Home Industries

During the show, the Home Industries area will be packed with items of craft, arts, photography and home baked goods, writing and needlework. Entries to the Home Industries competitions are open to schools, womens institutes, care homes, young farmers clubs as well as the general public.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 11th April 2025

Cups will be given out at the Annual Awards Night on 18th October 2025 in Tullyglass

Due to the number of entries each year, items exhibited MUST be collected between 4.15 and 6pm on Saturday of the show - after this time, items will be discarded as we do not have any storage facilities.

County Antrim Agricultural Association reserves the right to amalgamate or split classes according to the number of entries.

enter and pay online at:-
https://showingscene.com/organisation/ballymena-show

or send paper entries and payment to Show Secretary, County Antrim Agricultural Association, Ballymena Showgrounds, St Patrick's Link, Town Parks, Ballymena, Co Antrim, BT43 7FU
31/05/2025 10:30

Home Baking Open Section

This section is open to everyone(individuals own work - no groups.) All entries will be judged on presentation and taste.

Judging takes place on Friday 30th May. All exhibits to be brought to the Home Industries area at Ballymena Cattle Market on Thursday 29th May between 2pm and 6pm or Friday 30th May between 10am and 12noon.

The Early Riser award will be presented to the entrant in classes 1 - 18, who gains the highest number of points in these classes based on 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point.

Mortons Flour offer a special bonus of £2 to each 1st prize winner in classes 1 - 18 who use Mortons Flour - each exhibit must be accompanied by the Blackbird Trademark cut from any size bag of Mortons Flour.

Entry Fee = £1

Prize Money - 1st = £10, 2nd = £6, 3rd = £4
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Judges

Jacqui Johnston (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
1	A Marble Cake	Baked in a 1 lb loaf tin
2	An Iced Half Sandwich Orange Cake	
3	A Lemon Drizzle Cake	Baked in a 1lb loaf tin
4	A Ginger Cake	Baked in a 1lb loaf tin
5	A Boiled Cake	Baked in a 1lb loaf tin
6	A Chocolate Sandwich	Filled in the centre only
7	A Victoria Sandwich	Filled in the centre only
8	A Madeira Cake	Baked in a 1lb loaf tin
9	An Apple Tart	Baked with shortcrust pastry
10	A Half Coffee Sandwich	Decorated
11	A Rhubarb Crumble	
12	Four Cheesecakes	
13	Four Decorated Flakemeal Biscuits	
14	Four Shortbread	
15	Four Plain Scones	
16	Four Cherry Scones	
17	A Wheaten Loaf	Baked in a 1lb loaf tin
18	Four Caramel Squares	
19	Six Malteser Squares	
20	Four Biscoff Traybakes	

First Time Exhibitors Home Baking - Open Section

Entries may be taken to Home Industries area at Ballymena Cattle Market on Thursday 29th May between 2pm and 6pm or Friday 30th May between 10am and 12noon.
Entry fee = £1
Prize Money - 1st = £6, 2nd = £4, 3rd = £2
A cup will be awarded to the first time exhibitor who gains the most points in these classes based on 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points and 3rd = 1 point
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Jacqui Johnston (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
21	Four No Bake Tray Bakes	
22	Four Plain Buns	
23	Four Plain Shortbread Biscuits	
24	A Half Chocolate Cake	Decorated

Needlework and Crafts - Open Section

Kindly sponsored by Black Agri
Open to everyone
No age limits
Individuals own work - no groups
Exhibits to be brought to the home industries stand on Thursday 29th May between 2pm and 6pm
Entry fee - £1
Prize Money - 1st = £6, 2nd = £4, 3rd = £2

The R Vogan Sewing Machine Cup will be awarded to the entrant gaining most points in classes 25 - 39 based on 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 3 points.
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Shirley Dew (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
25	Any Article Using The Slow Stitch Technique	
26	A Crocheted Knee Rug	
27	A Felted Picture - Framed Or Unframed - Any Size	
28	A Piece of Coloured Embroidery	
29	Any Item of Textile Art	
30	Any Exhibit Made Out Of Cane	
31	A Handmade Quilted Garment	
32	Any Item of Patchwork	
33	Any Upcycled Item	
34	Any Hand Knitted Baby Garment	
35	Update A Bought Cardigan Using Wool, Lace, Sequins etc	
36	Any Item Of Macrame	
37	A Handmade Bag	
38	A Door Stopper	
39	Any Other Needlework Or Craft Item, Not Classified in Above Classes	

First Time Exhibitors Needlework and Crafts - Open Section

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Exhibits to be brought to the home industries area at Ballymena Cattle Market on Thursday 29th May between 2pm - 6pm
Entry Fee = £1
Prize Money - 1st = £6, 2nd = £4, 3rd = £2
A cup will be awarded to the first time exhibitor with the most points in classes 40 - 45 based on 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 3 points
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Judges

Shirley Dew (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
40	Any Crocheted Item	
41	An Embroidery Motif Added To A Shop Bought Woollen Item	
42	A Hand Knitted Scarf	
43	Any Piece Of Handmade Jewellery	
44	A Handmade Stuffed Toy	
45	Any Other Needlework Or Craft Item, Not Classified in Above Classes	

Photography - Open Section

Open to everyone - no age limit
Individuals own work - no groups
Exhibits to be brought to the home industries area at Ballymena Cattle Market on Thursday 29th May from 2pm - 6pm
Must be the work of individuals not groups
Entry fee = £1
Prize money - 1st = £6, 2nd = £4, 3rd = £2
Limited to amateurs, not professionals
Judging will be on the art of photography only
Photographs must be mounted on card

The Darren Cumberland Photography & Get It Framed NI Award will be awarded for the best exhibit in this section
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Judges

Darren Cumberland (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
46	A Photograph Depicting "Northern Ireland Weather"	
47	A Photograph Depicting "A Snow Scene"	
48	A Photograph Depicting "Family Farming Life"	
49	Any Black and White Photograph	
50	A Photograph Depicting "Feathered Friends"	
51	A Photograph Depicting "Sunrise Or Sunset"	
52	A Photograph Depicting "Farming Machines At Work"	
53	A Photograph Depicting " Animal Family On The Farm"	
54	A Photograph Depicting "Landmarks Of Northern Ireland"	

Adult Painting - Open Section

Kindly sponsored by The Kernohan Family. A cup will be presented in memory of Nicola (donated by her parents) to the best entry in this section
Exhibits to be brought to the Home Industries area at Ballymena Cattle Market on Thursday 29th May from 2pm - 6pm
Entries can be in any painting medium, framed or unframed
The painting must be the own work of the artist submitting
Finished size - no larger than 16" X 20"
Entries will be judged on artwork only

Entry Fee £1
Prize 1st = £6, 2nd = £4, 3rd = £2
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Judges

Nigel Allison (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
55	A Painting Depicting "All Creatures Great And Small"	
56	A Painting Depicting " Beautiful Northern Ireland"	
57	A Painting Depicting "Still Life"	

Women's Institute Section

Classes confined to WI members only
Individuals own work, no group
Entries in this section are ineligible for any other class
Baking and floral entries to be brought to the Home Industries section at Ballymena Livestock Market on Thursday 29th May from 2pm to 6pm or baking may be brought on Friday 30th from 10am - 12noon

Entry Fee = £1 per entry
Prize Money - 1st = £6, 2nd = £4, 3rd = £2

The Jane Black Salver will be awarded to the person gaining the most points in WI section - 1st = 3 points, 2nd 2 points, 3rd = 1 point
The Ballymena Borough Council Runcimann Bowl will be awarded to the Womens Institute gaining the greatest number of points in the WI classes(Ballymena District)

Identification of exhibitor must NOT be displayed on the front of any exhibit and names should only be written on the back.)
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Judges

Jacqui Johnston (Judge)
Shirley Dew (Judge)
Nigel Allison (Judge)
William Kerr (Judge)
Darren Cumberland (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
58	A Decorated Half Coffee Sandwich - No Nuts	
59	A Hanging Heart Decoration In Any Medium - No More Than 6 Inches Wide	
60	A Fresh Flower Arrangement Incorporating Three Blooms	No Height or Width Requirements
61	Painting - "My Favourite Place"	No Larger Than 24 x 21ins and must be ready for hanging
62	Photograph - "On It's Own"	Size 7 x 5 or 6 x 4 ins
63	Apple Chutney - Any Size	

Young Farmers Club Section

Kindly sponsored by D McKay
Exhibits to be brought to the Home Industries area at Ballymena Cattle Market on Thursday 29th May from 2pm - 6pm or if preferred, baking may be brought on Friday 30th May from 10am - 12noon
Open to young farmers club members only
Identification of exhibitor must not be displayed on the front of any exhibit and names should only be written on the back
Individuals work only - no groups

Entry Fee = £1
Prize Money - 1st = £6, 2nd = £4, 3rd = £2

A trophy sponsored by Mid and West Antrim UFU group will be awarded to the club gaining the most points in this section based on 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points and 3rd = 1 point
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Judges

Linda Brooks (Judge)
Darren Cumberland (Judge)
Shirley Dew (Judge)
Jackie Johnston (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
121	An Upcycled Wooden Pallet	
122	A Decorated Bottle	
123	A Photo Entitled "From The Seed To The Table"	must be mounted
124	Decorate A Cake Entitled "95 Years Of YFC"	Judged on Decoration only
125	A craft item - AGE 12 - 18 years	
126	A craft item - AGE 19 - 30 years	