2026

SATURDAY
13 JUNE
2026

SUNDAY
14 JUNE
2026

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R6	Lee Valentine
R8, R9, R15	Duncan Thompson AWCF

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Prizes will be kindly provided by **J Blurton Tools, Herefordshire & Ludlow College, Weston's Cider, Stromsholm & Handmade Shoes Ltd, Swan Portaforge, Wye Valley Brewery.**

ENTRIES FOR ALL FARRIERY AND BLACKSMITHING CLASSES

Close on Friday, 8th May, except:

- **R10 & R11 – entries close on Friday 12th June**
- **R12 – entries close on Sunday 14th June**

Please note: All classes may close earlier if they become fully subscribed.

No refunds will be issued for farriery class cancellations received less than two weeks before the show

CLASSES

R.2 COB SHOEING

Friday 12th June 2026

Description Competitors to make two shoes, one to be fitted.
Both to be made from flat steel, as directed by the Judge. Hand fullering will be required

Time Allowed	60 Minutes	Entry Fee	£30
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Prize Money	1 st £200	2 nd £80	3 rd £40	4 th £15
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Remarks **ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis**

R.1 THERAPEUTIC SHOEMAKING - OPEN

Friday 12th June 2026

Description To make two shoes as directed by the Judge

Time Allowed	55 Minutes	Entry Fee	£20
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Prize Money	1 st £150	2 nd £40	3 rd £25	4 th £10
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Remarks No striker or Fireman allowed.
ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis

R.3 APPRENTICE AND STUDENT LIVE SMITHING

Friday 12th June 2026

Open to 1st & 2nd year blacksmith students serving on a full time course

Description One piece of ironwork to be made on the showground to the pattern provided. Piece will not be entered unless clearly labelled.

Time Allowed	1 st year 60 Minutes 2 nd year 50 Minutes 3 rd year 40 Minutes	Entry Fee	£6
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Prize Money	1 st £30	2 nd £20	3 rd £15	4 th £10
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Remarks Basic smithing tools required.
JUDGES PRIZE : Kindly sponsored by **Herefordshire & Ludlow College**
ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis

R.4 RESTRICTED HUNTER**Saturday 13th June 2026**

Description Competitors to make two shoes, both concave, one to be fitted (pencilled heels required), the other to be a specimen shoe, as directed by the judge. Open to 4th year apprentices with their A.T.F present, or a letter signing them to another A.T.F for that day who will act as their striker.

Open to Competitors who have never won a First Prize in **ANY** shoeing competition up to the closing date of entries.

Time Allowed	55 Minutes	Entry Fee	£25
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Prize Money	1 st £150	2 nd £40	3 rd £25	4 th £10
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Remarks **ENTRIES LIMITED TO 10 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis**

R.14 SPEED CHAIN MAKING COMPETITION**Saturday 13th June 2026**

Description The competitor shall make as many chain links as possible (minimum of three) in the time allocated. Each link must be fire welded without the use of fluxes.

Time Allowed	15 Minutes	Entry Fee	£6
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Prize Money	1 st £100 + prize card	2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Prize card
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Remarks Only a hammer, tongs and wire brush may be used. Chain will be tested to destruction and will be scored by tensile strength (three best links will be tensile tested). Welding appearance - all welds should be correctly scarfed at no more than 2 metal thicknesses from the end of the bar. Negative points will be applied for poor scarf preparation/weld appearance up to 3 points per link.

All welds to be placed at the end of the link. Negative points will be applied for poor weld position up to 3 points per link.

Forging/ link shape - links to have parallel sides and to be approx. two x length to one x width. Negative points will be applied for poor link shape up to 3 points per link.

No flux.

No special tooling - tongs, hammer, wire brush only.

Pre heating is allowed.

No forming.

The Judge's decision is final.

Barstock 10mm round bar 200mm long pieces.
Metal supplied pre-cut to length.
Competitor may take as many pieces as required.

Scores Tensile strength - 5 points per each complete 1/2 ton up to a max of 6 tons
 Welding - 10 points, Forging - 5 points
 Number of Links - 5 points per link, minimum of 3 links

R.5 OPEN HUNTER SHOEING

Saturday 13th June 2026

Description Competitors to make two shoes, one to be fitted (pencilled heels required) and made from fullered concave. The other to be a specimen shoe, made as directed by the Judge.

Time Allowed	55 Minutes	Entry Fee	£30
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Prize Money	1 st £200	2 nd £80	3 rd £40	4 th £15
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Remarks **ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis.**

R.9 APPRENTICE SHOEMAKING - 3rd & 4th YEAR

Saturday 13th June 2026

Description Competitors to make two shoes – one to be made from fullered concave and one to be hand fullered. Both to be made as directed by the Judge.

Open to **Only to third and fourth year Apprentices** who must be under an approved apprenticeship.

Time Allowed	50 Minutes	Entry Fee	£15
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Prize Money	1 st £75	2 nd £20	3 rd £15	4 th £10
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Additional Prize Tools kindly donated by **J Blurton Tools**

Remarks Any Striker Allowed
 Health and Safety regulations will apply – see Regulation 2A.
NO LATE ENTRIES
ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis.

**R.6.A THE WESTONS BOTTLE OPENER
CHALLENGE – APPRENTICE**

Saturday 13th June 2026

Description Open to all apprentice Farriers and Blacksmiths. The contestant are to forge a bottle opener of their own design to be able to open a bottle of Weston’s cider. At the end of the round each contestant will be presented with a bottle of Weston’s cider which must be opened with the newly forged opener in order for it to go through to final judging. (metal bottle top NOT Corkscrew).

Time	30 Minutes	Entry Fee	£8
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Prize Money	1st	Weston’s Cider
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Remarks Judge’s decision final
Competitors to bring own stock and tools (no power tools to be used). Pre-cutting and marking out allowed. Pre-heating allowed.
ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis. NO LATE ENTRIES

**R.6.B THE WYE VALLEY BOTTLE OPENER
CHALLENGE – OPEN**

Saturday 13th June 2026

Description Open to all – Farriers and Blacksmiths. The contestant are to forge a bottle opener of their own design to be able to open a bottle of Wye Valley beer. At the end of the round each contestant will be presented with a bottle of Wye Valley beer which must be opened with the newly forged opener in order for it to go through to final judging. (metal bottle top NOT Corkscrew).

Time	30 Minutes	Entry Fee	£8
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Prize Money	1st	Wye Valley Beer
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Remarks Judge’s decision final
Competitors to bring own stock and tools (no power tools to be used). Pre-cutting and marking out allowed. Pre-heating allowed.
ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis. NO LATE ENTRIES

R.8 APPRENTICE SHOEMAKING - 1st & 2nd YEAR Sunday 14th June 2026

Description Competitors to make two shoes – one to be made from fullered concave and one to be plain stamped. Both to be made as directed by the Judge.

Open to **Only to first and second year Apprentices** who must be under an approved apprenticeship.

Time Allowed	50 Minutes	Entry Fee	£15
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Prize Money	1 st £75	2 nd £20	3 rd £15	4 th £10
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Additional Prize Tools kindly donated by **J Blurton Tools**

Remarks Health and Safety regulations will apply – see Regulation 2A. Any Striker Allowed
ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis. NO LATE ENTRIES

R.7 PONY SHOEING Sunday 14th June 2026

Description Competitors to make two shoes, one to be fitted. Both to be made as directed by the Judge.

Time Allowed	55 Minutes	Entry Fee	£30
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Prize Money	1 st £200	2 nd £80	3 rd £40	4 th £15
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Remarks **ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis.**

R.15 THERAPEUTIC APPRENTICE SHOEMAKING Sunday 15th June 2025

Description Competitors to make two shoes as directed by the Judge.

Open to First to fourth year apprentices who must be under an approved apprenticeship.

Time Allowed	55 Minutes	Entry Fee	£15
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Prize Money	1 st £75	2 nd £20	3 rd £15	4 th £10
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Remarks Prizes will be presented for each year.
No striker or Fireman allowed.
Health and safety regulations apply. See regulation 2.A.
ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 FOR THIS CLASS on a first come basis. NO LATE ENTRIES

CHAMPION BLACKSMITH OF THE YEAR QUALIFYING ROUND

PLEASE NOTE:

- All exhibits must be accompanied by completed entry forms and fees.
- All exhibits must be received at the blacksmithing exhibition tent on the day before the show begins, not later than 9.00pm.
- Exhibits entered later than 9.00pm on that day will NOT be displayed or entered in the competition(s).
- Any exhibit being received without payment of the entry fee will not be entered in the competition and will be placed in the “Exhibition only” category.

R.10 TRADITIONAL CLASS

A. Over £250 value

Description: Any piece of forge work encompassing traditional techniques.

Entry Fee: £8 per piece

Prize Money: 1st £80 2nd £60 & prize cards for places 1-4

B. Under £250 value

Description: Any piece of forge work encompassing traditional techniques.

Entry Fee: £8 per piece

Prize Money: 1st £80 2nd £60 & prize cards for places 1-4

R.11 CONTEMPORARY CLASS

A. Over £250 value

Description: Any piece of forge work encompassing contemporary techniques.

Entry Fee: £8 per piece

Prize Money: 1st £80 2nd £60 & prize cards for places 1-4

B. Under £250 value

Description: Any piece of forge work encompassing contemporary techniques.

Entry Fee: £8 per piece

Prize Money: 1st £80 2nd £60 & prize cards for places 1-4

R.12 OPEN LIVE FORGING

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Description Set piece to be made as specified by judge

Time Allowed

1 ¾ Hours

Entry Fee

£15

Prize Money

1st £90 + prize cards for first 4 places

Remarks

Steel provided

Supply own tools (any specialist tools required will be provided)

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1 All rules in the Schedule will be strictly enforced and the decision of the Chief Steward will be final. Any objections must be accompanied by a £10 deposit which will be refunded if objection upheld.
- 2 ALL competitors in Classes R.2, R.4, R.5 and R.7 must be fully qualified Farriers registered in Parts I, II, or IV under the Farriers Registration Act 1975.
Apprentices taking part in Class R.8, R.9 and R.15 must be under an approved apprenticeship. Failure to comply will lead to immediate disqualification.
- 2A **NOTE - To comply with Health & Safety Regulations all persons in the forge area must wear protective footwear and safety glasses. No person will be allowed on the shoeing area without the above safety measures. All competitors to wear and provide own personal protective equipment.**
- 3 Prior to the competitions, all competitors will be notified of their round in the class, their competition number, together with their starting time.
Competitors must shoe the foot allocated to them.
- 4 Competitions will start each day at the following times:-

Friday	12 June 2026	8.30am
Saturday	13 June 2026	8.00am
Sunday	14 June 2026	8.00am

Competitors NOT in the Farriery Stand at their correct notified starting time would be liable to disqualification.
- 5 The following sizes of fullered concave will be available for use by competitors in Classes R.1, R.5 and R.7 competitors should be prepared to use the most suitable size for the horse to be shod -

3/4" x 3/8" 5/8" x 3/8" 7/8" x 7/16" 7/8" x 3/8"

In Class R.2 and R.8 flat iron will be provided – 20mm x 10mm, 25mm x 12mm, 20mm x 8mm.
- 6 In ALL Farriery classes competitors will start and finish on the Bell. There will be no overtime allowed.
- 7 Competitors must bring all their own tools; and arrange for a Striker.
- 8 No Prizes will be awarded if there are less than four competitors in any class, and two prizes will be awarded if there are less than six competitors in any class
- 9 **Any competitor who is unable to attend is requested to inform the Society as soon as possible. No refunds will be issued for farriery class cancellations received less than two weeks before the show.**

CAMPING AREA PASS

Please note that it will NOT be possible to allow camping in the car park adjacent to the Farriery Stand. However, if competitors indicate on the entry form that they wish to camp on site, then arrangements will be made for a pass to be supplied which will entitle them to use the special area in the Camping and Caravan Park.

SHOWER BLOCKS

Are sited in the Stockman's Toilets, Horse Area Toilets (Row 8) and Dog Area Toilets (Avenue C), which competitors may use.

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Class	Date	Time
All classes	Sunday 14 June 2026	Late afternoon

2025 TROPHY WINNERS

Class	Trophy Name	Ref	Category	Winner
R2,5,7	Banks Silver Trophy	TC46	Overall Shoeing Winner	Toby Pedley
R5	Hereford College Cup	TC75	Open Hunter	Joe Whitehead
R7	CoSIRA Cup	TC105	Pony Shoeing	Darren Bazin
R2	Benjamin Baker Cup	TC88	Cob Shoeing	Toby Pedley
R2	Arthur Watts Cup	TC130	Best Dressed Foot Cob	Darren Bazin
R4	Restricted Hunter Trophy	TC106	Restricted Hunter	Hugo Bashall
R8	Ellis Dawe & Derek Lloyd Challenge Trophy	TC57	Apprentice	Bradley Clarke
R9	Richard Ellis Trophy	TC218	Apprentice	Freddie Ravenscroft
R3	Den Morgan	TC191	Apprentice & Student	Finlay Gemmill

Entry fees are inclusive of VAT.

TROPHIES and MEDALS

Classes R.2, R.5 and R.7:

Banks Silver Trophy (TC46)	for the competitor gaining the highest Aggregate marks in the three classes.
Watts Challenge Cup (TC75)	for the 1 st Prize winner in Class R.5
CoSIRA Cup (TC105)	for the 1 st Prize winner in Class R.7
Benjamin Baker Cup (TC88)	for the 1 st Prize winner in Class R.2
Arthur Watts Cup (TC130)	for the best-dressed foot in Class R.2
Den Morgan Trophy (TC191)	for the best-dressed foot in Class R.7

Silver Medal (presented by The Worshipful Company of Farriers)

For the competitor gaining the highest aggregate marks in the three classes

Class R.1:

Bronze Medal (presented by The Worshipful Company of Farriers) for the 1st prize winner.

Class R.4:

Restricted Hunter Trophy (TC106)

Bronze Medal (presented by The Worshipful Company of Farriers) for the 1st Prize winner.

Class R.8:

Ellis Dawe & Derek Lloyd Challenge Trophy
Bronze Medal (presented by The Worshipful Company of Farriers) for the 1st Prize winner in Class R.8.

Class R.9:

Richard Ellis Trophy (TC218)

Bronze Medal (presented by The Worshipful Company of Farriers) for the 1st Prize winner in Class R.9.

NOTE: The Medals, presented by The Worshipful Company of Farriers, will only be awarded if there are six or more competitors in the relevant classes.

ONLY COMPETITORS AND STRIKERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FARRIERY STAND

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The Organisers of the Competitions gratefully acknowledge the assistance of –

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makes awards in order to promote, support and maintain the highest standard of excellence in Farriery. Registered Farriers who are awarded the Company's medals have attained the very high standard demanded by the Company. Awards may be made in the following classes:

Silver Medal (Farriery)	Class R2, R4, R5, R7
Bronze Medal (Shoemaking)	Class R1
Apprentice Bronze Medal (Shoemaking):	Class R8, R9, R15