Sheep

Section Chairmen - Mr Ian Andrews

Young Handler Judging will commence at 9.00am. Judging of all other Sheep classes will commence at 9.30am

Thank you to our Sheep Commentator: Mrs Marg Cowley

Please note: Pens are 6ft square. We do not charge for pens and they are allocated by our sheep chairman.

Only one handler to be in the showing ring during judging please (with the exception of the Young Handler classes)

ALL LIVESTOCK VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED TO THE OFFICIAL LORRY PARK BY 9.00 am
27/08/2026 09:00

Dorset Down

MV and Non MV
If there are insufficient entries (less than 3 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Robert Burrough (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
150	Ram of any age	Ram of any age
151	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
152	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
153	Shearling Ewe	Shearling Ewe
154	Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb
155	A Group of Three	A Group of Three, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
R10	Dorset Down Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette in the Dorset Down classes.

Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset

MV and Non MV
Sheep in classes 161 & 162 need not be registered.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Geraint Jones (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
156	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ram Lamb	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ram Lamb
157	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ram, Shearling Ram or older	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ram, Shearling Ram or older
158	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Shearling Ewe	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Shearling Ewe
159	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Chilver Lamb, born on or after 1st September 2025	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Chilver Lamb, born on or after 1st September 2025
160	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ewe, four tooth or older	One Registered Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ewe, four tooth or older
161	Two Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ewes, of any age. This is a local class - all untrimmed.	Two Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Ewes, of any age. This is a local class - all untrimmed. To be judged in pens.
162	Two Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Chilver Lambs, born on or after 1st September 2025	Two Dorset Horn/Poll Dorset Chilver Lambs, born on or after 1st September 2025. This is a local class - all untrimmed.
163	A Group of Three	A Group of Three, to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown).
R11	Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette

Dutch Spotted

If there are insufficient entries (less than 3 exhibitors) in these classes they will be amalgamated with Any Other Pure Continental Breed classes.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Ashley Thomas (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
164	Ram of any age	Ram of any age
166	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
165	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
167	Shearling Ewe	Shearling Ewe
168	Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb
169	A Group of Three, to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown)	A Group of Three, to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
R12	Dutch Spotted Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

Greyface Dartmoor

If there are insufficient entries (less than 3 exhibitors) in these classes they will be amalgamated with Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Ms Michelle Osborne (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
170	Ram of any age	Ram of any age
171	Shearling Ram	Shearling Ram
172	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
173	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
174	Shearling Ewe	Shearling Ewe
175	Ewe Lamb, born 2026	Ewe Lamb, born 2026
176	Group of Three to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)	Group of Three to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
R13	Greyface Dartmoor Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette

Hampshire Down

MV and Non MV
If there are insufficient entries (less than 3 exhibitors) these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Peter Derryman (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
177	Ram of any age	Ram of any age
178	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
179	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
180	Shearling Ewe	Shearling Ewe
181	Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb
182	A Group of Three	A Group of Three, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
R14	Hampshire Down Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette

Jacob

If there are insufficient entries (less than 3 exhibitors) these classes they will be amalgamated with Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.
These classes are to be run under Jacob Sheep Society Rules
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mrs Angela Gilbert (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
183	Ram of any age	Ram of any age
184	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
185	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
186	Shearling Ewe	Shearling Ewe
187	Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb
188	A Group of Three	A Group of Three , to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
R15	Jacob Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

Portland

If there are insufficient entries (less than 3 exhibitors) these classes they will be amalgamated with the Rare Breed classes.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr David Brewer (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
189	Ram any age	Ram any age
190	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
191	Shearling Ewe	Shearling Ewe
192	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
193	Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb
194	Group of Three	Group of Three
R16	Portland Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

Suffolk

MV and Non MV
If there are insufficient entries (less than 3 exhibitors) these classes they will be amalgamated with Any Other Pure Native Breed classes.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Reg Pedrick (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
195	Ram of any age	Ram of any age
196	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
197	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
198	Shearling Ewe	Shearling Ewe
199	Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb
200	A Group of Three	A Group of Three, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown).
R17	Suffolk Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

Texel

MV only
All sheep shown in this section, must be eligible under the Texel Sheep Society Auspices.
If there are insufficient entries (less than 3 exhibitors these classes will be amalgamated with the Any Other Pure Continental Breed Classes.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Aubrey Andrews (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
201	Registered Texel Ram, any age.	Registered Texel Ram, any age.
202	Registered Texel Ram Lamb	Registered Texel Ram Lamb
203	One Registered Texel Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Registered Texel Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
204	One Registered Texel Shearling Ewe	One Registered Texel Shearling Ewe
205	One Registered Texel Ewe Lamb	One Registered Texel Ewe Lamb
206	A Group of Three	A Group of Three, to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown).
R18	Texel Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

Rare Sheep Breeds

Except for those with their own Breed Classes.
If not more than three exhibitors, entries in this section will be amalgamated with the Primitive Breeds classes
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr David Gill (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
207	Ram, of any age	Ram, of any age
208	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
209	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
210	Ewe Lamb, born 2026	Ewe Lamb, born 2026
211	Group of Three	Group of Three
R19	Rare Sheep Breeds Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette in the Rare Breed section.

Primitive Sheep Breeds

Except for those with their own Breed Classes. If not more than three exhibitors entries in this section will be amalgamated with the Rare Breeds classes
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Ms Emily Gascoigne (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
212	Ram of any age	Ram of any age
213	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
214	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
215	Ewe Lamb born 2026	Ewe Lamb born 2026
216	A Group of Three	A Group of Three, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
R20	Primitive Sheep Breeds Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

Any Other Pure Native Breed

MV and Non MV
Except those which have their own breed classes.
To be registered with their respective breed society
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Marcus Hunt (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
217	Ram of any age	Ram of any age
218	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
219	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
220	Shearling Ewe	Shearling Ewe
221	Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb
222	A Group of Three, to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown)	A Group of Three, to be drawn from existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
R21	Any Other Pure Native Breed Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion and Reserve Champion Rosette

Any Other Pure Continental Breed

MV and Non MV
Except those which have their own breed classes.
To be registered with their respective breed society
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Nick Burrington (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
223	Ram of any age	Ram of any age
224	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
225	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026	One Ewe of any age, having reared a lamb in 2026
226	Shearling Ewe	Shearling Ewe
227	Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb
228	A Group of Three, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)	A Group of Three, to be drawn from the existing pens (both sexes to be shown)
R22	Any Other Pure Continental Breed Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion and Reserve Champion Rosette

Crossbreed Ewes and Lambs

TO BE JUDGED IN THEIR PENS
Please note that judging starts at 9.30am, please ensure a representative is at the pen during judging.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Robert Andrew (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
229	Two Crossbreed Ewes	Two Crossbreed Ewes
230	Two Crossbreed Ewe Lambs	Two Crossbreed Ewe Lambs
R23	Crossbreed Ewes and Lambs Championship	The Melplash Agricultural Society will award a Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette.

Young Sheep Handler

Judging starts at 9.00am
NO ENTRY FEE
Handlers must wear white coats and the sheep to be halter led. Please state clearly age on Entry Form and MV Status.
No entries will be accepted on show day.
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Will Hyde (Judge)
Mrs Cathy Derryman (Judge)
Mrs Stephanie Fooks (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
231	Handler, aged 3-6 years old on the day of the Show	Handler, aged 3-6 years old on the day of the Show. Sheep of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult may accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health and Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, sheep (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.
232	Handler, aged 7-10 years old on the day of the Show.	Handler, aged 7-10 years old on the day of the Show. Sheep of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult may accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health and Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, sheep (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.
233	Handler, aged 11-14 years old on the day of the Show.	Handler, aged 11-14 years old on the day of the Show. Sheep of any breed or sex. The 'adult with care' at the showground must ensure that the beast is handle-able by a child. A responsible adult may accompany the child into the ring to assist on Health and Safety grounds only. This class to be judged on presentation and handling ability, sheep (and accompanying adult) not to be judged.

Interbreed Group of Three Championship

This will take place at 11.45am or as soon as the last breed class finishes

The Winning Group of Three from each breed section will go forward to the Interbreed Championship
Ring: Sheep Showing Area

Judges

Mr Michael Weaver (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
IC1	Interbreed Group of Three Championship	Interbreed Group of Three Championship This will take place at 11.45am or as soon as the last breed class finishes The Winning Group of Three from each breed section will go forward to the Interbreed Championship