

The Somerset Horse Show 2026

Family Friendly, Unaffiliated, Open Horse Show. Classes include; Working Hunters, Mountain & Moorland & In-Hand.
24/05/2026 09:00

Mini Classes

Ring: Ring 1
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Judges

Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
1	Leading Rein Pony	Open to ponies of any type aged 4 years or over, mare or gelding. Riders not to have attained their 9th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies must be led at all times whilst in the ring & should not display any canter work. Pony not to exceed 12.2hh.
2	First Ridden Pony	Open to ponies of any type aged 4 years or over, mare or gelding. Riders not to have attained their 12th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies will not be asked to canter as a group but should demonstrate canter in their individual show. Pony not to exceed 14.2hh
CH1	Mini Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 1 & 2

Mountain & Moorland Ridden

Ring: Ring 1
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Judges

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Number	Name	Description
3	M&M Small Breeds Open Ridden	Open to mares, geldings & stallions aged 4 or over of any of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or Welsh Section B type. Ponies need not to be registered but should be true to type. Lead Rein & First Ridden welcome.
4	M&M Large Breeds Open Ridden	Open to mares, geldings & stallions aged 4 or over of any of Connemara, New Forest, Dales, Fell, Highland, Welsh Section C or Welsh Section D type. Ponies need not to be registered but should be true to type. No Leading Reins.
CH2	M&M Ridden Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 3 & 4

Open Ridden

Ring: Ring 1
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Judges

Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
5	Open Hunter Ridden	Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, capable of carrying a rider out on a days hunting.
6	Open Foreign Breeds Ridden	Mare, Gelding or Stallion 4 years old or over. Any breed not native to the UK, including Arabs & Part-bred Arabs.
7	Open Pony Ridden	Mare, Gelding or Stallion 4 years old or over, not exceeding 14.2hh.
8	Open Horse Ridden	Mare, Gelding or Stallion 4 years old and over, exceeding 14.2hh
CH3	Open Ridden Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 5 to 8 Kindly Sponsored By: East Mendip Riding Club

Afternoon Ridden Classes

Ring: Ring 1
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Judges

Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
9	Cob Ridden	Open to cobs of any type aged 4 years or over.
10	Racehorse Ridden	Open to any horse who has competed in any of the following: a flat race, a hurdle race, a national hunt race or a point-to-point race.
11	Coloured Ridden Horse or Pony	Open to all broken coloured horses including spotted. Riders any age.
12	Veteran Horse or Pony Ridden	Open to any horse or pony aged 15 years and over. Riders any age.
13	Novice Ridden	Open to horses/ponies aged four years or over. Combination of horse and rider not to have won first prize in any showing class before 1st January in the current year.
CH4	Afternoon Ridden Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 9 to 13 Kindly Sponsored By: Mrs Angela Yeoman

In-Hand Youngstock

Ring: Ring 2
Kindly Sponsored By: HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
14	Open Yearling In-Hand	Open to all ponies and horses born in 2025.
15	Open 2 Year Old In-Hand	Open to all ponies and horses born in 2024.
16	Open 3 Year Old In-Hand	Open to all ponies and horses born in 2023.
CH5	Youngstock In-Hand Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 14 to 16

Open In-Hand

Ring: Ring 2
Kindly Sponsored By: HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
17	Open Horse In-Hand	Open to horses of any type, any age.
19	Open Foreign Breeds In-Hand	Open to mares, geldings & stallions any age. Any breed not native to the UK. including Arabs & Part-bred Arabs.
18	Open Pony In-Hand	Open to ponies of any type, any age. Must not exceed 14.2hh.
20	Racehorse In-Hand	Open to any horse who has competed in any of the following: a flat race, a hurdle race, a national hunt race or a point-to-point race.
21	Coloured Horse or Pony In-Hand	Open to all broken coloured ponies & horses including spotted. Any age, any height. May be split into height categories if entries suffice.
22	Cob In-Hand	Open to all non-native/native/traditional type cobs.
23	Veteran Horse or Pony In-Hand	Open to any horse or pony aged 15 years and over.
CH6	Open In-Hand Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 17 to 23

Mountain & Moorland In-Hand

Ring: Ring 2
Kindly Sponsored By: HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
24	Shetland Pony In-Hand	Open to all Standard & Miniature Shetland Ponies. No Spotted ponies or miniature horses allowed. Kindly Sponsored By: Allie Rix (Team Tiny)
25	M&M In-hand Large Breeds	Open to all ponies of Connemara, New Forest, Highland, Dales, Fell, Welsh Sec C or Welsh Sec D type.
26	M&M In-Hand Small Breeds	Open to all ponies of Shetland, Exmoor, Dartmoor, Welsh Sec A or Welsh Sec B type.
CH7	M&M In-Hand Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 24 to 26 Kindly Sponsored By: Cherhill Shetlands

Child Handler

Ring: Ring 2
Kindly Sponsored By: HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

Judges

Mrs D. Katie Reynolds (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
27	Child Handler 10 years & Under	Open to any child handlers who have not attained their 11th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Hats must be worn. Horses & Ponies of any age and type. No colts or stallions.
28	Child Handler 11-17 years	Open to any child handlers who have attained their 11th birthday before 1st January in the current year but have not attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Hats must be worn. Horses & Ponies of any age and type. No colts or stallions.
CH8	Child Handler Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize Winners from classes 27 and 28

Clear Round Working Hunter

£5 a Round, enter at the ring. Cash payment preferred.
Ring: Ring 3

Kindly Sponsored By: Cooper & Tanner

Judges

Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
29	Clear Round Jumping (20-30cm)	Course of rustic fences. Min Height 20cm, Max Height 30cm. Riders any age. Ponies and Horses any height. Lead reins welcome. Rosettes for clear rounds. £5 a Round, enter at the ring. Cash payment preferred.
30	Clear Round Jumping (40-50cm)	Course of rustic fences. Min Height 40cm, Max Height 50cm. Riders any age. Ponies and Horses any height. Lead reins welcome. Rosettes for clear rounds. £5 a Round, enter at the ring. Cash payment preferred.
31	Clear Round Jumping (60-70cm)	Course of rustic fences. Min Height 60cm, Max Height 70cm. Riders any age. Ponies and Horses any height. Lead reins welcome. Rosettes for clear rounds. £5 a Round, enter at the ring. Cash payment preferred.

Working Hunter Pony Classes

Ring: Ring 3
Kindly Sponsored By: Cooper & Tanner

Judges

Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
32	Lead Rein Working Hunter Pony	Course of rustic fences. Max Height 20cm. Riders not to have attained their 9th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. Ponies must be led.
33	Beginners WHP (20cm)	Course of rustic fences. Max Height 20cm. Riders not to have attained their 12th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. For riders just coming off the lead rein, may be accompanied but not led.
34	Open Working Hunter Pony (40cm)	Course of rustic fences. Max Height 40cm. Riders any age. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. No leading reins allowed.
35	Open Working Hunter Pony (60cm)	Course of rustic fences. Max Height 60cm. Riders any age. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. No leading reins allowed.
36	Open Working Hunter Pony (80cm)	Course of rustic fences. Max Height 80cm. Riders any age. Ponies not to exceed 14.2hh. No leading reins allowed.
CH9	Working Hunter Pony Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 32 to 36

Working Hunter

Ring: Ring 3
Kindly Sponsored By: Cooper & Tanner

Judges

Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
37	Novice Working Hunter (80cm)	Course of rustic fences. Max Height 80cm. Riders any age. Horses any height. Horses not to have won 1st prize in any working hunter class before 1st Jan in the current year.
38	Open Working Hunter (95cm)	Course of rustic fences. Max Height 95cm. Riders any age. Horses any height.
CH10	Working Hunter Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 37 and 38 Kindly Sponsored By: The Dunn Family

Morning Novelty Classes

Ring: Ring 4
Kindly Sponsored By: RB Greenscape

Judges

Miss Caroline Taylor (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
39	Best Turned Out	Horse/ponies any height and any age, Ridden or In-Hand. 1st place goes to the cleanest and most correctly turned-out combination.
40	Longest Mane & Tail	Horse/ponies any height and any age. Ridden or In-Hand. 1st Prize to the Horse or Pony with the Longest Mane & Tail.
41	Prettiest Mare	Horse/ponies any height and any age, Ridden or In-Hand. Open to Mares only.
42	Most Handsome Gelding	Horse/ponies any height and any age, Ridden or In-Hand. Open to Geldings only.
43	Best Miniature	Open to horses any age under 10.5hh (42"/106cm) in height. Any Youngstock entered must not be expected to exceed 10.5hh in height at maturity.
44	Best Giant	Open to all Heavy Horses. Any age and type, Ridden or In-Hand.
45	Best Solid Coloured	Open to all horses/ponies any age, any height of solid colouring (eg: horse's coat must be all one colour and have no patches or spots apart from on their head or legs) Ridden or In-Hand.
46	Best Thelwell look alike	Horse/ponies any height and any age. To be presented in the style of an official Norman Thelwell cartoon. Ridden or In-Hand
47	Horse or Pony the Judge would most like to take home	Horse/ponies any height and any age. Ridden or In-Hand
48	Best Rescue	Horse/pony any height and any age, Ridden or In-Hand. Horse/Pony to have been part of an official rescue service/programme eg: Blue cross/RSPCA/World Horse Welfare etc.

Afternoon Novelty Classes

Ring: Ring 4
Kindly Sponsored By: RB Greenscape

Judges

Miss Caroline Taylor (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
49	Best Family Horse/Pony Ridden	Horse/ponies any height and any age. Must be suitable for multiple generations. Ridden.
50	Best Family Horse/Pony In-hand	Horse/ponies any height and any age. Must be suitable for multiple generations. In-Hand
51	Best RDA Horse/Pony	Horse/ponies any height and any age that are to be ridden or handled by someone with a registered disability.
52	Fancy Dress	Horse/ponies any height and any age. Rider/handler and/or pony to be dressed in a costume of their choosing.
53	Best over 60 Years Handler or Rider	Horse/ponies any height and any age. Rider/Handler to have attained their 60th Birthday.
54	Concours D'Elegance	To be inhand or ridden astride or side saddle. Open to horses and ponies, mares and geldings, four years old and over. Riders any age. Costumes or traditional attire allowed. To be judged on the overall picture of elegance presented by horse/pony and rider including appearance, conformation and individual show.

Novelty Championship

Novelty Championship
Ring: Ring 4
Kindly Sponsored By: RB Greenscape

Judges

Miss Caroline Taylor (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
CH11	Novelty Championship	For 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 39 to 54 Kindly Sponsored By: RB Greenscape

Overall Ridden Championship

Overall Ridden Championship
Ring: Ring 1
Kindly Sponsored By: GW Publishing

Judges

Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
CH12	Overall Ridden Championship	For Champions and Reserves from all ridden championships. Kindly Sponsored By: Hannah Cox Physio

Overall In-Hand Championship

Overall In-Hand Championship
Ring: Ring 2
Kindly Sponsored By: HB McTimothy Animal Chiropractor

Judges

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Number	Name	Description
CH13	Overall In-Hand Championship	For Champions and Reserves from all In-Hand Championships Kindly Sponsored By: Denela's Bakery Ltd

Overall Working Hunter Championship

Overall Working Hunter Championship
Ring: Ring 3
Kindly Sponsored By: Cooper & Tanner

Judges

Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
CH14	Overall Working Hunter Championship	For Champions and Reserves from all Working Hunter & Working Hunter Pony Championships Kindly Sponsored By: Forget Me Not Property Care

Supreme of Show

Supreme of Show
Ring: Ring 1
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Judges

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Mrs Helen Nelmes (Judge)
Mrs Emily Ellis (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
CH15	Supreme of Show	For Champions & Reserves from the following Championships: - Ridden Overall - In-Hand Overall - Working Hunter/Working Hunter Pony Overall Kindly Sponsored By: NFU Mutual Wells