

# **SOUTH WEST HAIRY PONY FEST 2024**



**NPS Summer championship M&M Qualifiers In Hand & Ridden  
Special Highland Dales and Fell championships**

**Unaffiliated classes**

***Something for everyone!***

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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**At Badgworth Arena**

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# NPS IN HAND CLASSES

**RING 1** (Starts 9 am) - Indoors

Judge: Mrs Lesley Hillard

## 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 1:** Small breeds 1, 2 & 3 year olds

**CLASS 2:** Large breeds 1, 2 & 3 year olds

**CLASS 3:** Small breeds 4 & over

**CLASS 4:** Large breeds 4 & over

Judge: Mrs Ann Nicholls **(not before 10am)**

## The NPS/MOLE VALLEY FARMERS M&M Home Produced In Hand National Championship

Please see NPS Rule Book, Sec A, 3.6. Please enter this class in the spirit it is intended. Competitors who contravene the above will be disqualified.

**CLASS 5:** Small Breeds, stallions, mares and geldings any age

**CLASS 6:** Large Breeds, stallions, mares and geldings any age

Judge: Mrs Lesley Hillard

## NPS/BLACKERTOR & SHARPTOR STUDS M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners from classes 1-6 are eligible.

A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an NPS Qualifying or Life member in the M&M In Hand section. Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification. NPS M&M Breed Champions Prelim Rounds Qualifier for the Great British In Hand Show – 7 th September 2024, Oakridge Arena 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 Blair. A pony may only take the qualification for the Silver Medal Final once in a season

Qualifiers are entitled to compete in the final of the Silver Medal Rosette Championship to be held at the NPS Summer Championship show 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August 2024

*Sashes to champion and reserve*

Judge: Mrs Ann Nicholls

## HIGHLAND DALES AND FELL IN HAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Recipients of the highest placed breed rosettes in classes 1-6 eligible to compete

A SPECIAL ROSETTE OFFERED BY THE DALES PONY SOCIETY FOR THE BEST REGISTERED DALES PONY SHOWN BY AN EXHIBITOR WHO PRODUCES A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THE RING.

*Sashes to champion and reserve*

# NPS RIDDEN CLASSES

Judge: Mrs Ann Nicholls (**not before 11am**)

## The NPS/COOPER FAMILY M&M Junior Ridden National Championship

**CLASS 7:** Open to registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B mares and geldings four years old and over. Riders must not have attained their 14th birthday before the 1st January in the current year

**CLASS 8:** Open to registered Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Connemara and Welsh Section C mares and geldings four years old and over. Riders must not have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

***Championship for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners in classes 7 and 8***

*NPS/Corscaron Horse Essentials Home Produced Ridden Championship Qualifier – wear white arm bands*

*NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 years*

Judge: Mrs Lesley Hillard (**not before 1pm**)

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

**CLASS 9:** Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland

**CLASS 10:** Welsh A, Welsh B

**CLASS 11:** New Forest, Connemara

**CLASS 12:** Fell, Highland, Dales

**CLASS 13:** Welsh C, Welsh D

***Championship for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners in classes 9 - 13***

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*

Judge: Mrs Ann Nicholls

## The NPS/DARGAVEL M&M Young Ridden Pony National Championship

**CLASS 14:** All breeds – 4 years old

**CLASS 15:** All breeds – 5 years old

**CLASS 16:** All breeds – 6 years old

***Championship for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners in classes 14 - 16***

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings four, five or six years old

*NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 years*

Judge: Mrs Lesley Hillard

**The NPS/PEASEDOWN STUD & JESS TALBOT M&M Intermediate Ridden National Championship**

**CLASS 17:** Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A, Welsh B

**CLASS 18:** Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C, Welsh D

***Championship for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners in classes 17 - 18***

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over. A pony is not eligible to compete if it has qualified before 1st January in the current year for:

- i) The M&M Open Ridden Championship final at Horse of the Year Show or
- ii) The M&M Supreme Ridden Championship final at London International Horse Show or
- iii) The M&M Open Ridden Championship Final at Royal International Horse Show

*NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 years*

Judge: Mrs Lesley Hillard

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

**CLASS 19:** Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A, Welsh B

**CLASS 20:** Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C, Welsh D

***Championship for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners in classes 19 - 20***

Judge: Mrs Lesley Hillard

**NPS/NIPNA DALES PONY STUD M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship**

1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> from classes 7 to 18 to compete

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 Blair. A pony may only take the qualification for the Silver Medal Final once in a season.

*Sashes to champion and reserve*

**HIGHLAND DALES AND FELL RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Recipients of the highest placed breed rosettes in classes 7-18 eligible to compete

A PERFORMANCE ROSETTE OFFERED BY THE DALES PONY SOCIETY FOR THE BEST REGISTERED DALES PONY SHOWN BY AN EXHIBITOR WHO PRODUCES A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THE RING.

*Sashes to champion and reserve*

## UNAFFILIATED CLASSES

Judge: Judy Pring (starts 10am – outdoors)

### ***Ridden classes***

- CLASS 21:** Junior ridden not exceeding 148cm, riders 16 and under. Open to any breed/type  
**CLASS 22:** Very novice ridden walk and trot. Canter optional in individual show. Open to any breed/type  
**CLASS 23:** Open ridden pony not exceeding 148cm. Open to any breed/type  
**CLASS 24:** Open ridden horse exceeding 148cm. Open to any breed/type  
**CLASS 25:** Lead rein pony. Plaited or M&M, riders 10 and under, ponies 122cm and under  
**CLASS 26:** First ridden pony. Plaited or M&M, riders 12 and under, ponies 128cm and under  
**CLASS 27:** Ridden coloured. Open to native/cob/traditional plaited horses and ponies

*All classes above may be split if sufficient entries*

### **Ridden championship**

Open to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizewinners from classes 21 to 27

*Sashes to champion and reserve*

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### ***In hand classes***

- CLASS 28:** Youngstock 1, 2 and 3 year olds Open to any breed/type  
**CLASS 29:** 4 Years old and over not exceeding 148cm. Open to any breed/type  
**CLASS 30:** 4 years old and over exceeding 148cm. Open to any breed/type  
**CLASS 31:** In hand coloured. Open to native/cob/traditional plaited horses and ponies

*All classes above may be split if sufficient entries*

### **In hand championship**

Open to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizewinners from classes 28 to 31

*Sashes to champion and reserve*

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### **PRIZES**

Rosettes 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in all classes.

### **ENTRY FEES:**

**Unaffiliated classes:** Before the day: £10.00 per class, on the day: £13.00 per class

**NPS Qualifier Classes:** Before the day: £12.00 per class, on the day: £15.00 per class

Plus £3 first aid contribution

Cash only on the day

**Entries close on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**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 ponies are not eligible unless overstamp 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 from 6 th – 8 th August 2024. 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/Corscaron Horse Essentials 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.

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## RULES

1. All ponies in Novice classes must be shown in a snaffle bridle
  2. The Committee reserve the right to cancel or amalgamate any Class(es) or sub-divide if necessary.
  3. The Committee reserve the right to refuse entries without giving a reason
  4. Any objections must be handed to the secretary in writing within 10 minutes of the class being judged, accompanied by £20.00. Deposit returnable if the objection is upheld.
  5. The Committee will not be responsible for any accident to animals, persons or property.
  6. The decisions of the Judges and Committee are final.
  7. No entry fees will be refunded without a veterinary certificate
  8. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to enter their ponies in the correct class or classes.
  9. No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by full fees.
  10. Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats that meet one of the following current Safety Standards MUST be worn by all Riders when mounted. All PAS 015; VG1; ASTM F1163 04a onwards; SNELL E2001; AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. The EN1384, BSEN1384 may also be worn until 1st January 2017, unless otherwise notified. Handlers of ponies in In Hand classes aged 14 years and under must wear a correctly secured skull caps/riding hat that meets one of the above standards.
  11. No loose dogs allowed on the showground.
  12. In all ridden classes the wearing of SPURS is forbidden.
  13. Show canes/whips must not exceed 30".
  14. All ponies entered in classes must be registered in their respective Stud Books and shown under their Breed Society Showing Rules.
  15. Registration numbers must be stated on the entry form and with entries on the day.
  16. All Stallions and colts, two years old or over, must be in possession of a current Ministry of Agriculture, National Pony Society or appropriate Breed Society Stallion Licence, except Highland and Dales ponies where this rule is extended to three years old or over.
- Ridden Stallions MUST display a stallion bridle disc. In Hand stallions and colts 2 years old or over must be adequately bitted and may display a stallion bridle marker.**