



STAFFORDSHIRE & BIRMINGHAM
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

COUNTY COMPETITIONS SCHEDULE 2026

SHEEP FLOCKS

GRASSLAND

HERBAL LEYS

RAPE

WINTER WHEAT

FARM

GARDEN

DAIRY HERDS

DAIRY YOUNGSTOCK

BEEF

BEANS & CROPS

MAIZE

SILAGE

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This booklet contains the schedules for all the Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society's County Competitions for 2026; which are as follows:

Competition	Entry Closing Date	Judging Commences
Sheep Flock	1 st May	11 th May
Grassland	8 th April	15 th April
Herbal Leys	15 th May	1 st June
Rape	1 st June	8 th June
Winter Wheat	1 st June	8 th June
Beans (Crops Section)	12 th June	29 th June
Farm	5 th June	22 nd June
Garden	1 st June	15 th June
Beef	19 th June	6 th July
Dairy Herds	26 th June	13 th July
Dairy Youngstock	26 th June	6 th July
Crops	31 st July	10 th August
Maize	7 th August	17 th August
Young Achiever	1 st September	September 2026
Silage (<i>Via District</i>)	18 th Jan 2027	25 th Jan 2027

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 4th November 2026.

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 D Redfern, Church Broughton, Derbys

ENTRIES CLOSE: 1st May 2026

JUDGING BETWEEN: 11th May & 11th June 2026

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 T Redfern, Enson, Staffs

ENTRIES CLOSE: 8th April 2026

JUDGING COMMENCES: 15th April 2026

CLASS 5 Short Term Cutting Ley for the best and cleanest crop sown as a short-term Ley in 2024 or 2025.

CLASS 6 Long Term Cutting Ley for the best and cleanest crop sown as a long-term Ley in 2024 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: Mr T Parton, Coven, Wolverhampton

ENTRIES CLOSE: 15th May 2026.

JUDGING COMMENCES: 1st June 2026

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: Mr D Lane, Walsall Wood, Walsall

ENTRIES CLOSE: 1st June 2026.

JUDGING COMMENCES: 8th June 2026

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 H Robinson, Market Drayton, Shrops

ENTRIES CLOSE: 1st June 2026 JUDGING COMMENCES: 8th June 2026

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 T Parton, Coven & Mr A Key, Eccleshall

ENTRIES CLOSE: 5th June 2026 JUDGING COMMENCES: 22nd June 2026

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 2023, 2024 and 2025

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 A Williams, Acton Trussell, Stafford

Entries Close: 1st June 2025 Judging Commences: 15th June 2026

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 B Johnson, Uttoxeter, Stafford

ENTRIES CLOSE: 19th June 2026 JUDGING COMMENCES: 6th July 2026

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 T Turnock, Yarlet, Stafford

ENTRIES CLOSE: 26th June 2026

JUDGING COMMENCES: 13th July 2026

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: Miss K Woodcock, Baldwins Gate, Newcastle

ENTRIES CLOSE: 26th June 2026

JUDGING COMMENCES: 6th July 2026

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.



STAFFORDSHIRE & BIRMINGHAM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2026 ENTRY FORM

Completed entry form should be returned to,

The Chief Executive
Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society
County Showground, Weston Road
Stafford, ST18 0BD

sue@staffscountyshowground.co.uk

More than one competition may be entered using a single-entry form. The entry form for any competition MUST reach the Chief Executive's office by the closing date.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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ENTRY FORM 2026

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Sheep Flock		Class 1 Pedigree Flock	No. of Breeding Ewes put to ram EARLY / LATE Lambing Lambing %.....
		Class 2/3 Commercial Flock	No. of Breeding Ewes put to ram EARLY / LATE Lambing Lambing %.....
		Class 4 Best group of Commercial Rams	Flock size No. of Rams.....
Grassland Competition		Class 5 Short Term Ley	Estimated Cutting date
		Class 6 Long Term Ley	Estimated Cutting date
		Class 7 Grazing Ley	
Herbal Leys		Class 8	Estimated Cutting date
Rape		Class 9	Spring / Winter (delete as appropriate)
Winter Wheat		Class 10	Feed / Milling / Both (delete as appropriate)
Farms		Class 11/12	Farm acreage..... Total acreage to be judged..... No. of cows in milk..... No. of other cattle..... No of Sheep..... Other enterprises..... Comments.....
		Class 13 Previous prize winners	
Gardens		Class 14 / 15	

Beef	Class 16 Intensive Feeding Cattle	Herd Size
	Class 17 Grazed Feeding cattle	Herd Size
	Class 18 Pedigree Suckler Cattle	No. of Suckler Cows..... No. of Followers.....
	Class 19 Commercial Suckler Cattle	No. of Suckler Cows..... No. of Followers.....
	Class 20 Dairy Bred Beef Cattle (Out of a dairy Cow)	Herd Size
Dairy Herds	Class 21 / 22 Best Herd	No. of cow & heifers in Milk No. of cows in calf..... No. of heifers in calf..... No of young stock under 6 months No. of Bulls.....
	Class 23 Best Progeny	Nominated sire of progeny
Dairy Youngstock	Class 24	
Beans & Crops	Class 25 Beans	SPRING / WINTER (delete as appropriate)
	Class 26 Grass Seeds	
	Class 27 Fodder Crop	Type of crop.....
Maize	Class 28/29	Acreage.....

Location of Land away from the farm you wish the judge to visit

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Location of Livestock away from the farm you wish the judge to visit

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Farm Competition only:
Details of any crop being cleared early

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BEANS & CROPS COMPETITION

JUDGE: To be confirmed

BEANS

ENTRIES CLOSE: 12th June 2026. JUDGING COMMENCES: 29th June 2026

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: 31st July 2026 JUDGING COMMENCES: 10th August 2026

CLASS 26 GRASS SEEDS - For the best and cleanest crop, sown in 2026

CLASS 27 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 H Bloxham, Bednall, Stafford

ENTRIES CLOSE: 7th August 2026 JUDGING COMMENCES: 17th August 2026

CLASS 28/29 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 H Bloxham, Bednall, Stafford

Grass, Bagged & Wrapped and Haylage: Mr R Malpass, Gnosall, Staffs

ENTRIES CLOSE: 18th January 2027 JUDGING COMMENCES: 25th January 2027

CLASS 30 For the best clamp of grass silage.

CLASS 31 For the best clamp of maize silage.

CLASS 32 For the best sample of bagged or wrapped silage.

CLASS 33 – 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 30.

The D. A. Stubbs Perpetual Challenge Trophy: (To be held for one year) will be awarded to the winner of Class 31

The A & R Key Perpetual 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: Mr D Lane & Mr R Saxton

ENTRIES CLOSE: 1st September 2026 JUDGING COMMENCES: September 2026

For 2026, 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 4th 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 T Parton, Coven, Wolverhampton

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 1st September 2026 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
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.

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Incorporating the Royal Smithfield Duke of Norfolk Competition

CEREALS COMPETITION

Prizes: 1st £15 2nd £10 3rd £5

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

HAY/HAYLAGE COMPETITION

Prizes: 1st £15 2nd £10 3rd £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 21st November 2026.

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 2026

Annual Farm Conservation Competition
Kindly sponsored by
Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society

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 31st August 2026.

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