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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

HORSE EXHIBITORS

Guidance: Equine Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all horses attending the Gosforth Agricultural show. The requirement for the first 3 vaccinations is as follows: the first 2 vaccinations 21-92 days apart, a third booster between 150-215 days, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of EI vaccination. Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old. Any changes to this rule will be passed on by the general secretary. **DO NOT MAIL ANY CERTIFICATES – BRING THEM ON SHOW DAY TO BE AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED.**

*A horse walkway will be in operation between the horse boxes and the main ring &/or working hunter ring – instructions from the horse steward when moving to/from classes **MUST BE OBEYED.**

MAIN RING: (may change based on conditions on the day)

All showing classes will be held in the main ring, where time allows. Should more time be required it will be the Chair/Secretary's decision where/when the remaining classes will be held.

COMPETITOR NUMBERS – DUE TO POSTAGE COSTS WITH NO GUARANTEE OF DELIVERY, ALL COMPETITOR NUMBERS ARE TO BE COLLECTED ON SHOW DAY.

HORSE ENTRIES PLEASE NOTE: THE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO AMALGAMATE CLASSES AND/OR WHERE LESS THAN 4 ENTRIES IN A CLASS ONLY 1ST PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED

****ENTRIES FOR ALL HORSE CLASSES CAN BE TAKEN ON SHOW DAY FOR £10 PER ENTRY**

RIDING CLASSES & LIGHT HORSES

OPEN TO ALLCOMERS

All prize money in these classes: 1st £15; 2nd £10; 3rd £5. unless otherwise stated

Entry Fee £6

Judging of In Hand and Ridden Classes will take place in separate rings

EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO AVOID CLASSES OVERLAPPING HOWEVER CLASSES CANNOT BE HELD UP FOR EXHIBITORS IN OTHER RINGS.

IN-HAND CLASSES (Excludes M&M Horses/Ponies)

*Classes can be split where there are sufficient entries to create extra classes

JUDGE: **Mrs S McSherry, Distington**

Starting Time: 9.00 am

1. BROOD MARE HORSE OR PONY – in foal or with foal at foot. The highest placed horse & pony will receive a 1st rosette
Best Foal 1st £8, 2nd £5, 3rd £3
2. YEARLING, Two-Year-Old or Three-Year old Horse or Pony – class will be split if enough entries. The highest placed horse & pony will receive a 1st rosette
3. COLOURED HORSE OR PONY, Any age
4. VETERAN IN HAND HORSE OR PONY 15 Years and over

THE SMITH TROPHY presented by the late Mr & Mrs Smith of Stonehouse. St. Bees will be awarded to the Champion pony in classes 1 and 2. To be held for one year.

THE KESWICK TROPHY presented by Keswick Outside Caterers will be presented to the champion horse in classes 1 and 2. To be held for one year.

The CAFFREY MEMORIAL TROPHY presented by Mrs Christine Royston of Kell Head Cottage will be awarded to the winner of the In-Hand Coloured Horse or Pony

RIDDEN HORSE CLASSES

JUDGE: Miss S Zonis, Northwich

Starting Time: 9.00 am

5. OPEN RIDING HORSE, over 14.2h
THE LUCAS & CUSSONS PERPETUAL CUP presented by the late S.J Brownjohn Esq will be awarded the highest placed horse over 15.2hh. To be held for one year.
THE TEMPLE PERPETUAL CUP, given by Mrs J. Harrison will be awarded to the highest placed horse up to 15.2hh
6. OPEN HUNTER.
THE ANTINS TROPHY presented by Mr & Mrs J Antins, Ellerbeck Barns, St. Bees will be awarded to the winner.
7. OPEN COB.
THE CARR CHALLENGE CUP presented by the Carr family of Coulderton will be awarded to the winner. To be held for one year.
8. RIDDEN COLOURED HORSE OR PONY (includes Palomino & Dun).
THE ROYSTON TROPHY presented by Mr & Mrs I Royston Kell Head Cottage, Egremont will be awarded to the winner. To be held for one year.
9. RIDDEN VETERAN HORSE 15 years and over

SIDE-SADDLE CLASSES

JUDGE: Miss S Zonis, Northwich

Starting Time: Immediately after Riding Horse Classes.

10. The Side Saddle Association EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING OPEN CLASS
Run under SSA Rules defined in the current Members' Handbook. Open to SSA Members and Non-Members. Members carrying their current Championship Points Cards are eligible for SSA rosettes to 3rd Adult and 3rd Junior places and SSA Championship Points. Southernden Farm sponsor a rosette to the highest placed Member aged under 14 on 1st January of the current year. A rosette sponsored in memory of The Late Mr R Philpot is offered to the Adult Member and Just So Elegant Side Saddle Hire sponsor a rosette for the Junior Member, judged to be the best turned out.

THE ROBINSON TROPHY presented by Mr & Mrs Robinson Stoneacre Cottage, Rothersyke will be presented to the winner. To be held for one year.

11. BEST HORSE OR PONY RIDDEN SIDE SADDLE.
The Judge shall be on the current SSA Judges' Panel Open to horses and ponies 4 years old or over: conformation & manners will be taken into consideration; horses/ponies will not be stripped. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Cards.

The Highest placed coloured exhibit ridden by a competitor aged 16rs or over (who has not already qualified) receives a Special Rosette and qualifies for the Side Saddle Final at the CHAPS Championship Show. Open to any type of exhibit. Riders/Owners need not be a member or their exhibit registered with CHAPS at the time of qualification, but in order to compete at the Championships, the Rider/Owner must be a showing member and their horse/pony registered with CHAPS before entering the final. Lead Rein competitors are eligible for this class. Leaders must be correctly dressed.

THE STEPHENSON TROPHY presented by Mr & Mrs Stephenson Whitecroft House, Egremont will be presented to the winner. To be held for one year.

12. COSTUME CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE (This class will be in the timetable of afternoon attractions – approx. 1.15pm)

Open to all. Competitors may ride astride, side saddle, or be on lead rein. Competitors should wear period costume and be able to briefly talk to the judge about their costume. Fancy dress is not permitted. The sole criterion for the judging is the elegance of the picture presented by the horse or pony and rider, not the most beautiful costume. A short individual show will be required showing walk, trot and canter. Juniors must wear safety hats to the current standard. Adults not wearing such hats do so at their own risk. SSA rosettes will be awarded to the highest placed senior and junior rider riding side saddle.

THE HUNDITH HILL TROPHY kindly presented by J & P Butterworth will be presented to the winner. To be held for one year.

RIDING PONY CLASSES

JUDGE: Mrs P Murray, Brampton

Starting Time: 9.00am – ALL COMPETITORS FOR RIDING PONY CLASSES MUST PRESENT AT 9AM.

13. CHILDREN'S RIDING PONY not exceeding 12.2hh and ridden by a child under 13 years on Show Day. All entrants will receive a rosette.
 14. CHILDREN'S RIDING PONY exceeding 12.2hh, but not exceeding 13.2hh. To be ridden by a child under 15 years on Show Day.
 15. CHILDREN'S RIDING PONY exceeding 13.2hh but not exceeding 14.2hh. To be ridden by a child under 17 years on show day.
 16. CHILDREN'S RIDING PONY, under 13.0hh. Not to have been entered in any other class and to be ridden by a child under 10 years on Show Day. Leading rein not to be attached to bit. All entrants receive a rosette.
17. THE NORAH TROPHY (Entry Free) presented by late Mrs M. Hartley, for the pony & rider most suited to each other & under 14.2hh, the rider to be under 16 years on Show Day & living within 15 miles of the Showground and must be ridden off the lead rein. To be held for one year.

18. HORSE/PONY FANCY DRESS (Entry Free)

This class will be judged immediately before the Grand Parade. All entrants will receive a rosette
1st £5.00: 2nd £4.00: 3rd: £3.00: 4th £2.00.

THE ALLONBY TROPHY, presented by Mrs D Allonby of Green Head. Grayrigg, Kendal will be awarded to the winner of Class 16. To be held for one year and becomes property of 3 times winner, not necessarily in succession.

THE NEWTON TROPHY kindly presented by the late Comd. H.W. Falcon-Steward. OBE, RN, of Newton Manor, Gosforth, for the Best Children's Riding Pony in Classes 13, 14 & 15. To be held for one year.

WORKING HUNTER CLASSES

Starting times: 11 am

JUDGE: Mrs S McSherry, Distington

- Special 1. NOVICE WORKING HUNTER PONY – poles will be on the ground and ponies can be on or off the lead rein/assisted by an adult.

WORKING HUNTER PONIES UP TO 15HH

19. WORKING HUNTER PONY – Jumps not exceeding 50 cm.
20. WORKING HUNTER PONY – Jumps not exceeding 70 cm.

21. WORKING HUNTER PONY – Jumps not exceeding 90 cm.

WORKING HUNTER HORSES 15HH & OVER

22. WORKING HUNTER HORSE – Jumps not exceeding 60 cm
23. WORKING HUNTER HORSE – Jumps not exceeding 80 cm
24. WORKING HUNTER HORSE – Jumps not exceeding 1m

The EHSS TROPHY Presented to the Champion Working Hunter Pony
The JOHN BOLTON MEMORIAL TROPHY to the Champion Working Hunter Horse

The BUCKSWOOD JOKER TROPHY presented by Mr & Mrs M Wareing of Laverock Howe,
Ponsonby will be presented to the Overall Champion Working Hunter horse or pony

HEAVY HORSES (OPEN TO ALL HEAVY HORSE BREEDS)

Judging to start at 10.30am
JUDGE: Mr A Matear, Cockermouth

25. MARE IN FOAL or WITH FOAL AT FOOT 3yrs or Over
26. BEST FOAL.
27. YEARLING, FILLY or GELDING.
28. TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY or GELDING.
29. GELDING OR BARREN MARE 3yrs or Over
30. RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE – Open to all heavy horse breeds. Half bred horses are permitted provided that the heavy horse parent is stated on the entry form.

Classes 27 & 28 may be amalgamated at the discretion of the Judge.

A SILVER ROSE BOWL presented by Angus Boadle in memory of his father Archie Boadle,
to be presented to the Best Animal in the Heavy Horse classes.

The QUEENIE TROPHY presented by the late Mr Albert Fawcett will be presented to the best
Animal 3yrs and under from classes 27, 28 & 29.

MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND

(M & M eligible to all natives, such as Fell, Shetland, Exmoor, Dartmoor, Welsh, Connemara etc.)

Judging to start at 9.00am prompt

JUDGE: Mr B Mallinson, Carlisle

31. PURE BRED 3yrs or under. SPECIAL ROSETTES FOR HIGHEST PLACED 3yr old, 2yr old & Yearling.
32. PURE BRED MARE IN FOAL or WITH FOAL AT FOOT.
 - SPECIAL CLASS FOR BEST PURE-BRED FOAL – 1ST £8, 2ND £5, 3RD £3
33. PURE BRED or PART-BRED OVER 3yrs – IN HAND
34. SHETLAND IN HAND CLASS (ANY AGE) – THIS CLASS WILL BE MERGED WITH RELEVANT OTHER CLASSES IF LESS THAN 3 ENTRIES. SPECIFY PONY AGE ON ENTRY FORM.
35. PURE BRED or PART-BRED MARE OR GELDING TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING MOUNTED (Excluding Shetland) (including lead rein) THIS CLASS MAY BE SPLIT TO GIVE LEAD REIN ENTRIES THEIR OWN CLASS IF ENOUGH LEAD REIN ENTRIES.
36. SHETLAND MARE OR GELDING TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING MOUNTED

(Includes lead rein)

CHALLENGE CUP, presented by the late W. F. Ratcliffe Esq. will be awarded to the Best Animal in the Mountain & Moorland. Not to be won outright. To be held for one year.

THE WILMAN SHIELD will be awarded to the Champion Fell pony in the Mountain & Moorland Classes; to be held for one year,

A PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP presented by the late Ramsay Timmins Esq. of High Harrington, for the Champion Shetland Pony

The ALLENGROVE TROPHY kindly donated by the Nicholson family will be presented to the Best Ridden Shetland Pony

JUMPING COMPETITIONS

Starting approx. 3.15pm (follows grand parade)

Entry Fee £6.00

Prizes for Showjumping Classes: 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5 (unless stated otherwise)

Ponies 14.2hh and under:

37. Fences Maximum 60cm in 1st round.
38. Fences Maximum 75cm in 1st round.
39. Fences Maximum 90cm in 1st round.

Horses over 14.2hh:

40. Fences Maximum 75cm in 1st round.
41. Fences Maximum 85cm in 1st round.
42. Fences Maximum 95cm in 1st round.

THE E J BRAITHWAITE MEMORIAL TROPHY presented by Miss N Braithwaite will be presented to the winner of the 60cm class. To be held for one year.

THE ARMSTRONG TROPHY presented by the late R N Armstrong will be presented to the Winner of 75cm class. To be held for one year.

THE PERCY MOORE MEMORIAL TROPHY will be presented to the winner of the 90cm class. To be held for one year.

THE W.E. PARK MEMORIAL TROPHY presented by Mrs Park will be presented to the highest placed competitor in the 90 cm class who lives within 15 miles of the Showground. To be held for one year.

THE HEWRIGG RUBY TROPHY presented by Mrs Ellwood to the winner of the Horse 75cm class. To be held for one year.

THE MARLEY SILVER SALVER will be presented to the winner of Horse 85cm class. To be held for one year.

THE B.N.F.L. TROPHY will be presented to the winner of the 95cm class. To be held for one year.