



Shire Horse Society

Merit Awards – Badge 2

Show Preparation

The Applicant to produce a short video (maximum 2 minutes per segment) demonstrating adequate skills in preparing a Shire horse for the show ring

Bathing a Shire Horse

Demonstrate how to safely and thoroughly, bath a Shire horse showing attention to mane and tail. Whilst showing an understanding of the Shire horse's body language and/or expression, recognising head neck and ear position throughout to monitor the horse's mood/ temperament to avoid startling or irritating the horse.

Leg Washing Out and Drying of Feather

Demonstrate how to thoroughly wash out the legs and feather of a Shire horse and dry the feather using wood-flour.

Tidying / Trimming of a Shire horse Mane and Tail

Demonstrate how to tidy / trim a Shire horse's mane and tail ready for braiding.

Grooming

Demonstrate how to groom a Shire horse in preparation for the show ring.

Handler Dress Code

Demonstrate appropriate clothing to present a Shire horse in hand in the show ring.

Safety Note: Please wear suitable PPE where appropriate, including but not limited to, current British Standard Safety hat, gloves and safety footwear and face mask when using wood-flour.

