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GOSFORTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Registered Charity No. 116889

Rules & Regulations
and
List of Premiums & Prizes

Offered by the Society at the

ANNUAL SHOW

on

Saturday 16th August 2025

Entries close on 31st July 2025

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Gosforth Show Website

Gosforth Agricultural Society – Charity Number 116889

Charity Objectives: The Society's objectives are the promotion of rural events and to maintain, adapt, and develop our annual traditional country show, to educate locals and tourists about farming and rural life. To help sustain the economy, health and well-being of our rural community and wider countryside.

Gosforth Agricultural Society Rules/Regulations & Information

1. The Subscription of Members shall be £10.00 and members of the General Committee £10.00. These subscriptions will entitle Members to Subscribers' Tickets for admission to the Show. In any year in which the Annual Show is not held subscription will be waived and such year will not be considered as a qualifying year for membership. Subscriptions which have been paid in a year in which the Show has been cancelled will, if desired, exempt the relative members from payment in the next year in which a show is held. Membership of the Show will lapse where a year's subscription has not been paid before the end of the following year subject to the exemption as set out above.
2. The Society may, at its Annual Meeting, elect Life Members. This honour will only be awarded where exceptional service has been rendered to the Show. Life Members will be entitled to all the privileges of Full Members.
3. Exhibitors of Horses, Cattle, Sheep or Pigs will be supplied with Exhibitors' Passes for the necessary attendants in charge of their exhibits. *Minimum entry to qualify for an exhibitor pass is £10
4. Entry Fees:

All Horse Classes inc. Jumping	£6.00 (£10 on Show Day)
Dogs	£2.00
Sheep Classes	£3.00
Cattle Classes	£5.00
Young Handler Classes	Free
Vintage	Free (No Exhibitor pass required)
5. The General Committee shall have the power to fix entry fees for any Classes not included in the above list. Special Committees appointed to run specified Sections of the Show, such as Horticultural and Handicraft Sections, shall have power to fix suitable Entry Fees for the Classes under their control.
6. Important – ENTRY FEES must be paid to accept entries – methods available are:
Cheques payable to Gosforth Agricultural Society
BACS Name: Gosforth Agricultural Society Sort: 60-07-34 Account: 48199664 (as reference use Entries/name)
7. Exhibitors are not allowed free entry to the Show Ground except as provided in the rules.
8. All livestock entries must comply with DEFRA/Governing body regulations – necessary forms will be issued prior to the show (once the entry date has closed).
9. Vehicles **MUST NOT** move around the show field once the show has started without permission from the secretary.
Exhibitor Rules
10. The age of all animals shown for all prizes offered by the Show or given by private donors shall be taken from the day of birth.
11. Any person who shall have been proved to the General Committee to have been excluded from showing for prizes at the Show or any other Show as a result of having attempted to gain a prize by giving a false certificate shall not be allowed to compete for any of the prizes offered by the Show except with the special sanction of the General Committee.
12. No animal for which there is a class shall be entered for a special prize unless entered and shown in its respective class.
13. In no class shall a prize be awarded unless the judge shall deem the stock or other exhibit to be of sufficient merit, more especially if it is the only entry in any class.

14. All bulls shall be secured by a ring in the nose with a chain or staff attached; otherwise, they cannot be admitted into the Show Ground. All the cattle must be tied up in places assigned to them.
15. When making their entries Exhibitors must give to the Secretary a written statement of the age of each animal shown on them, where required.
16. All entries must be sent in on the Show's printed forms. The Exhibitors must collect their numbers or tickets from the Secretary's Tent on the morning of the show.
17. All stock shall be on the Show Ground before 9.00am on the morning of the Show unless stated otherwise.
18. All stock will be required to remain on the Show Ground until the Grand Parade.
19. **SHEEP - IMPORTANT:** Due to limited space in the sheep sections **DO NOT** erect gazebos or place stock equipment in the alley ways being used for judging/showing. If your gazebo is large, then please **DO NOT** erect until judging is complete.
20. Vintage classes – entries are free and access to the show ground with Vintage exhibits is free. No passes will be issued to Vintage exhibitors.
21. Any person or persons wishing to lodge a protest or objection having reference to any Exhibitor at the Show must do so in writing, clearly stating the reason or grounds for his or their protest or objection and deliver the same to the General Secretary before 6.00pm on the day of the Show. Any person wishing to lodge a protest or objection to the winner of any Challenge Trophy must deliver same to the General Secretary before the Grand Parade of prize animals takes place together with a deposit of £50 in all cases. In the case of investigation, the protest or objection is not sustained to the satisfaction of the committee the sum deposited shall be forfeited to the funds of the Show. No protest or objection will be considered if not delivered and the deposit paid as lay down above. Any protest, dispute or mistake, which may arise, shall be referred to a Sub-Committee of not less than five to be chosen by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or General Secretary, and their decision shall be final. Notice of the Committee meeting will be duly given to the parties concerned so they may attend and lay their case before the committee.
22. In the event of two or more judges failing to agree, a referee approved by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or General Secretary shall be called in and their decision shall be final. No other method of settlement will be recognised. The referee will only give their decision on the point on which the judges fail to agree.
23. **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 31st July 2025. ALL HORSE CLASSES CAN BE ENTERED ON THE DAY FOR £10 ENTRY FEE.**

Information for Exhibitors

24. Give all details asked for an Entry Form. If the same animal is in more than one class, this must be shown. Give the animal's name, if any.
25. No entries are necessary for Championship or Trophies. 1st place prize winners from the appropriate classes are eligible.
26. Trophy winning exhibits are expected to join the Grand Parade to receive their trophies.
27. All entries must be received by 31st July 2025 to be included in the catalogue. Entry Fees must accompany entries in all cases and a **minimum of £10** must be sent to receive entrance tickets. A table of entry fees as shown above.
28. All exhibits must be in their places on the field by 9.00am except show jumping competitors, who must be available 30 minutes prior to classes starting post Grand Parade.
29. As a courtesy, show exhibitors are expected to remain on the show field until the Grand Parade – trophy winners will collect their trophies during the Grand Parade. Trophy winners wishing to leave early will require permission from the secretary. Exhibits in the Grand Parade ring will be judged by the current year president for best in show.
30. Exhibitor's numbers may be obtained from the Secretary's Tent on arrival. If any animal is entered in more than one class, the other class or classes in which it is entered must be stated in the proper column, or the following written under the first entry: "Entered also in Class (*give number*) or Classes (*give numbers*)

31. Jumpers must get their riding numbers from the Secretary's Tent half an hour before Jumping commences.
32. Exhibitors entitled to them will be sent Exhibitor's passes which must be given up at the Gate. Failure to produce this pass will entail payment for admission. These passes are not transferable and can only be used when actually bringing in Exhibits. This rule will be strictly enforced. Minimum entry £10
33. Prize money will be paid out between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm in the Secretary's Tent if not collected beforehand.
34. In the interests of safety, hard hats must be worn by all handlers aged 14 years or under in In-hand classes. Exhibitors should not kneel but remain standing while in the ring. Hard hats must be worn by all exhibitors, irrespective of age, in ridden classes and they must be secured using a chin strap. This ruling is waived only for the Side Saddle Association (SSA) classes & riders do so at their own risk.
35. New classes can be created where there are sufficient exhibitors entering – minimum of 4 exhibitors required to create new classes. Exhibitors interested in this must put it in writing to the secretary. The show will endeavor to appoint Society judges for pedigree classes.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

36. By signing the entry form, exhibitors accept that we will share their data, if necessary, with bodies and breed societies that the show is affiliated with, such as, Side Saddle Association, Jacob Sheep Society, Charollais Sheep Society, Texel Sheep Society. Data will be published in our show programme and may be on our society's website and Facebook page and given to local press/Farmers Guardian with regards to the show results. Exhibitors do have the right to withdraw consent of this at any time by contacting the general secretary, gosforthshow@hotmail.com or 07856162428.

General Information

37. All Lorry parking is on the Seascale side of the show field (no ring side parking available) – this is to allow the main ring and collecting ring to be extended to accommodate more classes and larger attractions. The improved roadway between the two gates has made the field more accessible. Please take care, on approach to the show field, follow signage, have your passes ready to ensure a quick and efficient entry to the field.

Public Liabilities Insurance

38. Exhibitors to hold public liabilities insurance for their exhibits to protect themselves should their charge cause any injury

Cattle and Sheep classes will be held subject to the arrangements being approved by DEFRA and all the exhibitors must make be aware of and comply with the relevant DFFRA regulations in force at the time of the Show. **ALL STOCK MUST HAVE A VALID MOVEMENT LICENSE BEFORE UNLOADING ON THE SHOW FIELD.**

Gosforth show is classified TB4

Cattle will be under cover at this year's show

DAIRY CATTLE (ANY BREED)

Entry Fee £5

Judging to start at 10.00am prompt.

Prizes are 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10.

JUDGE: Will Rogerson, Appleby

43. HEIFER – one year and under two years of age.
44. HEIFER IN CALF
45. COW IN CALF (to be shown dry)
46. HEIFER IN MILK
47. COW IN MILK

SPECIAL PRIZES

The SEABREEZE TROPHY for the Best Animal in the Dairy Classes, given by Messrs Leek of Holmrook.

THE "EGREMONT" TROPHY kindly presented by Lord Egremont of Petworth House. Sussex, presented to the Best Two Dairy Cattle, property of the Exhibitor. To be held for one year.

A PERPETUAL TROPHY kindly donated by Mr Nelson Love will be presented to the Best In-Calf or In-Milk Dairy Heifer.

A SILVER ROSEBOWL presented by Mrs E. Bushby will be presented to the dairy animal showing the best udder.

BEEF CATTLE

Entry Fee £5

Judging to start at 10.00am prompt.

Prizes: 1st £20 2nd £15 3rd £10

JUDGE: Will Rogerson, Appleby

LIMOUSIN

48. BULL, born before 1st January 2024
49. BULL, born after 1st January 2024
50. COW IN CALF or CALF AT FOOT.
51. HEIFER IN CALF or CALF AT FOOT.
52. MAIDEN HEIFER.

A TROPHY donated by the late Mrs Pattinson awarded to the Best Animal in the Limousin Classes.

NATIVE & RARE BREED CATTLE

53. BULL, ANY AGE
54. COW or HEIFER IN CALF or CALF AT FOOT.
55. MAIDEN HEIFER.

ANY OTHER BEEF BREED (NOT ALREADY INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS CLASSES)

56. BULL, ANY AGE

57. COW or HEIFER IN CALF or CALF AT FOOT.
58. MAIDEN HEIFER.

A TROPHY donated by late M. Mossop Esq. will be awarded to the Best Animal in Any Other Beef Breed Classes.

59. COMMERCIAL BEEF – STEER OR HEIFER (NOT TO HAVE BEEN SHOWN IN ANY OTHER CLASS)

A CUP presented by late T.S. Lowery Esq. to be awarded to the champion animal in all Beef classes.

SPECIALS

The Furness & South Cumbria Supply Association will give a TROPHY for the Best Animal in the Cattle Classes, bred by the Exhibitor, who must be a customer of the Supply. To be held for one year.

THE CALDER ABBEY PERPETUAL TROPHY kindly donated by the late Mrs Williams of Calder Abbey, for the Exhibitor gaining Most Points in the Cattle Classes. To be held for one year.

A TROPHY donated by the late H. Kirkby Esq. will be awarded to the Best animal in all the cattle classes, excluding calf classes.

YOUNG HANDLER CALF CLASSES

Kindly sponsored by K & J Catering

Prizes are 1st £8; 2nd £6; 3rd £4; 4th £2.

£2 for Best Handler

Each Handler to receive rosettes.

Free to Enter

ADULTS NOT TO ASSIST WITH LEADING

Judge: Will Rogerson, Appleby

DAIRY CALF

60. CALF born after 2022 Show, to be exhibited by person aged 16 & under on day of show.

BEEF CALF

61. CALF born after 2022 Show, to be exhibited by person aged 16 & under on day of show.

A TROPHY will be presented to the Overall Calf Champion.

A Salver presented by Messrs Ostle of Gosforth, will be awarded to the Champion YOUNG HANDLER in the Calf Classes