



STAFFORDSHIRE & BIRMINGHAM  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

# COUNTY COMPETITIONS SCHEDULE 2025

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BEANS & CROPS  
MAIZE  
SILAGE  
YOUNG ACHIEVER IN A FARMING ENTERPRISE  
NOVICE PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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This booklet contains the schedules for all the Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society's County Competitions for 2025; which are as follows:

Competition	Entry Closing Date	Judging Commences
Sheep Flock	1 <sup>st</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May
Grassland	9 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> April
Herbal Leys	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Rape	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> June
Winter Wheat	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> June
Beans (Crops Section)	13 <sup>th</sup> June	30 <sup>th</sup> June
Farm	6 <sup>th</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Garden	1 <sup>st</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June
Beef	20 <sup>th</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> July
Dairy Herds	27 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> July
Dairy Youngstock	27 <sup>th</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> July
Crops	1 <sup>st</sup> August	11 <sup>th</sup> August
Maize	8 <sup>th</sup> August	18 <sup>th</sup> August
Young Achiever	1 <sup>st</sup> September	September 2025
Silage ( <i>Via District</i> )	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2026

### General Notes

All competitors must be members of the Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society.

The entry closing dates will be strictly adhered to; no late entries will be accepted from either individuals or Districts. Any class, with the exception of the Farms Competition, with less than three entries will be cancelled.

Please refer to the relevant schedule/s for the competition/s you wish to enter, complete the entry form enclosed with this booklet and return it to The Chief Executive, Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society, County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD.

The Stafford District Points Cup – Will be awarded to the District accumulating the most points from the competitions. Please indicate on the entry form which district you would like any points you gain to be awarded to.

Presentation of all awards will take place at the Society's Annual Dinner at the County Showground on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

There is no entry fee for any of the Competitions.

It would be appreciated if disinfectant could be available for the use of the Judge when he arrives at the farm.

# BREEDING SHEEP FLOCK COMPETITION

JUDGE: Mr R Hall, Needwood, Burton on Trent

ENTRIES CLOSE: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

JUDGING BETWEEN: 10<sup>th</sup> May & 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025

CLASS 1 Pedigree Flock

CLASS 2/3 Commercial Flock

Entries will be taken for the class and will then be split by flock size or Lambing date into two equal classes, at the Judge's discretion.

CLASS 4 Best Group of Stock Rams

The Competition is for Lambing Flocks and is designed to encourage good sheep husbandry. Accordingly, it will be suggested to the Judge that he should take the following into account.

1. The management, marketing and general husbandry of the flock.
2. The conformation of the flock.
3. The lambing percentages and flock production. (Note: the lambing percentages should be based on the number of ewes put to the ram.)

The Judge will consider all records of lambs which have been sold prior to the date of judging, accordingly, it will be helpful if any flock records can be available for scrutiny.

For the Best group of commercial rams the judge to look for: Good health, good conformation and breed selection being market focused.

## PRIZES

In each class First - £50 Second - £30 Third - £20

(A Fourth Prize of £10 will be awarded if there are 6 or more entries)

## AWARDS

The Geoffrey Thompstone Trophy - (To be held for one year) will be awarded for the best flock in the Competition.

The John Parry Salver - (To be held for one year) will be awarded for the best group of Commercial Rams.

## GRASSLAND COMPETITION

JUDGE: Mr S Brandon, Fradswell, Stafford

ENTRIES CLOSE: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025

JUDGING COMMENCES: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

CLASS 5 Short Term Cutting Ley for the best and cleanest crop sown as a short-term Ley in 2023 or 2024.

CLASS 6 Long Term Cutting Ley for the best and cleanest crop sown as a long-term Ley in 2023 or before

CLASS 7 Grazing Ley

*Estimated cutting date to be included on the entry form.*

### PRIZES

In each Class First - £50, Second - £30 Third - £20.

(A Fourth Prize of £10 to be awarded in any Class with 6 or more entries)

### AWARDS

The Ed Weetman Trophy (to be held for one year) will be awarded to the best entry in the competition.

## HERBAL LEY COMPETITION

JUDGE: To be confirmed

ENTRIES CLOSE: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

JUDGING COMMENCES: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

CLASS 8 For the best field of Herbal Ley

### PRIZES

In each Class First - £50 Second - £30 Third - £20.

(A Fourth Prize of £10 to be awarded in any Class with 6 or more entries)

## RAPE COMPETITION

JUDGE: To be confirmed

ENTRIES CLOSE: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

JUDGING COMMENCES: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

CLASS 9 For the best and cleanest field of Rape

The class for Rape will be divided into Spring & Winter sections if there are sufficient entries.

### PRIZES

In each Class First - £50 Second - £30 Third - £20.

(A Fourth Prize of £10 to be awarded in any Class with 6 or more entries)

### AWARDS

The J B Sands Perpetual Trophy: (To be held for one year) will be awarded for the best entry in the competition.

# WINTER WHEAT COMPETITION

JUDGE: Mr M Lane, Walsall Wood, Walsall

ENTRIES CLOSE: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025      JUDGING COMMENCES: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

CLASS 10      For the best and cleanest field of Winter Wheat

The class for Winter Wheat may be split into feed and milling if there are sufficient entries.

## PRIZES

In each Class    First - £50    Second - £30    Third - £20.

(A Fourth Prize of £10 to be awarded in any Class with 6 or more entries)

# FARMS COMPETITION

Kindly Sponsored by The Packwood Family

JUDGES: Mr R Tavernor & Mr T Williams

ENTRIES CLOSE: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025      JUDGING COMMENCES: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

The judge will consider production and profitability, general tidiness, technical efficiency and conservation.

CLASS 11/12 Entries will be taken for the class and will then be split by acreage into two equal classes and therefore total farm acreage must be entered on entry form.

CLASS 13    For the First Prize winners in Classes 11 and 12 (or their equivalent) in 2022, 2023 and 2024

## NOTE

Only those farms with the homestead within the County boundary or within 10 miles of it are eligible to enter. All land within the Staffordshire County Boundary and to a distance of 10 miles outside the County Boundary must be declared to the Judge; however, only land around the home farm will be judged unless the judge decides otherwise.

The judge will only take into consideration direct agricultural operations on the farm and any non-agricultural operations will be disregarded. The Judges will choose the Overall Championship winner in the Competition from the three classes.

## PRIZES

In each Class: First Prize - £80    Second Prize - £50    Third Prize - £30

## AWARDS

The Philip Solari Esquire Challenge Cup; (to be held for one year) will be awarded for the best farm in the Competition together with an additional prize of £50

The David Parton Perpetual Trophy; (to be held for one year) will be awarded to the winner of Class 11

The JS Madders & Sons Salver; (to be held for one year) will be awarded to the Winner of Class 12

The Express and Star Challenge Cup; (to be held for one year) will be awarded to the winner of Class 13.

# GARDEN COMPETITION

Note: The Garden Competition is open for anyone to enter. However, Districts who hold Garden Competitions are encouraged to enter the first prize winner from each class within their Competition, if they hold multiple classes or the first and second prize winners if they hold a single class.

Judge: Mrs R Key, Mill Meece, Eccleshall

Entries Close: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Judging Commences: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Class 14/15

Entries will be taken for the Competition and will then be split by garden size, into two equal classes, at the Judge's discretion.

Prizes

In each Class: First - £50 Second - £30 Third - £20

(A Fourth Prize of £10 to be awarded in any Class with 6 or more entries)

## AWARDS

The MT & DM Shelley Trophy; (to be held for one year) will be awarded to the best garden in the competition.

# BEEF COMPETITION

JUDGE: Mr D Ingham, High Offley, Stafford

ENTRIES CLOSE: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

JUDGING COMMENCES: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

This competition is designed to encourage good cattle husbandry; therefore, it will be suggested to the Judge that he take into account the management, marketing, general husbandry and conformation of the herd. All cattle in the respective classes must be shown. Cattle in different Classes must be shown in separate fields or pens. If not all cattle are at the Farm address, advise of additional location(s) on entry.

THE CHAMPION PRIZE WINNER IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THEIR SUCCESS.

CLASS 16 Intensive Feeding Cattle

CLASS 17 Grazed Feeding Cattle

CLASS 18 Pedigree Suckler Cattle

CLASS 19 Commercial Suckler Cattle

CLASS 20 Dairy Bred Beef Cattle out of a Dairy Cow

PRIZES

In each Class: First - £50 Second - £30 Third - £20.

(A fourth prize of £10 will be awarded in any class with 6 or more entries.)

Note:

## AWARDS

The George Myatt Perpetual Trophy: (To be held for one year.) will be awarded to the best herd in the Competition.

The Joe Ede Trophy: (To be held for one year.) will be awarded to the best Pedigree herd in the Competition.

## DAIRY HERDS COMPETITION

JUDGE: Mr P Cotton, Whiston, Stoke on Trent

ENTRIES CLOSE: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

JUDGING COMMENCES: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

CLASS 21/22 For the Best Herd of Dairy Cattle

Open to any breed, pedigree or non-pedigree herds. (Entries will be taken for the overall competition and will then be split by herd numbers to give two classes of equal number.)

Judging will be based on a visual inspection of the herd. All the necessary records should be available at the time of judging including dairy slips and dairy herd costing information. THE CHAMPION PRIZE WINNER IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THEIR SUCCESS.

CLASS 23 For the best progeny

Open to any breed, pedigree or non-pedigree. A group of cattle, by one named sire, from within the Dairy Herd. The exhibitor must enter whichever is the greater, 5% of the Herd or 3 animals. Only one group may be entered per herd.

### PRIZES

In each Class: First - £50 Second - £30 Third - £20

(A Fourth Prize of £10 to be awarded in any Class with 6 or more entries)

### AWARDS

The F T Brough Trophy: (To be held for one year) will be awarded for the Best Herd in the Competition.

The S Monckton Perpetual Challenge Cup: (To be held for one year) will be awarded for the Best Progeny.

## DAIRY YOUNGSTOCK COMPETITION

Note: The Dairy Youngstock Competition is open for anyone to enter. However, Districts who hold Dairy Youngstock Competitions are to nominate their first prize winner following their District Competition.

JUDGE: Mr J Wilson, Marchington, Uttoxeter

ENTRIES CLOSE: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

JUDGING COMMENCES: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

CLASS 24 For the Best Group of Dairy Youngstock.

All In calf Dairy Youngstock will be judged.

### PRIZES

In each Class: First - £50 Second - £30 Third - £20

(A fourth prize of £10 will be awarded in any class with 6 or more entries)

### AWARDS

The WH David Hobson Challenge Trophy: (To be held for one year) will be awarded for the best Group of Dairy Youngstock in the Competition.

# BEANS & CROPS COMPETITION

JUDGE: Mr H Robinson, Hodnet, Market Drayton

## BEANS

ENTRIES CLOSE: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025. JUDGING COMMENCES: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

CLASS 25 BEANS - For the best and cleanest crop of Beans not less than 2 acres.

The Beans class will be split into spring & winter beans if there are sufficient entries.

## CROPS

ENTRIES CLOSE: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025

JUDGING COMMENCES: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

CLASS 26 GRASS SEEDS - For the best and cleanest crop, sown in 2025

CLASS 27 POTATOES - For the best and cleanest crop of red or white potatoes of not less than 2 acres.

CLASS 28 FODDER CROP - For the best and cleanest crop of not less than 2 acres.  
(Note; Any crop with more than 4 entries will be split into its own class.)

## PRIZES

In each Class: First - £50 Second - £30 Third - £20.

(A fourth prize of £10 will be awarded in any class with 6 or more entries)

## AWARDS

The GV Prestwood Championship Challenge Cup: (To be held for one year) will be awarded for the best entry in the Competition.

# MAIZE COMPETITION

JUDGE: Mr R Calcott, Wigginton, Tamworth

ENTRIES CLOSE: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025 JUDGING COMMENCES: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025

CLASS 29/30 MAIZE - For the best and cleanest crop of not less than 5 acres.

(Note: The entries will be split by acreage of field, into two equal classes if there are more than 10 entries.)

## PRIZES

In each Class: First - £50 Second - £30 Third - £20.

(A fourth prize of £10 will be awarded in any class with 6 or more entries)

## AWARDS

The Matthew Harrison Memorial Cup: (To be held for one year) will be awarded for the best entry in the Competition.



# SILAGE COMPETITION

Note: Entries for the County Competition are by nomination following the District Competition and are restricted to the first prize winner of each District. Any member wishing to enter the District Competition should contact their District Secretary.

## JUDGES:

Maize: Mr R Calcott, Wigginton, Tamworth

Grass, Bagged & Wrapped and Haylage: Mr S Brandon, Fradswell, Stafford

ENTRIES CLOSE: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 JUDGING COMMENCES: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

CLASS 31 For the best clamp of grass silage.

CLASS 32 For the best clamp of maize silage.

CLASS 33 For the best sample of bagged or wrapped silage.

CLASS 34 – For the best Sample of Haylage

The judge will assess the silage on inspection; however, an analysis should be available for his reference.

## PRIZES

In each Class; First: £50 Second: £30 Third: £20

(A fourth prize of £10 will be awarded in any class with 6 or more entries.)

## AWARDS

The Staffordshire Farmers Ltd. Silver Salver: (To be held for one year) will be awarded to the winner of Class 31.

The D. A. Stubbs Perpetual Challenge Trophy: (To be held for one year) will be awarded to the winner of Class 32

# YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR COMPETITION

Kindly Sponsored by Rea Valley Tractors

Judges: Dr P Parrott & Mr R Tavernor

ENTRIES CLOSE: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 JUDGING COMMENCES: September 2025

For 2025 the competition will be for the "Award for a Young Achiever in a Farming Enterprise". Open to those aged of 35yrs or under living in the County of Staffordshire or within 10 miles of the County boundary.

Nominations can be self-nomination or on behalf of others

Award for a Young Achiever in a Farming Enterprise - awarded for outstanding skills, dedication, and achievement in agriculture.

- Enter via simple online form, <https://form.jotform.com/222903399099064>
- Judges will visit the Finalists at their farms.
- Finalists & partners will be invited as guests of the Society to the County Dinner, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, where the awards & prizes will be presented.
- Entries from previous finalists and entries will be accepted but not previous winners.

## PRIZES

First: £2000 Second: £1250 Third: £750

## AWARDS

The Robert Bourne Perpetual Trophy: (to be held for one year) will be awarded to the winner along with a cut glass Trophy.

# COUNTY NOVICE PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUDGE: Mr R Tavernor, Market Drayton, Shropshire

Open to any competitor at a District Ploughing Match who has never won a first prize in any ploughing class at any ploughing match.

Any Competitor wishing to be judged for the Novice Championship must indicate on the entry form for the district ploughing match that he or she is eligible.

## RULES:

1. Entry to the County Novice Championship will be via the relevant District Ploughing Match entry form and will be limited to reversible classes.
2. A novice is defined as someone who has never won a Class, including a Young Farmers Class or Novice Championship, at any ploughing match. However, winning a class in a Ploughing Match held after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 would not debar the competitor from entering the County Novice Championship.
3. Each District will identify the novices at their Ploughing Match that have entered the County Novice Championship: The County Judge will then award points to each of the competitors based on their finished work.
4. On completion of all the District Ploughing Matches the County Judge will rank all competitors based on the number of points he has awarded at the individual District Matches, prizes will be awarded to competitors ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
5. A competitor may enter the County Novice Championship as many times as he or she wishes by entering more than one District Ploughing Match.
6. Competitors must live within the County of Staffordshire or within 10 miles of the County Boundary

## PRIZES:

First Prize £100, Second Prize £50, Third Prize £25

## AWARDS

The Burton District Perpetual Trophy: (To be held for one year) will be awarded to the First Prize winner in Competition.

Further information can be obtained from District Secretaries or by contacting the County Office on 01785 258060.

# STAFFORDSHIRE & BIRMINGHAM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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## **Incorporating the Royal Smithfield Duke of Norfolk Competition**

### **CEREALS COMPETITION**

Prizes:      1<sup>st</sup> £15      2<sup>nd</sup> £10      3<sup>rd</sup> £5

Class C1      Winter Barley  
Class C2      Spring Barley  
Class C3      Milling Wheat  
Class C4      Feed Wheat  
Class C5      Oats

### **HAY/HAYLAGE COMPETITION**

Prizes:      1<sup>st</sup> £15      2<sup>nd</sup> £10      3<sup>rd</sup> £5

Exhibitor of the Champion sample of hay will receive the Kyle James Memorial Trophy, presented by the friends of the late Mr Kyle James.

Class H1      Seeds Hay  
Class H2      Meadow Hay  
Class H3      Haylage

Entry Fees - £2 per entry, payable on delivery of sample

Entries are to be delivered to the Show and be in place for Judging by 10.30am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Prize money is to be collected at the Show. Any prize money not collected at the Show will be forfeit.

For further details or to request a schedule, please contact the Showground office,  
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## WHITEGROVE TROPHY COMPETITION 2025

Annual Farm Conservation Competition  
Kindly sponsored by  
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This competition is an opportunity to demonstrate how conservation has been integrated successfully into the farm business. Conservation will be taken to include fauna and flora, but consideration is also given to landscape and historical interests.

Entries are invited from all farmers and farm managers in Staffordshire, whether tenant or owners.

Small and Large, arable, livestock or forestry, all are given equal chance and are judged in their own context.

The winning entry will be presented with the Whitegrove Trophy and a prize of £200.

The closing date for competition entries is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

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