

THE ROYAL CHESHIRE COUNTY SHOW



2026

16th-17th June

Schedule for:
**Sheep &
Rare Breed
Classes**

Entries close: 18th May



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Special Note

The Society reserves the right to cancel or amalgamate classes if insufficient numbers forward.

ATTENTION - EXHIBITORS OF ALL SHEEP BREEDS INCLUDING RARE BREEDS OF SHEEP

The Royal Cheshire County Show wishes to see the sheep section go from strength to strength and looks to the future of this section. The committee are looking at ways to improve and make the sheep section a bigger and better display for all involved. **As in previous years, we have included classes to involve the rare and minority breeds on the first day to have a larger display of different breeds of sheep.**

All first day sheep exhibitors are requested not to remove sheep from their pens before 5.00 pm. Exhibitors are welcome to stay for both days providing pens have been pre-arranged.

The Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO - Data Protection Policy

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) became a legal requirement on 25 May 2018. The Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO is committed to protecting your data. This brief policy sets out the basis on which any personal data that you provide to us, or that we may receive from others about you, will be processed. Data may be held electronically or in paper format and will only be held for a reasonable length of time.

The Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO recognises its position as both controller and processor of your data with regards to The Royal Cheshire County Show. The Society will only use your data and share your data when it has a legitimate reason to do so. You may provide data to us when joining the Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO, booking a trade stand or entering a competition held at The Royal Cheshire County Show. Examples of bodies we may need to share your data with include but are not limited to: caterers who need to be aware of special dietary requirements, breed societies to verify entries, external contractors such as marquee and electricity suppliers and for safety purposes your emergency contact details may be shared with relevant bodies.

The Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO recognises that you have rights surrounding the data we hold. Individuals may contact the Society's Data Protection Officer (DPO) and exercise your rights to be informed about the data we hold, have access to the data we hold, have your data rectified, your right to be forgotten and so forth. Should you make a data request the Society will endeavour to respond within the statutory period.

The Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO will endeavour to keep your data safe and will notify you and the Information Commissioners Officer (ICO) should it become aware of any data breach, within the legal time limit of 72 hours. If you are not satisfied at any time with the actions of the Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO, you have the right to contact the ICO at ico.org.uk or via their helpline on 0303 123 1113.

MV/CAE Accredited

SHEEP CLASSES & RARE BREEDS SHEEP CLASSES MAEDI VISNA

ACCREDITED AND

NON MAEDI VISNA WILL BE CATERED FOR

Please present a SAC Certification of Status if requiring pens in the Maedi Visna Accredited section of the Sheep Marquee.

These MV accredited forms should be handed to the Chief Steward before unloading. Please make sure you enter the correct movement date and animal ear number on the certificates.

SPECIAL NOTE

The Society's DEFRA Holding Number for 2026 is 06/087/8000

BIO-SECURITY

Exhibitors are requested to take note of the following.

Exhibitors must enter the Showground ONLY through the gate they are advised to use.

Times of admission - because of the necessity to man gates, exhibitors must bring their stock to the Show during the following times: -

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| Monday 15 June | - | from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm |
| Tuesday 16 June | - | from 7.00 am |
| Wednesday 17 June | - | from 7.00 am |

AML Movement Licence - Conditions of entry are subject to current DEFRA/WAG movement restrictions and exhibitors must comply with all animal health regulations in force at the time of the Show. All stock must be accompanied by current AML Movement Licences (for entering and leaving the Showground).

Cleansing & Disinfecting of Vehicles - Vehicles used to transport livestock may if required be cleansed and disinfected at the Showground.

Livestock Vehicles - Exhibitor vehicles used to transport livestock must be externally clean. The Society reserves the right to refuse entry to any vehicle deemed not to be clean.

Footwear & Clothing - Animal handlers must wear suitable protective clothing and footwear capable of being cleaned and disinfected.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR ENTRY

1. **Entries** are now processed online. Please visit the website at www.royalcheshireshow.org or www.rcs.entrymaster.online
2. **Pens** There is no fee for penning, but space is at a premium - please indicate on your entry form how many pens you require.
3. **Note to Exhibitors** – Could we ask that if showing more than one breed on the same day that you have enough handlers, to try and avoid a delay in the rings.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **ALL STOCK MUST BE REGISTERED** (or eligible for registration in the case of lambs) with the appropriate breed society or equivalent and must be identifiable by ear tag or tattoo. UNMARKED ANIMALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON ARRIVAL AT THE SHOWGROUND.
2. **MV and CAE** - Provision will be made for Maedi-Visna Accredited Sheep.
3. **ENTRIES CLOSE ON 18th May.**
4. **SUBSTITUTES** - If an animal appears unfit for showing after entries have been submitted, another animal suitable to enter the same class may be substituted. A written note of the substitute's registration number and eartag/tattoo must be supplied to the RB entries Steward on arrival at the Showground.
5. **AWARDS** - Rosettes will be awarded up to 4th place in the commercial section and up to 3rd in the Rare Breed Section.
6. **TROPHIES** remain the property of the Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO and will NOT be given out. There will be the opportunity for the winning exhibitor to be photographed with the trophy at the Trophy Marquee.
7. **PRIZE MONEY** – Prize money will be paid back into the account used to make the entries. This could take up to the end of July in some circumstances.
8. **BREED SOCIETY DISPLAYS** - If space permits, a special area will be set aside for breed displays. Space can be booked by applying to The Show Director at the above address.
9. **COMPETITORS** – Need to clearly display their numbers for each animal entered

THE CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IS GREATFUL
FOR THE GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF THIS SECTION
GIVEN BY

Wright & Morton Vets

Richard Garside

Josh Harding

NFU Macclesfield

University of Chester

Suffolk Sheep Society

SHEEP CLASSES

To be judged on Tuesday 16 June 2026

Commencing at 10.00 am

Order of Judging within rings to be confirmed.

CHIEF STEWARD - MR MARK BULLOCK

ALL SHEEP MUST BE ON THE SHOWGROUND BY 8.30 AM AND MUST REMAIN UP TO AT LEAST 5.00 PM ON 17th JUNE OR PRIZES MAY BE FORFEITED.

MAEDI VISNA ACCREDITED - Entries in the Sheep section may be MAEDI VISNA Accredited Sheep or non-Accredited Sheep. No Sheep will be penned in the accredited section without a SAC Certificate of Accreditation. All Sheep will be accommodated and shown under the Rules relating to SAC Sheep and Goat Health Scheme. The Society reserves the right to amalgamate appropriate classes if there are insufficient entries. **IMPORTANT** - All Exhibits must be shown in accordance with the regulations of each appropriate Breed Society. All sheep will be penned under cover. **ENTRIES** are restricted to sheep from registered flocks.

*****Classes with a low number of exhibitors will be amalgamated*****

ENTRIES CLOSE - 18 MAY - No Late Entries Accepted

ENTRY FEE

£15.00 per class - NO PEN FEES

PRIZE MONEY

1st - £20 2nd - £15 3rd - £10

BREED CHAMPIONS will receive £20 each

ROSETTES

1st to 4th Place

BRITISH CHAROLLAIS

MV accredited Only

Judge – Mr R Gregory, Shropshire

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| Class 451 | AGED RAM |
| Class 452 | SHEARLING RAM |
| Class 453 | RAM LAMB born on or after 1st December 2025 |
| Class 454 | AGED EWE having reared a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 455 | SHEARLING EWE |
| Class 456 | EWE LAMB born on or after 1 December 2025 |
| Class 457 | GROUP OF THREE |
| Special S210 | SUPREME CHAMPION BRITISH CHAROLLAIS SHEEP Champion Rosette |
| | The BRITISH CHAROLLAIS SHEEP SOCIETY OFFER A SPECIAL ROSETTE |
| | RESERVE CHAMPION BRITISH CHAROLLAIS SHEEP |
| | Reserve Champion Rosette |

JACOB

NON MV accredited Only

Judge – Mr H Walsh, Lancashire

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| Class 458 | SHEARLING RAM or older |
| Class 459 | RAM LAMB born 2026 |
| Class 460 | BREEDING EWE having reared a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 461 | SHEARLING EWE |
| | Kindly sponsored by Meadowland Jacob Flock - Ridout & Higginson |
| Class 462 | EWE LAMB born 2026 |

Class 463 **GROUP OF THREE**
Special S211 **BEST LAMB** will receive *THE MEADOWLAND FLOCK PERPETUAL SALVER NO 635*
Special S212 **SUPREME CHAMPION JACOB SHEEP**
 G J REYNOLDS CHALLENGE SHIELD NO 634 Champion Rosette
 Special Rosette donated by THE JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY
Special S213 **RESERVE CHAMPION JACOB SHEEP** Reserve Champion Rosette
 THE JOAN MARSLAND MEMORIAL SALVER NO 636 will be presented to the highest placed
 exhibitor living in Cheshire within the Jacob Sheep Section.

SUFFOLK

MV accredited Only

Judge – Mr J Sherratt, Shropshire

Class 464 **AGED RAM**
Class 465 **SHEARLING RAM**
Class 466 **RAM LAMB** born 2026
Class 467 **AGED EWE** having reared a lamb/s in 2026
Class 468 **SHEARLING EWE**
Class 469 **EWE LAMB** born 2026
Class 470 **GROUP OF THREE**
Special S214 **SUPREME CHAMPION SUFFOLK SHEEP** will receive the
 RENT EQUIPMENT CHALLENGE TROPHY No 633 The SUFFOLK SHEEP SOCIETY OFFER A
 CHAMPION ROSETTE for the Best Suffolk entered by a registered flock and £50 PRIZE
 MONEY
 RESERVE CHAMPION SUFFOLK SHEEP Reserve Champion Rosette given by the Suffolk
 Sheep Society

TEXEL

MV accredited Only

Judge – Mr M Ireland, Lancashire

Class 471 **AGED RAM**
Class 472 **SHEARLING RAM**
Class 473 **RAM LAMB** born 2026
Class 474 **AGED EWE** having reared a lamb/s in 2026
Class 475 **SHEARLING EWE**
Class 476 **EWE LAMB** born 2026
Class 477 **GROUP OF THREE**
Special S215 **SUPREME CHAMPION TEXEL SHEEP**
 BODEN & DAVIES LTD CUP No 637 Champion Rosette
Special S215r **RESERVE CHAMPION TEXEL SHEEP**
 THE COCKSMOSS TROPHY No 638 Reserve Champion Rosette

All Texel Sheep entered at The Royal Cheshire County Show must be registered in the pure section of the Texel Flock Book. All Exhibitors of Texel Sheep must be accepted onto the SAC Sheep and Goat Health Scheme. All Sheep will be accommodated and shown under the Ministry of Agriculture Rules relating thereto. Texel sheep classes will be held in accordance with the British Texel Sheep Society's By-Laws.

DUTCH SPOTTED SHEEP

Judge – Mr R Heigh, Lancaster

Open to MV & Non MV Accredited

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| Class 478 | AGED RAM |
| Class 479 | SHEARLING RAM |
| Class 480 | RAM LAMB born 2026 |
| Class 481 | EWE having reared a lamb/s in 2026 |
| Class 482 | GIMMER SHEARLING |
| Class 483 | EWE LAMB born 2026 |
| Class 484 | GROUP OF THREE 1 male and 2 females to have been exhibited in the above classes and owned by the Exhibitor |
| Special S216 | SUPREME CHAMPION DUTCH SPOTTED SHEEP Champion Rosette |
| | RESERVE CHAMPION DUTCH SPOTTED SHEEP Reserve Champion Rosette |

SHROPSHIRE

Open to MV & Non MV Accredited

Judge – Mrs S. Farquhar, Herefordshire

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| Class 485 | SHEARLING RAM |
| Class 486 | SHEARLING EWE |
| Class 487 | BREEDING EWE having reared lambs in 2026 and having been shorn after 1 May |
| Class 488 | RAM LAMB (Trimmed), born after 1 December 2025 |
| Class 489 | LAMB (Untrimmed), Male or Female born after 1 December 2026 |
| Class 490 | EWE LAMB (Trimmed), born after 1 December 2026 |
| Class 491 | GROUP OF THREE (one Male, two Females of any age) |
| Special S217 | CHAMPION SHROPSHIRE BEST OF BREED Champion Rosette |
| | RESERVE SHROPSHIRE BEST OF BREED Reserve Champion Rosette |

VALAIS BLACKNOSE SHEEP

NON MV Accredited Only

Judge – Mrs H Adams, Derbyshire

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| Class 492 | AGED RAM |
| Class 493 | SHEARLING RAM |
| Class 494 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 495 | AGED EWE |
| Class 496 | SHEARLING EWE |
| Class 497 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 498 | GROUP OF THREE from one exhibitor (1 male & 2 female) |
| Class 499 | WETHER |
| Class 500 | FANCY DRESS |
| Special S218 | SUPREME CHAMPION VALAIS BLACKNOSE SHEEP Champion Rosette |
| | RESERVE CHAMPION VALAIS BLACKNOSE Reserve Champion Rosette |

ZWARTBLES SHEEP

Open to MV & Non MV Accredited

Judge – Mr C Milburn, N Yorkshire

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| Class 501 | AGED RAM |
| Class 502 | SHEARLING RAM |
| Class 503 | RAM LAMB born on or after 1 January 2026 |
| Class 504 | AGED EWE |
| Class 505 | SHEARLING EWE |
| Class 506 | EWE LAMB born on or after 1 January 2026 |
| Class 507 | GROUP OF THREE from one exhibitor (1 Male & 2 Female) |
| Special S219 | SUPREME CHAMPION ZWARTBLES SHEEP Champion Rosette The Zwartbles Sheep Association offers a special rosette to the Champion RESERVE CHAMPION ZWARTBLES SHEEP Reserve Champion Rosette. The Zwartbles Sheep Association offers a special rosette to the Reserve Champion. |

ANY OTHER BREED OF CONTINENTAL SHEEP

Open to MV & Non MV Accredited

These classes are for Sheep for which there are no specific Breed Classes in the Show
All entries must be from a Registered Flock Owner

Judge – Mr J Green, Ceredigion

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| Class 508 | AGED RAM |
| Class 509 | SHEARLING RAM |
| Class 510 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 511 | SHEARLING EWE or older |
| Class 512 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Special S220 | SUPREME CHAMPION ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL SHEEP BREED Champion Rosette RESERVE CHAMPION ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL SHEEP BREED Reserve Champion Rosette |

ANY OTHER BREED OF NATIVE SHEEP

Open to MV & Non MV Accredited

These classes are for Sheep for which there are no specific Breed Classes on the first day of the Show and will be open to **RARE BREEDS and HEATH & HILL BREEDS**
All entries must be from a Registered Flock Owner

Judge – Mr G Wainwright, Derbyshire

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| Class 513 | AGED RAM |
| Class 514 | SHEARLING RAM |
| Class 515 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 516 | SHEARLING EWE or older |
| Class 517 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Special S221 | SUPREME CHAMPION ANY OTHER BREED NATIVE SHEEP Champion Rosette RESERVE CHAMPION ANY OTHER BREED NATIVE SHEEP Reserve Champion Rosette |

THE INTERBREED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Judge – Mr W Sedgley, Lancashire

Special S222

CHAMPION GROUP OF THREE

The winner will receive £15 and Champion Rosette

RESERVE CHAMPION GROUP OF THREE

Will receive £10 and Reserve Champion Rosette

Special S223

INTERBREED SUPREME CHAMPION

THE WHITTAKER & BIGGS CHALLENGE TROPHY No 631 Rosette & £50

RESERVE INTERBREED SUPREME CHAMPION will receive £25 and Reserve Champion Rosette

BUTCHERS LAMBS

Open to MV & Non MV Accredited

Judge – Mr D Jenkins, Lancashire

Class 518

THE BEST PEN OF THREE BUTCHERS LAMBS (Non MV & MV) Purebred Commercial Prime Lambs. The two first prize pens compete for the overall trophy

Class 519

THE BEST PEN OF THREE BUTCHERS LAMBS (Non MV & MV)

Cross Bred Prime Commercial Lambs. The two first prize pens compete for the overall trophy

Special S224

CHAMPION PEN OF BUTCHERS LAMBS Will receive

THE J T BARBER & SON CHALLENGE TROPHY No 632 Champion Rosette & £20.

RESERVE CHAMPION PEN OF BUTCHERS LAMBS Reserve Champion Rosette & £10

Special S225

CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL BUTCHERS LAMB - to be selected from any entered pen of butcher's lambs - Champion Rosette & £20

RESERVE CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL BUTCHERS LAMB - to be selected from any entered pen of butchers' lambs - Reserve Champion Rosette & £10

RARE BREED SHEEP

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026

The Rare Breeds Section of The Royal Cheshire County Show is open to all breeds on the **RARE BREEDS SURVIVAL TRUST** Priority, Minority or Native Breeds Lists unless already provided for in specific breed classes elsewhere in the Show.

Any breed added to the RBST Priority, Minority or Native Breeds Lists up to the closing date will be eligible for entry to the Show.

IMPORTANT **BIO SECURITY**

PLEASE SEE THE NOTES NEAR THE BEGINNING OF THIS SCHEDULE

To be judged on Wednesday 17th June commencing at 9 am

Rosettes to 3rd place

Special Rosettes will be donated by some Breed Societies

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| ENTRY FEE | £15.00 per entry | | |
| PRIZE MONEY | 1st - £20 | 2nd - £15 | 3rd - £10 |
| | 10 entries or over in a class – 4th - £5 | | |

BREED CHAMPIONS will receive £10 each

SHEEP - Stock entered in the Rare Breeds Section of the Show may enter the Showground between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm on Tuesday 16 June or between 7.00 am and 8.30 am on Wednesday 17 June. Judging will commence at 9 am.

SPECIAL NOTE - Sheep that may be entered in the normal sheep classes on the first day of the Show and entered in the Rare Breeds on the second day **MUST** be on the Showground by 8.30 am on the first day of the show.

LEAVING THE SHOWGROUND - All stock must remain in their pens until 5.00 pm.

EXHIBITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES - Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their stock and for any damage or loss caused by their animals whilst on the Showground. Exhibitors are reminded that they are solely responsible for, and in charge of, their stock at all times during the event.

Sheep Exhibitors Please Note

- 1 Provision will be made for Maedi-Visna Accredited Sheep. **Please state on the Online Entry Form whether Accredited or not**, so that appropriate penning arrangements can be made.
- 2 Exhibitors should note the regulations for tail docking of sheep which came into effect on 1 January 1983.
- 3 All sheep must be presented in a normal, untrimmed fleece unless exempted by rules of the appropriate Breed Society.
- 4 Classes with a low number of exhibitors will be amalgamated.

CHIEF STEWARD – Mr Ian Elliott

PRIMITIVE BREEDS

SHETLAND BREED CLASSES

Judge: Mrs C Ringrose, Wolverhampton

The Rare Breeds Section of The Royal Cheshire County Show is an Official Show recognised by the Shetland Sheep Society, who offer Rosettes for the Champion and Reserve Champion.

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| Class 520 | SHETLAND AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 521 | SHETLAND SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 522 | SHETLAND AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 523 | SHETLAND SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 524 | SHETLAND RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 525 | SHETLAND EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 526 | SHETLAND GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS1 | SHETLAND BEST OF BREED <i>THE ROMEO TROPHY No 608</i> Rosette Reserve Champion Rosette |

Shetland Sheep should be shown in their natural state, ie cosmetic washing and trimming (except for dagging) is not allowed.

HEBRIDEAN BREED CLASSES

Judge – Mr R Jones, Gwynedd

The Rare Breeds Section of The Royal Cheshire County Show is an Approved Hebridean Sheep Society Show. **Classes are in accordance with HBSS rules:** Hebrideans must be registered or eligible for registration. Sheep should not have been 'backed down', trimmed, excessively groomed or otherwise 'faked'. Sheep should have been shorn, but not before 30 April.

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| Class 527 | HEBRIDEAN AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 528 | HEBRIDEAN SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 529 | HEBRIDEAN AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 530 | HEBRIDEAN SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 531 | HEBRIDEAN RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 532 | HEBRIDEAN EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 533 | HEBRIDEAN GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS2 | HEBRIDEAN BEST OF BREED <i>THE HEBRIDEAN CHEQUER LEA SHIELD No 606</i> Champion Rosette |
| Special RS2a | <i>THE CHEQUER LEA RESERVE SHIELD No 607</i> Reserve Champion Rosette |

NORTH RONALDSAY BREED CLASSES

Judge – Mrs J Hawkhead, North Yorkshire

Official Breed Show of **THE NORTH RONALDSAY SHEEP FELLOWSHIP** with Breed Rosettes.

Sheep should be shown in their natural state, with no trimming (apart from dagging) and no excessive brushing.

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| Class 534 | NORTH RONALDSAY AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 535 | NORTH RONALDSAY SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 536 | NORTH RONALDSAY AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a |

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| | lamb in 2026 |
| Class 537 | NORTH RONALDSAY SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 538 | NORTH RONALDSAY RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 539 | NORTH RONALDSAY EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 540 | NORTH RONALDSAY GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 Ewes |
| Special RS3 | NORTH RONALDSAY BEST OF BREED <i>THE MALTHOUSE TROPHY No 609</i> Champion Rosette |
| Special RS4 | <i>THE WARREN-HURST PERPETUAL TROPHY No 610</i> Rosette to the opposite sex to the champion |

ANY OTHER PRIMITIVE BREEDS CLASSES

Eligible Breeds to include: - Soay, Boreray, Manx Loaghtan, Catlemilk Moorit

Judge – Mrs J Hawkhead, North Yorkshire

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| Class 541 | AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 542 | SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 543 | AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 544 | SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 545 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 546 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 547 | GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS5 | BEST OF BREED <i>THE DIMSDALE TROPHY No 611</i> Champion Rosette Reserve Champion Rosette |

SUPREME PRIMITIVE BREED

CHAMPIONSHIP

Judge: Mrs S Tyson, Cumbria

Open to Champions & Reserve Champions of the Shetland, Hebridean, North Ronaldsay & Any Other Primitive section.

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| Special RS6 | PRIMITIVE BREED CHAMPION will receive £75 kindly sponsored by Richard Garside and the DOUGLAS CUP TROPHY No 605 . Reserve Champion will receive £35 and a reserve champion rosette |
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KERRY HILL CLASSES

Judge – Mr R Price, Powys

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| Class 548 | KERRY HILL AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 549 | KERRY HILL SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 550 | KERRY HILL AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 551 | KERRY HILL SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 552 | KERRY HILL RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 553 | KERRY HILL EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 554 | KERRY HILL GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS7 | BEST OF BREED Champion Rosette. Reserve Champion Rosette |

HEATH & HILL BREED CLASSES

ELIGIBLE BREEDS:

Balwen, Hill Radnor, Norfolk Horn, Portland, Whitefaced Woodland and Wiltshire Horn

Judge – Mr D Jenkins, Lancashire

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| Class 555 | AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 556 | SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 557 | AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 558 | SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 559 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 560 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 561 | GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS8 | BEST OF BREED Champion Rosette & <i>THE ACORUS TROPHY No 614</i> . Reserve Champion Rosette |
| Special RS9 | The Champion Norfolk Horn will receive the <i>JOHN WATHEN PERPETUAL TANKARD No 612</i> |
| Special RS10 | The Champion Portland will receive the <i>CALMARA TROPHY No 613</i> |

LONGWOOL BREED CLASSES

ELIGIBLE BREEDS: Cotswold, Greyface Dartmoor, Leicester Longwool,

Lincoln Longwool, Teeswater, Wensleydale, White Face Dartmoor, Devon & Cornwall Longwool, Border Leicester.

GREYFACE DARTMOOR BREED CLASSES

Judge – Mr S Hamer, Shrewsbury

All sheep exhibited in the Greyface Dartmoor classes at any Show judged by an Association Judge must with the exception of lambs born in the year of that show and being the progeny of an Association registered sire and dam bear the Association official tag at the time of judging in order to be eligible for any prize. D.S.B.A Prize of £10 to the best male shown and owned by an Association member. D.S.B.A Prize of £10 to the best female shown and owned by an Association member. *All sheep including lambs shown after the 10th of June must have been shorn.*

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| Class 562 | GREYFACE DARTMOOR OLD RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 563 | GREYFACE DARTMOOR SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 564 | GREYFACE DARTMOOR OLD EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 565 | GREYFACE DARTMOOR SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 566 | GREYFACE DARTMOOR RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 567 | GREYFACE DARTMOOR EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 568 | GREYFACE DARTMOOR GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS11 | GREYFACE DARTMOOR BEST OF BREED <i>THE STURROCK PERPETUAL PLATE No 615</i> Champion Rosette RESERVE CHAMPION Rosette |

The Dartmoor Sheep Breeders Association offers Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes.

ANY OTHER LONGWOOL BREED CLASSES

Judge – Mrs S Tyson, Cumbria

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| Class 569 | AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 570 | SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 571 | AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 572 | SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 573 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 574 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 575 | GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS12 | BEST OF BREED Champion Rosette & Reserve Champion Rosette |
| Special RS13 | CHAMPION Wensleydale sheep will receive <i>THE OUTLINE TROPHY No 616</i> . |
| Special RS14 | CHAMPION Cotswold sheep will receive <i>COTSWOLD TROPHY No 617</i> |

SHORTWOOL / DOWN BREED CLASSES

Dorset Down, Galway, Llanwenog, Oxford Down, Ryeland, Shropshire, Southdown

RYELAND

This is a qualifying show for the Shepherd's Crook Ryeland shearing ewe of the year award. Points will be awarded from 1st to 3rd place to fully registered shearing ewes. Ear tag numbers will be recorded. A prize card will be awarded to the 1st placed shearing ewe

Judge – Mrs S Tyson, Cumbria

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| Class 576 | AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 577 | SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 578 | AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 579 | SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 580 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 581 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Special RS15 | <i>THE T&G MOORE BEST RYELAND LAMB SHIELD No 618</i> will be awarded to the best lamb |
| Class 582 | GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS16 | BEST RYELAND Champion Rosette RESERVE CHAMPION Rosette |

The Ryeland Flock Book Society Ryeland Committee offers Champion and Reserve champion sashes and rosettes for the Champion and Reserve champion Ryeland's in show

COLOURED RYELAND

Judge – Mr N Burton, N Yorkshire

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| Class 583 | AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 584 | SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 585 | AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 586 | SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 587 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 588 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 589 | GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS17 | BEST COLOURED RYELAND <i>THE GOLDEN GIRL PERPETUAL TROPHY No 619</i> Champion Rosette RESERVE CHAMPION Rosette |

SOUTHDOWN SHEEP

Judge: Mr D Jenkins, Lancashire

Would exhibitors please note that the Southdown Sheep Society now states all adult sheep should be shown on or after 1 February. Animals entered must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of 4 months prior to the date of the Show.

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| Class 590 | AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 591 | SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 592 | AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 593 | SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 594 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 595 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 596 | GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS18 | SOUTHDOWN BEST OF BREED <i>BLAZE FARM PARTNERS TROPHY No 620</i> Champion Rosette RESERVE CHAMPION Rosette |

ANY OTHER SHORTWOOL/DOWN BREED CLASSES

Dorset Down, Galway, Llanwenog, Oxford Down, Shropshire, Hampshire Down

Judge – Miss M Gamble, North Yorkshire

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| Class 597 | AGED RAM over 2 years of age at the date of the Show |
| Class 598 | SHEARLING RAM born in 2025 |
| Class 599 | AGED EWE over 2 years of age at the date of the Show having raised a lamb in 2026 |
| Class 600 | SHEARLING EWE born in 2025 |
| Class 601 | RAM LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 602 | EWE LAMB born in 2026 |
| Class 603 | GROUP OF THREE Ram & 2 ewes |
| Special RS19 | ANY OTHER SHORTWOOL/DOWN BEST OF BREED Champion Rosette RESERVE CHAMPION Rosette |
| Special RS20 | CHAMPION RARE BREEDS SHORTWOOL/DOWN <i>BARCLAYS BANK SHEILD no 604</i> Champion Rosette RESERVE CHAMPION Rosette |

SUPREME RARE BREED SHEEP

CHAMPIONSHIP

Judge: Mr R Jones, Gwynedd

Open to Champions & Reserve Champions of, Kerry Hill, Heath & Hill, Longwool and Shortwool/Down Breeds Sections

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| Special RS21 | RARE BREED CHAMPION <i>THE ABBEY NATIONAL BS TROPHY No 603.</i> Rosette & £75 RESERVE CHAMPION rosette & £35 Kindly sponsored by Richard Garside |
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YOUNG HANDLERS

Judge – Mr R Jones, Gwynedd

Please note Young Handlers will not be judged before 12.30 pm

RBST YOUNG SHEPHERD OF THE YEAR, the winner/s of the Junior Handling Classes will be eligible to take part in the RBST Young Shepherd Competition 2026. If the Class winner has already qualified, the next highest placed eligible competitor not previously qualified can go forward.

RBST qualifying age categories (the age of the child on the day of qualifying)

Junior Young Shepherd 8 – 12 years

Senior Young Shepherd 13 – 16 years

It is the handler that qualifies regardless of what sheep breed they are showing.

The Grand Final for the 2026 RBST Young Shepherd competition will take place at the English Winter Fair, Staffordshire County Showground on Saturday 15th November, further details will be provided in each qualifier pack. The Junior Young Shepherd of the Year will win the Outlane Trophy, and the Senior Young Shepherd of the Year will win the Harrison Challenge Trophy. The winners from each class will then compete for the overall Young Shepherd of the Year. The winner of the Junior and Senior category will receive £50 and the Championship Rosette, the Junior and Senior Reserve will receive £25 and Reserve Champion Rosette.

In both Young Handler classes, the ewe must be entered in the appropriate breed classes. Specials awarded to all entries. Dependent on number of entries these classes may be split.

Class 604 **YOUNG HANDLER CLASS - Free Entry (No Prize Money)** Open to anyone aged 17 or under at the date of the Show to show a female of any breed

Class 605 **YOUNG HANDLER 8-12 YEARS OLD - Free Entry (No Prize Money)** Open to anyone aged between 8-12 years old at the date of the Show

Class 606 **YOUNG HANDLER CLASS - Free Entry (No Prize Money)** Open to anyone under 8 years. This will not be a qualifier for the final.

FLEECE COMPETITION

Judge – Miss M Gamble, N Yorkshire

Judging will commence at 11.00 am

PRIZE MONEY 1st - £20 2nd - £15 3rd - £10

Kindly sponsored by Richard Garside

ENTRY FEE **£4.00 per entry**

ROSETTES 1st to 4th place **Champion & Reserve Champion**

Class 607 **PRIMITIVE FLEECES** (excluding Hebridean)

Class 608 **HEATH AND HILL FLEECES**

Class 609 **LONGWOOL FLEECES**

Class 610 **DOWN AND SHORTWOOL FLEECES**

Class 611 **HEBRIDEAN FLEECES**

Class 612 **COLOURED FLEECES**

Special RS22 **The exhibitor of the CHAMPION FLEECE**

GOLDEN FLEECE TROPHY No 621 Champion Rosette & £20

RESERVE CHAMPION will receive £15 and a rosette

Sponsored by Richard Garside

A competitor may enter any number of fleeces per class, and up to three fleeces per breed. All fleeces must be from the 2026 wool clip. Fleeces must be neatly rolled and secured by a wool band from the neck wool.

Fleeces that are artificially stained or artificially coloured or fastened with binder twine or string will be eliminated. Identification label giving exhibitor's NAME and CLASS ENTERED must be attached to each fleece. Fleeces must be delivered to the Fleece Steward by 10.00 am on the morning of the Show. Please remember to collect your fleeces at the end of the Show

SHOW RULES

ENTRY FEES – All entries to be made online. Please check on www.royalcheshireshow.org.

Under no circumstances will Entry Fees be returned in the case of cancellation of entries by an Exhibitor or because of postponement or cancellation of the Show for whatever reason.

All animals must be bona-fide the property of the Exhibitor at the time of entry.

All exhibits must be on the showground by 8.30 am on the DAY OF SHOWING and must remain on the showground until 5.00 pm on the day of showing.

All animals must be provided with ties, and all animals must be halter led in the rings.

STALLS/PENS - Any person in charge of livestock exhibits who places the stock in their charge in any place other than that allocated to them or who removes or alters any number or name indicating the position of their exhibit, will be liable to expulsion from the Showground and their animals may be debarred from competition.

ATTENDANTS - Exhibitors **must have sufficient** attendants for the animals they are showing and must remain with their exhibits during the whole time they are at the Show and must comply with and be governed by the Society's Rules and Regulations.

NUMBERING OF EXHIBITS - All exhibits must display the number supplied by the Society for the appropriate class during judging or in the Parade. Failure to comply with this rule may result in mistakes being made on prize money payouts.

JUDGING - Judging will commence as near as circumstances allow, at the times stated in the Schedule under the respective sectional headings and Exhibitors will be responsible for their Exhibits being in their respective Ring at the proper time.

JUDGES - The Judges named in the Society's Prize Schedule and Show Catalogue or Program have consented and have been appointed to act as Judges in the events indicated. The Committee reserves the right to appoint substitutes for any who may be unavoidably prevented from attending and all entries are accepted upon that understanding.

TROPHIES remain the property of the Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO and will NOT be given out. There will be the opportunity for the winning exhibitor to be photographed with the trophy at the Trophy Marquee.

PROTESTS - Any Exhibitor wishing to lodge a protest must notify the Chief Sheep Steward (within one hour of completion of judging) on the Show Day together with the sum of £25.

STEWARDS - The Committee delegates full power to the Stewards to enforce the Society's Rules and regulations.

BREED SOCIETIES - All persons entering, competing or exhibiting an animal in a Class covered by a Breed Society either to which the Society is affiliated or which is affiliated to the Society shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the relevant Breed Society and be subject to its constitution and rules (including any disciplinary procedures) insofar as they are applicable to any event, competition or display promoted or arranged by this Society.

POSTPONEMENT OR ABANDONMENT - Exhibitors shall not have any claim against the Society or any member of the Society in respect of any loss or damage whatsoever consequent upon the Show failing (for whatever reason) to be held.

PRIZE MONEY – Prize money will be paid directly into the account used to make the entries. This could take up to a month in some circumstances.

BIOSECURITY - All exhibitors must comply fully with all biosecurity measures.

DOGS - In the interests of safety, no dogs will be allowed in the Commercial Sheep and Rare Breed areas.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT - All electrical equipment of any description brought to the Show must have a current PAT test certificate.

CURRENT ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATION applies at this Show, and the Society will support any action where any breach of such legislation occurs.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE Exhibitors must carry adequate public liability insurance.

ENTRIES CLOSING DATE – 18th MAY – NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

DISCLAIMER

Whilst the Society will take all reasonable steps to prevent accidents to persons or injury to property, neither the Society nor its Officers or Servants accept responsibility for such accidents or injuries howsoever caused and whether or not involving negligence on the part of any such Officers or Servants. The Show, its Officers and Servants, shall not be responsible for any accident, damage or loss however caused, that may occur to any Exhibitor or his Servant, or to any article, animal, or property brought into the Showground, or while entering or leaving the Showground. Each Exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may be caused to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any machinery, or other article, or any animal or property exhibited by him. It is a condition of entry that each Exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Show from and against all actions, suits, and claims on account of such damage or injury. The Society, through its Secretary (or Show Director), shall have full and free right to refuse to accept any Entry, to cancel any Entry after being made and accepted, to refuse admission to the Showground of any proposed Exhibit and/or to remove at the risk and expense of the Owner of any Exhibit which has been admitted to the Showground. There shall be no obligation upon the Show Committee to make or offer any explanation or reason for any such action, and the Show Committee shall not incur any liability or responsibility in this matter.

Location of the Showground

The County Showground

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From the North

Leave M6 at Junction 20 (Lymm interchange) - Follow Show signs along A50 towards High Legh and Knutsford. Continue following signs to the Show.

From the South

Traffic using A50 from the south, follow Show signs when approaching Holmes Chapel, to A54 road for Middlewich.

Traffic using M6, leave M6 at Junction 18 (Holmes Chapel interchange). Turn left on to A54 towards Middlewich. At the roundabout approaching Middlewich follow Show signs turning right (A530) towards Northwich. Turn right at traffic lights and continue towards Northwich for about 4 miles to roundabout at junction with A556. Continue to follow Show signs and directions.

From East or West

Leave M56 at Junction 10 and take A559 signposted Northwich. In Antrobus village, turn left and continue to follow Show signs.

When approaching the showground ignore SAT-NAV directions

Follow Green Route signage only

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