

THE ROYAL
BATH & WEST
SHOW



SHOEING SCHEDULE

**ENTRIES CLOSING DATE:
30 APRIL 2026**

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THE ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW

Bath & West Shows Limited

(Registered in England & Wales
with Number 8680261)

Royal Bath and West Show
Shepton Mallet

Thursday 29 to Saturday 30 May 2026

SHOEING & SHOEMAKING SCHEDULE

JUDGES:

Mr Andrew Nickalls DipWCF
Mr Grant Watt DipWCF

Rough dressing will be allowed.

**Classes have both an Open and Restricted element, with separate prizes awarded.
If you are eligible for the Restricted element, please ensure that you select this when
entering.**

**Shoes will be released a minimum of two weeks before the Show at [Royal Bath & West
Farrier Competition | Facebook](#)**

PRIZES:

Shoemaking	Open -	1 st £60; 2 nd £30; 3 rd £20; 4 th £15.
	Restricted -	1 st Prizes in kind
Pony, Cob & Hunter Shoeing:	Open -	1 st £80; 2 nd £40; 3 rd £30; 4 th £20.
	Restricted -	1 st Prizes in kind
Apprentice:		1 st £25; 2 nd £20; 3 rd £15; 4 th £10

Entries Close: 30 April

(Enter online at www.bathandwest.com/shoeing-competition)

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

THE SHOWGROUND, SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET BA4 6QN Telephone: 01749 822200

Bath & West Shows Ltd would like to thank the following for generously supporting the show.



SILVERBACK CHAPS

PONY SHOEING

Entry Fee £25

To be held on Thursday 28 May. Time allowed 1 hour 10 minutes. Competitors will be required to shoe two feet (one fore and one hind) and in the Open, make one specimen shoe to the judge's requirements.

Combined class limited to 28 persons.

Competitors in the Restricted element of the class are farriers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open shoeing competition or won a restricted competition in the last three years.

COMPETITORS MUST INFORM THE SHOW AT THE POINT OF ENTRY IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE RESTRICTED SECTION.

Prizes in kind of Mustad tools for the Best Dressed Foot in the combined class and Best Specimen Shoe in the combined class.

Prize in kind for the winner of the Restricted section.

The highest placed competitor in the combined class from the South West will receive The Richard Ash Perpetual Challenge Trophy (CO26).

Class SH1 OPEN & RESTRICTED PONY SHOEING

Winner of the Open Pony Shoeing to receive The No.14 Region of the Pony Club Challenge Cup (CO5) and The Golden Guinea Challenge Trophy (CO3), offered by Messrs J R Parkington & Co Ltd.

Winner of the Restricted section to receive The Fred Kent Perpetual Challenge Trophy (CO4).

Competitors in the Restricted element of the class are farriers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open shoeing competition or won a restricted competition in the last three years. No specimen shoe will be required for the restricted element.

SHOEMAKING

Entry Fee £25

To be held on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May. Time allowed 50 minutes.

Combined class limited to 28 persons.

Competitors in the Restricted element of the class are farriers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open shoeing competition or won a restricted competition in the last three years.

COMPETITORS MUST INFORM THE SHOW AT THE POINT OF ENTRY IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE RESTRICTED SECTION.

Class SH2 OPEN & RESTRICTED SHOEMAKING

Competitors in the Restricted element of the class are farriers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open shoeing competition or won a restricted competition in the last three years.

COB SHOEING

Entry Fee £25

To be held on Friday 29 May. Time allowed 1 hour 15 minutes.

Combined class limited to 28 persons.

Competitors in the Restricted element of the class are farriers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open shoeing competition or won a restricted competition in the last three years. **COMPETITORS MUST INFORM THE SHOW AT THE POINT OF ENTRY IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE RESTRICTED SECTION.**

Prizes in kind of Mustad tools for the Best Dressed Foot in the Combined class.

Prize in kind for the winner of the Restricted section.

Class SH3 OPEN & RESTRICTED COB SHOEING

The winner to receive The H M Ball Memorial Challenge Trophy (CO1) and the Worshipful Company of Farriers Silver Medal.

Competitors in the Restricted element of the class are farriers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open shoeing competition or won a restricted competition in the last three years.

HUNTER SHOEING

Entry Fee £25

To be held on Saturday 30 May. Time allowed 1 hour 5 minutes.

Combined class limited to 28 persons.

Competitors in the Restricted element of the class are farriers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open shoeing competition or won a restricted competition in the last three years. **COMPETITORS MUST INFORM THE SHOW AT THE POINT OF ENTRY IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE RESTRICTED SECTION.**

Prizes in kind of Mustad tools for the Best Dressed Foot in the combined class.

Prize in kind for the winner of the Restricted section.

Class SH4 OPEN & RESTRICTED HUNTER SHOEING

The winner to receive the The Crown and Thistle Perpetual Challenge Cup (CO2), offered by Messrs Miles, Druce Steel Ltd and the Worshipful Company of Farriers Silver Medal.

Competitors in the Restricted element of the class are farriers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open shoeing competition or won a restricted competition in the last three years.

APPRENTICE SHOEMAKING

Entry Fee £15

Each class limited to 20 persons. (Fireman Permitted. Must not be a qualified farrier). **Apprentices must wear safety glasses.**

These classes will obtain points for the South West Apprentice League 2026.

Class SH5 APPRENTICE FIRST & SECOND YEAR

By first and second year indentured Apprentices. The winner to receive the Worshipful Company of Farriers Bronze medal.

Class SH6 APPRENTICE SHOEMAKING THIRD & FOURTH YEAR

By third and fourth year indentured Apprentices. The winner to receive the Worshipful Company of Farriers Bronze medal.

PRIZES

SHC1 Champion Farrier gaining the most points overall in Classes SH1, SH2, SH3 & SH4

The Sidmouth Trophy (CO8) and Royal Bath & West Champion Prize Card.

Reserve Champion - Royal Bath & West Reserve Champion Prize Card. Points for the Championship are awarded as follows:

1st 14; 2nd 12; 3rd 10; 4th 8; 5th 6; 6th 4

In the event of a tie the result of the Open Shoemaking will be the deciding factor.

SHS1 Pony Shoeing Restricted Winner

Royal Bath & West Prize Card & Prizes in kind.

SHS2 Shoemaking Restricted Winner

Royal Bath & West Prize Card & Prizes in kind.

SHS3 Cob Shoeing Restricted Winner

Royal Bath & West Prize Card & Prizes in kind.

SHS4 Hunter Shoeing Restricted Winner

Royal Bath & West Prize Card & Prizes in kind.

SHS5 Best Specimen Shoe in the Pony Shoeing

Prize in kind of Mustad Tools.

SHS6 Best Dressed Foot in Pony Shoeing

Prize in kind of Mustad Tools.

SHS7 Best Dressed Foot in Cob Shoeing

Prize in kind of Mustad Tools.

SHS8 Best Dressed Foot in Hunter Shoeing

Prize in kind of Mustad Tools.



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FARRIERS
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.

The Company is grateful to THE ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW
for supporting these aims.

SH3	Open Cob Shoeing	Silver Medal
SH4	Open Hunter Shoeing	Silver Medal
SH5	Apprentice Award 1st and 2nd Year	Bronze Medal
SH6	Apprentice Award 3rd and 4th Year	Bronze Medal

**Presentation of Prizes:
Saturday 30 May
by Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers**

HOW TO ENTER

Enter online at www.bathandwest.com/shoeing-competition. Entries close on 30 April.

No entries will be accepted after the entry close date.

Each competitor must make his own arrangements for a striker. The striker's name must be included when making entries.

What happens next – Pre Show

After the close of entries, you will be sent a pack containing the following:

- A wristband to provide access to the ground OR for Apprentices, one exhibitor's ticket.
- A Blacksmith/Farrier Car Park pass to gain access to the designated parking/camping area.
- A timetable of classes showing the running order.
- Any additional tickets which you purchased when entering.

Then – At Show

Purple gate opening times (including camping)

Wednesday 27th May | 12noon – 10:00pm
Thursday 28th & Friday 29th May | 5am – 10:00pm
Saturday 30st May | from 5am

Competitors must be in attendance at the Forge at least half an hour before the commencement of their round. Latecomers will be disqualified.

Any competitor who has not informed the society of Restricted eligibility at the point of entry will be entered into the Open.

Competitors must provide their own nails and tools.

The competitions cannot be delayed for a striker who is acting as a striker for another competitor, or where the competitor is himself a striker and under these circumstances the Stewards may disqualify the competitor.

Presentations take place on Saturday 30 May at the Forge. Exhibitors attending the presentation are requested to change their shirt/t-shirt in preparation for photographs.

Exhibitors will forfeit their in kind prizes if they are not in attendance at the presentation. Prize money will be paid out after the Show via BACS transfer.

Shoeing & Shoemaking Regulations

Entries:

1. Enter online at www.bathandwest.com/shoeing-competition ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE 30 April. No entries will be accepted after this date.
2. Entries in the classes will be restricted as follows:
 - Class SH1, restricted to the first 28 entrants
 - Class SH2, restricted to the first 28 entrants
 - Class SH3, restricted to the first 28 entrants
 - Class SH4, restricted to the first 28 entrants
 - Class SH5, restricted to the first 20 entrants
 - Class SH6, restricted to the first 20 entrants

Prizes:

3. In no case shall a prize be awarded unless the Judge, after consultation with the Stewards, deems the entries to have sufficient merit. Where there is only a small entry in a class and the Judge, after consultation with the Stewards, considers the exhibits unworthy of the highest prize offered, it shall be in their power to award a lower prize. The Judge's decision shall be final.
4. ALL prize money will be paid after the Show via BACS transfer. Prizes in kind will be given at the Presentation and any competitor not present at the presentation will forfeit their prize.
5. Exhibitors wishing to have trophies engraved should do so at their own cost but any engraving must be similar in size, style and layout to previous engravings to ensure consistency. The Show will seek reimbursement for the cost of repairing any damage caused to trophies through mishandling or engraving.

Competitors in classes:

6. Competitors in the Restricted element in each class are restricted to farriers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open shoeing competition or won a restricted section in the last three years.

All Shoeing classes - competitors to accept the feet allocated by the Stewards.

Pony Restricted Shoeing - required to make two shoes to be fitted to the feet (one front, one hind).

Pony Open Shoeing - required to make two shoes to be fitted to the feet (one front, one hind and One specimen shoe.

Shoemaking - required to make two shoes to the Judge's specification.

Cob Shoeing - hind shoe to be a caulk and wedge, fulled front.

Hunter Shoeing - the hind shoe to be a caulk and wedge.

Apprentice - two shoes to be made to the Judge's specifications.

7. Competitors must be in attendance at the Forge at least half an hour before the commencement of their round. Latecomers will be disqualified.
8. (a) The Stewards will be responsible for timekeeping and will enter details on the Time Sheet which will be displayed under the clock in the Shoeing Shed.
(b) All work must be completed in the time specified. Any competitor going over the specified time will be disqualified. No waiting time will be allowed.
9. Competitors must provide their own nails and tools.
10. Each competitor must make his own arrangements for a striker. The striker's name must be included when making entries. The competitions cannot be delayed for a striker who is acting as a striker for another competitor, or where the competitor is himself a striker and under these circumstances the Stewards may disqualify the competitor.
11. Forges, anvils and vice, iron and fuel will be provided by the Show.

Shoeing & Shoemaking Regulations

12. In the event of a tie the final decision will be based on Hunter Shoeing and if results are still tied, Cob Shoeing will be used.
13. In this clause, the term Exhibitor shall include persons taking part in any competition or display arranged by the Show, and the owner of any animal, plant, machinery or other thing involved in any such competition or display or otherwise exhibited on the ground. Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Show, its servants or agent, the Show will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any exhibitor or to his or her servant or agent or to any animal, article, plant, machinery or thing of whatever nature brought onto the ground by the said exhibitor from whatever cause death, injury, disease, damage or loss arises. (See also Reg. 14).
14. The Show will not be responsible in any way for any article, plant, machinery or object of any kind exhibited on the ground. The exhibitor shall assume full responsibility therefore, including liability for all claims arising out of the exhibition, handling or housing of such exhibits and the conduct of the stand generally. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against all claims, damages or expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the exhibitor or his exhibits on the ground. Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be a condition of entry.
15. Non-competing farriers must not be on the floor whilst a class is in progress.
16. You will be entered into the Open section unless specified.

Objections:

17. Any exhibitor wishing to lodge an objection having reference to any entry exhibited at this Show must make the same in writing to the Show Office and deposit the sum of £50. An objection form will be made available from the Show Office to do so. If, on investigation, the objection is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Disqualifying Committee, the sum thus deposited shall, at the discretion of the Show, be forfeited to the funds of the Show. All objections should be delivered to the Show Office no later than 17.00 on the day of the award or the first day of Show, as appropriate, and no objection will be **subsequently** received, unless a reason, satisfactory to the Disqualifying Committee, be assigned for the delay. Should the objection be with regards to welfare, the initial investigation will take place with the Show Official veterinary surgeon, prior to the disqualifying committee being convened if required. The Vets decision shall be final. Should the Vet uphold the objection, then the Disqualifying Committee may be convened. In all other cases, the judge's decision shall be final. The Disqualifying Committee will consider such objections at a time and place to be fixed by them, at which time and place any person making an objection is expected to attend. Objections will not be entertained from any person or organisation not exhibiting in the same class as the animal to which objection is raised. The Show reserves the right to refer an objection to any Authority or Organisation to adjudicate, wholly or in part, in respect of that objection, on behalf of the Show. The decision of the Disqualifying Committee shall be final.
18. The Disqualifying Committee of The Society shall include a legal advisor and a Senior Steward of the Shows or department concerned and will be chaired by the Honorary Show Director and Organisers of The Show.

The Committee shall:

- a. consider all protests arising out of the Shows organised for or on behalf of the Society by its subsidiaries or others and take such action as they may deem appropriate;
- b. consider the disqualification of any entry exhibited in a manner contrary to the regulations of the particular Show the Society or of any organisation, the rules of which are accepted by the Society for the purpose of organising competitions.

Shoeing & Shoemaking Regulations

Health & Safety Regulations:

19. Safety glasses **MUST** be worn when competing. One warning for non-compliance will be given, following this the competitor will be removed from the competition if they refuse to comply.
20. Competitors are to comply with Health & Safety regulations and **MUST** provide and use their own Personal Protective Equipment and ensure they have adequate personal insurance in place.
21. Exhibitors are reminded that they must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and other relevant Health and Safety legislation. Exhibitors must also comply to The Equalities Act 2010 (formerly The Disability and Discrimination Act); the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005; the Health Act 2006 incorporating the Smoke free Legislation. Environmental Health Officers, Trading Standard Officers and Fire Officers will be in attendance at the and have the authority to take appropriate enforcement action.
22. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings.

New or amended regulations are marked in the margin

By Order of the
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