

Staffordshire & Birmingham
Agricultural Society



ECCLESHALL DISTRICT

Chairman: Mr D Bowers
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ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

PLOUGHING & HEDGELAYING MATCHES

To be held at:
Home Farm, Woodseaves, ST20 0LH
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SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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SECRETARIES

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TB Cartmail, JD Heath

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W Bennison

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DEFINITE CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES

SILAGE	1 ST JANUARY
SILAGE GRASS	1 ST MAY
SHEEP	15 TH APRIL
CONSERVATION (Field Margins)	15 TH JUNE
DAIRY / YOUNG STOCK	15 TH JUNE
BEEF / SUCKLER HERDS	1 ST JUNE
CEREALS	1 ST JUNE
MAIZE	1 ST SEPTEMBER
GREEN CROPS	1 ST SEPTEMBER
SKILLED EVENTS	up to SEPTEMBER

NO ENTRY FEES FOR DISTRICT FARM COMPETITIONS

All competitors must be members of The Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society

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FARM COMPETITIONS & PRIZES

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1st place £10.00, 2nd place £8.00 and 3rd place £6.00

SILAGE COMPETITIONS

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Class 2 Maize

Class 3 Wrapped

Class 4 Whole Crop

SILAGE GRASS

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Class 5 For the Best & Cleanest Silage Grass shown in its first year

Class 6 For the Best & Cleanest Silage Grass shown

CEREALS & RAPE

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Occupier of the Best and Cleanest Field of -

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Class 9 Spring

Class 8 (Winter Feed)

BARLEY

Class 10 Spring

Class 11 Winter

OIL SEED RAPE

Class 12 Winter

OATS

Class 13 Oats

GREEN CROPS

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Occupier of any farm who shall have the best crops of -

POTATOES

Class 14 Potatoes

FODDER BEET

Class 15 Fodder Beet
Class 16 Other Fodder

GRASS

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Occupier of any farm who shall have the best and cleanest field of -

Class 17 Sown 2023

Class 19 Sown 2021

Class 18 Sown 2022

Class 20 Herbal Ley

MAIZE

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Occupier of the best and cleanest field of Maize -

Class 21 Maize

LIVESTOCK COMPETITIONS

DAIRY

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Class 22 Young Stock

Herds Competition to be split according to the Judge's discretion

Class 23

Class 24

BEEF

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All Cattle to be judged must be made available within the Eccleshall District

Class 25 Intensive

Class 26 Non-Intensive

SHEEP

Judged by mid-May

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The Judge will take into account: Management, Marketing & General Husbandry,
Conformation, Lambing, Percentages & Flock Production

Class 27 Whole Flock

Class 28 Ewe Lambs

Garden

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Class 29a Whole Garden

Class 29b Planter or Trough

ECCLESHALL DISTRICT EVENTS 2026

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5-6

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1-4

The Tom Cartmail Cup Sponsored by LAMBERT LEONARD & MAY

For the Best Field in classes 17-20.

17-20

The David Hobson Cup

7-9

For the Best Field of Wheat
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To the Best Individual Crop in the Green Crop Section

14-20

**Eccleshall Traders Challenge Trophy Sponsored by TERN VALLEY
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5-14

Re-presented by Mr TM Cartmail Esq. in 1980
To the Competitor having the Best Collections of Crops (not less than 3 in
classes 5-14 inclusive of silage grass). To be held for one year.

The JB Ball Challenge Cup Sponsored by RT & AR AINSWORTH

5-21

To the Competitor having the Best & Cleanest Crops entered in the District
Green Crop & Cereal Competition on any one farm.
The Cup to remain the property of the District Committee.

The Frank Tomkinson Cup

22

Dairy Youngstock Replacement Competition
Judges to see all dairy youngstock up to "in calf" heifers that are outside. The
first will automatically be entered in the County Competition.

**Walters & Welch Silver Challenge Cup & Special Award Cards Sponsored
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23 & 24

Dairy Competition

Classes to be decided by Judges. If 6 or more herds entered the competition will
be split at the sole discretion of the judge. To be judged on inspection and
production. All cows to be shown by the Stockperson in charge of the Herd.

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TRACTOR PLOUGHING

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PRIZE MONEY FOR ALL PLOUGHING CLASSES IS AS FOLLOWS:

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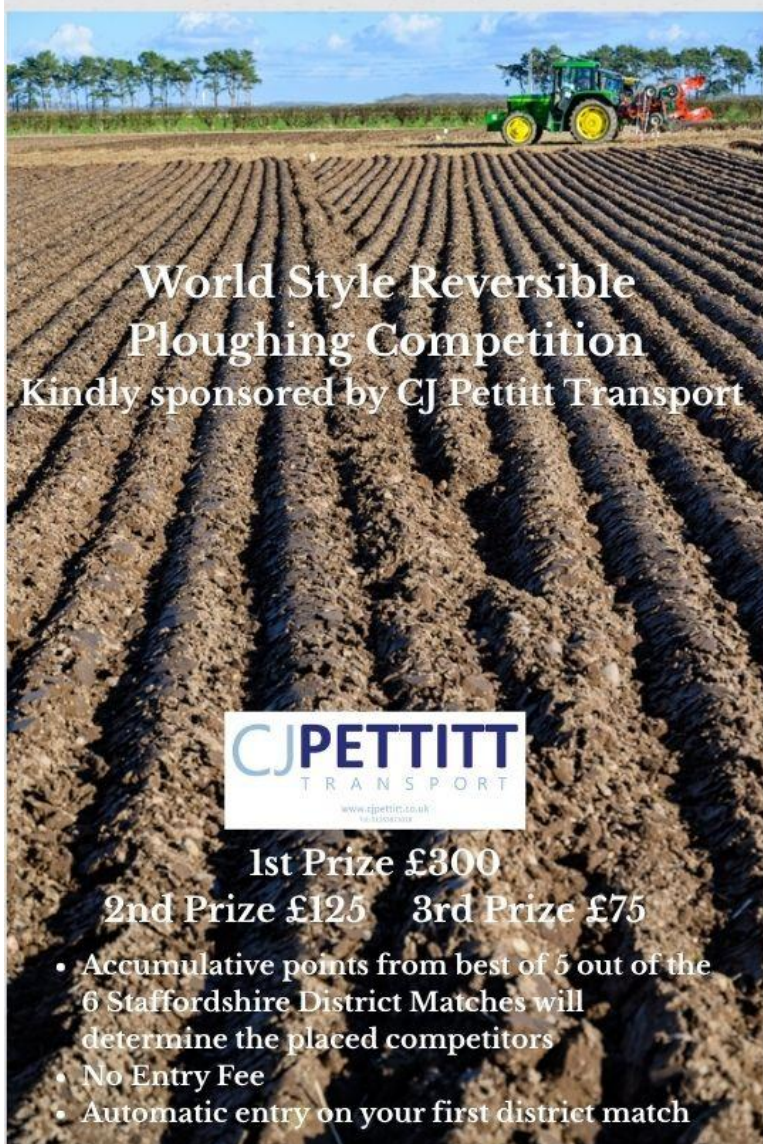
- Class 1a** For the Best Ploughing done by a competitor using a vintage tractor and a conventional hydraulic mounted plough having been placed in any mounted vintage ploughing section at the Eccleshall Ploughing Match in the last 3 years.
- Class 1b** As above, but who has not been placed in any ploughing section.
- Class 1c** For the Best Ploughing done using a vintage tractor and a trailer plough.
- Class 1d** Ferguson T20 Tractor with Ferguson Plough.

MODERN

- Class 2** For the Best Ploughing with a one-way plough.
OPEN JUNIOR CLASS FOR ANY YOUNGER FARMER
28 years and under (age please) Competitors in this Class **are not required** to do an opening split.
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- Class 3** For the Best Ploughing with any type of one-way plough.
OPEN TO ANY COMPETITOR
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- Class 4** For the Best Ploughing with any type of one-way plough, in the European style.
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Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society SUPER 6 COMPETITIONS – 2026

Ploughing Competitions held over the 6 District Ploughing Matches in Staffordshire



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- Accumulative points from best of 5 out of the 6 Staffordshire District Matches will determine the placed competitors
- No Entry Fee
- Automatic entry on your first district match



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Competition**
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2nd Prize £75 3rd Prize £50**

- Accumulative points from the best of 3 matches from any of the 6 Staffordshire District Matches will determine the placed competitors
- No Entry Fee
- Automatic entry on your first district match

Saturday 5 th September 2026	Burton District	enquiries@woodlandviews.co.uk
Saturday 12 th September 2026	Uttoxeter District	dave@davidrushtonmachinery.com
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

CONDITIONS TO ALL PLOUGHING COMPETITORS

1. Please enter by Monday 21st September 2026.
2. All competitors must read or have read to them the event risk assessment upon arrival on site.
3. Competitors may have assistance to set and remove sticks only.
4. Headlands – ins and outs to be left as ploughed to Headland Mark.
5. No handtool or handwork will be allowed. No shaping of furrows, only with tractor and plough.
6. Minimum depth 8". Maximum depth 10". Vintage Minimum depth 5"
7. Work will commence at 9.00am with final judging at 2.00pm. Competitors must plough a double opening split. The opening split must be completed by 9.50am when it will be judged. Competitors must wait until the Judge or Steward gives permission to continue ploughing.
8. Competitors start and finish their plots according to the directions of the Stewards.
9. Above conditions must be adhered to, or competitors may be penalised or disqualified.
10. All Vintage competitors will be required to open at start and to wait until it has been inspected by Judge/Steward – who will then give permission to proceed.
11. All competitors and exhibitors are requested to comply with current Health & Safety Regulations.
12. All Vintage must have Third Party and Public Liability Insurance.

PLOUGHING

ALL TROPHIES MUST BE SIGNED FOR ON THE DAY

- Special 5 Champion Challenge Cup**
Donated by the late James Cadman Esq., D.S.C., J.P.
Open to competitors in Classes 2 – 4
- Special 6 The Jack Hassall Perpetual Memorial Trophy**
For Champion Ploughing in Class 3 by a member of the Eccleshall District.
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- Special 7 Vintage Champion Cup**
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- Special 8 Richard Holt Trophy**
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- Special 9 Eccleshall YFC Perpetual Shield**
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The winner must be an Eccleshall YFC Member.
- Special 10 The Philip Bourne Cup**
For the Best Ploughing by a competitor aged 65 years or over and living in Staffordshire, in the Vintage Classes.
- Special 11 The Laurence Wain Trophy**
For the Best Turned Out Tractor in Class 1d.
- Special 12 The Keith Billington Memorial Trophy**
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HEDGELAYING

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Each competitor accepts the responsibility of complying with current Health and Safety Regulations

Competitors to draw at 9.00am for lengths.

Please enter as usual by 21st September 2026.

When using chainsaws full protective clothing must be worn.

1. **Champion Class** – any age – open to any competitor who has previously won at least two first prizes in any senior competition.

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1st prize £30.00, 2nd prize £20.00, 3rd prize £10.00

2. **Open to any Novice or Beginner** who has not previously won two first prizes in any senior competition. An assistant would be allowed.

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SPECIAL 1 Richard Glover Challenge Cup

Open to all competitors in Class 2. To be held for one year.

SPECIAL 2 Champion Cup

Offered by the competitors for the Best Competitor in Class 1.

SPECIAL 3 All competitors who finish will each receive the sum of £20.00 tool money.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS TO ALL HEDGELAYING COMPETITORS

Each Competitor accepts the responsibility of complying with current Health & Safety Regulations.

All competitors must read or have read to them the event risk assessment upon arrival on site.

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Competitors will draw at 9.00am for length. Please enter as usual.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The NHLS carries a legal liability insurance policy. It has no insurance for personal accidents to competitors and cannot accept responsibility for such accidents.

HOWEVER – Accidents can be minimised or eliminated by safe working practices. Therefore in the interests of safety for themselves and spectators, competitors are asked to observe safe working practices, including site tidiness, at all times.

1. 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. When chainsaws are being used all competitors in the Hedge Lying Competition are required to wear full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – 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.
2. In any case where the stewards feel that these requirements are not being complied with the competitor will be disqualified.
3. 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.

MECHANICAL HEDGE CUTTING

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1. Competitors must have public liability insurance and ensure that all equipment is in good working order and all guards are fitted.
2. All operatives must be trained in the use of all equipment and in risk assessment
3. Upon arrival at the site, carry out a site-specific risk assessment (SSRA). Amend the SSRA as required during the day's activities.
4. Identify any poisonous wildlife, where possible use a shearing blade rather than a spinning blade for brush cutting to avoid splatter of toxic wildlife.
5. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
6. Check your machine, engine and all equipment. Do not use equipment which is damaged.
7. Protect other people from the noise and dust. Warn others to keep away while the Hedgecutter is in use. Additional safeguards such as barriers may be required when working in the vicinity of members of the public.
8. Make sure the area is clear and safe and that no one is near to you or could distract you.
9. Carry out any maintenance to the Hedgecutter / Brushcutter with the engine switched off.
10. Make sure you carry out a regular visual inspection of the cutting blades for any imperfections. If there are any, report any damage. **DO NOT CONTINUE TO USE.**
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Class 1 - Best Sample of **Milling Wheat** grown by the Exhibitor.

Class 2 - Best Sample of **Feed Wheat** grown by the Exhibitor.

Class 3 - Best Sample of **Malting Barley** grown by the Exhibitor.

Class 4 - Best Sample of **Feed Barley** grown by the Exhibitor.

Class 5 - Best Sample of **Oats** grown by the Exhibitor.

Class 6 - Best **Small Bale or Bag of Hay** grown and made by the Exhibitor.

Class 7 - Best Stem of **Maize** with root on grown by the Exhibitor.

Class 8 - Best Sample of **Oil Seed Rape** grown by the Exhibitor.

Class 9 - Best 6 **Potatoes** grown by the Exhibitor.

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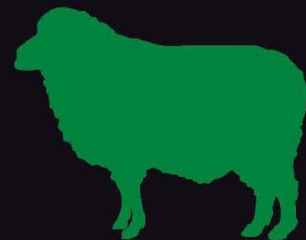
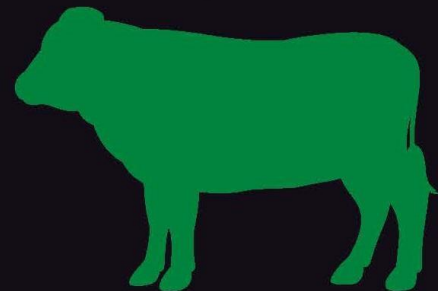
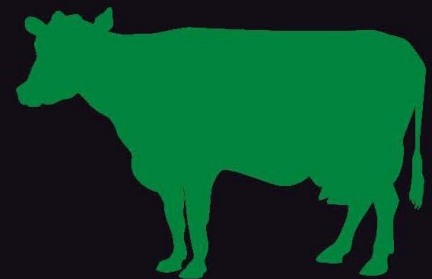
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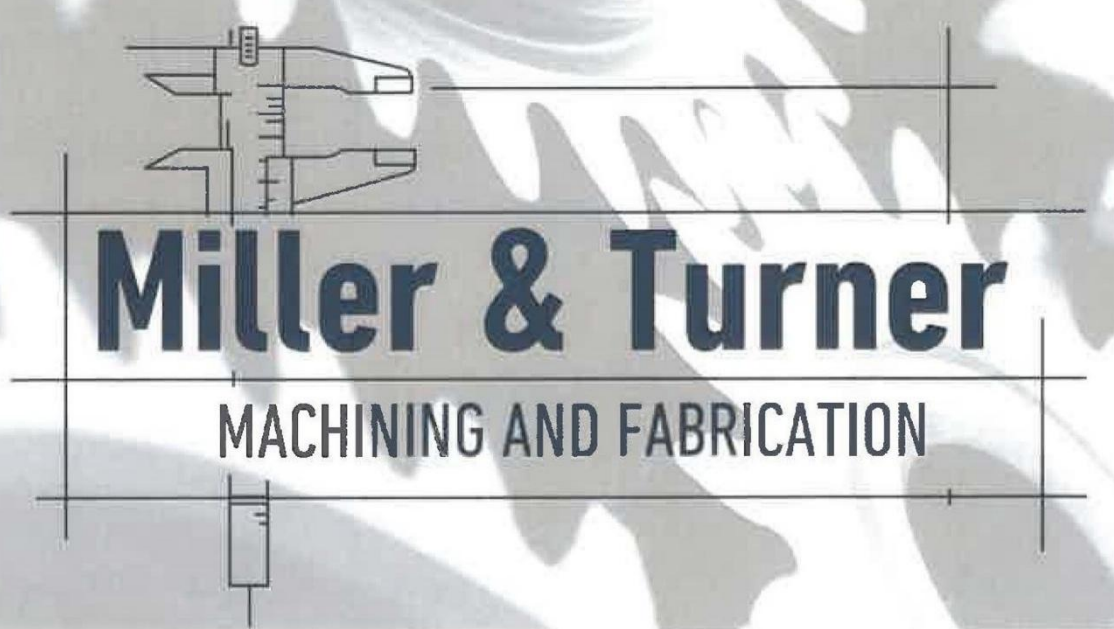
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TRACTOR PLOUGHING		Tick if placed in last 3yrs	Tick Entry	Number of furrows	Fees
Class 1a	Entry Fee - £20.00				
1b	Entry Fee - £20.00				
1c	Entry Fee - £20.00				
1d	Entry Fee - £20.00				
Class 2a	Entry Fee - £20.00				
2b	Entry Fee - £20.00				
Class 3	Entry Fee - £20.00				
Class 4	Entry Fee - £20.00				
Entry to County Novice Championship					/
Please tick if aged 65 or over (see Special 6)				Age -	/
Please tick if aged 26 or under (see Specials 4 & 4a)				Age -	/
HEDGELAYING					
Class 1	No Entry Fee				/
Class 2	No Entry Fee				/
Cheques must be made payable to SBAS Eccleshall District					
Total					

BACS PAYMENTS ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT: SBAS ECCLESHALL DISTRICT
SORT CODE: 52-41-10 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 03511197

Print Name

Postal Address

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Tel.No.....

I have read, understood and will abide by the conditions of the Ploughing and Hedgelaying Competitions.

Signature..... Date

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