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Annual Ploughing Match



Hedgelaying & Flail Hedge Cutting Classes
Sunday 20th September 2026

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Model Farm, Hanchurch, Stoke on Trent, ST4 8SD

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Ploughing & Hedgelaying at 9am

Flail Hedge Cutting at 11.30am

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ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH HEDGELAYING & FLAIL HEDGE CUTTING

will be held at

Model Farm, Hanchurch, Stoke on Trent, ST4 8SD
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Sunday 20th September 2026

Ploughing 9am–1pm
Hedgelaying 9am-2pm
Flail Hedge Cutting from 11.30am-12.30pm

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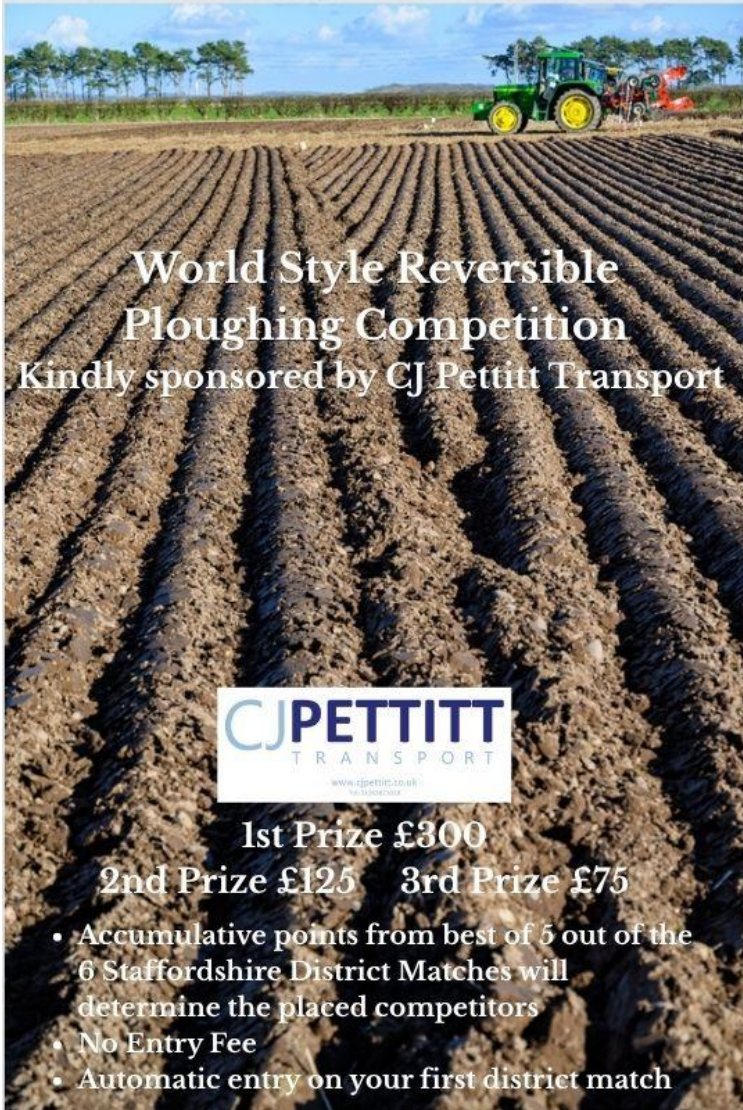
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Ploughing Competitions held over the 6 District Ploughing Matches in Staffordshire



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- No Entry Fee
- Automatic entry on your first district match



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Sunday 13 th September 2026	Lichfield District	juliafoster1001@gmail.com
Saturday 19 th September 2026	Stafford District	gpcmalpass@gmail.com
Sunday 20 th September 2026	Stone District	cotterpin16@yahoo.co.uk
Saturday 26 th September 2026	Eccleshall District	petemalpass@yahoo.co.uk

**Prizes will be awarded at the County Dinner on 4th November 2026,
Ingestre Suite, Staffordshire Showground, ST18 0BD**

Thanks to

Kverneland for donating the trophy for the World Style Competition
Brian & Paula Archer for donating the award for the Parallel Reversible Competition



CLASSIC PLOUGHING

Judges: Society of Ploughmen

Stewards: Mr R Hopley, Mr T Turnock & Mr M Weaver

CLASS 4

For the best ploughing using a Classic tractor and mounted plough
manufactured before 31st December 1976

CLASS 5

For the best ploughing using a Classic tractor and reversible plough
manufactured before 31st December 1976

VINTAGE PLOUGHING

CLASS 6

Open class for the best ploughing with a vintage tractor and mounted
plough

CLASS 7

For the best ploughing with a vintage tractor and mounted plough for novice
competitors

CLASS 8

For the best ploughing with a Grey Ferguson TE20 Tractor and Ferguson
Plough and fittings with no modifications

CLASS 9

For the best ploughing with a vintage tractor and trailed plough

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For the best ploughing by a paid-up member of SCFYFC in classes 1, 2
Must be able to show digital membership card on the day

Classes 4-9 and YFC prize money

FIRST PRIZE £25

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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

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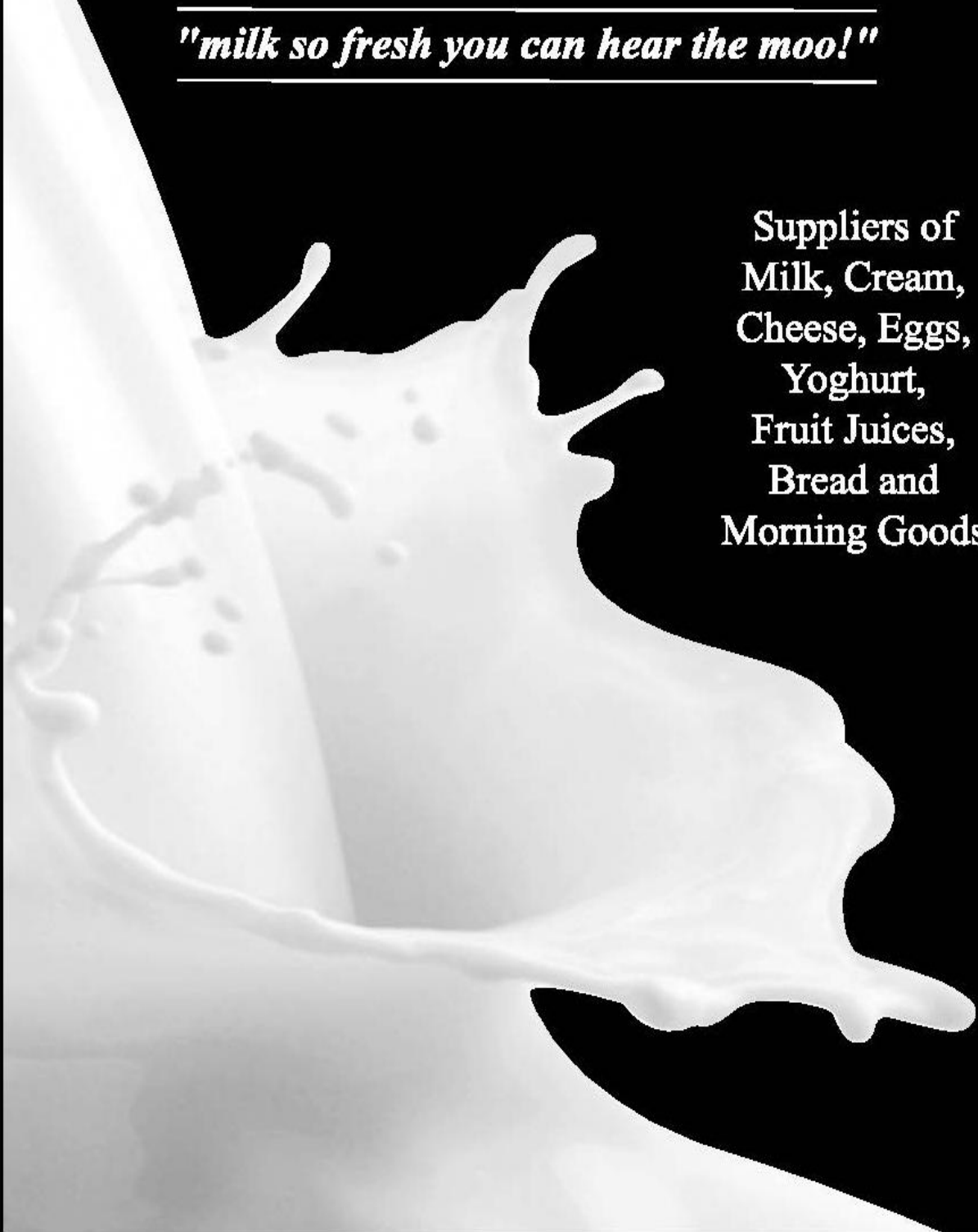
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HEDGELAYING

Affiliated to the National Hedgelaying Society

Judge: Mr Alan Hollins

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- 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) When chainsaws are being used all competitors in the Hedge Laying Competition are required to wear full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn – this must include eye and ear protection, gloves, a hard hat, boots and chainsaw rated trousers.
- c) Any competitor failing to wear full PPE when operating a chainsaw will be given a single verbal warning before being disqualified from continuing in the competition
- d) The Society has a duty of care to ensure that all competitors take all necessary precautions to protect themselves and others from harm. Moreover, as an event that is open to the public we have a responsibility to ensure that the highest standards of safety are both set and maintained.
- e) No dead wood to be put into the hedge
- f) Midlands style
- g) Entry fee £15 to be paid in advance

Chief Steward: Mr G Parry

Steward: Mr J Timmis

CLASS 1

Open to any competitor who shall cut and lay a length of hedge and ditch in the best manner in 5 hours.

CLASS 2

Open to a person of any age who has not won two first prizes in any open class.

CLASS 3

For the best work by a competitor resident in the Stone District

CLASS 4

For the best work by a competitor under 24 years of age

FIRST PRIZE £30

SECOND PRIZE £20

THIRD PRIZE £15

If more than 8 competitors have entered a fourth prize of £5 will be awarded

All competitors must register at the marquee on arrival. All competitors on completion of length will receive the sum of £30 tool money

THE TED FOX MEMORIAL CUP

For the best Hedgelaying by a Stone Competitor

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THE DAIHATSU SHIELD

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Judge: Alec Beardmore

Steward: Tom Redfern

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Time allowed 1 hour

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SECOND PRIZE:£20

THIRD PRIZE:£15

If more than 8 competitors have entered a fourth prize of £5 will be awarded

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CLASS 2 – For the best sample of Spring Barley

CLASS 3 – For the best sample of Wheat

CLASS 4 – For the best sample of Oilseed Rape

CLASS 5 – For the best 2 stems of Maize including roots

CLASS 6 – For the best sample of Beans

CLASS 7 – For the best sample of Oats

CLASS 8 – For the best pulled roots

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Class 1 - 2-4years

Potato Animal

Class 2 - 5-7years

Farm Machine made from a Cereal Packet

Class 3 - 8-12years

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Class 4 – YFC Member

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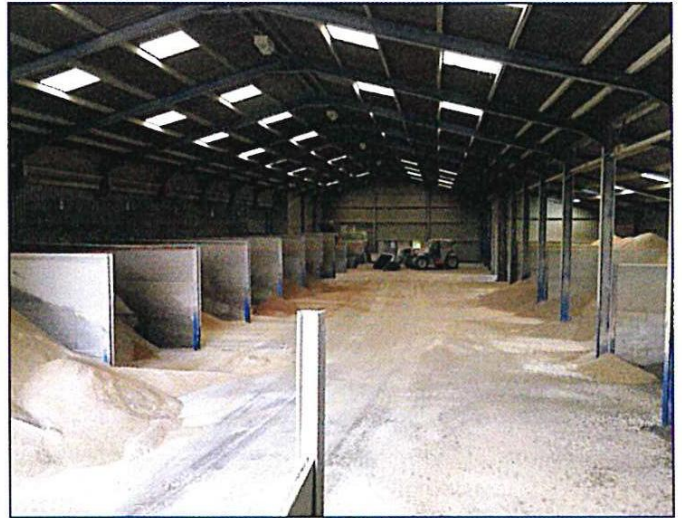
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