

# The Somerset Horse Show 2026

Family Friendly, Unaffiliated, Open Horse Show. Classes include; Working Hunters, Mountain & Moorland & In-Hand.  
24/05/2026 09:00

## Mini Classes

Ring: Ring 1  
Kindly Sponsored By: GW Publishing

### Judges

Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)

| Number | Name              | Description   |
|--------|-------------------|---|
| 1      | Leading Rein Pony | Open to ponies of any type aged 4 years or over, mare or gelding. Riders not to have attained their 9th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies must be led at all times whilst in the ring & should not display any canter work. Pony not to exceed 12.2hh.<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Fire Alarm Consultancy Ltd              |
| 2      | First Ridden Pony | Open to ponies of any type aged 4 years or over, mare or gelding. Riders not to have attained their 12th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies will not be asked to canter as a group but should demonstrate canter in their individual show. Pony not to exceed 14.2hh<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Fire Alarm Consultancy Ltd |
| CH1    | Mini Championship | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 1 & 2<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Fire Alarm Consultancy Ltd  |

## Mountain & Moorland Ridden

Ring: Ring 1  
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### Judges

Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)

| Number | Name                         | Description  |
|--------|------------------------------|--|
| 3      | M&M Small Breeds Open Ridden | Open to mares, geldings & stallions aged 4 or over of any of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or Welsh Section B type. Ponies need not to be registered but should be true to type. Lead Rein & First Ridden welcome.<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Fire Alarm Consultancy Ltd   |
| 4      | M&M Large Breeds Open Ridden | Open to mares, geldings & stallions aged 4 or over of any of Connemara, New Forest, Dales, Fell, Highland, Welsh Section C or Welsh Section D type. Ponies need not to be registered but should be true to type. No Leading Reins.<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Fire Alarm Consultancy Ltd |
| CH2    | M&M Ridden Championship      | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 3 & 4<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Fire Alarm Consultancy Ltd   |

## Open Ridden

Ring: Ring 1  
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### Judges

Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)

| Number | Name                       | Description   |
|--------|----------------------------|---|
| 5      | Open Hunter Ridden         | Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, capable of carrying a rider out on a days hunting.                          |
| 6      | Open Foreign Breeds Ridden | Mare, Gelding or Stallion 4 years old or over. Any breed not native to the UK, including Arabs & Part-bred Arabs. |
| 7      | Open Pony Ridden           | Mare, Gelding or Stallion 4 years old or over, not exceeding 14.2hh.  |
| 8      | Open Horse Ridden          | Mare, Gelding or Stallion 4 years old and over, exceeding 14.2hh  |
| CH3    | Open Ridden Championship   | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 5 to 8<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> East Mendip Riding Club          |

## Afternoon Ridden Classes

**Ring:** Ring 1  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** GW Publishing

### Judges

Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)

| Number | Name                          | Description  |
|--------|-------------------------------|--|
| 9      | Cob Ridden                    | Open to cobs of any type aged 4 years or over.   |
| 10     | Racehorse Ridden              | Open to any horse who has competed in any of the following: a flat race, a hurdle race, a national hunt race or a point-to-point race.                                 |
| 11     | Coloured Ridden Horse or Pony | Open to all broken coloured horses including spotted. Riders any age.  |
| 12     | Veteran Horse or Pony Ridden  | Open to any horse or pony aged 15 years and over. Riders any age.  |
| 13     | Novice Ridden                 | Open to horses/ponies aged four years or over. Combination of horse and rider not to have won first prize in any showing class before 1st January in the current year. |
| CH4    | Afternoon Ridden Championship | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 9 to 13<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Mrs Angela Yeoman  |

## In-Hand Youngstock

**Ring:** Ring 2  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

### Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)

| Number | Name                            | Description   |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|
| 14     | Open Yearling In-Hand           | Open to all ponies and horses born in 2025.         |
| 15     | Open 2 Year Old In-Hand         | Open to all ponies and horses born in 2024.         |
| 16     | Open 3 Year Old In-Hand         | Open to all ponies and horses born in 2023.         |
| CH5    | Youngstock In-Hand Championship | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 14 to 16 |

## Open In-Hand

**Ring:** Ring 2  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

### Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)

| Number | Name                           | Description   |
|--------|--------------------------------|---|
| 17     | Open Horse In-Hand             | Open to horses of any type, any age.  |
| 19     | Open Foreign Breeds In-Hand    | Open to mares, geldings & stallions any age. Any breed not native to the UK. including Arabs & Part-bred Arabs.                             |
| 18     | Open Pony In-Hand              | Open to ponies of any type, any age. Must not exceed 14.2hh.  |
| 20     | Racehorse In-Hand              | Open to any horse who has competed in any of the following: a flat race, a hurdle race, a national hunt race or a point-to-point race.      |
| 21     | Coloured Horse or Pony In-Hand | Open to all broken coloured ponies & horses including spotted. Any age, any height. May be split into height categories if entries suffice. |
| 22     | Cob In-Hand                    | Open to all non-native/native/traditional type cobs.  |
| 23     | Veteran Horse or Pony In-Hand  | Open to any horse or pony aged 15 years and over.   |
| CH6    | Open In-Hand Championship      | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 17 to 23<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Mr & Mrs Mick & Pauline Abraham                          |

## Mountain & Moorland In-Hand

**Ring:** Ring 2  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

### Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)

| Number | Name                     | Description   |
|--------|--------------------------|---|
| 24     | Shetland Pony In-Hand    | Open to all Standard & Miniature Shetland Ponies. No Spotted ponies or miniature horses allowed.<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Allie Rix (Team Tiny) |
| 25     | M&M In-hand Large Breeds | Open to all ponies of Connemara, New Forest, Highland, Dales, Fell, Welsh Sec C or Welsh Sec D type.  |
| 26     | M&M In-Hand Small Breeds | Open to all ponies of Shetland, Exmoor, Dartmoor, Welsh Sec A or Welsh Sec B type.  |
| CH7    | M&M In-Hand Championship | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 24 to 26<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Cherhill Shetlands   |

## Child Handler

**Ring:** Ring 2  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

### Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)

| Number | Name                           | Description  |
|--------|--------------------------------|--|
| 27     | Child Handler 10 years & Under | Open to any child handlers who have not attained their 11th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Hats must be worn. Horses & Ponies of any age and type. No colts or stallions.  |
| 28     | Child Handler 11-17 years      | Open to any child handlers who have attained their 11th birthday before 1st January in the current year but have not attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Hats must be worn. Horses & Ponies of any age and type. No colts or stallions. |
| CH8    | Child Handler Championship     | For 1st and 2nd Prize Winners from classes 27 and 28   |

## Clear Round Working Hunter

£5 a Round, enter at the ring. Cash payment preferred.  
**Ring:** Ring 3

Kindly Sponsored By: Cooper & Tanner

Judges

Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

| Number | Name                          | Description  |
|--------|-------------------------------|--|
| 29     | Clear Round Jumping (20-30cm) | Course of rustic fences. Min Height 20cm, Max Height 30cm. Riders any age. Ponies and Horses any height. Lead reins welcome. Rosettes for clear rounds. £5 a Round, enter at the ring. Cash payment preferred. |
| 30     | Clear Round Jumping (40-50cm) | Course of rustic fences. Min Height 40cm, Max Height 50cm. Riders any age. Ponies and Horses any height. Lead reins welcome. Rosettes for clear rounds. £5 a Round, enter at the ring. Cash payment preferred. |
| 31     | Clear Round Jumping (60-70cm) | Course of rustic fences. Min Height 60cm, Max Height 70cm. Riders any age. Ponies and Horses any height. Lead reins welcome. Rosettes for clear rounds. £5 a Round, enter at the ring. Cash payment preferred. |

Working Hunter Pony Classes

Ring: Ring 3  
Kindly Sponsored By: Cooper & Tanner

Judges

Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

| Number | Name                             | Description  |
|--------|----------------------------------|--|
| 32     | Lead Rein Working Hunter Pony    | Course of rustic fences. Max Height 20cm. Riders not to have attained their 9th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. Ponies must be led.  |
| 33     | Beginners WHP (20cm)             | Course of rustic fences. Max Height 20cm. Riders not to have attained their 12th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. For riders just coming off the lead rein, may be accompanied but not led. |
| 34     | Open Working Hunter Pony (40cm)  | Course of rustic fences. Max Height 40cm. Riders any age. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. No leading reins allowed.   |
| 35     | Open Working Hunter Pony (60cm)  | Course of rustic fences. Max Height 60cm. Riders any age. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. No leading reins allowed.   |
| 36     | Open Working Hunter Pony (80cm)  | Course of rustic fences. Max Height 80cm. Riders any age. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. No leading reins allowed.   |
| CH9    | Working Hunter Pony Championship | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 32 to 36  |

Working Hunter

Ring: Ring 3  
Kindly Sponsored By: Cooper & Tanner

Judges

Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

| Number | Name                         | Description   |
|--------|------------------------------|---|
| 37     | Novice Working Hunter (80cm) | Course of rustic fences. Max Height 80cm. Riders any age. Horses any height. Horses not to have won 1st prize in any working hunter class before 1st Jan in the current year. |
| 38     | Open Working Hunter (95cm)   | Course of rustic fences. Max Height 95cm. Riders any age. Horses any height.  |
| CH10   | Working Hunter Championship  | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 37 and 38<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> The Dunn Family   |

## Morning Novelty Classes

**Ring:** Ring 4  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** RB Greenscape

Judges

Miss Caroline Taylor (Judge)

| Number | Name   | Description   |
|--------|--|---|
| 39     | Best Turned Out                                      | Horse/ponies any height and any age, Ridden or In-Hand. 1st place goes to the cleanest and most correctly turned-out combination.   |
| 40     | Longest Mane & Tail                                  | Horse/ponies any height and any age. Ridden or In-Hand. 1st Prize to the Horse or Pony with the Longest Mane & Tail.  |
| 41     | Prettiest Mare                                       | Horse/ponies any height and any age, Ridden or In-Hand. Open to Mares only.   |
| 42     | Most Handsome Gelding                                | Horse/ponies any height and any age, Ridden or In-Hand. Open to Geldings only.<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Duble Shetland Pony Diaries   |
| 43     | Best Miniature                                       | Open to horses any age under 10.5hh (42"/106cm) in height. Any Youngstock entered must not be expected to exceed 10.5hh in height at maturity.  |
| 44     | Best Giant   | Open to all Heavy Horses. Any age and type, Ridden or In-Hand.  |
| 45     | Best Solid Coloured                                  | Open to all horses/ponies any age, any height of solid colouring (eg: horse's coat must be all one colour and have no patches or spots apart from on their head or legs) Ridden or In-Hand. |
| 46     | Best Thelwell look alike                             | Horse/ponies any height and any age. To be presented in the style of an official Norman Thelwell cartoon. Ridden or In-Hand   |
| 47     | Horse or Pony the Judge would most like to take home | Horse/ponies any height and any age. Ridden or In-Hand  |
| 48     | Best Rescue  | Horse/pony any height and any age, Ridden or In-Hand. Horse/Pony to have been part of an official rescue service/programme eg: Blue cross/RSPCA/World Horse Welfare etc.                    |

## Afternoon Novelty Classes

**Ring:** Ring 4  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** RB Greenscape

Judges

Miss Caroline Taylor (Judge)

| Number | Name                                | Description  |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 49     | Best Family Horse/Pony Ridden       | Horse/ponies any height and any age. Must be suitable for multiple generations. Ridden.  |
| 50     | Best Family Horse/Pony In-hand      | Horse/ponies any height and any age. Must be suitable for multiple generations. In-Hand  |
| 51     | Best RDA Horse/Pony                 | Horse/ponies any height and any age that are to be ridden or handled by someone with a registered disability.  |
| 52     | Fancy Dress                         | Horse/ponies any height and any age. Rider/handler and/or pony to be dressed in a costume of their choosing.   |
| 53     | Best over 60 Years Handler or Rider | Horse/ponies any height and any age. Rider/Handler to have attained their 60th Birthday.   |
| 54     | Concours D'Elegance                 | To be inhand or ridden astride or side saddle. Open to horses and ponies, mares and geldings, four years old and over. Riders any age. Costumes or traditional attire allowed. To be judged on the overall picture of elegance presented by horse/pony and rider including appearance, conformation and individual show. |

## Novelty Championship

Novelty Championship  
**Ring: Ring 4**  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** RB Greenscape

### Judges

Miss Caroline Taylor (Judge)

| Number | Name                 | Description  |
|--------|----------------------|--|
| CH11   | Novelty Championship | For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 39 to 54<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> RB Greenscape |

## Overall Ridden Championship

Overall Ridden Championship  
**Ring: Ring 1**  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** GW Publishing

### Judges

Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)

| Number | Name                        | Description  |
|--------|-----------------------------|--|
| CH12   | Overall Ridden Championship | For Champions and Reserves from all ridden championships.<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Hannah Cox Physio |

## Overall In-Hand Championship

Overall In-Hand Championship  
**Ring: Ring 2**  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

### Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)  
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| Number | Name                         | Description  |
|--------|------------------------------|--|
| CH13   | Overall In-Hand Championship | For Champions and Reserves from all In-Hand Championships<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Denela's Bakery Ltd |

## Overall Working Hunter Championship

Overall Working Hunter Championship  
**Ring: Ring 3**  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** Cooper & Tanner

### Judges

Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

| Number | Name                                | Description   |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---|
| CH14   | Overall Working Hunter Championship | For Champions and Reserves from all Working Hunter & Working Hunter Pony Championships<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> Forget Me Not Property Care |

## Supreme of Show

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**Ring: Ring 1**  
**Kindly Sponsored By:** GW Publishing

### Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)  
Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)  
Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

| Number | Name            | Description   |
|--------|-----------------|---|
| CH15   | Supreme of Show | For Champions & Reserves from the following Championships:<br>- Ridden Overall<br>- In-Hand Overall<br>- Working Hunter/Working Hunter Pony Overall<br><b>Kindly Sponsored By:</b> NFU Mutual Wells |