

THE ROYAL
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SHOW



HEAVY HORSE SCHEDULE

**ENTRIES CLOSING DATE:
28 APRIL 2026**

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Royal Bath and West Show
Shepton Mallet

Thursday 28 May to Saturday 30 May 2026

HEAVY HORSE SCHEDULE

Entries Close: Noon on 28 April
(enter online at www.bathandwest.com/heavy-horse-competition)

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

THE SHOWGROUND, SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET BA4 6QN
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IMPORTANT POINTS

Here are a few points to note when making entries into the 2026 Royal Bath & West Show.

Exhibitors should be familiar with the full Terms & Conditions which can be found at – www.bathandwest.com.

Hats (Reg 7(i))	All mounted persons on the showground to wear safety hats which conform to the current regulations.
Arrival (Reg 13)	
Wednesday	12:00noon to 10:00pm
Thursday & Friday	5:00am to 10:00pm
Saturday	from 5:00am
Stables (Reg 14)	Booking is for a 24hr period, from 5:00pm to 5:00pm the following day. Accommodation cannot be guaranteed until 5:00pm.
Correctness of Details (Reg 18)	It is the Exhibitors' or Competitors' responsibility to ensure that all the information provided is correct.
Refunds (Reg 20)	Refunds will only be provided on production of a veterinary certificate. which must be received by the Entries Office no more than 7 days after the last day of Show. Levies included in the entry fee will not be refunded. Stable fees will not be refunded.
Eligibility to Enter (Reg 21)	Exhibitors must ensure the entry is registered with the appropriate breed society for the classes being entered and, where necessary, the Owner, Rider and Exhibitor.
Payment of Prizes (Regs 35 & 36)	Winning exhibitors will be issued with a prize money voucher which must be redeemed during the show. Vouchers not presented will be forfeited.
Objections (Reg 40)	Must be made in writing and submitted to the Society Office no later than 17:00 on the day of the class and accompanied by a deposit of £50.
GDPR Condition of Entry	Details of entries made will only be shared with breed societies and/or shows to confirm eligibility and/or qualification. Results will be displayed on the Show's web site. Breed societies will also provide/use some of your information. Please go to the relevant society's web page to view their policy as to how, when and why your details will be used.
Equine Flu (Reg 49)	All equines attending the Royal Bath & West Show 2026 must have been vaccinated for Equine Influenza. The requirement for the first 3 vaccinations is as follows: the first 2 vaccinations 21 – 92 days apart, a third booster between 150-215 days, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of an EI vaccination. Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old.

ENTRY FEES 2026

HEAVY HORSES	
CLASSES	FEES
In-Hand & Harness	£17.50

A First Aid fee is payable per exhibitor of £8.00. HOYS Levy of £20 for class HH5.

STABLES FEES 2026

STABLE TYPE	FEE PER NIGHT
Normal	£70.00
Stallion 3 yrs and older	£70.00
Mare & Foal	Enquire with the Office.

Stallions 3yrs old and over should be stabled in stallion boxes.

Stables available from 5:00pm until 5:00pm the following day.

Stables are limited and booked on a first come, first served basis.

TICKETS & PASSES 2026

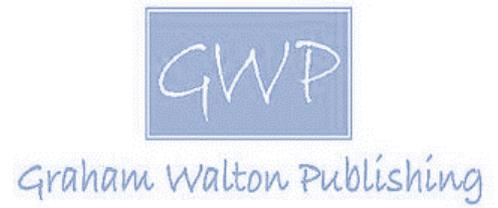
VEHICLE PASS	DAY TICKETS
Exhibitors will receive vehicle passes and tickets as follows. Additional tickets must be purchased.	
1 x Free of Charge vehicle pass	2 x tickets – first entry. 1 x ticket for each subsequent entry.
Admits horse carrying vehicle and driver only any day during the Show Passengers must hold a day ticket. Additional passes are available upon request for vehicles carrying horses/ponies only NOT private cars.	Exhibitors are reminded to check enough tickets will be received for all competition days. Additional tickets can be purchased at the reduced exhibitor rate.

PRIZES 2026

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Harness	40	30	25	20	15	10
In Hand	40	25	18			

EQUINE PASSPORTS:

Horse Passports must accompany all horses, spot checks will be carried out.



This Show is a qualifier for
The West of England Heavy Horse Championships 2026

This show is a qualifier for the
Shire Horse of the Year Championships 2026
supported by the Shire Horse Society

**Demonstrations will take place as follows:
Thursday and Friday during the day as well as Saturday afternoon only**

Every Horse entered into the Heavy horse section will be expected to parade in the Main Ring.

PROVISIONAL Programme of Judging:

SATURDAY

9:00am	In Hand Classes	Ring 4
12:00noon	Harness Class	Ring 4
15.10pm	Parade of Prize Winners	Main Ring

HEAVY HORSE - IN HAND

Judge: Mr Jack Kitching

All classes are run under the rules of the Shire Horse Society.

Shire Horse of the Year Championships Supported by the Shire Horse Society

Class HH5 a qualifying class for the Horse of the Year Show, to be held at NEC, Birmingham, 7th-11th October 2026. Entrants to this class must have competed in previous classes at the show. This class will attract an £20.00 Horse of the Year Show contribution for each entry and full details of each entrant must be made on the Horse of the Year entry form.

This class will run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk. This is a Horse of the Year Show qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.

The Shire Horse Society reserve the right to share your membership data with Grandstand Media Limited in compliance with the Horse of The Year Show (HOYS) Rules and Regulations. This sharing is for the purpose of HOYS matters to include, but not limited to, qualification or disciplinary. For further details regarding the use of data for Horse of The Year Show qualifiers please refer to www.hoys.co.uk.

Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Official Identity Documents for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling. Competitors are reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that the Official Identity Documents must be in the name of the legal owner within 30 days of ownership. This must be registered with the breed society, relevant studbook or ID issuing agency, dependant on breed/type of animal. Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies.

The class is open purebred Shire Horse stallions, mares and geldings, 2 years old and over that are registered in, and complying with the showing requirements of the Shire Horse Society.

All Owners, Handlers and Exhibitors must be Members of the Shire Horse Society.

This class will be run in accordance with the Shire Horse Society guidelines, which for the avoidance of doubt will be considered rules for Horse of the Year Show and its qualifiers, however the general rules as set out within this Rule book will take precedence.

Additional Rules:

- i. Qualification will not pass below 5th place.
- ii. Horses must be entered in the name and ownership in which they are registered.
- iii. Horses should be turned out in a traditional manner, with flights.
- iv. Horse's docks must be covered with a fan of hair in accordance with the Shire Horse Society rules.
- v. The turning up of coats is not permitted, in accordance with the Shire Horse Society rulebook.
- vi. At the final and qualifiers, horses may have foot inspections carried out by a Shire Horse Society farrier and vet. Horses must be correctly shod in accordance with the shoeing standards, as detailed in The Shire Horse Society rulebook. Horses may be shown unshod.
- vii. Horses that are part bred or from the Grade A, B or C Registers of the Shire Horse Society are not eligible to compete. Geldings must be registered in the Shire Horse Society Non-

Breeding Register and must be pure bred e.g. not out of Grade B mares, and parentage verified.

Shire Horse Society Silver Spoon

A spoon and rosette will be awarded for the Best Shire Mare or Filly exhibited in the in-hand classes. The winning animal must be registered or eligible for registration in the Stud Book or Grade B register and the winner MUST be a member of the Shire Horse Society. No animal is eligible to take more than one spoon during any one year, The Shire Horse Society Spring Show being excepted.

West of England Heavy Horse Championships

This Show is also a qualifier for The West of England Heavy Horse Championships 2026 the final to be held at Turnpike Showground between Shaftesbury and Gillingham in North Dorset on 13 September.

All colts two years old and over to be shown in Stallion Harness.

NEW FOR 2026: The harness class is recognising both Show & Working Harness.

All harness will be judged as one class with rosettes from 1-6th place with prize money. From the final line up, two Champions will be pulled forward. A Champion for the highest placed Show harness and a Champion for the highest placed Working harness.

Class HH1 GELDING

Four years old or over.

Class HH2 MARE

Four years old or over, with or without foal at foot.

Class HH3 FILLY, COLT OR GELDING

Two or three year old. Colts two years old and over, to be shown in stallion harness.

Class HH4 FILLY, COLT OR GELDING

Yearling.

Class HH4b STALLION

Four years old or over.

Class HH5 HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFIER 2026

SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIPS SUPPORTED BY THE SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY

Open to pure bred fully registered Shires of two years old and over that are entered and have exhibited in their appropriate breed classes at Qualifying Shows.

Class HH6 HARNESS CLASS

KINDLY SUPPORTED BY THE SOUTH WALES SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY

Mares or Geldings. Open to singles only. Marks will be awarded accordingly: 50% harness, 25% horse, 25% presentation. A Champion Show and Working Harness will be awarded.

CHAMPION & SPECIAL PRIZES

HHC1 For the Champion Heavy Horse In Hand

Royal Bath & West Champion Rosette and The City of Bath Challenge Vase (H15).
Reserve Champion - Royal Bath & West Reserve Champion Rosette.

HHS1 For the Best Foal

in Class HH2. Royal Bath & West Special Rosette and a Prize of £20.

HHS2 For the Best Clydesdale

Royal Bath & West Special Rosette, Best Clydesdale Rosette and a Prize of £50 with thanks to Mr Ian and Mrs Hazel Roy of Clydesdale Horse Society.

HHS3 For the Best Percheron

Royal Bath & West Special Rosette and a Best Percheron Rosette with thanks to the Percheron Horse Society

HHS4 For the Best Shire

Royal Bath & West Special Rosette.

HHS5 For the Best Suffolk

Royal Bath & West Special Rosette and a Best Suffolk Rosette with thanks to the Suffolk Horse Society.

**THE WEST OF ENGLAND
HEAVY HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026**

To be held on SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2026 at the Turnpike Showground

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

RULES OF QUALIFICATION:

1. Qualifiers must be from **Recognised Heavy Horse Breeds** of any age; Stallions, Colts, Mares, Fillies and Geldings.
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.
3. If a Qualifier is subsequently unable to attend the Championships on 21st September at the Turnpike Showground (between Shaftesbury and Gillingham in North Dorset) then the Championship Secretary must be notified no later than 7th September 2026. The Qualification can then be passed to the next eligible horse.
Each horse that qualifies will receive a Qualifier 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.