

SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY



NATIONAL SHOW 2025

SCHEDULE

PATRON:

HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

PRESIDENT:

H Whitbread Esq.

**FRIDAY 7TH, SATURDAY 8TH AND SUNDAY
9TH MARCH 2025**

BINGLEY HALL, STAFFORDSHIRE SHOWGROUND, STAFFORD, ST18 0BD

Organised by the Shire Horse Society,
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RING PROGRAMME

(May be subject to alteration depending on sizes of classes)

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 4.30 PM – 6.00 PM RIDDEN ARENA WARM UP		
FRIDAY 7TH MARCH		
8.00 AM	CLASS 1	PART BRED RIDDEN
8.45 AM	CLASS 2	BREWERY PAIR
9.15 AM	CLASS 3	OPEN RIDDEN
10.15 AM	CLASS 4	BEST TURNED OUT
10.45 AM	CLASS 5	GENTLEMENS TWO WHEELED CARTS
11.15 AM	CLASS 6	CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
12.00 NOON	CLASS 7	NEWCOMERS HANDLER CLASS
12.45 PM	CLASS 8	NOVICE TWO WHEELED CARTS
1.15 PM	CLASS 9	NOVICE RIDDEN
2.00 PM		RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP
2.15 PM	CLASS 10	PAIRS TRADE
2.45 PM	CLASS 11	VETERAN
3.15 PM	CLASS 12	SINGLE AGRICULTURAL
3.45 PM	CLASS 13	FANCY DRESS
4.15 PM	CLASS 14	NOVICE PAIR
5.00 PM		GRAND PARADE
6.30 PM – 7.30 PM RIDDEN ARENA WARM UP		

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH					
MAIN RING			MAIN RING 1A		
9.00 AM	CLASS 15	SENIOR GELDINGS			
9.45 AM	CLASS 18	YEARLING COLTS	9.45 AM	CLASS 16	YEARLING/2 YO GELDINGS
10.15 AM	CLASS 19	2 YO STALLIONS	10.15 AM	CLASS 17	3 YO GELDINGS
10.45 AM	CLASS 20	AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS			
11.15 AM		GELDING CHAMPIONSHIP			
11.45 AM	CLASS 21	3 YO STALLIONS			
12.15 AM	CLASS 22	YOUTH TWO WHEELED CARTS			
12.45 AM	CLASS 23	4 YO STALLIONS	12.45 AM	CLASS 24/25	PRE-JUDGE HARNESS (IN COLLECTING RING)
1.15 PM	CLASSES 24/25	HARNESS			
1.45 PM	CLASS 26	SENIOR STALLIONS			
2.30 PM		STALLION CHAMPIONSHIP			
3.00 PM	CLASS 27	SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR SUPPORTED BY THE SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY QUALIFIER - STALLIONS			
3.45 PM	CLASS 28	BRITISH RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFIER	3.45 PM	CLASS 29	PRE-JUDGE SINGLE TRADE (IN COLLECTING RING)
4.15 PM	CLASS 29	SINGLE TRADE			
5.00 PM	CLASS 30	GROUP CLASS A – COLTS, STALLIONS & GELDINGS			
5.30 PM		GRAND PARADE			

SUNDAY 9th MARCH				
8.00 AM	CLASS 31	YEARLING FILLIES		
9.15 AM	CLASS 32	LADIES PAIRS TURNOUTS		
9.45 AM	CLASS 33	2 YO FILLIES		
10.30 AM	CLASS 34	YOUNG SHOWPERSON		
11.00 AM	CLASS 35	3 YO FILLIES		
11.30 AM	CLASS 36	AGRICULTURAL PAIRS		
12.00 NOON	CLASS 37	LADIES TWO WHEELED CARTS		
12.30 PM		TWO WHEELED CARTS CHAMPIONSHIP		
1.00 PM	CLASS 38	YOUNG HANDLER	SIR PETER CROSSMAN LONG SERVICE AWARDS	
1.15 PM	CLASS 39	SENIOR MARES		
2.00 PM	CLASS 40	TEAMS		
2.30 PM	CLASS 41	YOUTH RIDDEN		
3.30 PM		TURNOUT CHAMPIONSHIP		
4.00 PM		FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP	4.00 PM	BEST SHOD CHAMPIONSHIP
4.30 PM	CLASS 42	SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR SUPPORTED BY THE SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY QUALIFIER - FEMALES		
5.00 PM	CLASS 43	GROUP CLASS B – FILLIES & MARES		
5.30 PM		GRAND PARADE		

JUDGES

STALLIONS:

W Bedford Esq
J Williamson Esq

MARES:

Wm Bedford Esq
J Kitching Esq

GELDINGS AND TURNOUTS:

Miss A Chetwood
D Mouland Esq

HARNESS & AGRICULTURAL TURNOUTS

NOVICE DRIVER:

Mrs C Grover

NEWCOMERS:

Miss A Chetwood
D Mouland Esq

YOUNG HANDLER:

Mrs D Green

RIDDEN HORSE CLASSES:

Ride: Mrs N Pargeter (HOYS Ridden/Youth Ridden) / Ms T Southern (Non-HOYS)

Conformation: Miss A Chetwood (HOYS) / Mrs C Grover (NOVICE)

D Mouland Esq (OPEN)

Concours/ Best Turned Out/Fancy Dress: TBC

Best Shod: TBC

The President and Council gratefully acknowledge the most generous contribution towards the Shire Horse Show from the Judges and Stewards.

APPEARANCE AWARDS

IN HAND (Colts, Mares & Geldings)	£40 per class
IN HAND (Stallions)	£100 per class
RIDDEN	£40 per horse (ie the same horse in multiple ridden classes will only receive one appearance award)
HARNESS	£60 per class
SINGLE TURNOUT	£75 per class
PAIR TURNOUT	£125 per class
THREE HORSE TEAM	£150 per class
FOUR HORSE TEAM	£200 per class
YOUNG HANDLER	£40 per young handler (given on the day)

All appearance money and prize money will be paid by BACS after the Show. Claim forms will be available from the cashier's office at the show. Payments will be conditional upon production of the appropriate award card presented to Exhibitors forward in their class. Only exhibits forward in the parade will receive an appearance award (except Turnouts). In Hand and Ridden Horses may only be permitted ONE appearance award. Payments will not be made unless the appropriate BACS form has been completed. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CARDS

ENTRY FEE: £20.00 (Payable for all Classes (Excluding Young Handler & Youth Classes)). For Horse of the Year Show qualifiers, an additional £18.00 Horse of the Year Show contribution is payable.

(All exhibitors must be Full Members of the Society. Young Handlers to be Junior Members.)

Completed entry forms and payment to be sent to:

Shire Horse Society,
The Old Dairy, Rockingham Castle,
Market Harborough, LE16 8TH

Email: info@shire-horse.org.uk
www.shire-horse.org.uk

STABLE BOOKINGS:

PLEASE COMPLETE SEPARATE BOOKING FORM
STABLES THAT ARE BOOKED AND USED BY STALLIONS WILL HAVE FEES REFUNDED AFTER THE SHOW (This does not apply to stables booked for stallions that are then used for mares or geldings)

**NOTE: OWNERS/EXHIBITORS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SLEEP IN STABLES.
ANYONE FOUND DOING SO WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE SHOW.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTRICAL POWER (OTHER THAN LIGHTING) WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE STABLE AREA

HORSE BOX CLEANING:

EXHIBITORS ARE ASKED TO USE THE DESIGNATED MANURE AREAS WHEN CLEANING HORSE BOXES
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MANURE ON THE CAR PARK, EXHIBITORS FOUND DOING SO WILL BE FINED £150

EXHIBITOR CARAVANS:

Due to space limitations, caravans will not be permitted in the horsebox parking area.
Please book places for the caravan area on the entry form.

ENTRIES CLOSE – FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
2025

EQUINE FLU

All horses present at the Show are required to be fully up to date with their flu vaccinations.

Horses must have received either:

- a) A full course of vaccinations within a year of the Show

OR

- b) The initial course of two vaccinations, the second of which to have been administered no later than 8 days prior to the show.

Vaccinations must have been recorded in the horses passports and the passports must be made available for inspection on entry to the Showground if requested.

Horses found not to have the required vaccinations will not be permitted entry to the Show.

PRIZE FUND DONATIONS and SPECIAL AWARD ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The President and Council gratefully acknowledge the most valuable and generous contribution towards the Society and the Shire Horse Show from the Horserace Betting Levy Board for their grant to the Stallion Premium Scheme.

Acknowledgement of Class Sponsors and contributors will be given in the Show Catalogue and at the Show.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Principal Sponsor / Partner	Please contact office.
Sponsorship of Arena	Please contact office.
Sponsorship of Stables	Please contact office.
Sponsorship of Grandstand	£2,500
Sponsorship of Official Merchandise	£2,500
Sponsorship of the Annual Dinner	£2,500
Sponsorship of Collecting Ring	£1,000
Sponsorship of Championships	from £500
Sponsorship of Rosettes	£500
Sponsorship of Trophy Engraving	£500
Sponsorship of Exhibitor Wristbands	£300
Sponsorship of Individual Classes	from £300
Sponsorship of Exhibitor Vehicle Passes	£100
General Prize Fund donations	from £50.00

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Catalogue Advertising A5 colour	
Cover pages	£300 + VAT
Full page	£150 + VAT
Half page	£90 + VAT
Ringside Banner (banner only)	£50.00 + VAT

HOSPITALITY

Corporate Entertainment (per person)	£85.00
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Please contact the office for further details.

BREEDER OF THE YEAR POINTS AWARD 2025

A SPECIAL AWARD FOR BREEDERS OF WINNING HORSES AT THE NATIONAL SHOW AND AFFILIATED SHOWS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. Points to be allocated to the breeders of horses in all In-hand classes as follows: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points 3rd = 1 point. The breeders with the highest number of points at the end of the season will receive prizes as follows: 1st £500, 2nd £300, 3rd £100

The Richard Reynolds Memorial Cup, kindly donated by his Great Great Granddaughter, Liz Cade, will be presented at the National Show

YOUTH POINTS AWARD 2025

A SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXHIBITORS IN THE YOUTH CLASSES AT THE NATIONAL SHOW. Exhibitors in classes 22, 34, 38 and 41 will be awarded points as follows: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th prize winners. The exhibitor with the most points will receive a Belt Buckle, Sash and Rosette, to be presented during the Grand Parade on Sunday.

BEST DRESSED HANDLER/GROOM

**A SPECIAL AWARD OF £25 AND A TANKARD WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST DRESSED HANDLER/GROOM IN EACH RING ON EACH DAY OF THE SHOW
Kindly donated by Eversley Shires, Essex**

SPECIAL AWARD – RIDE AND DRIVE:

A Special Rosette and Tankard will be presented to the horse gaining the most points for riding and driving. Only horses entered and exhibited in both a ridden class (either class 3 or 9) and a driven class (either class 5, 29 or 37) with the same person driving/riding will be awarded points. Points to be awarded as follows: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th prize winners.

**Exhibitors please note:
appearance awards for the ridden classes will be paid per horse, not per class.**

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025

CLASS 1 PART BRED RIDDEN.

Open to exhibitors riding a part bred Shire horse. Horses must have one parent that is a fully registered shire. The other parent must be registered in the stud book of another breed. Evidence of registration must be submitted at the time of entry.

The class will be judged on performance and obedience as a riding horse. Horses in this class will be ridden by the ride judge, then stripped for the conformation judge.

CLASS 2 BREWERY PAIR.

Open to horses of Shire type in harness with trade vehicle owned by a brewery and driven by brewery staff.

CLASS 3 OPEN PURE BRED RIDDEN.

Open to exhibitors riding a pure bred Shire horse of 5 years old or over. The class will be judged on performance and obedience as a riding horse. Horses in this class will be ridden by the ride judge, then stripped for the conformation judge. 1st and 2nd prize winners to compete for the Ridden Championship. Geldings exhibited in the ridden classes (except HOYS) must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register.

CLASS 4 BEST TURNED OUT SHIRE (In hand)

This in hand class is to be judged on the presentation of the horse and handler, to include cleanliness of the horse, plaiting, suitability and correct fitting and use of equipment (eg bridle, halter etc), smartness of dress of the handler. Conformation of the horse will not be judged.

CLASS 5 GENTLEMENS TWO WHEELED CARTS.

Single Turnout in harness with two wheeled vehicle driven by a gentleman. Exhibitors may not compete in Classes 12 or 29 with the same vehicle. 1st and 2nd prize winner to compete for the Two Wheeled Carts Championship, which will take place on Sunday.

CLASS 6 CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE.

The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse and rider. Attention may be paid to the rider's personal appearance, but detailed inspection of rider or tack is not required. Horses can be ridden astride or side saddle. Period costumes are not compulsory for side saddle (side saddle habits are required however if not in Period costume). Please note that ball gowns and bridesmaid dresses are not acceptable as period dress.

Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. A short show of no more than 2 minutes is required.

Special rosettes will be awarded as follows:

Special 14a to the highest placed Adult rider wearing a "silk hat"

Special 14b to the highest placed Adult rider wearing a bowler hat

Special 14c to the highest placed side saddle competitor

Special 14d to the highest placed Junior rider (under 18 years of age)

NB: Silk hats are permitted to be worn by Adults IN THIS CLASS AT ANY TIME OF DAY. Juniors **must** wear hats to current British Safety standards or above for this class. Adult riders not wearing such hats do so at their own risk. Juniors are those who have not attained their 18th Birthday by the day of the show.

Special WHT Warhorse's Trophy presented by Mirco Scolaro and Manor Farm More Than Lucky (Tommy) for the highest placed stallion in the Concours d'Elegance, that is also entered and shown in the Senior Stallion Class at the National Show. This trophy may only be won once during the stallion's lifetime.

CLASS 7 NEWCOMERS HANDLERS CLASS

Open to Exhibitors of 18 years and over, at the date of the show. The spirit of the class is to encourage and assist newcomers into the Shire Horse Society. Stallions are not permitted. Exhibitors will be judged primarily on turnout and handling skills. Regard will be given to the horse. The number of entries in this class may be restricted and subject to a first come first served basis. **Entrants will be expected to wash, plait and prepare the animal from 9.15am to 11.15am**

Special 7a The winner of the Newcomers class will receive the Barbara Meddings Memorial Perpetual Trophy

Special 7b First Time Exhibitor Rosettes for exhibitors who have not previously shown at the National Show

CLASS 8 NOVICE TWO WHEELED CARTS.

Open to anyone over the age of 18 years who has never won a 1st prize in a driving class, driving a single shire, with a two wheeled cart. To be judged on driving ability as well as presentation). An experienced driver must accompany the Novice driver. 1st and 2nd prize winners to compete for the Two Wheeled Carts Championship, which will take place on Sunday. It is the spirit of this class to encourage and assist Novice Drivers into driven Classes.

CLASS 9 NOVICE PURE BRED RIDDEN.

Open to exhibitors riding a pure-bred Shire horse of any age that have not won a ridden class at County level or have been shown in affiliated ridden classes the previous season, including the National Show Novice Ridden Class. Horses that have not previously been shown in affiliated ridden classes are able to enter this class. The spirit of this class is to encourage those animals that are genuine novice ridden horses. Geldings exhibited in the ridden classes (except HOYS) must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register.

The class will be judged on performance and obedience as a riding horse. Horses in this class will be ridden by the ride judge, then stripped for the conformation judge. 1st and 2nd prize winners to compete for the Ridden Championship which will take place on Saturday.

RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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First and second prize winners from Classes 3 and 9 are eligible to compete for the Championship. The Champion will qualify for the Eversley British Ridden Heavy Horse Society Championships 2025 (venue to be confirmed).

CLASS 10 PAIRS TRADE TURNOUT.

Open to horses of Shire type in harness with trade vehicle. This class may be pre-judged in the collecting ring if there are sufficient entries.

Special 10a A pair of gloves kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Glovers to the drivers of three prize winners in each class. Note: any driver may only win one pair of gloves.

Special 10b Alfa Laval Perpetual Cup for the Best Brewery Turnout in the Pairs Class.

Special 10c The Jane Smith Perpetual Salver for the winner of the Pairs Turnout Class.

Special 10d The Cyril Knowles Memorial Trophy for the winner of the Pairs Turnout Class.

Special ANCD Andy Cook Memorial Trophy for the winner of the Pairs Turnout Class.

CLASS 11 VETERAN

Open to pure bred Stallions, Mares and Geldings of 12 years old and over. Stallions must have passed their 2nd inspection under the Shire Horse Society's stallion approval scheme, though they need not be currently in use for breeding. Mares must be registered in the full Stud Book. Geldings must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register.

CLASS 12 SINGLE AGRICULTURAL TURNOUT.

In harness with wheeled agricultural vehicle. A handler must walk on the ground beside the horse if the turnout is driven from a standing position. Horses should not trot. Vehicles should **NOT** have any of the following: high seats, commercial advertising (other than the name of the owner or exhibitor)

Special 12a Baker Marsh Perpetual Memorial Cup for the best Agricultural Single Turnout.

CLASS 13 FANCY DRESS.

This class is open to individuals or small groups in fancy dress with a shire horse included within the theme of the fancy dress. The class is to be judged on the originality, effectiveness and fun elements of the theme. Exhibitors must be over 12 years of age. There is no upper age limit. Exhibitors under the age of 18 years must wear a current standard hard hat if riding the horse.

CLASS 14 NOVICE PAIRS TRADE TURNOUT.

Open to horses of Shire type in harness with trade vehicle. Open to anyone over the age of 18 years who has never won a 1st prize in a driving class. To be judged on driving ability as well as presentation). An experienced driver must accompany the Novice driver at all times, including when stationary. An additional groom must be available to stand at the horses heads when stationary. It is the spirit of this class to encourage and assist Novice Drivers into the Trade Classes.

GRAND PARADE

A parade of every entry from the day (excluding Turnouts). Failure to parade or parading horses that are unplaited will result in the forfeiture of appearance money. This rule will be strictly enforced. Exhibitors will be given a Parade Card in the ring and must present it with class cards in order to qualify for payment of awards.

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025

CLASS 15 SENIOR GELDINGS, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS.

(Foaled in 2021 or previously). Geldings exhibited in the in-hand classes must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register.

CLASS 16 GELDINGS, YEARLINGS AND TWO YEARS OLD

(Foaled in 2024 and 2023). Geldings exhibited in the in-hand classes must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register.

CLASS 17 GELDINGS, THREE YEARS OLD.

(Foaled in 2022). Geldings exhibited in the in-hand classes must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register.

GELDING CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES 15, 16 AND 17 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Special GC1 The Society's Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Junior Champion Gelding.

Special GC2 The Mrs Stanton Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup for the Champion Gelding and £100

Special GC3 The Society's Silver Spoon to the Champion Gelding.

Special GC4 £50 for the Reserve Champion

Special GC5 Bronze Model Trophy for the Champion Turnout, presented by Young and Co's Brewery Plc in memory of the late Mr. H. T. L. Young. This trophy will be awarded in succession in each section and be held for one year by the exhibitor of the Champion stallion, female, gelding and turnout

CLASS 18 YEARLING COLTS.

(Foaled in 2024). All exhibits forward on the day to receive a rosette kindly donated by the Lincolnshire Shire Horse Association

Special 18a Tom Forshaw Medal for the best yearling colt

Special 18b Arclid Shires Perpetual Trophy for the best yearling colt

Special 18c £200 Kindly donated by Wisbech Shire Horse Society the highest placed yearling colt that is owned and bred by the exhibitor.

CLASS 19 STALLIONS, TWO YEARS OLD.

(Foaled in 2023).

Special 19a Chorlton Perpetual Cup in memory of the Late T. H. Vaughan for the best two year old stallion.

Special 19b The Arthur Gray Smith Award of a rosette and £10 in memory of the late Arthur Gray Smith, for the highest placed two year old stallion bred by the exhibitor.

CLASS 20 AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.
In harness with a wheeled implement.

CLASS 21 STALLIONS, THREE YEARS OLD.
(Foaled in 2022).

CLASS 22 YOUTH TWO WHEELED CARTS.
Over 12 years of age and not exceeding 18 years of age (i.e. not to have attained 18th birthday on day of Show), driving a single shire, with a two wheeled cart. To be judged on driving ability as well as presentation). An experienced driver must accompany the Youth driver. Youth drivers must wear a current standard hard hat. 1st and 2nd prize winners to compete for the Two Wheeled Carts Championship, which will take place on Sunday.
(See General Conditions for additional rules and information for Junior Drivers)

CLASS 23 STALLIONS, FOUR YEARS OLD.
(Foaled in 2021).

CLASSES 24/25 HARNESS CLASSES.

The harness classes will be together in the collecting ring area for pre-judging and the main ring for final judging. They will however be awarded separately.

CLASS 24 - Decorated with traditional brass

Special 24a National Horse Brass Society brass for the winner of the Harness class decorated with traditional brass.

Special 24b Mary Ann Scales Memorial Prize Presented by her daughter Mrs P O'Connor for the winner of the Harness class decorated with traditional brass.

CLASS 25 - Decorated with other regional style decorations, flowers, ribbons, wool, etc).

Special 25a The W H Hart Perpetual Trophy presented to the winner of Harness class decorated with regional style decorations

Special 25b Heavy Horse Enthusiast brass for the winner of the Harness class decorated with regional decorations.

CLASS 26 STALLIONS, FIVE YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS.
(Foaled in 2020 or previously).

Special WHTWarhorse's Trophy presented by Mirco Scolaro and Manor Farm More Than Lucky (Tommy) for the highest placed stallion in the Concours d'Elegance, that is also entered and shown in the Senior Stallion Class at the National Show. This trophy may only be won once during the stallion's lifetime.

STALLION CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES 19, 21, 23 AND 26 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE BEST GREYS FROM CLASSES 18, 19, AND 21 ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPLETE FOR THE MORLEY CHALLENGE CUP.

JUNIOR CHAMPION STALLION

Special SC1 Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best Junior Stallion and £100

Special SC2 £50.00 for the Reserve Junior Champion

Special SC3 The Morley Challenge Cup for the best grey colt, one, two or three years old. The best greys from classes 18, 19 and 21 are eligible to complete for this award.

CHAMPION STALLION

Special SC4 The "King George V" Champion Challenge Cup for the best stallion in the show together with the Society's Silver spoon and £100.

Special SC5 Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best stallion.

Special SC6 Silver Salver donated by Mr and Mr J. Goldsmith for the Champion Stallion.

Special SC7 Tankard presented to the breeder of the Champion Stallion kindly donated in memory of Dr P. W. Bowden.

Special SC8 'A Pictorial History of Champions', presented to the breeder of the Champion Stallion by Dr J Jung and Miss R Wallenfang.

Special SC9 £50 for the Reserve Champion

Special SC10 The J. W. Hiles Champion Stock Stallion Award for stallions available to serve Shire Horse Society members mares in the United Kingdom during 2025. Points will be awarded on the basis of Stallion Progeny exhibited at the 2025 National Shire Horse Show and at the Final of the Shire Horse Of The Year Championship 2024 (except turnouts and ridden).

THREE CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Stallion gaining the highest number of points - £50 together with the J. W. Hiles Champion Stock Stallion Perpetual Trophy.*
- 2. Stallion gaining the second highest number of points - £25.*
- 3. Stallion gaining the third highest number of points - £12.*

Points will be awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th prize winners. Class awards will only count towards points not special prizes.

THE HILES AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED DURING THE GRAND PARADE ON SUNDAY

Champion Stallion, Junior Champion Stallion, Reserve Champion Stallion, and Reserve Junior Champion Stallion are required to attend the Grand Parade on both Saturday and Sunday

**CLASS 27 SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR Supported by the Shire Horse Society
QUALIFYING CLASS - STALLIONS**

This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year Championship Supported by the Shire Horse Society, to be held at the NEC, Birmingham, 8th – 12th October 2025. This class is open to pure bred fully registered shires stallions of two years old and over that are entered and exhibited in their appropriate breed classes at the National Show. This class will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.

Exhibitors please note that the HOYS entry fee of £18 is payable for this class and the HOYS entry form is required in addition to that for the Show.

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 Shire Horse Society reserve the right to share 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

Class 28 THE BARBER FAMILY BRITISH RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR.

This competition is for pure bred mares, geldings and stallions 4 years old or over, that are registered in the main British Stud Book of the Shire Horse Society, to be ridden. Part bred are not eligible to compete. All Riders and Owners must be Members of the Shire Horse Society. This class will be run in accordance with the British Ridden Heavy Horse Society however the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook will take precedence, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk. This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 9th - 13th October 2025. Qualification will not pass below 5th place. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

Exhibitors please note that the HOYS entry fee of £18 is payable for this class and the HOYS entry form is required in addition to that for the Show.

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.

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

Qualifiers should be marked in the following way:

Ride 50 maximum
Conformation 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 8th-12th October 2025. Qualification will not pass below 5th place. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

**THIS CLASS IS INCLUDED IN THE BEST SHOD HORSE COMPETITION.
HORSES FEET WILL BE JUDGED WHILST THEY ARE STANDING IN LINE.**

CLASS 29 SINGLE TRADE TURNOUT.

In harness with vehicle, (2 wheeled carts are not permitted). This class will be pre-judged in the collecting ring area prior to completion in the Main Ring.

Special 29a A pair of gloves kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Glovers to the drivers of three prize winners in each class. Note: any driver may only win one pair of gloves.

Special 29b The Freckleton Memorial Trophy presented in memory of the late Mr Forester Stenson, for the best Open Single Trade Turnout.

CLASS 30 GROUP CLASS A – COLTS, STALLIONS OR GELDINGS

Two Colts, Stallions OR Geldings sired by the same stallion. They may have different dams.

Prize money as follows: 1st £100, 2nd £75, 3rd £50, 4th £25, 5th to 10th places £10

Where a pair of horses have different owners, prize money will be split between the owners.

GRAND PARADE

A parade of every entry from the day (excluding Turnouts). Exhibitors in the harness classes are required to parade in-hand without harness. Failure to parade or parading horses that are unplaited will result in the forfeiture of appearance money. This rule will be strictly enforced. Exhibitors will be given a Parade Card in the ring and must present it with class cards in order to qualify for payment of awards.

Please note that the Champion Stallion, Junior Champion Stallion, Reserve Champion Stallion and Reserve Junior Champion Stallion, are also required to parade on Sunday.

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2025

CLASS 31 FILLIES, ONE YEAR OLD.

(Foaled in 2024).

Special 31a The Late Miss Jane Smith Silver Jubilee Perpetual Loving Cup for the best yearling filly.

Special 31b Tom Forshaw Medal for the best yearling filly.

Special 31c £200 Kindly donated by Wisbech Shire Horse Society the highest placed yearling filly that is owned and bred by the exhibitor.

CLASS 32 LADIES PAIRS TRADE TURNOUT.

Open to horses of Shire type in harness with trade vehicle driven by a lady. Lady drivers and grooms must be dressed appropriately for driving a trade vehicle. This class may be pre-judged in the collecting ring if there are sufficient entries.

Special 32a A pair of gloves kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Glovers to the drivers of three prize winners in each class. Note: any driver may only win one pair of gloves.

CLASS 33 FILLIES, TWO YEARS OLD.

(Foaled in 2023).

Special 33a The Late Miss Jane Smith Perpetual Salver to the best two year old filly in the Show.

CLASS 34 YOUNG SHOWPERSON

Over 12 years of age and not exceeding 18 years of age (i.e. not to have attained 18th birthday on day of Show). In hand class, no entry fee payable. Name and age of handler to be stated on the entry form. Stallions cannot be exhibited in this class. ONLY the Young Handlers name will be printed in the catalogue - not the name of the horse. Exhibitors will be expected to wash, plait and prepare their horses from 10.15 am to 12.15 pm. There will be no in-hand showing element to this class. Presentation of the results will be held in the Main Ring. Exhibitors are expected to be in show attire for the presentation. Exhibitors completing both the Young Showperson and Young Handler Classes will qualify for the Shire Horse Society Merit Badges.

CLASS 35 FILLIES, THREE YEARS OLD.

(Foaled in 2022).

CLASS 36 PAIRS AGRICULTURAL TURNOUT.

Open to horses of Shire type in harness with a wheeled agricultural vehicle. A handler must walk on the ground beside the horses if the turnout is driven from a standing position. Horses should not trot. Vehicles should **NOT** have any of the following: high seats, commercial advertising (other than the name of the owner or exhibitor).

CLASS 37 LADIES TWO WHEELED CARTS.

Single Turnout in harness with two wheeled vehicle driven by a lady. Exhibitors may not compete in Classes 12 or 29 with the same vehicle. 1st and 2nd prize winner to compete for the Two Wheeled Carts Championship.

TWO WHEELED CARTS CHAMPIONSHIP

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First and second prize winners from Classes 5, 8 and 37 are eligible to compete for the Championship.

CLASS 38 YOUNG HANDLER.

Over 12 years of age and not exceeding 18 years of age (i.e. not to have attained 18th birthday on day of Show). In hand class, no entry fee payable. Name and age of handler to be stated on the entry form. Stallions cannot be exhibited in this class. ONLY the Young Handlers name will be printed in the catalogue - not the name of the horse. Exhibitors are NOT expected to prepare their horses under the eye of the Judge, in advance of the ring judging.

Exhibitors completing both the Young Showperson and Young Handler Classes will qualify for the Shire Horse Society Merit Badges.

This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse Young Handler of the Year Championship at the Midland Shire Foal Show 27th September 2025.

Special 38a David Simonds Perpetual Trophy - Shire Horse Sculpture for the best Young Handler under 18 years of age.

Special 38b Baker Marsh Perpetual Memorial Cup for the best Young Handler of opposite sex to the winner under 18 years of age.

Special 38c Wooden Shield for the best young handler 16 years or under.

CLASS 39 SENIOR MARES, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS.

(Foaled in 2021 or previously).

CLASS 40 TEAM OF THREE OR FOUR HORSES.

Open to horses of Shire type in harness with vehicle, (2 wheeled carts are not permitted).

Special 40a Pat Flood Memorial Cup for the winner of class.

Special 40b White Horse Perpetual Trophy for the best team of four heavy horses.

Special 40c A pair of gloves kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Glovers to the drivers of three prize winners in each class. Note: any driver may only win one pair of gloves.

CLASS 41 YOUTH RIDDEN.

Over 12 years of age and not exceeding 18 years of age (i.e. not to have attained 18th birthday on day of Show), riding a pure bred shire. Stallions are not permitted. Exhibitors will be judged primarily on turnout and riding skills. Regard will be given to the horse, but there will be no conformation element. Youth riders must wear a current standard hard hat. Geldings exhibited in the ridden classes (except HOYS) must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register.

THE GEOFFREY DURRANS TURNOUT CHAMPIONSHIP

Special TCa The Captain Peter E. Courage Perpetual Cup (previously the Weir Trophy) presented in memory of the late Captain Peter E. Courage for the Champion Turnout.

Special TCb The Late Gilbert Lidstone Memorial Award of £25.00 for the driver of the Champion Turnout.

FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES, 31, 33, 35, AND 39 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

THE BEST GREYS FROM CLASSES 31, 33 AND 35 ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPLETE FOR THE GLENYS M F DODD TROPHY

JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION

Special MC1 Champion Perpetual Challenge Cup generously donated by the "National Pedigree Shire Foal Society" for the best female, three years old or under and £100.

Special MC2 £50 for the Reserve Junior Champion

Special MCG Glennys M F Dodd Trophy presented by the Dodd Family and Michael Martin for the best Grey Filly 3yo and under. The best greys from classes 31, 32 and 34 are eligible to complete for this award.

CHAMPION MARE

Special MC3 Henry Young Perpetual Memorial Cup for the Champion Mare together with the Society's Silver Spoon and £100

- Special MC4 H. Eady Robinson Perpetual Cup for the Champion Mare generously donated by his son.*
- Special MC5 Perpetual Challenge Cup generously donated by Mr and Mrs J Goldsmith for the Champion female.*
- Special MC6 'A Pictorial History of Champions', presented to the breeder of the Champion Mare by Dr J Jung and Miss R Wallenfang.*
- Special MC7 £50.00 for the Reserve Champion Mare*
- Special MC8 Headcollar kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Saddlers for the Champion Gelding.*

BEST FEET AND BEST SHOD HORSE COMPETITION.

A competition for the best shod horse in the In Hand Pedigree & Ridden Classes. The Judge will examine each horse before or during the line-up for preliminary judging, taking into consideration:

- a) Condition of the feet*
- b) The Making (or preparation) and fitting of the shoes*
- c) Nailing and position of clips.*

Normal shoes and showing plates are equally acceptable, PROVIDED they are suitable for the horse.

Rosettes will be awarded to the Best Shod Horse and Reserve in each of the In-hand classes (except Young Handlers and Newcomers), and the Horse Of The Year Show Ridden Qualifier. The THREE best overall on Saturday and Sunday will go forward to the BEST SHOD CHAMPIONSHIP on Sunday.

BEST SHOD HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Special BS1 The Sir Charles H. Tidbury Perpetual Trophy for the owner of the horse with the best feet and shod in the best manner. To be presented during the Grand Parade.

Special BS2 The Worshipful Company of Farriers kindly offers a plaque for the owner and the farrier of the horse with the best feet and shod in the best manner.

*Special BS3 £50 to the exhibitor of the Champion Best Shod and £50 to the farrier of the Champion Best Shod.
Kindly donated by Steve Ledsham of Shire and Carriage Horses.*

CLASS 42 SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR supported by the Shire Horse Society QUALIFYING CLASS - FEMALES

This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year Championship Supported by the Shire Horse Society, to be held at the NEC, Birmingham, 8th – 12th October 2025. This class is open to pure bred fully registered shire mares of two years old and over that are entered and exhibited in their appropriate breed classes at the National Show. This class will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.

Exhibitors please note that the HOYS entry fee of £18 is payable for this class and the HOYS entry form is required in addition to that for the Show.

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 Shire Horse Society reserve the right to share 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

CLASS 43 GROUP CLASS – B

Two Fillies or Mares sired by the same stallion. They may have different dams. Prize money as follows: 1st £100, 2nd £75, 3rd £50, 4th £25, 5th to 10th places £10 Where a pair of horses have different owners, prize money will be split between the owners.

GRAND PARADE

A parade of every entry from the day (excluding Turnouts) including the Champion Stallion, Junior Champion Stallion, Reserve Champion Stallion and Reserve Junior Champion Stallion from Saturday takes place in the main ring. Failure to parade or parading horses that are unplaited will result in the forfeiture of appearance money. This rule will be strictly enforced. Exhibitors will be given a Parade Card in the ring and must present it with class cards in order to qualify for payment of awards.

*Special SC11 **The J. W. Hiles Champion Stock Stallion Award** will be presented during the parade. Please see Stallion Championship (Saturday) for details.*

*Special WAK **W A KING PERPETUAL POINTS CUP***

Presented by Matthew Gregory King to the exhibitor breeder gaining the most points across the in-hand classes for homebred animals. Points will be awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th prize winners. Only class awards will count towards points not special prizes.

Special GRC GEORGE ROBERTS CHAMPION POINTS MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CUP.

Presented by Mr Martin Roberts to the exhibitor gaining the most points in all classes. Points will be awarded 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th prize winners

CLASS AWARDS ONLY COUNT TOWARDS POINTS (NOT SPECIALS)

Trophy gifted to the Shire Horse Society by Messers. Peter and Geoffrey Roberts in memory of their grandfather George Roberts, Esq.

Special YPA YOUTH POINTS AWARD

A SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXHIBITORS IN THE YOUTH CLASSES AT THE NATIONAL SHOW. Exhibitors in classes 20, 26, 37 and 41 will be awarded points as follows: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th prize winners

The exhibitor with the most points will receive a Belt Buckle, Sash and Rosette, to be presented during the Grand Parade on Sunday. Where there is a tie on points, the highest placed exhibitor in the Young Handler Class will be deemed the winner.

BREEDER OF THE YEAR POINTS AWARD 2024

A SPECIAL AWARD FOR BREEDERS OF WINNING HORSES AT THE NATIONAL SHOW 2024 AND AFFILIATED SHOWS THROUGHOUT 2024. Points to be allocated to the breeders of horses in all In-hand classes as follows: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points 3rd = 1 point. The breeders with the highest number of points at the end of the season will receive prizes as follows: 1st £500, 2nd £300, 3rd £100

The Richard Reynolds Memorial Cup, kindly donated by his Great Great Granddaughter, Liz Cade, will be presented at the National Show 2025

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL SHOW

1. **ENTRIES**

The Council or Stewards may call upon any exhibitor to prove the correctness of his entry form, and if he shall fail to do this by the date of the Show, the Chief Executive shall report the facts of the case at the next meeting of the Council and the Council shall determine not only whether the exhibitor shall be entitled to any prize won by him, but whether he shall be allowed to exhibit in future at the Shows of the Society. The Council shall not be required to give any reason or explanation for any such determination as to entitlement of any exhibitor to any prize or refusal of the right to exhibit.

All entries of horses shall be subject to acceptance by the Council which shall have power to refuse or cancel at any time any entry as it, in its own absolute discretion may think fit and shall not be required to give any reason or explanation whatsoever for any such refusal or cancellation. In such cases any entry fees paid will be refunded to the owner.

2. **REGISTRATION**

All stallions, mares and fillies must have been registered or notified in the Shire Horse Stud Book, or an entry must have been accepted for registration.

3. **GELDINGS**

Geldings exhibited in hand, novice ridden and open ridden classes, must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register. Geldings entered in the British Ridden Heavy Horse of the Year Qualifier must be pure bred in accordance with HOYS rules.

4. **D.N.A. TESTING**

All animals exhibited at the National Show (except geldings) must be D.N.A. tested and parentage verified with the Society's chosen testing lab or a recognised International Lab.

5. **STALLIONS TO LET AND HORSES FOR SALE**

Exhibitors of stallions desiring to notify in the catalogue that their horses are "to be let for the season" and exhibitors of any horse which they are desirous of offering "for sale privately", must fill in the spaces provided on the entry form and must remit the non-refundable notification fee as stated on the entry form.

6. **YOUNG HANDLER CLASS**

Competitors will not be expected to fully prepare the animal for the Show Ring.

7. **SOAP AND RESIN**

Soap, resin or other substance designed to give an artificial appearance, used above the knee for turning up coats will be permitted. This applies only to the National Show and does not extend to other Affiliated Shows. This ruling does not apply to foals.

10. **HORSE TAILS**

The dock must be covered with a fan of hair.

11. **TURNOUT EXHIBITORS**

Turnout Exhibitors are expected to carry a whip in the hand and not in the socket. The style of driving will be taken into consideration in the Judging. Traditional Carriage Hand is expected.

12. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

All riders of horses must at all times on the Showground wear properly approved / recognised protective headgear.

13. **DRESS FOR SHOWING**

All exhibitors **MUST** wear a suit or smart jacket with a tie. In cold conditions, a suitable smart top coat is acceptable. Exhibitors should only discard jackets by the express permission of the Judge.

Ladies are reminded that the dress code also applies to them. Please note that bare arms are not acceptable. Gilets (tweed or other colour) are not acceptable in the show ring. We also remind in-hand handlers that smart trousers should be worn. Demin Jeans are not acceptable.

Suitable footwear should be worn. Wellington boots, trainers, slip on shoes and open toes shoes are unsafe and are not acceptable.

The dress code will be enforced for classes and for the Grand Parades.

DRESS CODE FOR WOMEN

The dress code above also applies to women. Showing of horses in short sleeves, gilets, jodhpurs/breeches (except ridden classes) is not permissible.

14. RULES FOR RIDDEN CLASSES

These rules apply to all ridden classes. **Where additional/alternative rules apply, these are stated with the class they apply to.**

NOVICE RIDDEN

Open horses of any age that have not won a ridden class at County level or have been shown in ridden classes the previous season, including the National Show Novice Ridden Class. Horses that have not previously been shown in ridden classes are able to enter this class. The spirit of this class is to encourage those horses that have been genuinely broken over the winter, to come forward. The class is for genuine novice ridden horses, not those who have campaigned previously.

a) Tack:

1. General purpose/dressage or show saddle, either without numnah or with dark coloured unobtrusive numnah. Square shaped saddle cloths, brightly coloured numnahs eg white/red/high viz etc are not permitted. Logos and embroidery are not permitted.
2. Snaffle, Pelham or Double bridle according to the age and level of training of the horse. Pelhams and/or doubles to be used with two reins ie no roundings. Please note: Gags, Liverpool bits and hackamores are not permitted.
3. Cavesson noseband only. Other nosebands can be used for warm up but must be removed before entering the ring.
4. Other equipment – exercise boots, martingales or other training gadgets eg market Harborough, harbridge, de gogue, etc may be used for warm up but must be removed before entering the ring. Ear guards, visors, blinkers etc are not permitted.

b) Horse turnout:

1. Horses may be shown unplaited or plaited as a shire in-hand class. Flights are not permitted (flights that are folded down can still be dangerous to a rider who falls onto the horse's neck).
2. Neck bands for numbers are not permitted.
3. Tail plaits are permitted.
4. Quarter marks are permitted.

c) Rider Turnout:

Turnout should be natural and traditional, similar to that worn in a hunter or mountain moorland class.

Day Classes

1. Hard hat complying with **one of the following** current Safety Standards/specifications (All PAS 015:2011; VG1 01.040 2014-12; ASTM F1163 2004a or 04a onwards; SNELL E2016; AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards) **MUST** be worn by riders under 18 years when mounted and be securely fastened. This is optional for adults however failure to comply is strictly at the rider's own risk.
2. Long hair should be tied up and/or netted for neatness
3. Cream/beige/fawn jodhpurs.
4. Tweed show jacket.
5. Collared shirt with Tie.
6. Gloves, if worn, should be of a dark colour to match jacket.

7. Boots should be black or brown in colour. Long boots are preferable but short boots with gaiters (not suede half chaps) are permitted.
8. Whips/canes must not exceed an overall length of 76 cms (30 inches)
9. Spurs may be worn. Rowels are not permitted.
Earrings are not permitted.

Evening Classes

The above applies in general, however, please note the following:-

10. Competitors who qualify or take part in an evening performance may dress in hunting dress with tail coats for evening (5pm onwards).
11. Ladies may wear black or blue hunting coat. Gentlemen may wear white breeches with top boots with red or black coats.
12. Hunting Whips may be carried.
13. Top Hats are permitted for Evening Championships. These are worn at the riders own risk and only applies to competitors over the age of 18.

d) Judging Procedures:

1. The horses will be ridden together in the ring in walk, trot and canter, with a single change of direction. The Judge(s) will be looking for correctness in schooling, and correctness in action for the breed. The Judge(s) may ask for an extension or gallop, either as a whole or in groups of 4.
2. The horses line up on 3/4 line or as directed by the judges.
3. The Ride Judge will ride each of the horses in turn, and will go through the paces i.e. walk, trot and canter. An extension will be at the discretion of the judge.
4. The Conformation Judge will strip the horses of their saddles in order to examine conformation more closely.
5. Ride / manners marks to be awarded out of a possible 50.
6. Conformation / type assessment to be awarded marks out of a possible 50. In the event of a tie in marks, the ride mark will take precedence. In the event of a tie on both sets of marks, the judge's preference will prevail. The judge's decision is final.

e) General:

1. A fall of horse or rider will result in disqualification. The rider must not remount in the ring.
2. Stallions should display a stallion bridle marker.
3. No Ridden Horse may be shown on a Leading Rein.
4. Riders of Stallions are to be 16 years and over.
5. The judge may require that a horse which constitutes a danger leaves the ring; the judge's decision is final.

15. CONCOURS CLASS

The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse and rider. Attention may be paid to the rider's personal appearance, but detailed inspection of rider or tack is not required. Horses can be ridden Astride or Aside (side saddle). Period costumes are not compulsory for side saddle (side saddle habits are required however). Please note that ball gowns and bridesmaid dresses are not acceptable as period dress.

Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. A short show of no more than 2 minutes is required.

Special rosettes will be awarded as follows:

to the highest placed Adult rider wearing a "silk hat";
to the highest placed Adult rider wearing a bowler hat;
to the highest placed side saddle competitor;
and the highest placed Junior rider.

NB. Silk hats are permitted to be worn by Adults IN THIS CLASS AT ANY TIME OF DAY. Juniors must wear hats to current British Safety standards or above for this class. Adult riders not wearing

such hats do so at their own risk. Juniors are those who have not reached their 18th Birthday as at the day of the show.

16 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

16.1 Exhibitors in all competitive classes (except foals, yearlings and ridden classes if the horses are stripped) are strictly prohibited from receiving any help, assistance or change of handler unless in the case of an emergency or serious threat of harm or risk to the exhibitor, other exhibitors, horses or any other individual. Exhibitors of foals and yearlings are permitted to have an assistant if needed for the individual "show", and exhibitors of ridden horses are permitted to have an assistant if the horse is required to be stripped of the saddle. All assistants must be dressed appropriately for the show ring. They must not enter the ring until required and must leave the ring as soon as the relevant animal has completed its "show" and returned to the line-up. In the event of a breach of this rule the Exhibitor and person / persons providing such assistance will be disqualified from the Class. For the avoidance of doubt, this also includes 'whipping up'.

16.2 No persons, other than Exhibitors, or Society officials or others with the express permission of the Show Director shall be allowed to remain in the ring during any showing classes (with the exception of the young handler class). A suitable viewing area will be provided for Exhibitors and Grooms only

17. SHOEING REGULATIONS

The Society's shoeing regulation document will be in place for the show. Inspections will take place in line with the regulations.

18. JUNIOR DRIVER RULES

- 1 The class is open to Junior Drivers over the age of 12 years and not exceeding 18 years old on the day of the show.
- 2 Horses must be aged four years and over. Stallions are not permitted in Junior driven classes.
- 3 Any suitable 2 wheeled vehicle may be used with appropriate and correctly fitted harness.
- 4 Junior Drivers must be accompanied in the vehicle, at all times, by an Experienced Heavy Horse Driver aged 18 years and over. A separate groom is required to stand at the horse's head when the horse and vehicle is standing still (ie not the person accompanying the driver).
- 5 When in the vehicle the Junior Driver and accompanying Experienced Driver must have their feet firmly on the floor of the vehicle or use a suitable fixed footrest.
- 6 Junior Drivers must wear a current standard hard. They should wear gloves and be neatly and conservatively attired.
- 7 A driving whip should always be carried in the hand and consideration will be given to the correct use of the whip. The lash should be long enough to reach the horses shoulder.
- 8 Junior Drivers will be judged on their turnout and driving abilities, the type of vehicle and harness will be taken into consideration but will not be judged.
- 9 Junior Drivers will be required to enter the ring at a walk. They will be required to show a simple change of rein at trot during their individual show. A rein back will not be required.
- 10 At least the length of one horse should be maintained between each turnout. Where the distance cannot be maintained, drivers may turn across the ring into another space. Direct overtaking is not permitted.
- 11 In the event of the Junior Driver getting into difficulty, the Experienced Driver must take the reins immediately, and when safe to do, request permission from the Steward to leave the ring.
- 12 On the day of the show the Junior Driver must be covered by their own independent public liability insurance.