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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 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**Entries close on 31<sup>st</sup> 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

## **SHEEP**

**SHEEP CLASSES OPEN TO ALL – MAIDI-VISNA (MV) ACCREDITED SHEEP WILL BE PENNED SEPARATELY.**

**IMPORTANT: MV ACCREDITED SHEEP – A COPY OF THE MV PAPERWORK MUST BE SUPPLIED ALONG WITH DEFRA MOVEMENT FORM PRIOR TO UNLOADING**

**THE SOCIETY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMALGAMATE LOW ENTRY CLASSES**

**Prizes are 1<sup>st</sup> £10 2<sup>nd</sup> £7 3<sup>rd</sup> £5.**

**Entries Fee £3**

**Sheep judging to start at 10.00am prompt.**

### **CROSS BRED SHEEP**

**JUDGE: Mr R Ridley, Hesketh New Market**

62. TWO CROSS-BRED EWES (to have reared lamb(s) this season)
63. TWO CROSS-BRED SHEARLING GIMMERS
64. TWO CROSS-BRED GIMMER LAMBS (Mules from Herdwick, Swaledale or Westmorland Rough Ewes)
65. TWO GIMMER LAMBS any cross breed other than Mules.
66. THREE BEST BUTCHERS LAMBS, any cross.

THE FLETCHER TROPHY, kindly presented by I. & M. Fletcher of Whitehaven will be awarded to the Champion Cross Bred Sheep.

### **SUFFOLK SHEEP**

**JUDGE: Oliver Watson, Holmrook**

67. BEST RAM
68. BEST SHEARLING RAM
69. BEST RAM LAMB
70. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
71. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER.
72. BEST GIMMER LAMB.

THE GANNON TROPHY kindly presented by Messrs. Gannon will be awarded to the Champion SUFFOLK sheep.

### **JACOB SHEEP**

**JUDGE: Emily Maudsley, Kendal**

73. BEST RAM
74. BEST SHEARLING RAM
75. BEST RAM LAMB
76. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
77. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER.
78. BEST GIMMER LAMB
79. BEST PAIR OF JACOBS (ONE MALE, ONE FEMALE)

A shield kindly presented by Mr P M Murray, Arlecdon will be presented to the champion JACOB sheep.

**HERDWICK SHEEP****JUDGE: Ian Grisedale, Crooklands**

80. BEST AGED RAM
81. BEST TWO-SHEAR RAM, not showing more than six broad teeth.
82. BEST SHEARLING RAM.
83. BEST RAM LAMB.
84. BEST EWE, to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
85. BEST TWO-SHEAR EWE, not to show more than six broad teeth.
86. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER
87. BEST GIMMER LAMB.

- Special Class: BEST HERDWICK NOT TO HAVE WON A PRIZE IN ITS RESPECTIVE CLASS (ENTRY FREE)

THE ELDRED TROPHY presented by the late Dr & Mrs Eldred will be presented to the Champion Herdwick. To be held for one year.

**SPECIAL PRIZES**

- Collection of Herdwick Rams (containing One Aged Ram, One Two Shear Ram, One Shearling Ram and One Ram Lamb). 1<sup>st</sup> £3; 2<sup>nd</sup> £2; 3<sup>rd</sup> £1
- Groups of Herdwicks (One Shearling Ewe, One Tup Lamb and One Ewe Lamb). 1<sup>st</sup> £3; 2<sup>nd</sup> £2; 3<sup>rd</sup> £1.

A SILVER CANDLESTICK – donated by the late John Jackson, will be awarded for a Collection of Herdwick Sheep, containing One Ewe, One Two-Shear Ewe, One Shearling and One Gimmer Lamb. To be held for one year.

**SWALEDALE SHEEP****JUDGE: Mr R Ridley, Hesketh New Market**

88. BEST AGED RAM.
89. BEST SHEARLING RAM.
90. BEST RAM LAMB.
91. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
92. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER.
93. BEST GIMMER LAMB.

The R Timmins Trophy has been represented to the best animal in the Swaledale Sheep Classes

**TEXEL SHEEP****JUDGE: Andrew Butcher, Ulverston**

94. BEST AGED RAM
95. BEST SHEARLING RAM
96. BEST RAM LAMB.
97. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
98. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER.
99. BESTGIMMER LAMB.

THE KEITH GIBSON MEMORIAL TROPHY, donated by the family of the late Keith Gibson, will be presented to the Champion Texel.

**CHAROLLAIS SHEEP****JUDGE: Sam Hodgson, Carlisle**

100. BEST AGED RAM
101. BEST SHEARLING RAM
102. BEST RAM LAMB.
103. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
104. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER.
105. BESTGIMMER LAMB.

The SINGLETON TROPHY has been represented to the Champion Charollais Sheep

**RARE & NATIVE BREEDS (Declare breed on entry form)**

**HILL & HEATH (Welsh Mountain, Portland, Clun Forest, Dalesbred, etc.)**

**JUDGE: Mr J Atkinson, Ulverston**

106. BEST AGED RAM.
107. BEST SHEARLING RAM
108. BEST RAM LAM
109. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season
110. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER
111. BEST GIMMER LAMB

The ROBINSON & CO trophy presented to the Champion Hill & Heath Breed

**PRIMITIVE (Shetland, Castlemilk Moorit, Manx Loaghtan, North Ronaldsay, etc.)**

**JUDGE: Mr J Atkinson, Ulverston**

112. BEST AGED RAM.
113. BEST SHEARLING RAM
114. BEST RAM LAM
115. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season
116. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER
117. BEST GIMMER LAMB

The HARTLEY CUP presented to the Champion Primitive Breed

**LONGWOOL (Teeswater, Leicester Longwool, Grey Faced Dartmoor, etc.)**

**JUDGE: Mr C Walton, Corney**

118. BEST AGED RAM.
119. BEST SHEARLING RAM
120. BEST RAM LAM
121. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
122. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER
123. BEST GIMMER LAMB

The FURNESS & SOUTH CUMBERLAND SUPPLY ASSOCIATION trophy presented to the Champion Longwool Breed

**DOWN BREEDS (South Down, Poll Dorset, Ryeland, Hampshire Down, etc.)**

**JUDGE: Mr S Pickthall, Ullock**

124. BEST AGED RAM.
125. BEST SHEARLING RAM
126. BEST RAM LAM
127. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season
128. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER
129. BEST GIMMER LAMB

The GOSFORTH SOCIETY trophy presented to the Champion Down Breed

## **ZWARBLE SHEEP**

**JUDGE: Stephen Hodgson, Carlisle**

130. BEST AGED RAM.
131. BEST SHEARLING RAM
132. BEST RAM LAM
133. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
134. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER
135. BEST GIMMER LAMB

The SHEEPFIELDS trophy presented by Mr Charlie Crayston, Sheepfields to the Champion Zwarble

## **WELSH BADGER FACED SHEEP**

**JUDGE: Mary Brough, Uldale**

136. BEST AGED RAM.
137. BEST SHEARLING RAM
138. BEST RAM LAM
139. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
140. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER
141. BEST GIMMER LAMB

## **BELTEX SHEEP**

**JUDGE: John Graham, Wigton**

142. BEST AGED RAM.
143. BEST SHEARLING RAM
144. BEST RAM LAM
145. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
146. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER
147. BEST GIMMER LAMB

## **ANY OTHER BREED OF SHEEP (NOT ALREADY INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS CLASSES)**

**JUDGE: Will Higgins, Ulverson**

148. BEST AGED RAM.
149. BEST SHEARLING RAM
150. BEST RAM LAM
151. BEST EWE to have reared a lamb(s) this season.
152. BEST SHEARLING GIMMER
153. BEST GIMMER LAMB

A plate presented by Mr & Mrs B Watson of Holmrook will be awarded to the champion of the AOB Sheep classes

THE NATWEST TROPHY, kindly presented by National Westminster Bank will be presented to the Overall Champion Sheep.

**YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITION**

**NOTE: THE YOUNG HANDLER CLASSES WILL COMMENCE AFTER THE CHAMPION SHEEP HAS BEEN JUDGED**

1<sup>st</sup> £8, 2<sup>nd</sup> £6, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4, 4<sup>th</sup> £2 – Each handler to receive a rosette

**ADULTS NOT TO ASSIST THE HANDLERS**

Entry – Free

**Judge: Lucy Shaw, Cockermouth**

154. LAMB, Any Breed - Young Handlers under 7 years of age on show day, to be judged on Presentation and Turnout of both Handler and Lamb Kindly sponsored by Adam Jackson Ltd
155. LAMB, Any Breed - Young Handlers 7 to 10 years of age on show day, to be judged on Presentation and Turnout of both Handler and Lamb
156. LAMB, Any Breed - Young Handlers 11 to 16 years of age on show day to be judged on Presentation and Turnout of both Handler and Lamb

**ALL ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE**

The GARRY PURDHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY kindly presented by the Purdham family will be awarded to the champion Young Handler in the sheep classes. Not to be won outright.