



Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society
Lichfield & District

Ploughing Match

Including Hedge laying and
Mechanical hedge cutting

Affiliated to The Society of Ploughmen Ltd and
The National Hedgelaying Society

Sunday 13th September 2026

By kind permission of the Broome Family

**To be held at :
Walsall Road, Lichfield, WS13 8JW
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**Ploughing commencing 9.30 am
Hedge Laying commencing 9am
Hedge cutting commencing 1.30pm**

**Ploughing Secretary:
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Burntwood Staffs WS7 9EH
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**Fundraising event in support of the Staffordshire and Birmingham Agricultural
Society**

Tractor Ploughing Competitions

Judges: R Simister, J Arye, R Butlin, M Bailey

Chief steward: R Leedham, Assistant steward: R Calcott

Prizes in all classes:

First place	Second place	Third place	Fourth place
£30	£20	£10	£5

Fourth place will only be awarded if 10 or more plots have been ploughed that individual class on the day.

Class 1: The PJH Packwood Trophy

For best ploughing with a two or three furrow reversible plough and any tractor.

Class 2: The Tom Bailye Trophy

For best ploughing with a four or more furrow plough.

Class 3: Swan Petroleum shield

For the best European Style ploughing

Class 4: The Gordon Baskerville Cup

For the best ploughing for any vintage tractor & trailing plough.

Class 5: The Charles McEwan Cup

For the best ploughing a Ferguson T20 tractor and plough.

Class 6: R W Leedham Cup

For the best ploughing with any vintage tractor & mounted plough.

Class 7: National Grid Perpetual Trophy

For the best ploughing with a classic tractor and one way plough of a model in production before 31 st December 1976.

Class 8: The Gilbert Family Memorial Trophy

For the best ploughing with a classic tractor and reversible plough, of a model in production before 31st December 1976.

Supplementary Classes

H F Deakin Cup

Awarded for the best turn out in Classes 1,2 or 3.

Central Fuel Oils Cup

Awarded for the best turn out in Classes 4,5 or 6

The H & G Hollinshead Trophy

Awarded for the best turn out in Classes 7 or 8

Rea Valley Tractor Shield

Awarded for best ploughing with a New Holland Tractor

Mrs M Leedham Cup

Awarded for the best ploughing by a ploughman up to and including the age of 18, in any vintage class.

P Moulton Cup

Awarded for the best ploughing by a ploughman 24 years and under in classes 1,2 or 3.

Robert Leedham Junior Cup

Awarded for the best ploughing by ploughman between the ages of 19 to 25 in classes 4,5 & 6

Trophy Information

All trophies to be signed for before removal on match day.

Trophies must be returned to the Society on or before the match day September 11th 2027.

Entry fee for all ploughing classes £20

Entries close Monday 7 th September 2026

Ploughing commencing at **9.30 prompt.**

Presentation of prizes at **3 pm approximately.**

Tractor Ploughing Rules

All equipment should conform to current Health and Safety Regulations. All equipment and competitors must be insured for use at the ploughing match, including public liability .

All rules are as the Society of Ploughmen Ltd – Official Rules for Ploughing updated 12/2025. A copy will be available on the day.

1. All entries must be received by 7 th September 2026.
2. All classes are open to any competitor but only one class may be entered.
3. The area to be ploughed is fixed by the stewards.
4. Ploughing may commence at 9.30 am. The opening split must be completed by 10am.
5. Competitors must wait until the judge or steward gives permission to continue ploughing.
6. Handwork is not allowed. Rolling of opening split is not allowed. Any contravention will be brought to the attention of the judges.
7. All ploughing to cease at 1.30pm prompt. Any competitor not completing their ploughing by this time will lose points.

County novice Ploughing Championship

The championship will be open to any competitor at a District Ploughing Match who has never won a first prize in any ploughing class in 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.

First place - £100

Second place - £50

Third place - £25

1. Entry to the County Novice Championship will be via the relevant District Ploughing Match entry form and will be limited to reversible ploughs.
 2. A novice ploughman is defined as someone who has never won a class, including a young farmer class, at any ploughing match. However, winning a class in a district ploughing match held after 1st September 2026 would not debar the competitor from entering the County Novice Championship.
 3. Each district will be required to identify the best three novices at their ploughing match that have entered the County 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 the County Judge will rank all competitors based on the number of points that he has awarded at the individual district matches and prizes will be awarded to the competitors ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
 5. A novice may enter the County Ploughing Championships as many times as he or she wishes by entering more than one district match.
 6. Competitors must live within the county of Staffordshire or within 10 miles of the county boundary
- Further information can be obtained by contacting the county office on 01785 258060.

Ploughing Entry Form

Entries close Monday 7th September 2026

Entry fee £20.00

Class Number

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Tractor Make and model

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Plough Make and model

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County Novice Class

Age if under 26 years

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I confirm I have read and understand the rules applicable to the class entered and agree to abide by them.

Signed

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Name

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Address

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Postcode

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Telephone no.

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Email

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Cheques payable to: SBAS Lichfield and district

BACS details: SBAS Lichfield and district

Sort Code: 54 10 27 Account number: 13270265

Please return this form to Julia Foster, Barn Cottage, Woodhouses Road, Burntwood, Staffs, WS7 9EH

Email: juliafoster1001@gmail.com

Hedge laying Entry Form

Entries close Monday 7th September 2026

Entry fees:

Classes 1&2 £10.00

Class 3 free

Open

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Novice

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Junior

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I confirm that I have read and understand the rules and conditions and agree to abide by them.

Signed

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Name

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Mechanical Hedge Cutting Competition

Plots to be drawn on the day.

Sponsored by **E.A. Derry and J.V. Derry**
Agricultural & Ground Maintenance Contractors

Contact: 07977 236114, 07989 549311 or 01543 685483

Open Class

Open to any competitor to compete for the
Len Horton Perpetual Shield

A competition to mechanically trim a defined length of hedge in the best
manner to the specification of the hedge owner.

Entry Fee – free £20 payment on completion of length of hedge

First place - **£30** Second place - **£20** Third place - **£10**

All equipment should conform to current Health and Safety Regulations.

All equipment and competitors must be insured for use at the ploughing
match, including public liability.

Entries on the day

Hedge Laying Competition

Affiliated to the National Hedge laying Society.

Entries close Monday 7 th September 2026.

All entries must be prebooked and a signed entry form received.

Steward: A White

Safety briefing at 8.45 am – all competitors must attend.

Classes start at 9 am and finish at 2pm.

Class 1: Open for any competitor to compete for the Lou Binfield Cup.

Class 2: Novice for any competitor who has not won a class twice in previous years within Staffordshire County Competitions.

If less than three entries are received this class will be amalgamated with the open class with discretion given to the judge to award a prize for a novice entry.

Class 3: Junior for competitors aged 26 years and under to compete for the Andrew White Fencing Trophy.

Prizes First place - **£30** Second place - **£20** Third place - **£10**
£10 paid on completion of length of hedge.

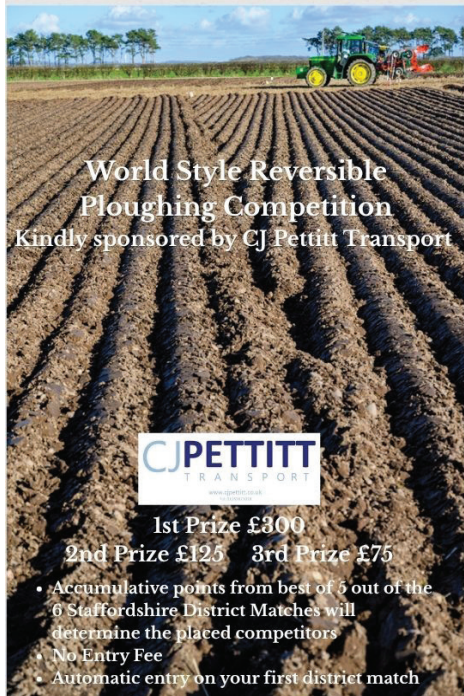
Entry fee: Classes 1 & 2: £10.00 Class 3: Free entry

Rules:

1. Dead wood is at the discretion of the landowner.
2. Anyone not completing their length by 2pm will lose points.
3. When chainsaws are being used all competitors in the Hedge Laying Competition are required to wear full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)– this must include eye and ear protection, a hard hat, boots and chain saw rated trousers.
4. Any competitor failing to wear full PPE when operating a chain saw will be given a single verbal warning before being disqualified from continuing in the competition.
5. 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 it is open to the public we have a responsibility to ensure that the highest standards of safety are both set and maintained.
6. Entries to the competition are accepted on the understanding that all prospective competitors understand the above conditions and are agreeable to always abide by them.
7. In so far as the requirements regarding use of chainsaws, should a prospective competitor feel he or she cannot comply with the above it should not deter him/her from entering if he/she does not intend to use a chainsaw.

Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society SUPER 6 COMPETITIONS – 2026

Ploughing Competitions held over the 6 District Ploughing Matches in Staffordshire

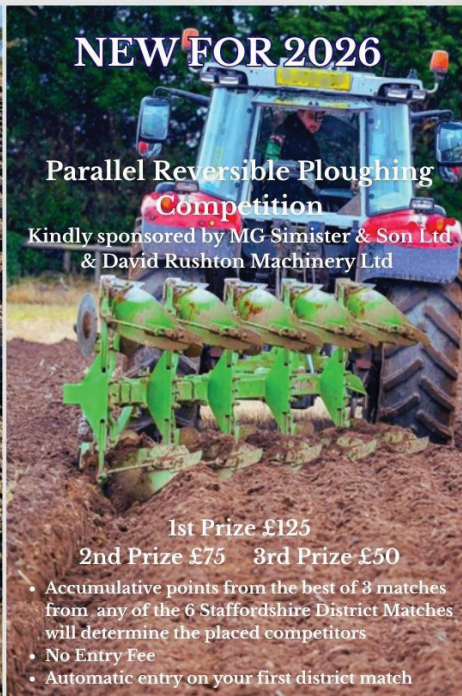


**World Style Reversible
Ploughing Competition**
Kindly sponsored by CJ Pettitt Transport

**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

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 21st October 2026
Lichfield District Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards

Ingestre Suite, County Showground, Stafford.