



Charity No 519067

South Wales Shire Horse Society

43rd Annual Show

Saturday 4th July 2026

At Bailey Park, Abergavenny, NP7 5TR

SCHEDULE

HORSE OF THE YEAR & EQUIFEST 2026

QUALIFIER SHOW

SHIRES and HEAVY HORSES

MINIATURE HORSES and PONIES

Entries close 11th June 2026

Entries to be made online via

Entry Master

<https://swshs.entrymaster.online/index.php?id=1>

**Show Secretary: Mrs. Tina Carrott, Four Winds, Collafield, Littledean,
Gloucestershire. GL14 3LG 07966 442557**

Email: the.secretary@swshs.org.uk

SWSHS WEBSITE: www.swshs.org.uk

JUDGES – SHIRE CLASSES

IN HAND SHIRE CLASSES: Mr. Matthew Burks

HEAVY HORSE RIDDEN CLASS: Miss A Sillence

BEST SHOD HEAVY HORSE: Mr. Cemaes Evans

BEST NATURAL TAIL Mr. Steve Musto, Kings Head Hotel, Usk

BEST PLAITED TALE Mrs. Liz Cridland

Entry Fee: Non-Members - £15.00 per class, SWSHS Members - £10.00

First Aid Levy @ £5 per exhibitor

EACH EXHIBITOR (not exhibits) showing in Ring 1 will be awarded £80 towards travel expenses with an additional £25 (total £105) for those exhibiting in class 13.

Prizes: Rosettes – 1st – 4th place.

Prize Money – 1st - £50., 2nd - £40., 3rd - £30.

Prize Money – BEST SHOD HEAVY HORSE - £50 Sponsored by the Shire Horse Society

Prize Money – BEST NATURAL TAIL – kindly donated by Judge - Mr. Musto, Kings Head Hotel,

PRIZE MONEY WILL BE PAID OUT IN CASH ON SHOW DAY.

APPEARANCE MONEY WILL BE PAID OUT IN CASH DURING THE GRAND PARADE

SHIRE EXHIBITORS MUST BE IN THE CATALOGUE TO BE
ELIGIBLE FOR APPEARANCE MONEY***

ONLY HORSES ENTERED IN THE BREED SPECIFIC CLASS WILL BE
ALLOWED TO ENTER THE RELEVANT HOYS CLASS

*****THE GRAND PARADE IN THE SHIRE RING WILL BEGIN NO LATER THAN
4.00PM APPEARANCE MONEY WILL BE HANDED OUT DURING THE PARADE, WE
APPRECIATE IT IF YOU ARE ABLE TO STAY TO MAKE THIS THE SPECTACLE IT
DESERVES TO BE*****

USING ENTRYMASTER – THE LINK IS

<https://swshs.entrymaster.online/index.php?id=1>

**If you have not used the system before you will need to create login
details.**

If you have any questions please get in touch with our Secretary

RING 1 – SHIRE HORSES

Start time 10.00am

- Class 1 Neatest & Cleanest Working Harness
(open to any registered/nonregistered working horse)
- Class 2 Best Registered Ridden Heavy Horse – allowed to warm up in advance
– area to be advised on the day
- Class 3 Registered Shire Stallion 2-Year-Old & Over.
(Prize money generously sponsored by Mrs. Liz Cridland)
- Class 4 Registered Shire Barren Mare 4-year-Old & over.
PRYCE FRANCIS MEMORIAL AWARD – a sash for the best barren mare
(Kindly presented by his daughter, Mrs. Janet Harley of Brecon)
- Class 5 Registered Shire Gelding 4 years & over.
(Prize money generously sponsored by Mrs. Liz Cridland)
- Class 6 Registered Shire Brood Mare any age with OWN Foal at Foot.
- MERVYN SMITH PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY
- Class 7 Registered Shire Foal - Colt or Filly.
MISS MARGARET SWINLEY O.B.E. PERPETUAL TROPHY
- Class 8 Best Decorated Harness
(open to any registered/nonregistered working horse)
(Prize money generously sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. M Vines)
- Class 9 Registered Shire Veteran - Mare or Gelding 13-year-old and over
(Prize money and a SASH generously sponsored by *Miss M Swinley O.B.E.*)
- Class 10 Registered Shire Yearling Colt / Filly or Gelding
- THE BETTY PHILLIPS CHARITABLE TRUST PERPETUAL TROPHY
- Class 11 Registered Shire Two-Year-Old Filly or Gelding
(Prize money generously sponsored by Mrs. Phyllis Lloyd in memory of Mr
Raymond Lloyd)
- Class 12 Registered Shire Three-Year-Old Filly or Gelding

**Class 13. Agricultural / Show Turnout
(open to any registered/nonregistered working horse)**

**Class 14. Best Pure/Part Bred HEAVY Horse
(not eligible for previous shire classes)
PRESENTED WITH THE SYDNEY ROBERTSON TROPHY**

**Class 15. New Handler Class – New to Owning or Showing Heavy Horses in the last 5 Years
Over 18 years old. Also Best Turnout and Best Plated Rosette for this Class**

**Class 16. Young Handler 12-18 year old, handling any Heavy Horse. No Entry Fee
Perpetual Shield for winner on behalf of Dana and David Jones as a thank you for
their commitment to the Society over the years.
Also, Sash to winner generously sponsored by Mr. Alan Easu and Mr. Norman Simpkins in
Memory of Miss. Joan Bennett. £20 prize for each exhibitor.**

Class 17 Best Condition Heavy Horse

****** SENIOR SHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1ST/2ND Prize winners from classes 3 - 6
Champion: CUP, SASH, Rosette & £50. Reserve - Rosette & £25.**

****** JUNIOR SHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1ST/2ND Prize winners from classes 7 & 10-12
Champion: CUP, SASH, Rosette & £50. Reserve - Rosette & £25.**

**Class 18 SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR SUPPORTED BY THE SHIRE HORSE
SOCIETY QUALIFYING CLASS This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year
Championship 2026 supported by the Shire Horse Society to be held at the NEC, Birmingham
on 7th -11th October 2026.
There is a £20 HOYS Contribution Fee for this class in addition to the class entry
fee.**

******* SUPREME SHIRE HEAVY HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP – IN HAND *****
For Junior / Senior Champion & reserve
Champion – Sash, Rosette & £100. Reserve - Rosette & £60**

The Shire Grand Parade will be no later than 4pm

RING 2

Miniatures

Judge: Mr Simon Somers, Commentator Mrs. Wendy Burt,

Classes start at 10.00am

Entry Fee: Non-Members £15 Per class - SWSHS Members £10. Per Class
First Aid Levy fee £5 per exhibitor

Rosettes 1st to 6th **Prize Money – 1st - £25, 2nd - £15, 3rd - £10.**

Championship Prizes:

Championship – 1st - Sash, Rosette, Reserve – Rosette

Supreme Champion – Sash, Rosette & £50. Reserve – Rosette & £30

Class 20 Open Miniature Yearlings.

Class 21 Open Miniature 3 Year Old and under

Class 22 Open Miniature 4 Year Old and over

CHAMPIONSHIP for the 1st & 2nd prize winners in classes 20 - 22

Class 23 Open Miniature Shetland – not to exceed 34 inches (3 years old or under, fillys, geldings and colts)

Class 24 Open Miniature Shetland – not to exceed 34 inches (4 years old and over mares & gelding)

Class 25 Open Miniature Shetland – not to exceed 34 inches (4 years old and over stallion)

Shetland ponies will not be eligible to enter the other classes

CHAMPIONSHIP for the 1st & 2nd prize winners in classes 23-25

- Class 26** Open Miniature Show Hack (lightweight elegant refined mini)
Class 27 Open Miniature Show Hunter (Heavier build with quality)
Class 28 Open Miniature Show Cob (Cob type with quality & in Proportion)

CHAMPIONSHIP for the 1st & 2nd prize winners in classes 26 - 28

- Class 29** Coloured Miniature Horse or Pony - Pinto, overo, and spotted.
Judged 80% colour and condition 20% conformation.
- Class 30** Solid Coloured Miniature Horse or Pony.
Judged 80% colour and condition 20% conformation.
- Class 31** Veteran – Miniature Horse 10 years and over

CHAMPIONSHIP for 1st / 2nd prize winners for classes 29 to 31

SUPREME MINIATURE CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to champion and Reserve from the four miniature championship
Supreme Champion – Sash, £50 and Rosette - Reserve – £30 and Rosette

- Class 32** **Open** Best Miniature Horse and **Young Handler** (Age 16 and under)
No entry fee, £10 prize for each exhibitor.
- Class 33** Best **Local** Miniature Horse & Handler
(Owner to reside within 25 miles of Abergavenny)
No entry fee, £20 1st Prize

Class 34 **British Miniature Horse Society HOYS Qualifier – There is an £20 HOYS Contribution Fee for this class in addition to the normal class entry fee.**

Section A

Licensed Registered Stallions. 3 Year olds not to exceed 86cm; 4 Year olds and over not to exceed 87cm.

Section B

Registered Mares & Geldings. 3 Year olds not to exceed 86cm; 4 Year olds and over not to exceed 87cm.

Section C

Registered Youngstock 1 & 2 Year old Colts, Fillies and Geldings. Yearlings not to exceed 82cm; 2 Year olds not to exceed 84cm.

HOYS MINIATURE CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to champion and Reserve from the three sections from the HOYS Qualifier Class
Supreme Champion – Sash and Rosette - Reserve – Rosette

SOUTH WALES SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY NOVELTY DOG SHOW

Entries taken on Show Day by Steward at Dog Ringside entrance.

The Dog Show Classes start at 1pm

ENTRY FEE: £2.00 per entry or 6 for £10.00

Prizes: 1st - £3.00, 2nd - £2.00 3rd - £1.00

Prizes – Rosette's 1st – 4th place

JUDGE: Ms Jenny Broadbank

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| CLASS 1 | Prettiest Puppy Under 12 Months Old |
| CLASS 2 | Child Handler – aged 6 – 11 years |
| CLASS 3 | Child Handler – aged 12 – 16 years |
| CLASS 4 | Best Handler |
| CLASS 5 | Dog or Bitch in Best Condition |
| CLASS 6 | Most Lovable OAP dog over 7 years |
| CLASS 7 | Best Long Coated Dog |
| CLASS 8 | Best Short Coated Dog |
| CLASS 9 | Dog with the most appealing eyes |
| CLASS 10 | Best Crossbred |
| CLASS 11 | Best Pedigree |
| CLASS 12 | Best Brace |
| CLASS 13 | Best tidbit Catcher |
| CLASS 14 | Dog or Bitch with Waggiest Tail |
| CLASS 15 | Dog or Bitch the judge would most like to take home |
| CLASS 16 | Dog egg & spoon race |

**CHAMPION & RESERVE - Rosettes & Bag of Dog Biscuits
for the Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show**

*****Prize money generously donated by Mr. Brian Nicholls*****

The South Wales Shire Horse Society
is a charitable organization – promoting the SHIRE HORSE which is
now on the “at risk” list by the Rare Breed Survival Trust

*The price of SWSHS Annual membership continues to remain at
£20.00 for family 2 adults and 2 children, and £10.00 for individual membership*

BENEFITS - As a member (family members include two adults and two children) we offer
free admission to the show on production of your membership card and reduced entry fees in
the horse classes. You will be invited to attend social evenings and organised events.
You also have the right to vote at our annual AGM.

**In appreciation of your generous support Each member will be
entered in a MEMBERS draw
First draw of £50, £40, £30, £20 and £10 will be drawn at the AGM**

By being a member, you are playing an important part in securing the future of our annual show and
The Shire horse’s profile in South Wales. Don’t forget if you have access to the internet, the Society
has its own website, which can be found at www.swshs.org.uk so why not take a look.

DON’T SAY “NEIGH” renew your membership TODAY.

Annual Membership: Single Adult - £10.00, Family Membership - £20.00

NAME

ADDRESS:

POST CODE:

TEL No:

Email Address:

Family Members Names (where applicable)

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Do you own a Shire/Heavy Horse? Yes/No

Would you be willing to help out at Events Yes / No

SignedDated

Please make Cheques payable to the **SOUTH WALES SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY** or BACS payments can be
Made to South Wales Shire Horse Society, Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-91-16, Account Number 00361064
Or return this form to:

Events Co-Ordinator, Mrs. Tina Carrott, Four Winds, Collafield, Littledean, Gloucestershire. GL14 3LG

Or email to the.secretary@swshs.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Members details will be held on the SWSHS database and in hard copy format by the
Society for membership reasons but will not be given to any outside agencies or companies without
prior written consent.

NON LIVESTOCK COMPETITION

Judge; Mayor of Abergavenny

Prizes: Rosette's

Class 34 Best Trade Stand

Class 35 Best Craft Stand

Please remember DO NOT leave keys in vehicles.

The SWSHS is run solely by volunteers, for those that are able we would gladly appreciate your help at the end of the day to help close down the show.

Thanks in advance from the Committee

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY A PERSON OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE AND EXPERIENCED IN HANDLING SUCH LIVESTOCK

ALL mucking out of horseboxes / trailers on the showground / PARK GROUND Must be taken home or placed in the waste skip provided, black refuse sacks will be provided

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. LIABILITY: - neither the South Wales Shire Horse Society, nor its representatives will accept any liability or responsibility for any accident, injury or damage incurred in or near the vicinity of the showground by riders, grooms, spectators or any other person or animal howsoever caused. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at all times. It is a condition of entry that everyone who attends or competes at any of our events – **DO SO ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK.**
2. ALL horses **must have their passports** available if required
3. The ring stewards should have the right to dismiss a horse from the ring if not under control.
4. Please take **ALL** rubbish home with you or put in the bins provided
5. DOGS to be kept on a lead at all times, please clean up after your dog and place it in bins provided.
6. All competitors must be adequately covered by their own third-party insurance. **(IT IS A CONDITION OF ENTRY THAT EACH EXHIBITOR INDEMINIFIES THE SWSHS and/or ANY OFFICIAL OR GUEST OF THE SWSHS AGAINST ANY CLAIM ARISING FROM ANY ACCIDENT / OCCURRENCE IN WHICH THE EXHIBITOR OR HIS EXHIBIT ARE INVOLVED)**
7. Stallions/colts should be adequately bitted, under control and not exhibited by anyone under the age of 16.
8. All livestock must be supervised at all times by a person over 16 years of age and experienced in the handling of such livestock
9. **ALL mucking out of horseboxes / trailers on the showground / PARK GROUND Must be taken home or placed in the waste skip provided.**
- 10 Horses / ponies tied to the outside of lorries trailers **MUST NOT BE** left unattended.
- 10 Hard hats & suitable footwear to current standards to be worn at all times when mounted & must be fastened.
11. All Exhibitors to be in the Show field with their exhibits by 09.30am. No exhibits to be removed from the Show field before 3.00pm without written permission being first obtained from the Show Secretary
12. Exhibitors wishing to lodge a protest must do so in writing, within 30 minutes of the incident occurring, to the secretary accompanied by a deposit of £10 refundable if complaint is upheld.
13. Animals in Grade Register A can compete in Shire Horse Classes at affiliated shows but only those animals registered in the studbook or Grade Register B can compete for the Shire Horse Silver Spoons.
14. Classes are open to **ALL** miniature Horse/Ponies not exceeding 38" registered with any society or unregistered but to qualify for IMHPS, MHOYS and BMHS Grand Championship Show horses **MUST BE REGISTERED** with the relevant Societies.
15. The Society will adhere as closely as possible to the publicized schedule but reserve the right to put forward or alter any class without notice if found expedient to do so and the right to refuse any entry and to cancel any class if less than three entries or otherwise without necessarily giving a reason.
16. Horse walks to & from the ring must be kept free at all times
17. **ALL cups/trophies must be returned to the secretary on or before 29 June 2026**
– or if you want to return **the trophy on show day – PLEASE inform the SECRETARY on your ENTRY FORM.**
18. Please Note: only the designated Horse handler is allowed in the ring during judging and must not speak to the judge or ring steward without just cause.
19. This is a qualifying show, and exhibitors must be correctly dressed when they enter the ring. N.B. Gentlemen are expected to wear a tie with a jacket or waistcoat.
20. **Horses are recommended to be fully up to date with their flu vaccinations. Equine Flu Information can be found on the National Shire Horse Society website – www.shire.horse.org.uk**
- 21 ALL prize money & refunds will be made by CASH on show day.
22. THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL

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, dependent on breed/type of animal. Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies.

CLASSES TO START AT 10AM PROMPT

OFFER OF SILVER-PLATED SPOONS AND ROSETTES FOR MARES, FILLIES AND STALLIONS

1. A Spoon and Rosette to the Best Mare or Filly
2. A Spoon and Rosette for the Best Stallion
3. The winner of the Special Prize must be a member of the Shire Horse Society
4. Entries cannot be accepted at Affiliated Shows in Classes for Shires or Heavy Horses from any person who has been either suspended or removed from membership of the Shire Horse Society or has been excluded from exhibiting for prizes at Shows, Sales or Exhibitions or from taking part in any Show organized by the Shire Horse Society
5. No animal to be eligible to take more than one Silver Spoon during any one year. National Shire Horse Show being excluded.
6. THE WINNING ANIMAL MUST BE REGISTERED OR ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION IN THE STUD BOOK OR GRADE B REGISTER.
7. The Judge invited to officiate must be on the Shire Horse Society's Official Panel and has the right to withhold the Award for the Silver Spoon and Rosette if any exhibit does not show sufficient merit.
8. THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL
9. All Annual Cups to be returned please to the secretary on or by 28th June 2026 or on show day

EQUIFEST BRHHS EVERSLEY RIDDEN HEAVY HORSES SHOW at the Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on 5-8th August 2026 CLASS 28 - BRHHS Ridden Heavy Horses

Open to horses 4 years and over that are registered in the main British stud books of the Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk or Percheron Society at the time of qualification and must be entered in the name and ownership they are registered in. Qualification to be awarded no lower than third place if the winning horse has already qualified.

Ride/manners and Conformation/type assessment - marks to be awarded out of a possible 50. Rules and Regulations can be found on the website

www.britishriddenheavyhorsesociety.co.uk

Class 18 – Shire Horse of the Year Qualifying Class

This class is open to purebred Shire Horse stallions, mares and geldings, 2 years old and over that are registered in, and complying with the showing requirements of the Shire Horse Society.

All Owners, Handlers and Exhibitors must be Members of the Shire Horse Society.

This class will be run in accordance with the Shire Horse Society guidelines, which for the avoidance of doubt will be considered rules for the Horse of the Year Show and its qualifiers, however the general rules as set out within this Rule book will take precedence.

Additional Rule:

- i. Qualification will not pass below 5th place.**
- ii. Horses must be entered in the name and ownership in which they are registered.**
- iii. Horses should be turned out in a traditional manner, with flights.**
- iv. Horse's docks must be covered with a fan of hair in accordance with the Shire Horse Society rules.**
- v. The turning up of coats is not permitted, in accordance with the Shire Horse Society rulebook.**
- vi. At the final and qualifiers, horses may have foot inspections carried out by a Shire Horse Society farrier and vet. Horses must be correctly shod in accordance with the shoeing standards, as detailed in The Shire Horse Society rulebook. Horses may be shown unshod.**
- vii. Horses that are part bred or from the Grade A, B or C Registers of the Shire Horse Society are not eligible to compete. Geldings must be registered in the Shire Horse Society Non-Breeding Register and must be pure bred e.g not out of Grade B mares, and parentage verified.**

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges must be selected from the Shire Horse Society panel.**

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show Office

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. No prize money will be allocated to this class. 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.

The Shire Grand Parade will be no later than 4pm

MINIATURE HORSE OF THE YEAR

All exhibits must be registered with the British Miniature Horse Society (BMHS). Exhibitors, owners, and handlers must be current members of the BMHS and have paid the appropriate BMHS 2026 Showing Levy. All horses must be measured in the current year prior to competing in the qualifier. All competitors are advised to visit www.bmhs.co.uk for a list of measuring venues.

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, dependent on breed/type of animal. Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies.

This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

- Section A Licensed Registered Stallions. 3 Year olds not to exceed 86cm; 4 Year olds and over not to exceed 87cm.
- Section B Registered Mares & Geldings. 3 Year olds not to exceed 86cm; 4 Year olds and over not to exceed 87cm.
- Section C Registered Youngstock 1 & 2 Year old Colts, Fillies and Geldings. Yearlings not to exceed 82cm; 2 Year olds not to exceed 84cm.

These classes 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.

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.

The qualifying horse will be the highest placed, previously unqualified, exhibit within the Championship of the registered mare/gelding, stallion and youngstock sections. The Championship is only open to the first and second prize winners in the registered mare/gelding, stallion and youngstock sections respectively, and all horses forward in the Championship must be placed as any one of the six could be eligible for HOYS qualification.

This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2026. Qualification will not pass below 6th place. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

The Champion horse qualifies for the Champion of Champions class at the BMHS Breed show on 5th September 2026. Details of this show will be on www.bmhs.co.uk