Cattle Section

1. Breed champions are required to attend the interbreed championships. Failure to do so may result in prize money being withheld.
2. It is essential that Isolation areas have been passed and licence issued - Any queries should be addressed to DAERA.
3. Exhibitor numbers will be issued at Registration box on show day.
4, Due to Bio-Security Measures, Straw is Prohibited for use at Ballymena Show – sawdust may be allowed.
5. Cattle for Exhibition, showing signs of any kind of disease, will have to be removed by the Owner immediately.
6. Exhibitors must follow parking and all other instructions issued by stewards.
7. All cattle classes will be judged on Saturday 31st May 2025 commencing from 10.00am.
8. Entry Fees: CAAA Members £7; Non CAAA Members £10 (unless otherwise stated) - CATTLE ENTRIES CLOSE ON SATURDAY 17th May 2025.
9. Prize Money in Cattle Section 1st £20 2nd £15, 3rd £10 (except where otherwise stated).
10. Cattle exhibitors are requested to display the animal number allocated while in the judging ring so that they be easily identified by the viewing public.
11 All persons must sign the entry form as agreement to conform to the rules of the County Antrim Agricultural Association as organizers of Ballymena show.
12. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure that appropriate Insurance cover is in place for the showing of his/her exhibits at the show.
13. Trophies are presented at the annual awards awards night being held on Saturday 5th October in Tullyglass Hotel.
14. Snaffles must be worn by all cattle over one year old
15. Prize money will be issued to the bank account given online
16. All cattle entered for this show must be from OFFICIALLY TUBERCULOSIS FREE HERDS and each animal must be accompanied by the official movement permit. ANIMALS WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE CORRECT PAPERWORK. Pre movement testing for Bovine Brucellosis is no longer required for movement to shows.
17. Only those animals with a BVD status of BVDN(negative), INDNEG(indirect negative)or "blank"(no BVD status on APHIS) can move into the show herd. Any animal with an APHIS status BVDP, BVDI, DAMPI, OFFPI or BVDU(unknown) status cannot be moved into the show herd.
18. Please note - all drivers outside a radius of 65kms must have animal transporter authorisation certificate

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Ballymena Show would not exist without the support it receives through our sponsors and as such we are grateful to all those who support our event in this way.
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HEALTH AND SAFETYTY AT WORK (NI) ORDER 1978

In compliance with the above Order County Antrim Agricultural Association has produced an Event Management Plan. This is to provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions for its employees or other persons who have reason to be present on premises and grounds occupied by the Association during Ballymena Show.
Specific responsibility is placed on all exhibitors, trade, craft or stock, for their own personal safety, fellow exhibitors and all other persons (including the general public) who have reason to be present. Exhibitors should acquaint themselves with the Rules and Regulations and Instructions to Exhibitors.
Exhibitors must adhere to all instructions given to them by the Stewards present and consult with the Section Chief Steward on any points relating to safety that may arise.
All livestock exhibitors must be deemed capable of handling any animal they are exhibiting.
Child Exhibitors must be accompanied by an adult. Any minors accompanying Exhibitors to the Show are the responsibility of the Exhibitor.
The completion of an entry form for Ballymena Show is deemed to be a full acceptance of an exhibitor of his intention to comply with all Regulations and Instructions as laid down under the Rules & Regulations of the Association.
Copies of the Event Management Plan can be obtained from the Secretary's Office at the entrance The Cattle Market

REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO EXHIBITORS

Intending Exhibitors are requested to read the Rules carefully, and not to lodge Entries unless they are prepared to comply strictly with the Regulations.
1. Lodging Entries. Entries can be completed online www.showingscene.com or all Entry Forms accurately completed and signed by the Exhibitor or Agent must be sent by post to the Secretary of CAAA together with the amount of the Entry Fees where applicable. Cheques to be made payable to the County Antrim Agricultural Association (CAAA). Entries on plain paper cannot be accepted. The Association requests that intending Exhibitors lodge their Entries with the Secretary as early as possible before the period for receiving Entries closes.
2. Entries Close. No Entry will be accepted unless it has been received on or before the closing date and is accompanied by the full amount of the fees.
3. Postponement. The Association reserves the right to postpone or abandon the Show but will not be responsible to any intending Exhibitor for loss incurred by reason of such postponement or abandonment.
4. Full Particulars. All particulars required in the Entry Form must be stated, otherwise the exhibit is liable to be disqualified and excluded from the Show. The exhibit must be that as described in the Entry Form, and no other.
5. Verification of Statements. Each Exhibitor or agent must be prepared to verify every statement contained in the Entry Form in any manner the Association may require.
6. Exhibits not sent. Any person entering an exhibit, and failing to send same for exhibition, shall forfeit the Entry Fee.
7. Rejection of Entries. The Association reserves to itself the right to reject any Entry without assigning any reason thereof. In the event of the Association being

unable to accept any entry, notice will be given not later than six days before the show, and the fees lodged will be refunded, or in any case of there being insufficient entries in a class where the Association withdraws the class from competition, the Entry Fees will be refunded.
8. Amalgamation/Division/Cancelling of Classes. Where, in the opinion of the Association, there are either insufficient or too many entries in any one Class, the Association may, without reference to the Exhibitor or Agent, amalgamate, divide, or cancel such Class. Amalgamation may be affected with any other similar, or relevant Class, with or without increase of Prize Money, but where a Class is divided, similar Prize Money will be paid in each division.
9. Entry Fees will not be refunded should an exhibitor wish to cancel any of his/her entries. Failure to send same for exhibition or competition will also mean that any entry fees paid will be forfeited.
10. Due to Bio-Security measures, STRAW IS PROHIBITED for use at Ballymena Show.
11. Any minors accompanying Exhibitors to the Show are the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Child Exhibitors must be accompanied by an adult.
12. Should a judge encounter an animal or animals which he/she has bred, owned or in which he has had any interest, a request may be made to the chief steward of that section to appoint another suitable person to place such animals. If a chief steward is aware of such a situation, he should notify the judge.

Exclusion of Liability
Ballymena Show Committee will not be responsible for accidents or losses.
County Antrim Agricultural Association, as organisers of Ballymena Show 2024, requires all entrants and exhibitors as a fundamental condition of entry to undertake and accept that Ballymena Show Committee shall not be liable in any way for any claim for compensation or otherwise which may arise out of or be connected with the Show including without prejudices to the
generality of the foregoing, the holding, abandonment or alteration of the date of the Show, omission of any entry, the rejection or removal of any animals or other exhibit, the removal or exclusion of any owner, groom, rider or attendant from the Show, or the appointment decision, act or omission of any Judge, Officer, Official, employee or other persons be in any way responsible
or accountable for anything that may happen (from any cause or circumstance whatsoever) to the Exhibitors or their Attendants or to any exhibit or property brought into Ballymena Show, or for anything else in connection with, or arising out of, or
attributable to Ballymena Show. Each Exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, Injury or
Damage done to or occasioned by or arising from any animals or item exhibited by him/her, and for its description as given in the Catalogue. Exhibitors shall indemnify the Ballymena Show committee against all legal or other proceedings in regards thereto.
31/05/2025 10:30

Overall Beef Championship

overall beef championship
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Cecil McIlwaine (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Commercial Cattle

Kindly sponsored by James Kernohan & Sons and Donnelly & Taggart - Donnelly Group
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Jim Quail (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Salers

Kindly sponsored by MB Motors and Stevensons Quarry
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

James Nelson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Galloway

Kindly sponsored by Donnelly and Taggart - Donnelly Group and TJ Hamill and Sons
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Jane Landers (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Dexters

Kindly sponsored by The Mill Veterinary Clinic and McCurdy Fuels
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Damien Tumelty (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Irish Moile

Kindly sponsored by Ravelglen Furniture and TJ Hamill Recycling
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

David Scott (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Beef Section

Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Cecil McIlwaine (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Charolais

Kindly sponsored by McCarroll Plant Hire and Ross Companies Ltd

The AJC Lamont trophy will be awarded to the best Charolais Exhibit
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Will Short (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Any Other Continental Beef Breeds

Section kindly sponsored by Sam Kelly Lime Spreading and Ross Companied Ltd
Includes Simmental, Blondes and British Blue Breeds.
See also classes 1 and 2 - junior beef and open pair
The Northern Constitution Trophy will be awarded to the best Simmental exhibit
The NI Simmental Cattle Breeders Club Cow Bell will be awarded to the best opposite sex from the Best Simmental exhibit
The NI Blonde Cattle Club trophy will be awarded to the best Blonde exhibit
The Smallcost Trophy will be awarded to the Best Blonde Junior Heifer exhibit
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Will Short (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Ayrshires

Kindly sponsored by Dairy Herd Management, Kersia and Moore Concrete
The Ulster Ayrshire Cattle Club donate £50 to the prize fund for this section
Ayrshires: Animals entered must be registered in the appendices or fully pedigree section of the Ayrshire Herd Book, Ayrshire Hybrid or Red and White Sections of the Ayrshire Society Herd Book and be at least one half Ayrshire. If black and white in colour, animals must be registered in the Herd Books Full Pedigree Ayrshire Section.
See also classes 75,76,77 (Junior, Group & Pair of Dairy Animals)
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Kevin Lawrie (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Overall Dairy Championship

no entry required
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Phillip Jones (Judge)

Number	Name	Description

Beef Young Handlers - enter on show day

Kindly sponsored by McCarroll McConnell and John Thompson & Sons Ltd
To be judged at the start of the show
Prize money = 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10, 4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5, 9th £5
Kindly sponsored by Ross Companies Ltd
Entry free - Entry forms to be completed and signed on show day but will not be catalogued
Animals must be 30 months or under on show day
It is expected that the young handler is experienced in handling the animal prior to the show.
Owners of livestock must supervise from a safe distance
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Zara Clarke (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
4	Beef Young Handlers - ENTER ON SHOW DAY - free entry	Open to children 8 - 11 years of age as of 1st May in current year Prize money 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10, 4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5, 9th £5 Exhibitor must be capable of handling the animal being shown.
5	Beef Young Handlers - ENTER ON SHOW DAY - free entry	Open to children 12 - 15 years of age as of 1st May in current year Prize money - 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10,4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5 Exhibitor must be capable of handling animal being shown
6	Beef Young Handlers - ENTER ON SHOW DAY - free entry	Open to teenagers 16 - 18 years of age as of 1st May in current year Prize money - 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10,4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5 Exhibitor must be capable of handling the animal being shown.
7	Best Beef Young Handler	No entry required The Ernest O'Hara BEM Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class First prize winners from classes 4, 5 and 6 qualify for this class Prize money kindly sponsored by McNeills Hardware 1st £30, 2nd £20
SP11	Dunbia/Nisa Beef Young Handlers Championships 2025	DUNBIA/ NISA BEEF YOUNG HANDLERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 Beef Young Handler – age 12 – 15 Beef Young Handler – age 16 – 18 Age as of 1st May in current year. Animals to be 12 months or under on 1st May, in current year. The Dunbia / NISA Beef Young Handler Championship is being held this year at Limavady Show on Saturday 19th July 2025. All exhibitors wishing to qualify for this Championship must enter the name of their animal(s) and exhibitor details, at the qualifying show. It is important that the date of birth, contact details (phone number and/or email address). and parent/guardian details where these differ from the exhibitor details are all available. The Qualified exhibitors will be the top three Young Handlers in each age section of the Dunbia / NISA qualifying class at each qualifying show. Parents/Guardians are requested to ensure that exhibitors are competent and capable of handling the animal. One adult is welcome to enter the ring to ensure safety. In these classes the appearance and skill of the exhibitor will be considered. Rosettes will be awarded to each qualified Young Handler. Championship & Reserve Championship sashes will be awarded at the final. Prize Money at the final: 1st £100 2nd £75 3rd £50 The Qualifying Shows for the Dunbia/NISA Beef Young Handler are: Ballymena, Ballymoney, Lurgan, Armagh, Saintfield, Newry, Omagh, and Limavady. Ballymena Show requires all exhibitors intending to put forward an animal for use in the Young Handler section to already have the animal entered and forward in a previous class at the Show.

Beef Shorthorn

Kindly sponsored by James Kernohan & Son Ltd.
Classes may be amalgamated, divided or cancelled by organising committee - see rule 8.
See also classes 1 and 2- Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

James Nelson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
45	Junior bull born on or after 1st January 2024 but on or before 31st August 2024	
46	Cow any age in calf or having had a calf in the last twelve months	
49	Calf born on or after 1st September 2024 (class may be split depending on numbers)	
51	Young Handlers	cup to be presented to winner

Belted Galloway

Section sponsored by Hitt The Diff Tractor Parts
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior and Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Jane Landers (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
57	Cow in calf or with calf at foot born on or before 31/08/2022	
59	Bull or heifer born on or after 01/09/2024	

Any Other Native and Traditional Beef Breeds

Section kindly sponsored by A.H. Fuels
Includes Herefords and Aberdeen Angus. Also rare or re-established breeds that do not have their own section at Ballymena Show
see also classes 1 and 2 - junior beef and open pair
The Templeton Trophy will be awarded to the best Aberdeen Angus exhibit
The Hereford Trophy will be awarded to the best Irish Bred Hereford exhibit
The Newsletter Trophy will be awarded to the best Hereford exhibit
Aughnakealie Trophy will be awarded the the best native and traditional breed exhibit in the show
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Andrew Clarke (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
80	Senior Heifer, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023	
83	Junior Bull, born between 1st January 2024 and 31st August 2024	

Dairy Young Handlers - ENTER ON SHOW DAY

Kindly sponsored by Masons Animal Feeds, Lakeland Dairies & John Thompson & Sons Ltd
Prize money = 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10, 4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5.
Entry free - Entry forms to be completed and signed on show day but will not be catalogued
To be judged at the cattle rings at 10am
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Alison Lawrie (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
91	Dairy Young Handlers	open to children 7 - 14 years of age on 1st May in current year Prize money, kindly sponsored by Lakeland Dairies - 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10,4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5 Exhibitor must be capable of handling animal being shown
92	Dairy Young Handlers	Open to teenagers 15 - 21 years of age on 1st May in current year Prize money, kindly sponsored by Lakeland Dairies - 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10,4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5 Exhibitor must be capable of handling animal being shown
93	Best Dairy Young Handler	No entry required First prize winners from classes 91 and 92 qualify for this class Prize money kindly sponsored by Lakeland Dairies - 1st £30, 2nd £20 The WD Perry Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class
SP10	Lakeland Dairies/NISA Dairy Young Handler Championship 2025	LAKELAND DAIRIES / NISA YOUNG HANDLERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 Dairy Young Handler – age 7 – 14 Dairy Young Handler – age 15 – 21 Age as of 1st May in current year. Animals to be 12 months or under on 1st May, in current year. The Lakeland Dairies / NISA Young Handler Championship is being held this year at Clogher Valley Show on Wednesday 30th July 2025. All exhibitors wishing to qualify for this Championship must enter the name of their animal(s) and exhibitor details, at the qualifying show. It is important that the date of birth, contact details (phone number and/or email address). and parent/guardian details where these differ from the exhibitor details are all available. The Qualified exhibitors will be the top three Young Handlers in each age section of the Lakeland Dairies / NISA qualifying class at each qualifying show. Parents/Guardians are requested to ensure that exhibitors are competent and capable of handling the animal. One adult is welcome to enter the ring to ensure safety. In these classes the appearance and skill of the exhibitor will be considered. Rosettes will be awarded to each qualified Young Handler. Championship & Reserve Championship sashes will be awarded at the final. Prize Money at the final: 1st £100 2nd £75 3rd £50 The Qualifying Shows for the Lakeland Dairies/NISA Dairy Young Handler Championship are: Ballymena, Ballymoney, Lurgan, Armagh, Saintfield, Newry, Omagh, Castlewellan, Limavady, Antrim and Clogher Valley. Ballymena Show requires all exhibitors intending to put forward an animal for use in the Young Handler section to already have the animal entered in a previous class at the Show.

Coloured Dairy including Jersey and Dairy Shorthorn

Kindly sponsored by Ross Companies Ltd and Kersia
All exhibits must be pedigree and entered in the relevant societys Herd Book.
Exact age, colour markings and full pedigree must be given.
See also classes 75,76,77 (Junior, Group & Pair of Dairy Animals)
The Thompson Trophy will be awarded to the best pedigree Jersey exhibit
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Alison Lawrie (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
115	Heifer born between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024	
116	Heifer in calf, with first calf born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023	
118	Cow in milk	
119	Production and Inspection Class, Cow in Calf or Milk, Any Age	confined to cows which have been recorded under an Official Recording Scheme Cows in this class will be judged not only on appearance but also on their last qualifying milk and butter- fat yields Note:- Official Production Certificate of Last Lactation MUST be presented on the day of show Prize money 1st £30, 2nd £20
120	Pair of Animals(same breed)	the property of one exhibitor and entered in the above classes for which they are eligible Prize money £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10

Limousin

Kindly sponsored by Rainey & Gregg, McKeown Accountants and Stevenson Quarries
See also classes 1 and 2 - junior and open pair of beef animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Jim Quail (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
SP 3	Limousin Show Team of the Year	The N.I. Limousin Cattle Club presents the following awards annually, to exhibitors, who have shown their animals in Limousin classes, at local shows, throughout the summer months. Ballymena Show is a qualifying show for these awards and the points for each award will be administered by the NILCC. In the event of a tie, the NILCC may, at their discretion, consider additional criteria for each award and their decision will be final. “Limousin Show Team of the Year” kindly sponsored by Danske Bank - Points will be awarded for class placements as follows, 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points and 3rd = 1 point.
SP 4	Limousin Show Champion of the Year	The N.I. Limousin Cattle Club presents the following awards annually, to exhibitors, who have shown their animals in Limousin classes, at local shows, throughout the summer months. Ballymena Show is a qualifying show for these awards and the points for each award will be administered by the NILCC. In the event of a tie, the NILCC may, at their discretion, consider additional criteria for each award and their decision will be final. “Limousin Show Champion of the Year” - Points will be awarded to animals achieving Limousin Champion and Limousin Reserve Champion.
SP 5	The Gordon Bull	The N.I. Limousin Cattle Club presents the following awards annually, to exhibitors, who have shown their animals in Limousin classes, at local shows, throughout the summer months. Ballymena Show is a qualifying show for these awards and the points for each award will be administered by the NILCC. In the event of a tie, the NILCC may, at their discretion, consider additional criteria for each award and their decision is final. “The Gordon Bull” - Points will be awarded to exhibitors achieving Limousin Champion and Limousin Reserve Champion

Dairy Sections

All rosettes must be removed before entering judging rings
Ayrshires, Holsteins and Coloured Dairy
Production and Inspection Classes (88,98 and 106) Points Allocation
a) milk - 1 point for each 100kg
b) fat protein - 1 point for each 10kg
c) maximum of 100 points for general conformation. An addition not exceeding 15% of the award under a) may be made when the lactation is that of a heifer, and commenced before she reached three years of age
Official Production Certificate of last lactation must be included with the entry form or emailed to secretary@ballymenashow.co.uk
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Phillip Jones (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
SP 6	THOMPSONS/NISA DAIRY COW CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 (pedigree or non pedigree)	THOMPSON'S / NISA DAIRY COW CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 (Pedigree or non-pedigree) To include "Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion" Thompson's / NISA Dairy Cow Championship is being held this year at Antrim Show on Saturday 26th July 2025. All exhibitors wishing to qualify for this Championship must enter the name of their animal(s) and exhibitor details in their respective classes, at the qualifying show. The 1st & 2nd placed exhibits in all Dairy Cow Classes at Ballymena Show are eligible to go forward to the Thompson's Dairy Cow Qualifier, however if this does not include a "heifer in milk" (lactation 1) then the highest placed animal in this category should also go forward to the qualifier. Three animals will qualify per Show to include a maximum of 2 adult cows in milk (lactation 2+) and one heifer-in-milk cow (lactation 1). No exhibitor may qualify more than four exhibits for the Championship final. To maximise attendance of qualifying exhibits at the Championships, Stewards should enquire if it is the intention of the exhibitor to be present at Antrim Show on Saturday 26th July 2025 for the Championship final. In the event of qualified exhibitors not wishing to attend the Championship final, the Judge will be asked to identify further qualifying animals. Qualifying exhibitors who do not appear at the Championship final may be excluded from competing in NISA Championships in 2026, unless good reason is given for such non-appearance. THOMPSON'S will present special rosettes to the exhibitors of qualifying animals at each qualifying show. Each animal forward at the Championship, which does not gain 1st to 6th place, will receive a Thompson's £50 Feed Voucher. Animals placed 1st to 6th in the Championship will receive Prize Money as follows: Champion £500 plus sash. Reserve Champion £300 3rd Place £200 4th Place £150 5th Place £100 6th Place £50 Junior Champion £300 Reserve Champion £150 In addition, £100 plus Sash will be awarded to the highest placed Exhibitor-bred animal at the Championship (born on farm, not purchased embryo), and the exhibit with the Best Udder will also receive £100 plus sash. The Junior Champion will receive a sash and rosette, and the Reserve Junior Champion a rosette. The THOMPSON'S Perpetual Shield will be presented to the Champion. The Qualifying Shows for the Thompson's Dairy Cow Championship are: Ballymena, Ballymoney, Lurgan, Armagh, Saintfield, Newry, Omagh, Castlewellan, Limavady and Antrim.

Holsteins

Kindly sponsored by Kersia, Dairy Herd Management, Moore Concrete and A Kennedy Plant & Fencing
All exhibitors should wear the breeds show outfit whilst in the judging ring. All entries to be entered in the Holstein UK Herd Book proper or in classes B or C of the Supplementary Register. All classes are open to both black and white and red and white registered animals.

Holstein NI provide an award to the exhibitor of the Champion Holstein presented at their AGM. Points are also allocated to exhibitors towards the Bibby Salver trophy.
See also classes 75,76,77 (Junior, Group & Pair of Dairy Animals)
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Padraig Greenan (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
SP 9	Holstein UK Rosettes	Holstein Uk offers rosettes to the Champion, Reserve Champion, Best Exhibitor Bred, Junior Champion and Best Udder in Show