



Whitacres & Shustoke
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Open Horse Show

Saturday 25th July 2026

Blyth Hall, Shustoke, On the B4114, B46 2AF



Rosettes to 6th place,

Prizes in kind.

Qualifiers and Affiliations as follows:

Qualifier to the H.O.P.E Best of The Best Championship 2026 (all Champions Qualify)

Qualifier for Equifest 2026

Special Rosettes for best Foal and Highest Placed Rescue

Annual Traditional Championship

Entry Fees –

£9 pre-entry - £12 on the day - £3 First Aid Per Competitor

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H.O.P.E – HORSE OWNERS AND PONY EXIBITORS SHOWING SERIES

All champions qualify for H.O.P.E Supreme Best of the Best National Championship 23rd August 2026 at Rugby Riding Club, Ashlawn Road, Rugby.



Equifest 2026

This Show is affiliated to Equifest, taking place at the Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 5th – 8th August 2026. The two highest exhibits not already qualified in each affiliated class will qualify.



Concours D'elegance Of Great Britain

First, second and third placed horses/ponies not already qualified in eligible classes will qualify for the Champion of Britain Title classes to be held at Onley Equestrian Centre, Rugby, Warwickshire on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th September 2026. If a horse/pony has already qualified, cards may be handed down to 6th place at judge's discretion. Each qualified horse/pony will receive a qualification card in the ring which will enable the owner to enter the Championship Show, provided the owner and rider/handler are, or become registered with the Concours d'Elegance Society within 21 days of the qualifying show. No horse registration is required. For up-to-date information telephone the secretary on 07960 107 111 or see www.eqconcoursegb.com

Junior Showing Ring- Ring 1

Judge – Ms Lorraine Hirons

9am Start

Class 1: BEST TURNED OUT – any age/height. Ridden or Inhand

Class 2: LEAD-REIN RIDER - Leading Rein Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle. Lead rein to be attached to the noseband only.

Class 3: FIRST RIDDEN - First Ridden Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. To be shown in any suitable bridle.

Class 4: WALK + TROT – Open to all ages, mare or gelding 4 years and over. Snaffle bridle, no spurs permitted. Not to be assisted

Class 5: JUNIOR HANDLER – Handler 17yrs and under, Class maybe split dependant on entries and age

Class 6: ASSISTED RIDDEN – Open to any riders who are not yet confident enough to ride without assistance. Walk/ trot class only

Class 7: BEST PLAITED

Class 8: MANE + TAIL

Class 9: BEST 6 LEGS – Show us how creative you can be

Class 10: OPEN RIDDEN – Junior open ridden, open to any riders 17yrs and under

Lunch Break Approx. 12pm

Class 42. Stallion Parade to take place in the Main Arena both ridden and Inhand
Approx. 12:30pm



Ridden Ring 1

Approx. Start 1:15pm (Not Before)

Judge – Mr Rob Williams

Class 11: BEST TURNED OUT.

Class 12: EQUIFEST RIDDEN PIEBALD / SKEWBALD - Open ridden Piebald / Skewbald stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over. Riders any age. The first three places will also qualify for the BSPA Championship subject to their show rules & conditions. Classes may be divided according to entries. (Including Alternative Colour which will not qualify for Equifest).

Class 13: OPEN RIDDEN VETERAN HORSE / PONY - Stallion, mare or gelding, 15 years old and over. Any type or breed. Any suitable sized rider. Classes may be divided according to entries. The highest placed will qualify for Equifest 2026 providing the competitor has a qualification card and gets it signed in the ring by the Judge or Steward at the time of qualification.

Class 14: RIDDEN SPORTS HORSE/PONY/ROR (ROR To Be Judged Separately)

Class 15: OPEN RIDDEN HORSE – 14.2hh and over

Open to Hacks, Cobs, Riding Horses & Hunters. The highest placed Hack, Cob, Riding Horse & Hunter will qualify for Equifest 2026. The highest placed of each category will qualify for Equifest 2024 providing the competitor has a qualification card and gets it signed in the ring by the Judge or Steward at the time of qualification.

Class 16: OPEN RIDDEN PONY – 14.2 and under

Open to Show Ponies, Show Hunter Ponies & Ridden Part Breeds. The highest placed of each category will qualify for Equifest 2026 providing the competitor has a qualification card and gets it signed in the ring by the Judge or Steward at the time of qualification. Open to Leadrein Competitors

Class 17: EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND - Open to Mountain & Moorland ponies registered with their respective Pure-Bred Societies of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C and D. Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age. Classes may be divided according to entries. Open to Leadrein competitors.

Class 18: RIDDEN FOREIGN /RARE BREEDS (Part-Breds eligible) (Any Breed from outside the UK).

Class 19: RIDDEN NOVICE

Class 20: RIDDEN OPEN (Any Age, Breed and Height).

All Ridden Classes Are Open to Leadrein/ First Ridden



Showing Ring – Ring 2 INHAND

9:30am Start

Judge – Mr Rob Williams

CLASS 21: BEST TURNED OUT – any age/height. Inhand

CLASS 22: YOUNGSTOCK – Upto 3 years, foals eligible to be shown with dam. (Special rosette for highest placed foal.)

Memorial challenge Trophy in memory of Tim Walton Sponsored by Atherstone Rosettes

CLASS 23: BEST CONDITION – any age/height, Rosette to highest placed rescue pony/horse.

Handler to wear orange armband to signify a rescue pony/horse.

CLASS 24: EQUIFEST IN HAND PIEBALD / SKEWBALD Open in Hand Piebald / Skewbald stallion, mare, colt, filly or gelding, any age. The first three places will also qualify for the BSPA Championships subject to their show rules & conditions Classes may be divided according to entries. – piebald, skewbald, plaited, traditional, native or hogged.

CLASS 25: ALTERNATIVE COLOUR – spots, roan, dun, palomino.

CLASS 26: EQUIFEST OPEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND INHAND

Open to In Hand Mountain & Moorland ponies registered with their respective Pure-Bred Societies of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C and D. Stallion, mare, colt, filly or gelding, any age. Classes may be divided according to entries.

CLASS 27: INHAND FOREIGN / RARE BREEDS. (Part-Breds eligible) (Any Breed from outside the UK).

CLASS 28: SENIOR HANDLER – 18 yrs and over

CLASS 29: MINIATURE HORSES (Flower Sash). Open to all miniature horses

CLASS 30: INHAND SHETLAND (Flower Sash).

Open to both Standard Shetlands and miniature Shetlands

Lunch Break



Ring 2 – Open Inhand Classes

Not Before 1:15pm

Judge- Ms Lorraine Hirons

Class 31: OPEN IN HAND VETERAN HORSE / PONY

Stallion, mare or gelding, 15 years old and over. Any type or breed. Classes may be divided according to entries.

Class 32: DRIVING TYPE – Open to any Driving type horse, any age/any height

Class 33: INHAND PONY 14.2 AND UNDER

Class 34: INHAND HORSE 14.2 AND OVER

Class 35: INHAND MARE – Open to Mares and Fillies, any age/ any height.

Class 36: INHAND GELDING/STALLION – Open to all Stallions, Geldings and Colts, any age / any height. handlers of colts and stallions to wear white band to indicate.

Class 37: EQUIFEST OPEN RE-TRAINED RACE HORSES - Thoroughbred mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, any height. Horses must have been raced in the GB to be eligible to compete. Riders any age.

Class 38: INHAND FAMILY

PONY/HORSE – Open to any horse or pony that is used in any way by numerous members of the family.

Class 39: INHAND LOCAL EXHIBITOR – Open to any Exhibitor that is living within 30 miles of the showground.

Class 40: INHAND OPEN - Open to Age, Breed or Height.

Class 41. Concours D'elegance - Inhand or Ridden.



Championship Classes

Traditional Gypsy Cob Championship

Any traditional to have entered any class on the day is eligible to enter this Championship

Junior Championship – All 1st & 2nd Place Winners Are Eligible

Inhand Championship – all 1st & 2nd Place Winners Are Eligible

Ridden Championship – all 1st & 2nd Place Winners Are Eligible.

During the Day the Show Secretary Will Award Someone a Wild Card They

Believe Is Deserving of Entry to The Supreme of Show

The Supreme of show Championship After Completion of All Other Championships

The Supreme of Show Will Take Place in Ring 1



#Rules & conditions

- 1. Entries accepted at riders/ handler's risk.**
- 2. The organisers or its officials cannot be responsible for damage loss or injury to persons, property or animals due. to accident or any other cause.**
- 3. All horses or ponies must be four years old or over if ridden on the showground.**
- 4. Horses or ponies must not be left unattended tied to lorries/trailers on the lorry park.**
- 5. Any objection must be made in writing with £50 deposit within 30 Minutes of Incident to be forfeited if the objection is not upheld or is frivolous.**
- 6. All junior competitors 17 years and under as of January 2026, must wear a correctly secured current British standard riding hat whilst mounted or in hand regardless of association.**
- 7. Earrings or facial piercings must not be worn.**
- 8. Chaps are not permitted.**
- 9. No running martingales or draw reins to be worn.**
- 10. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday.**
- 11. All ages of horses/ponies and children are taken as of the 1st January 2026 unless stated otherwise, for example not to have attained Birthday by 1st January 2026.**
- 12. In lead rein classes the lead must be attached to the nose band only. Snaffle bits only.**
- 13. No galloping on the show ground except as required by the judge.**
- 14. The judge's decision is final.**
- 15. All stallions must be bitted.**
- 16. Equine passports must be carried and may be subject to checks, vaccinations are advisory, but we recommend annually. Foals are not required for vaccinations below 6 months.**
- 17. The show operates a zero-abuse tolerance level, any offenders will be asked to leave the show ground with no financial reimbursements made.**
- 18. Handlers of Colts/Stallions must wear a white armband.**
- 19. Supreme of Show Trophy and Reserve Supreme WILL require a deposit of £20 each in which will be returned the following year on return of the trophies.**
- 20. Riding hats to be current safety standard Bsi Kitemarked PAS015.**
- 21. Disclaimer to be filled out upon entering the Concours D'elegance class if the correct standard hat isn't being worn.**

Health Safety & Welfare

The organisers of this event have taken every reasonable precaution to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take reasonable precaution to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers, officials and stewards

Entry fees

All class entry fees are £12 on the day and £9 in advance. Please see entry form. Entry fees are cash only on show day. Timings Late entry into a ring is at the discretion of the judge. Competitors must be present for the final walk round to be placed. Pre entries close Wednesday 22nd July 2026

The Showground

Please adhere to steward's instructions when moving or parking lorries. The ground is very uneven, and the best routes have been identified and marked. If extreme weather conditions have been experienced in the 7 days prior to the show, we have the right to cancel the horse show section.

Show Protocol Kindly underwritten by NDHS

- Our judges will never touch your horses.
- Never share items at shows with persons from other yards to minimize any infection.
- If your horse seems unwell "off colour" please do not bring/ attend the show.
- Please bring enough forage/ water for your horse/pony, we do have a tap for water on the showground, but please do not share buckets.
- Please keep space between yourselves prior to classes and in working in areas.
- Its all-basic common sense, but all the above are often seen at all events, so do your bit to protect you and your horse.
- No cantering showground showring and



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warm up ring.

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