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

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SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026

At 9.00am prompt

ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2026

PLOUGHING ENTRY FEE: £20.00

HEDGELAYING ENTRY FEE: £10.00

FLAIL HEDGE CUTTING FEE: £10.00

Fundraising Event in Support of the Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society (SBAS)

MAP OF SITE



PLOUGHING MATCH SITE – GATEWAY ENTRANCE

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OPEN FLAIL HEDGE CUTTING

Commencing at 11am 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 10.30am.

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

First Prize £40, Second Prize £30, 3rd Prize £20

Entries must be received by the closing date: Friday 4th September 2026

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 0NA

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. 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.

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 4th September 2026.
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.

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.

ALL RULES AS THE SOCIETY OF PLOUGHMEN - ALL GUIDELINES TO BE TREATED AS RULES

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

NOTE – Classes may be adjusted depending on entries in Classes 2 & 3

- For the Best Ploughing with a TWO or THREE furrow, Reversible Plough** (Traditional System)
 £30.00
 For the Second Best ditto £20.00
 For the Third Best ditto £10.00
- For the Best Ploughing by a Four or more furrow, Reversible Plough** (Traditional System)£30.00
 For the Second Best ditto £20.00
 For the Third Best ditto £10.00

Special Prize for any members of a Young Farmers Club, ploughing in any of the classes 1-10 inc. YFC to hold a valid membership card and cards must be available to be seen at the match.

First.....£20.00	Second.....£15.00	Third.....£10.00	Fourth.....£5.00
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- Classic**, Any Tractor & Plough of a model that was in production before 31st December 1976, with any type of one-way plough. All tractors to be driven in 2WD.
 For the Best Ploughing with a Classic Tractor & Plough £30.00
 For the Second Best ditto £20.00
 For the Third Best ditto £10.00
- Classic Reversible Tractor & Plough**, of a model that was in production before 31st December 1976. All tractors to be driven in 2WD.
 For the Best Ploughing..... £30.00
 For the Second Best ditto £20.00
 For the Third Best ditto £10.00
- Vintage Trailer** Open for Vintage Tractors & Trailing Ploughs, production before 31st December 1959.
 For the Best Ploughing with a Vintage Tractor & Trailing Plough £30.00
 For the Second Best ditto £20.00
 For the Third Best ditto £10.00

Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society

UTTOXETER DISTRICT

TRACTOR PLOUGHING ENTRY FORM

Please return entry forms to the Secretaries only - **Entries definitely close on FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

CLASS	Tick Class Entered	No of Furrows on Plough*
Class 1 Reversible World Style		
Class 2 - 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: 54-10-27 A/C No. 13267752

I enclose a cheque made payable to SBAS Uttoxeter District to the value of £..... In payment of fees detailed above.

I confirm I have Third Party Insurance and will provide proof if requested. I have read the Rules and Regulations of Ploughmen's Safety Policy and I undertake to observe and be bound by them. If I have any pre-existing medical condition that may affect my participation, I will advise the Event Stewards on the day.

Signed: Date:

Name:.....

Postal Address:.....

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.....Post Code:

Tel No: Email:.....

Make of Tractor & Plough:

Please state age if under 21 years:..

YFC Member: Yes ☐ or No ☐ (please tick) If Yes, which Club?:.....

PLEASE NOTE Entries will not be accepted unless this form 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 0NA

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UTTOXETER DISTRICT

HEDGELAYING ENTRY FORM

Please return entry forms to the Secretaries only

Entries definitely close on **FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

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 Health & Safety Regulations will be unable to compete		
CLASS 1 CHAMPIONS		
CLASS 2 INTERMEDIATES		
CLASS 3 NOVICES	24 Years & Under – FREE	Over 24 Years
FLAIL HEDGE CUTTING		LEFT-HANDED ☐ RIGHT-HANDED ☐ (PLEASE TICK)

ENTRY FEE: £10.00

BACS details: Sort Code: 54-10-27 A/C No. 13267752

I enclose a cheque made payable to SBAS Uttoxeter District to the value of £..... In payment of fees detailed above.

I confirm I have Third Party Insurance and will provide proof if requested.

I have read, understood and will abide by the conditions of the Hedgelaying competitions. If I have any pre-existing medical condition that may affect my participation, I will advise the Event Stewards on the day.

Signed: Date:

Name:

Postal Address:

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..... Post Code:

Tel No: Email:

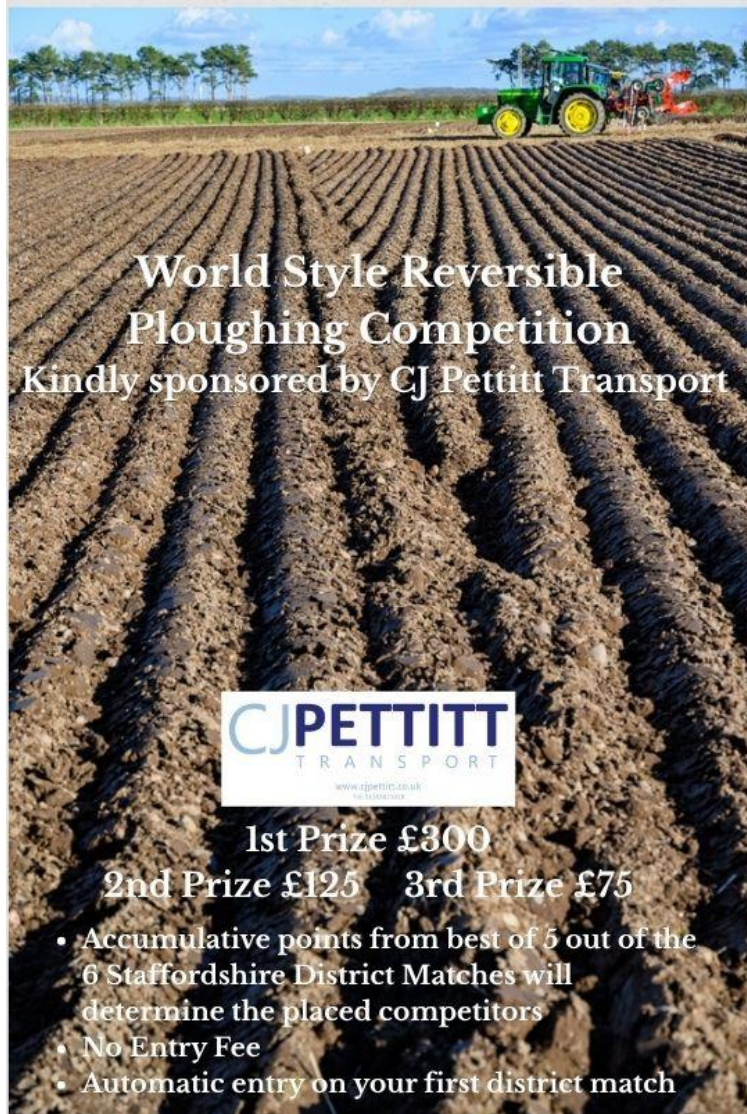
Please state age if under 24 years:

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

Please return to the Hedgelaying Secretary Mr SWP Talbot, Oak Tree Farm, Bank Top, Gratwich, Uttoxeter Staffs, ST14 8SD

Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society SUPER 6 COMPETITIONS – 2026

Ploughing Competitions held over the 6 District Ploughing Matches in Staffordshire



**World Style Reversible
Ploughing Competition**
Kindly sponsored by CJ Pettitt Transport

**CJ PETTITT
TRANSPORT**
www.cjpettitt.co.uk

**1st Prize £300
2nd Prize £125 3rd Prize £75**

- 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



NEW FOR 2026

**Parallel Reversible Ploughing
Competition**
Kindly sponsored by MG Simister & Son Ltd
& David Rushton Machinery Ltd

**1st Prize £125
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

7. **Vintage Mounted** for any Vintage Tractor and Mounted Plough, in production before 31st December 1959.
 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
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 £25.00
10. **Horticultural Tractor Class**
 For the Best Ploughing £30.00
 For the Second Best ditto £20.00
 For the Third Best ditto £10.00

Overall Vintage Best Kept Turn-Out Tractor (Age to be taken into consideration)

- For the Best Kept Turn Out..... £10.00
 For the Second Best ditto £5.00

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 2026

Judge: County Vice Chairman, Mr Tim Parton 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 1st September 2026 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 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

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

JUDGES' METHOD OF SCORING

CLASS 1 - REVERSIBLE WORLD STYLE

OPENING Well out, uniform and straight	20
START (8 or 9 furrows) Uniform, level and straightness	20
SEED BED Weed control and soil available	20
FIRMNESS Uniform, level and straightness	20
UNIFORMITY Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no paring of furrows	20
JOINING FURROW & BUTTS Neat, accurate with no dips or mounds	20
FINISH (last 19 or 20 furrows) Uniform shallow and straightness	20
ACCURACY OF FINAL FURROW Close to first furrow with no unploughed or re-ploughed land	20
INS AND OUTS Neat, accurate and regular	20
STRAIGHTNESS Straightness of the whole plot	20
GENERAL APPEARANCE Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot	20

REVERSIBLE CLASSES 2 & 3

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

CLASSES 4-10

CONVENTIONAL AND VINTAGE PLOUGHING

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

FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS

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

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

ree Farm, Bank Top, Gratwich, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8SD

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026.
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. 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.

7. In any case where the stewards feel that these requirements are not being complied with the competitor will be disqualified.
8. 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.
9. £30.00 to be given to competitors on completion of their section of hedge.
10. 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 1st prize twice or a 1st and 2nd 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 1st prize twice or a 1st and 2nd 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 2026 for the Best Growth of Hedge laid in each of the above classes in 2025.

OPEN HORSE PLOUGHING COMPETITION

Commencing 9.00am prompt

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.

All horses are required to be effectively vaccinated against Equine Influenza and a full vaccination history and passport must be available on request. Horses are to either hold a valid annual vaccination or have had the first two injections of a new course, with the second being administered at least 7 days prior to the competition.

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 4th September 2026.

No entry fee required.

First Prize - £30.00

Second Prize - £20.00

Third Prize - £10.00

A Shield for the Best Turnout of Heavy Horses

A Shield given by T.V. Sale for the Overall Champion Heavy Horse Ploughing

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OPEN HORSE PLOUGHING COMPETITION 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 0NA
ENTRIES DEFINITELY CLOSE FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th September 2026
Annual Dinner & Prize Giving
County Showground
Stafford, ST18 0BD

Monday 11th November 2026
AGM
Bradley House Club,
Bradley Street, Uttoxeter