



The 150th Shropshire County Show

Saturday 24th May 2025

Show President: Anna Turner, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire

County Show Chairman: Neale Sadler

Showground Chief Executive Officer: Ian Bebbington

Heavy Horse Secretary: Yvonne Simmons

This show is affiliated to The Shire Horse Society, The Veteran Horse Society and The Shetland Pony Studbook Society.

2025 Judges:

Heavy Horses - Mr. D. Curtis (Cambridgeshire)

Horses & Ponies – Mrs. S. Chamberlain (Denbighshire)

Young Handlers - Mr. J. Payne (Cornwall)

Mountain & Moorlands - Mr. S. Follows (Staffordshire)

Shetland Ponies – Mr. R. James (Staffordshire)

Entry Fees:

Closing Date	Members of SWMSA	Non-Members
Friday 2nd May 2025	£10	£15
Sunday 4 th May 2025	£15	£20

A charge £3 per exhibitor towards first aid.

A £5 surcharge **per entry** will be made for all entries received on the 3rd & 4th May.
No entries will be accepted after 4th May 2025.

Entries can be made online at www.shropshirecountyshow.com.

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Ring One

Starting at 10am

1. Stallion
 2. Yearling
 3. 2 & 3 Year Old
 4. Gelding
 5. Barren Mare
 6. Brood Mare
 7. Foal
- Heavy Horse Championship*

8. Young Handlers

1 HOUR LUNCH BREAK

9. Ridden Heavy Horse

**LOCAL RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS &
LIGHT HORSE SUPREME
will take place following the
conclusion of Rings 2 & 3.**

Ring Two

Starting at 9am

10. Pony Youngstock
11. Pony – 4 years & over
Pony Breeding Championship
12. Horse Youngstock
13. Horse – 4 years & over
Horse Breeding Championship
14. Coloured Youngstock
15. Coloured – 4 years & over
Coloured Championship
16. Young Handler – up to 11 years
17. Young Handler – 12-16 years
Young Handler Championship
18. Leading Rein Pony
19. First Ridden Pony
20. Open Ridden Pony
Ridden Pony Championship
21. Ridden Hunter
22. Ridden Cob
23. Riding Horse or Hack
24. Retraining of Racehorses
Ridden Horse Championship

Ring Three

Starting at 9am

25. M&M Yearling
26. M&M 2 & 3 Year Old
27. M&M Small Breeds
28. M&M Large Breeds
In-hand M&M Championship
29. In-Hand Veterans
30. Shetland Youngstock
31. Miniature Shetland
32. Standard Shetland
Shetland Championship
33. Ridden Veterans
Veteran Championship
34. M&M Leading Rein
35. M&M First Ridden
M&M Mini Championship
36. Novice Ridden M&M
37. M&M Ridden Small Breeds
38. M&Ms Ridden Large Breeds
M&M Ridden Championship
39. Ridden Coloured Pony
40. Ridden Coloured Horse
Ridden Coloured Championship

RULES & REGULATIONS

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS TO READ AND COMPLY WITH THE SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS SET OUT BELOW. ENTRY TO THE SHOW IS ACCEPTANCE OF THESE SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS.

1. Horses & ponies should never be left unattended.
2. Safety helmets and appropriate footwear should always be worn when around horses & ponies. Anyone riding a horse anywhere on the Showground is **required** to wear a properly fitted SAFETY HAT meeting a minimum standard as set out by the British Horse Society Hat Rules 2024.
3. **All Horses/Ponies MUST have a competent person in charge.**
4. **Colts & stallions:** may only be handled by persons over the age of 14 years.
5. **Stallions:** all entire males 2 years old and over must be bitted and display a stallion disc.
6. **Ridden Stallions:** Riders must be 12 years old or over riding stallions not exceeding 128cms or M&M small breeds. Riders must be 14 years old or over when riding stallions exceeding 128cms or M&M large breeds.
7. Ridden Section: judges will not be riding any exhibits at the 2025 show.
8. **Fall of Horse/Pony or Rider.** A fall of Horse/Pony or Rider during any class will result in elimination. The rider must not remount in the ring and should seek medically qualified attendant before remounting. The onus is on every rider who suffers a fall or any person who suffers an injury whilst on the Showground to report the fall/injury to the Show Secretary.
9. Horse walks will be provided, and Exhibitors are required to use these designated routes to access the showing rings and must obey directions from the Officials and Stewards at the crossing points. Exhibitors need to be aware that this is a busy Agricultural Show with large crowds and traditional displays performing throughout the showground: total segregation from both the general public and noisy attractions cannot, therefore, be guaranteed. Exhibitors are only permitted to use the horse walks to access their ring at the start of their class and horses must be kept at a walk. Trotting, cantering or exercising of horses is not allowed on the horse walks under any circumstances and may result in disqualification.
10. **Horse Passports** (England) Regulation 2009 requires all owners to obtain a passport for each animal that they own. Please remember to bring these passport(s) to the Show and have them available for inspection if requested by Local Trading Standards Officers. If you require any further information, please contact the DEFRA helpline, or visit their website. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure all animals are registered and they are members of the relevant breed societies.
11. **Horse Equine Influenza Vaccinations:** Horses must have been vaccinated to comply with the Silver Gilt standard set out in the British Equestrian advice notes. Requirements of the primary course (1st vaccination and then 2nd vaccination between 21 – 60 days later), followed by the first booster (120 – 180 days) and all subsequent boosters and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. Horses may compete having received the primary course and prior to the first booster but not within 7 days of receiving a vaccine dose. Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old. Horses that received the primary course prior to 1 January 2024 are permitted to have an interval of up to 92 days between the first and second vaccination of the primary course and for the first booster an interval of up to 7 months following the date of the administration of the second vaccination of the primary course. Vaccinations are subject to local risk assessments by the attending veterinarians. We urge all owners to always adhere to strict biosecurity protocols. PLEASE NOTE: that neither vaccination certificates nor passports should be sent to the show office prior to the event but must be available for spot checks on the day of the show.

12. Public Liability Insurance: All owners and competitors must ensure they have adequate public liability insurance cover (minimum of £5 million). It is a requirement of entry that owners and competitors have adequate public liability insurance of a minimum of £5 million.

13. Judges & Classes: The Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural Society reserves the right to substitute other judges/classes from those printed in the schedule or to make additional appointments as necessary. All exhibitors will be notified of any changes by email.

14. Shropshire & West Midlands County Show reserves the right to split or amalgamate classes based upon the number of entries made; should this become necessary, all exhibitors will be notified by email.

15. No Refunds for errors on entries will be given if you are rejected by the Society governing the classes you enter. There are no exceptions. Please ensure you are eligible to compete in the classes you are entering.

16. Responsibility of Exhibitors Exhibitors are responsible for seeing that their exhibits are in the ring at the correct time for judging of the championships, special prizes etc.

17. Mobile Phones: the use of mobile phones is not permitted within the collecting and judging rings.

18. Timetabled classes may commence at or after the published start time. The Society will not be responsible for any loss where an exhibitor has made entries in more than one class and because of time over run it is not possible for him/her or the horse/pony to compete in one or more later classes. No claim for refund of fees paid or other loss, direct, indirect or consequential will be accepted or paid. Once a class has started trotting for ridden classes and once the last exhibitor has started trotting for in-hand classes, it is deemed the class is closed and no further exhibitors may enter the ring.

19. No refunds will be given under any circumstances. It is the **competitor's responsibility** to be at the ring for their class. No exceptions can be made for any persons missing their classes.

20. Where classes are run under Affiliated Societies the rules of these Affiliated Societies apply. Please contact Societies direct with any membership or registration queries.

21. No corraling of horses or ponies is allowed. If horses/ponies are found to be corralled, they will be charged a stabling rate of £50 per animal.

22. Dogs to be kept on the lead at all times.

23. A fine of £20.00 will be charged for mucking out of horseboxes onto the Showground.

24. Litter: Please ensure that litter is placed in designated receptacles or taken home with you.

25. Equine Welfare: All animals ridden anywhere on the Showground, rings or torry 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 body weight. This is based on a relatively fit, health animal, as an overweight animal is also a welfare concern.

Stewards will be on duty in the Horse Parking Area/Horse Lines and will be checking wristbands for entry. Please ensure you are wearing your wristband visibly.

SAFETY

Where possible, all vehicles must be on site and parked up by 8am and not leave the site until 5.00pm. If you need to exit the showground before 5.00pm, you must locate a Showground Steward who will arrange for you exit with the help of showground staff for safety reason. 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 all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers, and all the Officials and Stewards.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - Please contact your nearest Steward/Official who will call for on site medical support.

VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS:

Fyrnwy Equine Clinic – Tel: 01939 260251. Fyrnwy are also supplying a Farrier.

A Veterinary Surgeon will be on-site throughout the Show period.

Exhibitors are responsible for their own cost of veterinary treatment or farriery.

Disease Caveat: If you are affected by a notifiable disease and unable to attend, we will refund the entry fee upon receipt of an email from your veterinary surgeon.

ACTION IN CASE OF FIRE. In the event of a fire occurring on the Showground the following action should be taken:

1. Notify the nearest Steward who will arrange for the Fire Service to attend.
2. Ensure that all other persons retreat to a safe area away from the fire and clear the approach roadways which will be used for access by the Fire Service.
3. Only if it is safe to do so, tackle the fire with extinguishers until the Fire Service arrives.
4. Any directive given by the Fire Service must be followed.

TICKET/ PASS ALLOCATION

Each exhibitor will be allocated 1x vehicle pass & 2x show tickets for the first animal entered and 1x extra show ticket for each further animal entered to a maximum of 4 tickets per exhibitor. Extra tickets may be purchased with your entries.

Your admission tickets and vehicle passes will be emailed to you. Vehicles will not be admitted through the Horse / Livestock Gate without a valid 2025 Vehicle Pass. Please ensure your tickets and passes are ready for inspection upon arrival.

Showing Numbers: You will be expected to collect your numbers from the Horse Secretary's Office upon arrival at the show. Please leave sufficient time before your classes to allow for any queues.

RING ONE

Judge: Mr D. Curtis (Cambridgeshire)

Prize Money for the Heavy Horse Section

1st	2nd	3rd	4 th	Rosettes only awarded in the foal class.
£35	£25	£15	£10	

If there are less than 3 entered in a class, only 1st prize money will be awarded.

In-hand Heavy Horses

Open to all Heavy Horse Breeds. These classes are affiliated to the Shire Horse Society. Please see the Affiliation Notes at the back of this schedule for Shire Horse exhibits in this section.

1. Heavy Horse Stallion – 2 years and over
2. Heavy Horse Yearling – Colt, filly or gelding.
3. Heavy Horse 2 or 3 year old – Filly or gelding.
4. Heavy Horse Gelding – 4 years old & over.
5. Heavy Horse Barren Mare – 4 years old & over
6. Heavy Horse Brood Mare – 4 years old & over. To be shown with foal at foot.
7. Heavy Horse Foal – must be at least three weeks old on the day of the show.

In-hand Heavy Horse Championship

1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 1-7

The In-Hand Heavy Horse Champion will be awarded £100.

The Reserve In-Hand Heavy Horse Champion will be awarded £50.

Additional rosettes will be awarded to: Champion Suffolk, Champion Percheron, Champion Clydesdale & Best Shod.

THE SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY will present a SILVER-PLATED SPOON AND ROSETTE

A Spoon and a Rosette for Best Mare or Filly and a Spoon and Rosette for Best Stallion exhibited in the Shires classes. No animal to be eligible to take more than one Silver Spoon during any one year. The Shire Horse Society National Shire Horse Show being excepted. The Council reserves the right in offering Spoons, to award them only to persons approved by the Shire Horse Society.

Heavy Horse Young Handlers

Horses must be suitable for the child, mares & geldings only; 3 years old & over

8. Heavy Horse Young Handler – Handlers must be 12-18 years of age on the day of the show. Every young handler will be awarded £10.

FREE ENTRY TO THIS CLASS.

Ridden Heavy Horses

9. Open Ridden Heavy Horse – Mare, stallion or gelding; 4 years & over. *The judge will not ride.*

RING TWO

Judge: Mrs. S. Chamberlain (Denbighshire)

Pony Breeding

Open to any breed or type but ponies must be shown plaited.

10. Pony Youngstock – 1, 2 or 3 year old; colt, filly or gelding, to mature not exceeding 152cm.
11. Pony – 4 years old & over; stallion, mare or gelding, not exceeding 152cm.

Pony Breeding Championship

1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 10 & 11

Horse Breeding

Open to any breed or type, but horses must be shown plaited.

12. Horse Youngstock - 1, 2 or 3 year old; colt, filly or gelding, to mature exceeding 152cm.
13. Horse – 4 years old & over; stallion, mare or gelding, exceeding 152cm.

Horse Breeding Championship

1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 12 & 13

In-hand Coloured Horses & Ponies

14. Coloured Youngstock - 1, 2 or 3 year old. Colt, filly or gelding, any type or height.

15. Coloured – 4 years old & over. Stallion, mare or gelding, any type or height.

In-hand Coloured Championship
1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 14 & 15

Judge: Mr. J. Payne (Cornwall)

Young Handlers

Ponies must be suitable for the child, mares & geldings only.

16. Young Handler – Handler aged 7 to 11 years old or under on the day of the show.
17. Young Handler – Handler aged 11 to 16 years on the day of the show.

Young Handler Championship
1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 16 & 17

Judge: Mrs. S. Chamberlain (Denbighshire)

Ridden Ponies

Ponies to be shown plaited.

18. Leading Rein Pony - Mare or gelding; 4 years old & over; not exceeding 122cm; to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
19. First Ridden Pony - Mare or gelding; 4 years old & over; not exceeding 128cm; to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
20. Open Ridden Pony – Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over; not exceeding 148cm; rider may be any age (see stallion rule), but must be suitably mounted.

Ridden Pony Championship
1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 18-20

Ridden Horses

Horses to be shown plaited. *The judge will not ride.*

21. Ridden Hunter – Mare or gelding; 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cm.
22. Ridden Cob – Mare or gelding; 4 years old & over.
23. Riding Horse or Hack – Mare or gelding; 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cm.

24. Retraining of Racehorses – Mare or gelding; 4 years old & over. This class is open to Thoroughbreds that have raced or been in training for racing.

Ridden Horse Championship
1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 21-24

RING THREE

Judge: Mr. S. Follows (Staffordshire)

In-hand Mountain & Moorland

Ponies must be registered in the main section of their respective studbook.

- 25. M&M Yearling – colt, filly or gelding.
- 26. M&M 2 & 3 Year Old – colt, filly or gelding.
- 27. M&M Small Breeds (Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B) – Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over.
- 28. M&M Large Breeds (Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C & D) – Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over.

Mountain & Moorland In-hand Championship
1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 25-28

In-hand Veteran

This class is affiliated to the Veteran Horse Society and is open to members & non-members. Please see the Affiliation Notes at the back of this schedule.

29. In-hand Veteran – 15 years & over, open to horses & ponies of any breed or height. VHS Area Qualifier: COMBINED AGE CLASS. To be run as one class but judged as separate age categories: Diamond Veteran (25 years and over), Veteran (20–24 years) & Pre-Veteran (15–19 years). *1st & 2nd Prizewinners are eligible for the Veteran Championship after class 33.*

Judge: Mr R. James (Staffordshire)

Shetland Ponies

These classes are affiliated to the Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society and all ponies must be registered with the SPS-BS.

- 30. Shetland Youngstock - 1, 2 or 3 year old; colt, filly or gelding.
- 31. Miniature Shetland - Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over.
- 32. Standard Shetland - Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over.

Shetland Pony Championship
1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 30-32

Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society Rosettes: Champion & Reserve, Senior
Champion & Reserve, Best Miniature, Best Gelding and
Best Foal (to be awarded to the best foal at foot to a mare entered in class 31 or
32. Foals must be at least 3 weeks old on the day of the show and must be
eligible for registration with the SPS-BS).

Ridden Veteran

This class is affiliated to the Veteran Horse Society and is open to members & non-members. Please see the Affiliation Notes at the back of this schedule.

33. Ridden Veteran – 15 years & over, open to horses & ponies of any breed or height. VHS Area Qualifier: COMBINED AGE CLASS. To be run as one class but judged as separate age categories: Diamond Veteran (25 years and over), Veteran (20–24 years) & Pre-Veteran (15–19 years).

Veteran Championship
1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 29 & 33

Judge: Mr. S. Follows (Staffordshire)

Mini Mountain & Moorland

Ponies must be registered in the main section of their respective studbook.

34. M&M Leading Rein - Mare or gelding; 4 years old & over; not exceeding 122cms; to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
35. M&M First Ridden - Mare or gelding; 4 years old & over; not exceeding 128cms; to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Mountain & Moorland Mini Championship
1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 34 & 35

Ridden Mountain & Moorland

Ponies must be registered in the main section of their respective studbook.

36. Novice Mountain & Moorland - Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over. To be shown in a snaffle. Please enter into this class in the spirit in which it is intended.

37. M&M Ridden Small Breeds (Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B) – Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over.
38. M&M Ridden Large Breeds (Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C & D) – Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over.

Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship

1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 36-38

Ridden Coloured Horses & Ponies

39. Ridden Coloured Pony - Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over; not exceeding 148cms; rider may be any age (see stallion rule), but must be suitably mounted.
40. Ridden Coloured Horse - Stallion, mare or gelding; 4 years old & over; exceeding 148cms; rider may be any age (see stallion rule).

Ridden Coloured Championship

1st & 2nd Prizewinners of Classes 39 & 40

The 150th Shropshire County Show Local Rider Championships

Open to Riders living within a 30 mile radius of the Showground. To be Judged 50% on riding ability and 50% on turnout. Cards will be awarded in classes throughout the day for the best riders and winners of these cards will be eligible for the following championships:

Senior Local Rider Championship

16yrs of age and over on the day of the show

Junior Local Rider Championship

Under 16yrs of age on the day of the show

LIGHT HORSE SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to all Champions and Reserves from Ring Two and Three.

AFFILIATION NOTES:

The Shire Horse Society

SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY RULES: Shire exhibitors must be members of the Shire Horse Society. THE WINNING ANIMAL MUST BE REGISTERED OR ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION

IN THE STUD BOOK OR GRADE B REGISTER. Entries cannot be accepted at Affiliated Shows in classes for Shire or Heavy Horses from any person who had been either suspended or removed from membership of the Shire Horse Society or has been excluded from exhibiting for prizes at Shows, Sales or Exhibitions or from taking part in any Show organised by the Shire Horse Society. Please state registered numbers on your entry form.

Shire Horse Young Handler: Shire Horse Society will once again be running the SHS Young Handler's Accumulator Award in 2022. Points relative to placings will be awarded to those young handlers who are 2022 members of the Shire Horse Society. The winner will be announced at the end of the year. Points will be awarded to the top five, with points awarded as follows: - 1st-5 points, 2nd-4 points, 3rd- 3 points, 4th-2 points and 5th- 1 point. The Champion Young Handler with the most points at the end of the year will win the trophy. Those taking part in the above should be junior members of the Society and are able to join mid-season if they are not already members. Points will only count once membership is taken up and points will not be back dated. Junior memberships are £10 per annum and are open to those that have not attained their 18th birthday.

The Veteran Horse Society – Area Qualifier

Veteran Horse Society – AREA QUALIFIER 2025. First round qualifier for the Veteran Horse Society Supreme Final: VETERAN HORSE OF THE YEAR 2025. 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 age category will qualify for the corresponding class at VHS Regional Finals. Members must carry their cards in the ring and have their showing card signed by the judge in the ring 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.

Those wishing to join or renew with the Society will need to apply for this before 1st May each year or a late penalty fee of £15 will be charged. Regional Finals are open to members only.

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

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