



# Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society UTTOXETER DISTRICT

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# Schedule for Ploughing & Hedgelaying Match INCLUDING AN OPEN HORSE PLOUGHING COMPETITION

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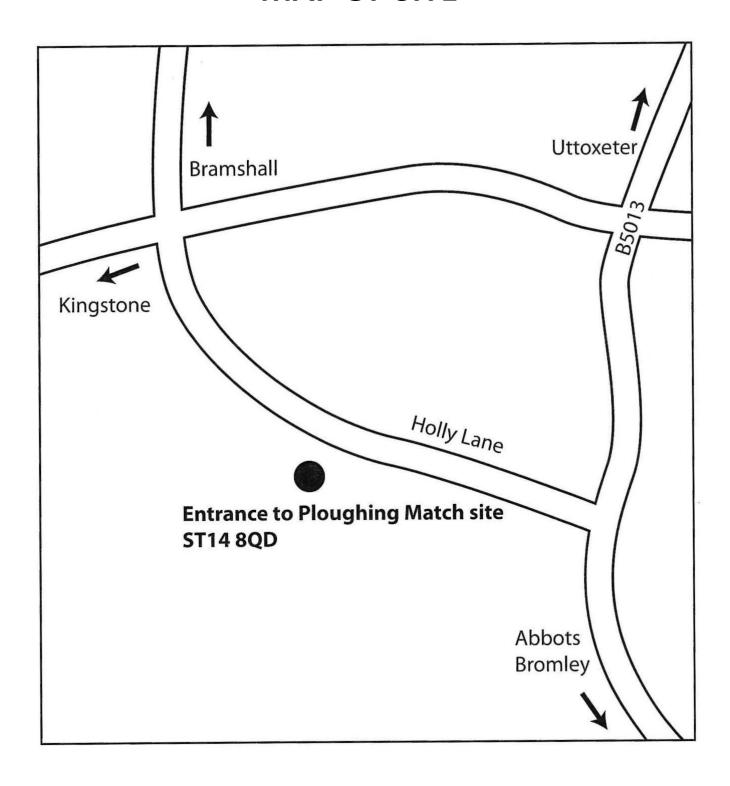
# **SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

At 9.00am prompt

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2025** 

PLOUGHING ENTRY FEE: £20.00 HEDGELAYING ENTRY FEE: £10.00 FLAIL HEDGECUTTING FEE: £10.00

# **MAP OF SITE**



# **OPEN FLAIL HEDGE CUTTING**

Commencing at 1.15pm Entry Fee £10

A Competition to cut the existing hedge in the best manner to its original style.

The competition will last for 1 hour.

All tractors and equipment must be a minimum legal standard.

Length of hedge to cut and buffer width will be confirmed on the day (minimum 30m). One side only and top will be judged on the day.

Competitors will need to have a minimum of third-party insurance and public liability and will provide proof if requested.

Plots will be drawn on the day of the competition at 1.00pm.

£10 to be given to competitors on the completion of their section of hedge.

First Prize £40, Second Prize £30, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £20

# Entries must be received by the closing date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 No Entries will be accepted after this date.

# Schedule of Prizes TRACTOR PLOUGHING

Affiliated to the National Society of Ploughmen Ltd.

Commencing at 9.00am prompt

Secretary: Mr D Rushton

The Olde Thatch, Stowe Lane, Stone-by Chartley, Stafford, ST18 ONA

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP given by the Uttoxeter Junior National Farmers' Union for Annual Competition, to the Champion Ploughman of the Day out of the Reversible or Conventional Classes. To be held for 1 year.

**T.V. SALE CHALLENGE CUP** The Best Ploughing by any competitor under 21 years of age. Confined to the Uttoxeter District of the Society. To be held for 1 year.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP given by the Uttoxeter Training Group for the Best Novice Ploughing. Present by the Chairman, Uttoxeter Training Group. To be held for 1 year.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded for the Best ploughing by a competitor in any Vintage Classes 6, 7, 8 & 9 for Annual Competition. To be held for 1 year.

**KVERNELAND TANKARD** to be awarded for the Overall Vintage Best Kept Turn-Out Tractor and Plough in Class 6, 7, 8, & 9. To be held for 1 year.

**SILVER CHALLENGE CUP** given by GE Salt for the best ploughing in the Ferguson T20 Class.

A SHIELD given by Kestral Plant Hire for the best vintage ploughing by a U21.

## TRACTOR PLOUGHING CONDITIONS

**ENTRY FEE: £20.00** 

- 1. Entries to be made in writing to the Ploughing Secretary, Mr D Rushton, The Olde Thatch, Stowe Lane, Stowe-by Chartley, Stafford, ST18 0NA by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Telephone entries are to be confirmed by a signed entry form for each competitor.
- 2. Any competitor having entered who is unable to attend, must telephone the Ploughing Secretary by 8.00am on the morning of the match at the latest.
- 3. All classes are open to any competitor but only one Class may be entered.
- 4. If any discrepancy arises with regard to the specification of the tractor or plough the Steward's decision will be final with regard to the Class in which a competitor may compete.
- 5. The area to be ploughed to be fixed by the Stewards.
- 6. **Handwork is NOT allowed. Rolling of the opening split is NOT allowed.** Any contravention will be brought to the attention of the judge.
- 7. A Dead Furrow may be used if required.
- 8. Final Judging will commence at 1.00pm for classes 1, 2 & 3, and at 2.00pm for all other classes. Any competitor not completing their ploughing by this time will lose points.

#### REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING CLASSES

- 1. Competitors must plough a single opening split (turned towards the lower numbered plot). The opening split must be completed by 9.20am, when it will be judged. Competitors must wait until the Judge or Steward gives permission to continue ploughing.
- 2. 2 and 4 furrow ploughs should plough 8 furrows,
  - 3 furrow ploughs should plough 9 furrows,
  - 5 furrow ploughs should plough 10 furrows,
  - On the lower number, before proceeding to the higher number and ploughing back to the first furrow.
- 3. ALL THE GROUND MUST BE PLOUGHED.
- 4. Competitors with a vacant plot adjacent should set their poles where they would join their neighbour whilst the opening Splits are being judged.
- 5. Depth of ploughing to be a minimum of 8" (200mm) achieved by the completion of the "start" and maintained until the final 2 runs.
- 6. Maximum depth 9".

### **CONVENTIONAL AND VINTAGE PLOUGHING CLASSES**

- 1. Competitors must plough a double opening split.
- 2. The opening split must be completed by 9.20am, when it will be judged.
- 3. Competitors must wait until the Judge or Steward gives permission to continue ploughing.
- 4. After completing the "start" 11 or 12 furrows, competitors should proceed to the higher numbered plot and plough the ground to their own start. Competitors with a vacant plot adjacent should set their poles where they would join their neighbour whilst the opening splits are being judged.
- 5. Depth of ploughing for Conventional plough vintage classes to be a minimum of 6" (150mm). This depth must be achieved by the completion of the "start" and maintained until the "finish", (the finish" is the last 8 furrows).

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# **PLOUGHING CLASSES**

Please note the Fourth prize of £5 in each of the classes 1-10 will only be awarded if 6 or more competitors plough that individual class on the day.

	For the Best Reversible World Style Ploughing (European System Reversible Plough)	£30.00
	For the Second Best ditto	£20.00
	For the Third Best ditto	£10.00
	For the Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto	£10.00
	For the Second Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto	£8.00
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2.	For the Best Ploughing with a TWO or THREE furrow, Reversible Plough (Traditional States of the Best Plough)	ystem)
		£30.00
	For the Second Best ditto	£20.00
	For the Third Best ditto	
	For the Best ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto	£10.00
	For the Second Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto	£8.00
3.	For the Best Ploughing by a Four or more furrow, Reversible Plough (Traditional Syste	m)£30.00
	For the Second Best ditto	£20.00
	For the Third Best ditto	£10.00
	For the Best ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto	£10.00
	For the Second Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto	
	For the Best Kept Turn-Out Tractor and Plough in any of the above classes (Age of turn-	
	taken into consideration)	
	For the Second Best ditto	
	Special Prize for any members of a Young Farmers Club, ploughing in any of the classes	
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# TRACTOR PLOUGHING ENTRY FORM

Please return entry forms to the Secretaries only - Entries definitely close on FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

Tick Class

No of Furrows

CLASS	Entered	on Plough*
Class 1 Reversible World Style		
<b>Class 2</b> - 2, 3 Furrow		
Class 3 -4 or more Furrow		
Class 4 - Classic		
Class 5 - Classic Reversible Plough		
Class 6 - Vintage — Trailing		
Class 7 - Vintage - Mounted		
Class 8 - Novice		
Class 9 - Ferguson		
Class 10 - Horticultural Tractor Class		
ENTRY FEE: £20.00 BACS details: Sort Code I enclose a cheque made payable to SBAS Uttoo £ In payment of fees detailed above. I confirm I have Third Party Insurance and will provide pro Regulations of Ploughmen's Safety Policy and I undertake Signed:  Name:  Postal Address:	keter District of if requested to observe and Date:	to the value of  I have read the Rules and the bound by them.
Tel No: Email:		
Make of Tractor & Plough:		
Please state age if under 21 years:		
PLEASE NOTE Entries will not be accepted u	unless this fo	orm is signed, dated

and with a cheque attached or BACS payment received.

Please return to the Ploughing Secretary Mr D Rushton, The Olde Thatch, Stowe Lane, Stowe-by-Chartley, Stafford, ST18 ONA

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# **HEDGELAYING ENTRY FORM**

Please return entry forms to the Secretaries only

Entries definitely close on FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

CLASS	Please Tick the Class Entered		
Please check schedule for correct class entry and ensure you have read the			
hedgelaying conditions regarding the use of CHAINSAWS. Anyone not complying			
with He	ealth & Safety Regulations will be u	nable to compete	
CLASS 1			
CHAMPIONS			
CLASS 2			
INTERMEDIATES			
INTERIVIEDIATES		T	
CLASS 3	24 Years & Under – FREE	Over 24 Years	
NOVICES			
EL A II		LEFT-HANDED	
FLAIL		RIGHT-HANDED □	
HEDGECUTTING		(PLEASE TICK)	
ENTRY FEE: £10.0	00		
BACS details: Sort	Code: 54-10-27 A/C No. 132677	52	
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· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	nt of fees detailed above.	6.6	
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Signed:		Date:	
Name:			
Postal Address: .			
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Tel No:	Email:		
Please state age	if under 24 years:		

**PLEASE NOTE** Entries will not be accepted unless this form is signed, dated and with cheque attached or BACS payment received.

# The Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society SUPER 6

# World Style Reversible Ploughing Competition

Kindly sponsored by Euro Demolition and Dismantling



- Accumulative points from any of the 6 Staffordshire District Matches will determine the placed competitors
- No Entry Fee
- Automatic entry on your first district match

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Burton District enquiries@woodlandviews.co.uk
Uttoxeter District dave@davidrushtonmachinery.com
Lichfield District juliafoster1001@gmail.com
Stafford District gpcmalpass@gmail.com
Stone District cotterpin16@yahoo.co.uk
Eccleshall District petemalpass@yahoo.co.uk

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £125 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £75 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £50

Prizes will be awarded at the County Dinner on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025, Ingestre Suite, Staffordshire Showground, ST18 0BD



Photo Credit – Paul Gregory

7.	. <b>Vintage Mounted</b> for any Vintage Tractor and Mounted Plough, in production before 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1959. <i>NB – Area qualifier class for the 2026 Championship.</i>	
	For the Best Ploughing with a Vintage Tractor & Mounted Plough£30.00	
	For the Second Best ditto£20.00	
	For the Third Best ditto£10.00	
8.	Novice Vintage Tractor Ploughing open to competitors who have not won a first prize in any	
	Vintage Class at a Uttoxeter District Match.	
	For the Best Ploughing by a Novice Plougher£30.00	
	For the Second Best ditto£20.00	
	For the Third Best ditto£10.00	
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9.	FERGUSON Class for TE20 Tractor and Ferguson Plough.	
	For the Best Ploughing by a Ferguson Tractor & Plough£30.00	
	For the Second Best ditto£20.00	
	For the Third Best ditto£10.00	
	Best turnout in class	
10	. Horticultural Tractor Class	
	For the Best Ploughing£30.00	
	For the Second Best ditto£20.00	
	For the Third Best ditto£10.00	
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	For the Best Kept Turn Out£10.00	
	For the Second Best ditto£5.00	
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Any Novice competing in Classes 4, 6, 7, 9 & 10 will not be eligible for points towards the County Novice Ploughing Championship.

#### **COUNTY NOVICE PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025**

Judge: County Vice Chairman, Mr Roly Tavernor PRIZES: 1st £100, 2nd £50, 3rd £25

Open to any eligible 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.

- 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 best three novices at their Ploughing Match that have entered the County Novice Championship: the County Judge will then award points to each of the three competitors based on their finished work.
- 4. On completion of all the 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

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

# **JUDGES' METHOD OF SCORING**

#### CONVENTIONAL AND VINTAGE PLOUGHING

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OPENING	20
Well out, unform and straight	20
START (11 or 12 furrows) (Only in Class	20
1) Uniform, level and straightness	20
SEED BED	20
Weed control and soil available	20
FIRMNESS	20
Uniform, level and straightness	20
UNIFORMITY	
Clearly defined uniform furrows,	20
straightness and no paring of furrows	
FINISH	20
Uniform shallow and straightness	20
INS AND OUTS	20
Neat, accurate and regular	20
STRAIGHTNESS	20
Straightness of the whole plot	20
GENERAL APPEARANCE	
Workmanship and general appearance of	20
the whole plot	

## **REVERSIBLE CLASSES 2 & 3**

TEVENSIBLE CLASSES & Q	
OPENING	20
Well out, unform and straight	
START (8 or 9 furrows) Uniform, level	20
and straightness	20
SEED BED	20
Weed control and soil MADE available	20
FIRMNESS	20
Firm, well packed furrows, no holes	20
UNIFORMITY	
Clearly defined uniform furrows,	20
straightness and no paring of furrows	
FINISH (last 15 or 16 furrows)	20
Uniform shallow and straightness	20
ACCURACY OF FINAL FURROW	
Close to first furrow with no unploughed	20
or re-ploughed land	
INS AND OUTS	20
Neat, accurate and regular	20
STRAIGHTNESS	20
Straightness of the whole plot	20
GENERAL APPEARANCE	
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#### **REVERSIBLE WORLD STYLE**

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### **FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS**

Two wheel marks	20 points penalty
Finish wrong way	20 points penalty
Depth infringement less	20 points per cm
than specified depth	
Rolling	20 points penalty
Incorrect number of	20 points penalty
furrows in the finish	
Failure to finish plot by	10 point per minute
finishing signal	or part minute over
	time
Abuse of officials or	20 points penalty
fellow competitors	
Failure to adhere to	Disqualification
safety policy	

#### NOTE:

Seedbed, firmness and uniformity cover the whole of the plot, i.e.. Start, furrows, butts and final 15 or 16 furrows.



# **HEDGELAYING MATCH**

# Affiliated to the National Hedgelaying Society Commencing at 9.00am prompt

**Secretary:** Mr SWP Talbot

Oak Tree Farm, Bank Top Farm, Gratwich, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8SD ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

### Hedge laying stakes sponsored by R P GEORGE Ltd.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by the late Sir Geoffrey Congreve Bart, DSO., will be awarded to the Champion Hedgecutter from Classes 1, 2 or 3. To be held for 1 year.

**JC WALKER SHIELD** presented to the winner of Class 1, Champions Class. To be held for 1 year.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP will be presented for the Best Hedgelaying by a competitor in Class 2. To be held for 1 year.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by the Uttoxeter Training Group for the Best Novice. To be held for 1 year. Presented by the Chairman of the Uttoxeter Training Group.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by the late Captain Kingscote for the Best Hedgecutter. Open to competitors in Class 3. To be held for 1 year.

**DAVID BARKER TROPHY** for overall growth winner.

# **HEDGELAYING CONDITIONS**

**ENTRY FEE: £10.00 (CLASS 3 – UNDER 24S FREE)** 

- 1. Entries to be made in writing to the Hedgelaying Secretary, Mr SWP Talbot, Oak Tree Farm, Bank Top, Gratwich, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8SD by FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025.
- 2. Unless there are at least 5 competitors in each class, no more than three prizes will be awarded.
- 3. If assistance of any kind is given to any competitor, he is liable to be disqualified. **No dead wood to be put in the hedge.**
- 4. Anyone not completing their length by 2pm will lose points.
- 5. Competitors must comply with Health and Safety Regulations.
- 6. In respect of the use of CHAINSAWS the following requirements are for all competitors:
  - a. The user should have sufficient length of experience or be able to show proof of training to a suitable standard for the type of work concerned. (The need for adequate training for safety purposes IS a legal requirement).
  - b. Personal protective equipment to current standards should be worn whenever the saw is operated, no matter how short the time or how infrequent that operation may be.
  - c. In any case where the stewards feel that these requirements are not being complied with the competitor will be disqualified.
  - d. Entries for the competition are accepted on the understanding that all prospective competitors understand the above conditions and are agreeable to abide by them at all times.
- 7. £10.00 to be given to competitors on completion of their section of hedge.
- 8. The plots will be drawn on the day of the competition at 8.45am. The competition will commence at 9am.

# **HEDGELAYING**

**CLASS 1 CHAMPIONS** – Open to all competitors who have gained a 1<sup>st</sup> prize twice or a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Class 2.

First Prize	£40.00
Second Prize	£30.00
Third Prize	£20.00
Fourth Prize	£15.00

**CLASS 2 INTERMEDIATES** – Open to all competitors who have gained a  $1^{st}$  prize twice or a  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  prize in Class 3.

First Prize	£30.00
Second Prize	£25.00
Third Prize	£20.00
Fourth Prize	£15.00
Fifth Prize	£10.00

CLASS 3 NOVICES - Open to novices (with age 24 years and under free).

First Prize	£30.00
Second Prize	£20.00
Third Prize	£15.00
Fourth Prize	£10.00

Additional prizes will be awarded to any class with more than 10 competitors.

**OVERALL CHAMPION PRIZE** of £10.00 for the Best Hedgelaying from Classes 1, 2 & 3 and the late Sir Geoffrey Congreve Silver Challenge Cup.

A prize of £10.00 and the David Barker Trophy will be offered in 2025 for the Best Growth of Hedge laid in each of the above classes in 2024.

# OPEN HORSE PLOUGHING COMPETITION

# **Commencing 9.00am prompt**

A competition of who shall plough in the straightest and best manner no less than 5 inches deep.

A leader will be allowed in the Horse Class and competitors may finish their furrow with one horse if they wish.

Each pair of horses competing and deemed to have completed their work according to the rules and to the satisfaction of the stewards will receive expenses of £150.00 and two lunch vouchers.

Entries to be made in writing to the Ploughing Secretary, Mr D Rushton, The Olde Thatch, Stowe Lane, Stowe-by Chartley, Stafford, ST18 ONA by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

No entry fee required.

First Prize - £20.00	Second Prize - £15.00	Third Prize - £10.00
For the Best Turned-Out Pair of Horses, including cleanest tackle and waggoners - £10.00.		
A Shield for the Best Turnout of	f Heavy Horses	
A Shield given by T.V. Sale for the Overall Champion Heavy Horse Ploughing		
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OPEN HORSE PLOUGHING COM	IPETITION ENTRY FORM	
Name of Competitor		
Address		
Postcode	Telephone Number	
Horses' Names		

Please return this form to the Ploughing Secretary,
Mr D Rushton, The Olde Thatch, Stowe Lane, Stowe-by Chartley, Stafford, ST18 ONA
ENTRIES DEFINITELY CLOSE FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

# **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Annual Dinner & Prize Giving County Showground Stafford, ST18 0BD

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 AGM Bradley House Club, Bradley Street, Uttoxeter