STANHOPE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY LTD. CHARITY NUMBER 1120744

Rules of the Stanhope Agricultural Show

1. The Society shall be called THE STANHOPE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, and shall consist of a President,Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Section Secretaries, Committee and Members.

2. The Society's objects are: a) to promote agriculture generally; b) to promote the improvement in the breeding of livestock; c) to improve the standards of farming and farm craft for farmers residing in the area; d) to promote and improve country pursuits and industries allied to agriculture.

3. The President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor and Committee shall be elected at theAnnual General Meeting of the Society. Vice-Presidents shall be elected for life in recognition of valued service to the Society.

4. An annual subscription of not less than £15.00 shall constitute a member of the Society. Each member being entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting and one ticket of admission to the Show.

5. Fifty-five members elected at the Annual General Meeting shall form the Committee, the Officials being ex-officio, but having the same status as Committee members. Any other nominations must be in writing, signed by two members of the Society, and submitted to the Secretary at least three days before the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt.

6. If any Committee Member fails to attend at least half the total number of Committee Meetings for a full year, unless by reason of health or accepted explanation, they will surrender their position on the Committee.

7. A meeting of eight Committee Members and the Secretary shall constitute a quorum.

8. The Secretary shall convene the meetings, record the minutes, attend to correspondence and put into effect the resolutions of the Committee. They shall purchase all necessary books and documents, maintain correct

accounts of all financial transactions. Such accounts to be sanctioned by the Committee and audited prior to each Annual General Meeting.

9. No money shall be drawn from the Treasurer except by cheque signed by a member of the Committee and the Secretary.

General Secretary Lisa Johnstone

10. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in February each year or as soon as possible thereafter and before the 31st May. The Agenda will be: To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting; to receive and consider the Financial Statement for the previous year; to elect the Officials and Committee for the ensuing year; to Revise the Rules and Byelaws of the Society (such revisions to be submitted to the Secretary at least three days before the meeting); and to transact any other business relative to the affairs of the Society, of which at least three days' notice has been given to the Secretary for inclusion in the Agenda.

11. The Annual Show will be held on the second weekend in September each year.

12. The position of Chairman will be held for a maximum term of four years subject to annual re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

13. The position of President will be held for a maximum term of three years subject to annual re-election at the Annual General Meeting

14. The financial statements will be published two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Bye-Laws of the Stanhope Agricultural Society

1. The whole of the prizes are for open competition except where otherwise stated in the Schedule.

2. Animals can be entered in more than one Class.

3. Entries to be made with the Secretary on or before September 4th and in n circumstances will entries be accepted after that date.

4. Entry fee entitles exhibitor to one free ticket.

5. Tickets for admission to Show-yard and number of Stand for Stock, etc. will be sent by the Secretary to the exhibitor on receipt of entry accompanied by fees.

6. All Stock must be on the Show Ground before 10.00 am on the morning of the Show, except animals entered in the Trotting and Showjumping competitions.

7. All Stock must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor.

8. Bulls must be secured by a ring with a chain or rope attached, and all Cattle and Horses must be haltered when brought onto the ground.

9. No animal may be removed during the day except when required by the judges. No Stock to be taken off the ground before 5.00 pm. The Show-yard will close at 5.30 pm.