Heckington and District
Agricultural Society

158th
Heckington Show
2026

Schedule of Donkey Classes

SATURDAY 25th JULY 2026

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TROPHIES

1. **CHAMPION PRIZE CUP**
   For Best Donkey in the Show, Classes 2-6

2. **THE JANE NEILL MEMORIAL SALVER**
   For Reserve Champion

3. **THE HIGH MOUNT TROPHY**
   For the Best Condition and Turned-out donkey in Class 1
   Given by Mr G R Crosby

4. **RICHARD CROSBY MEMORIAL TROPHY**
   For Best Stallion in Class 2
   Given by Mrs P Crosby

5. **GARTH CUP**
   For Best Mare in Class 3
   Given by Mrs Stirling

6. **HECKINGTON SHOW CHALLENGE CUP**
   For Best Gelding in Class 4

7. **MILLENNIUM SPENCER CUP**
   For Best Filly in Class 5
   Given by Mr & Mrs R J Spencer

8. **SAMSON OF HIGH MOUNT MEMORIAL TROPHY**
   Perpetual Trophy for Best Yearling in Class 6
   Given by Mr & Mrs G R Crosby

9. **VIZOR TROPHY**
   For Best Pet Donkey in Class 8

10. **THE AMBERLEY FLORENCE TROPHY**
    For best 30 years old in Class 9
    Given by Mrs P J Marsden

11. **THE BLOSSOM OF LINDRICK CUP**
    For the Best Veteran in Class 9
    Given by Jane Neill

12. **THE BROOKES YOUNG HANDLER TROPHY**
    Given by Mr & Mrs R S Brookes for Class 10

13. **THE DAZ CHALLENGE CUP**
    For the Open Driving in Class 11
    Given by Mrs Cooper

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To be held at Heckington Show, Saturday 25th July 2026

ENTRY FEE All Classes: £4.00 per entry

PRIZES Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places.
Rosette for Best Donkey in the show. Rosette for runner-up.
Prize money for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places.
D.B.S. Rosettes for D.B.S. Members owning winning exhibits as detailed.

JUDGE Mrs J Boyce

CLASSES

1. **BEST CONDITIONED AND TURNED-OUT DONKEY**
   Donkeys of any age or sex. To be judged 75% condition and 25% turn out.
   Conformation will not be taken into account.
   Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3

2. **STALLION OR GELDING**
   Four years old or over.
   Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3.
   Special D.B.S. rosette for Best Gelding.

3. **MARE 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER, AND BROODMARE 5 YEARS OLD AND OVER WITH OWN FOAL AT FOOT**
   Foals to be judged first and to be 6 weeks old and over on Show Day and born in current year
   Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3.
   Special D.B.S. rosette for Best Foal

4. **COLT or GELDING** Two or three years old.
   Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3.
   Special D.B.S. rosette for Best Two year old in Class
   Special D.B.S. rosette for Best Gelding

5. **FILLY** Two or three years old.
   Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3.
   Special D.B.S. rosette for Best Two-year old in Class

6. **COLT, FILLY or GELDING** Yearling.
   Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3.
   Special D.B.S. rosette for Best Gelding

7. **CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS**
   The 1st and 2nd Prize winners from Classes 2, 3,4, 5 and 6. Prizes: £25, £20.
   Best Local Donkey rosette to be presented to the best donkey owned by a D.B.S. member living within a 25 mile radius of the showground.

8. **PET DONKEY CLASS**
   To be judged entirely on the suitability of the donkey as a family pet and not as a handy donkey.
   Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3.

9. **VETERAN DONKEY** - 20 years old and over.
   Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3.
   Special D.B.S. rosette for Best Veteran

10. **YOUNG HANDLER**
    Competitors not to have attained their 16th birthday on day of Show. Minimum age for Young Handler, 3 years.
    Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3.
    Special D.B.S. rosette to the highest placed Junior Handler

11. **OPEN DRIVING CLASS**
    Donkey to be 4 years old or over.
    A Novice Driving Donkey is one that has never won a Driving Class or any novice Driving Classes at any show up to the closing date of entry; however, Novice status may be retained until the end of the season in which it was lost.
    Prizes: £15, £10, £6, £3.
    D.B.S. rosette for Best Junior Whip (10-15 years of age)

ENTRIES

- Entries are required to arrive at the showground no later than 10 a.m.
- Judging at 11 am.
- Closing date for entries: June 7th, 2026
- Late entries by arrangement with Secretary.
- Donkey Classes are open to everyone, whether a member of the Donkey Breed Society or not, but D.B.S. rosettes can only be awarded to donkeys owned by D.B.S. Members

The In Hand Champion Donkey at this show automatically qualifies for the relevant Championship at the DBS Annual Supreme Championship Show in August 2026, provided it is owned by a fully paid up member of the DBS. A donkey may win more than one Championship at shows but will qualify only once for the DBS Championship Show.

Where the In Hand Champion donkey has previously qualified, the Reserve Champion Donkey will be deemed the Qualifier.

If the Reserve Champion has also previously qualified, the judge will select another donkey from the In Hand Championship line up as the qualifier for the DBS Annual Supreme Championship Show. The Championship Show is to be held at Moreton Morrell, Warwick on 22nd August 2026

DBS Certificates will be awarded to all Champion Donkeys at the DBS AGM held in October each year, and special rosettes will be awarded by the DBS at our Annual Championship Show to the qualifying donkeys in attendance.

RULES

a. No person may deliberately enter or show a Donkey under a Judge who is known to have either owned, bred, leased, sold or produced that Donkey, or the sire of that donkey. The Breeder is the Mare owner. (This rule applies to Breed and Driving Classes only.)
b. Entering one Donkey and exhibiting another is not permitted.
c. No nomination entries are permitted.
d. Once a Judge has commenced judging a Class, a Donkey may not be led or ridden in or out of the Ring without permission of the Judge.
e. Stallions and entire Colts must be properly dressed in bridle and bit with the leading rein correctly attached to the bit. No person under the age of 18 may handle an entire male Donkey (foals excepted).
f. No entire male Donkey is allowed to compete in any Children's Classes (except Driving - See Rule 5 (m) (ii)
   Driving Classes:
g. (i) When a person (17 years of age and under) is driving a Stallion, an experienced Adult Whip must be in the vehicle all the time.
   ii) During Junior Whip Classes, an Adult with a leading rein must be present in the Ring throughout the Class
h. **Mare, with Own Foal at Foot Class**. Superficial blemishes of a non-hereditary character do not necessarily debar the Mare from being awarded a prize in such a Class.
i. **Championship Procedure.** The 1st and 2nd Prize winners from Classes (2), (3), (4),(5) and (6) are required to parade in the Ring in order of Class, and wearing the appropriate Rosettes they have already won.
j. In an **Exercise Vehicle Class**, judging will be on performance of Donkey and provided the vehicle and harness fit correctly, are clean and safe, they will not be considered in the judging.
k. If **Private Driving and Exercise Vehicles** are combined, judging will be as an Exercise Vehicle Class.
l. **Young Handler Class**: Competitors not to have attained their 16th birthday on day of Show, minimum aged 3 years.

The D.B.S. Council reserves the right to take action against persons found contravening these Rules

DEFINITIONS

a. **NOVICE DONKEY** - An In-hand Novice Donkey is one that has never won a First Prize in an In-hand Breed Class (excluding Foal Classes) or any Novice In-Hand Breed Class at any show up to the closing date of entry.
b. **FOAL** - A Foal is a foal until the first of January of the year following the year of its birth, when it becomes a Yearling.