HORSE SECTION
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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Equine Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all horses attending Stanhope Showground.

All prize winners including 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be expected to take part in the Grand Parade. No prize money will be paid until after the Grand Parade – to be collected from Horse Section secretary's office.

Winners of Trophies are solely responsible for their safekeeping & engraving. All trophies to be returned no later than 9.30am on Show weekend cleaned & polished.

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Entries close Sunday 6th September 2026

Please note we are no longer able to accept cheques.

In Hand & Ridden – Hunter, Cob & Riding Horse

Judging 9.00 am | Entry Fee £6 | Prize Money £20, £10, £5

Judge: Mrs. E Jones, Penrith

6. In Hand Mare or gelding under 14.2 hh four years old or over
7. In Hand Mare or gelding over 14.2hh four years old or over
8. In Hand youngstock – up to 3 years old
9. In Hand Cob – 4 years old & over
10. Ridden Cob - 4 years old or over
11. Best Local Rider 16 years & under (within 15 miles of Showground)

12. Best Local Rider – Adult – over 16 years (within 15miles of Showground)
13. Small Hunter/Light Weight Hunter -four year old or over gelding or mare to be ridden
14. Heavy Weight Hunter – four year old or over gelding or mare to be ridden.

Trophy: The Trueman Trophy (perpetual) for Champion In-hand kindly donated by P & W L Suddes of Farnley Sport Horses

Trophy: H E Emerson Perpetual Cup for Best Ridden Hunter

Trophy: The Louise Bradley Memorial Trophy donated by Darlington Vet Clinic for the winner of Class 13

Trophy: The Stanhope Show Trophy for Champion Riding Horse

Welsh Ponies
Sections A & B

Judging 9.15 am Entry Fee £6 Prize Money £20, £10, £5

Judge: Miss H M Roberts, Wrexham

15. Section A mare four years old or over with foal at foot
16. Foal eligible for registration as Section A
17. Section A Barren mare or gelding 4 years old or over.
18. Section A Yearling
19. Section A two or three year old colt or gelding
20. Section A two or three year old filly
21. Section A or B stallion

Section A Youngstock Championship
1st and 2nd prize winners from classes 16,18,19,20 to compete

Overall Section 'A' Championship
1st and 2nd prize winners from classes 15,17 and 21 (Sec A) including Youngstock Champion and Reserve Youngstock Champion to compete

22. Section B mare four years old or over with foal at foot.
23. Foal eligible for registration as section B
24. Section B Barren mare or gelding 4 years old or over
25. Section B Yearling
26. Section B two or three year old colt or gelding
27. Section B two or three year old filly

Section B Youngstock Championship

1st and 2nd prizewinners from classes 23, 25, 26,27 to compete

Overall Section B Championship
1st and 2nd prize winners from classes 21 (Sec B), 22 & 24 including Youngstock Champion and Reserve Youngstock Champion to compete.

Supreme Champion Welsh (in Hand) Sections A & B
Overall Champions and Reserve Champions from Sections A & B to compete

NB: In the event of insufficient entries, classes may be amalgamated at the judges' discretion.

Trophy:	Rosette and Silver Salver (perpetual) for Supreme Overall Champion
Trophy:	The Wrentnall Trophy donated by John & Andrea Collin for the winner of Class 16 Section A Foal
Trophy:	Perpetual Trophy donated by West End Dental Practice, Wolsingham to the winner of class 18 - Section A Yearling
Trophy:	Perpetual Trophy donated by West End Dental Practice, Wolsingham to the winner of Class 20 – Section A two or three year old filly
Trophy:	The Janala Stud Trophy donated by Mr & Mrs AW Pearson for Welsh Stallion Class 21
Trophy:	The Mardenway Stud Trophy (perpetual) for Section A Youngstock Champion donated by Mrs E Ferguson
Trophy:	The LLandar Stud Trophy (perpetual) for Section B Youngstock Champion donated by Abbie Walton
Shield:	Champion A Welsh Pony Shield donated by Mrs J A Stephens
Trophy:	Perpetual Trophy for Champion B Welsh Pony sponsored by The Feed Warehouse.

Large Mountain & Moorland

(in hand)

(Welsh C & D, Fell, Dales, Highland, New Forest & Connemara)

Judging 09:30 am Entry Fee £6 Prize Money £20, £10, £5

Judge: Miss L Jones, Penrith

28. Mountain & Moorland stallion, mare or gelding 4 years old or over
29. Mountain & Moorland 1,2,3, year old colt, gelding or filly

Ridden Mountain & Moorland

(large & small breeds)

30. Lead rein – Rider 8 years & under
31. First Ridden – Rider 12 years & under (no lead rein)
32. Open
(Please note riders entering the lead rein class cannot compete in First Ridden)

Champion Mountain & Moorland (in hand & ridden)

Trophy: Greenfoot Holiday Home Park Trophy for the Champion

Donkeys

Judging 10.00 am | Entry Fee £6 | Prize Money £20, £10, £5

Judge: Mrs V Hodgett, Burnley

33. Stallions and Geldings 4 years and over
34. Mares 4 years and over and Broodmares 5 years and over with own foal at foot.
35. Youngstock - Colts, Fillies and Geldings 1 - 3 years old
36. Pet Donkey – for the donkey most suitable as a family pet
37. Driving class - Open

Special Prize for Best Local Donkey donated by Mrs K Mews, Stanhope
(Donkey to be within 25mile radius of Stanhope)
Trophy (perpetual) for Champion Donkey donated by Andy & Catherine Porter, Stanhope
1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 33, 34 & 35 to come forward.

This Show is affiliated to the Donkey Breed Society and all donkey classes will be judged according to DBS rules. Classes are open to all donkeys, but DBS rosettes will be awarded to DBS members only.
The In Hand Champion Donkey at this show automatically qualifies for the relevant Championship at the DBS Annual Supreme Championship Show in August 2027 provided it is owned by a fully paid 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 entries are insufficient it may be necessary to amalgamate the classes at the discretion of the judge.

Champion Equine – Cup kindly donated by Fellside Veterinary Group

To be judged from the Champion Equine in each Section on Show Saturday

Champion of Champions

The champion equine will go forward to the Champion of Champions judged between Equine, Cattle & Sheep Sections which will take place immediately following the Grand Parade.

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

All prize winners including 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be expected to take part in the Grand Parade. No prize money will be paid until after the Grand Parade

Clydesdale Horses

Judging 9.30 am | Entry Fee £6 | Prize Money £20, £10, £5

Judge: Mr E Anderson, Gullane

38. Brood mare with foal at foot
39. Colt or filly foal
40. Three year old or over gelding
41. Three year old or over mare
42. Pair of Clydesdales
43. Yearling or two year old colt, gelding or filly (if sufficient entries this class may be split but judged simultaneously)

Judging of the Clydesdale Shield
The Clydesdale Horse Society Shield will be awarded to the best yearling or two year old colt or filly (excluding Grade-ups), registered or eligible for registration in the Society Stud Book, not having won a Shield before in its lifetime. The exhibitor must be a current member of The Clydesdale Horse Society.

Championship – Trophy (perpetual) for best Clydesdale

44. Young Handlers Class (judged after Championship)

An engraved medal is presented by The Clydesdale Horse Society to the best young handler aged 12 to 16 on the day of the show who has not already qualified in 2026.The capabilities of the handler are to be assessed, not the animal being led. The qualifier will be eligible to compete in the final at The Royal Highland Show in 2027

Ridden Heavy Horse

Judge: Miss Lisa Lane, Huddersfield Entry Fee £6 Prize money £20, £10, £5

45. Ridden Heavy Horse – Open

Heavy Horse Turnout

A grant of £100 will be made for each horse entered in the Turnout Classes instead of Prize money.
No entry fee for classes 46 – 50.

Judge: Mr E Anderson, Gullane

46. Best Decorated single in cart harness
47. Single Horse driven to a Stallion Cart or Ladies Cart. Judged 11:30 am
48. Best Team of Three or Four Turnout Judged 12: 00 noon
49. Best Pair Heavy Horse Turnout Judged 12.30 pm
50. Best Single Heavy Horse Turnout Judged directly before Grand Parade

Please note classes 48, 49,50 will be split into agricultural and trade turnout as appropriate and judged simultaneously. Times are approximate.
Society Trophy for Class 48 & Society Shield for Championship.

In the event of classes being under subscribed the Society retains the right to amalgamate classes at its own discretion.

Coloured Horses & Ponies (Skewbald, Piebald & Appaloosa)

Judging 9.15 am Entry Fee £6 Prize Money £20, £10, £5

Judge: Mrs K Logan Blackburn, Lancashire

51. Best Coloured in hand 1, 2 or 3, year old, colt, filly or gelding
52. Best Coloured in hand Non-Native type 4 years old or over.
53. Best Coloured in hand, Traditional type 4 years old or over.
54. Best colour & markings in hand – to be judged 90% colour & markings
    10% conformation & soundness

55. Ridden Coloured 4 years old or over.

Trophy:	Best ridden horse kindly donated by Mr W Stobbs
Shield:	Champion (including ridden) kindly donated by Greenfoot Holiday Home Park

Concours d'Elegance

To follow judging of Coloured Horse & Ponies – entry £6

56. Concours d'Elegance (open to all)

Trophy: The Ramshaw Architecture Trophy kindly donated by Ramshaw Architecture

Dales Ponies

Judging 9.00am	Entry Fee £6	Prize Money £20, £10, £5

Judge: Mr B Williams, Appleby-in-Westmorland, Cumbria

Please include registration number of Dales pony on entry form

57. Brood Mare with foal at foot
58. Foal
59. Three year old or over gelding
60. Three year old or over mare
61. Yearling or two year old colt, gelding or filly
62. Mare or Gelding to be ridden before the judge

An In-Hand / Performance/Special rosette offered by the Dales Pony Society for the best registered Dales Pony shown by an exhibitor who produces a current membership card in the ring. To be judged under DPS Showing Rules.

Trophy:	The Tommy Wilson Memorial Trophy for Best Dales Pony
Shield:	B.A.T. & L.J.T. Shield for Best Brood Mare- kindly donated by Thompson Bros. Coundon
Trophy:	The L J Thompson Family Cup for the winner of class 58 (Foal)

Horse and Pony Driving Classes

Judging 11:00	Entry Fee £6	Prize Money £20, £10, £5

Judge: Mr J Dobson, Yorkshire

63. Private Driving Class
Open to best horse/pony irrespective of size, correctly and smartly harnessed to a sound, suitable and well-maintained traditional type vehicle, suitable for a competent whip to drive in company. Hackney/Welsh Show wagons, trade turnouts and vehicles with pneumatic tyres are not eligible
64. Light Trade Two and Four Wheel: Open to a single or pair shown in a trade vehicle, no goods to be carried.
65. Exercise Cart Class An exercise carriage is a carriage not of traditional type design and includes those with pneumatic tyres specifically designed for carriages (i.e not car tyres) Lamps need not be carried. Judging will include the general cleanliness, safety of turnout, correct fitting of harness and vehicle suitability.
66. Junior Driving Class 8-14 & 15-17 Open to 8-17 years of age, inclusive on the day of the show. This class is judged to determine the capabilities of the driver, and particular attention will be paid to the dress, turnout and driving procedure. A competent, experienced adult groom aged 18 years or over to be carried at all times on the move. All drivers/grooms/passengers under the age of 14 years **must** wear a correctly fitted hard hat. We recommend a correctly secured skull cap/riding hat that meets one of the current BSI standards should be worn when in a carriage or in attendance to a turnout. When in the vehicle grooms/passengers and driver must have their feet firmly on the floor of the vehicle or use a suitable fixed footrest. This regulation applies at all times and in all areas on the showground.

The British Driving Society offer Champion, Reserve and Young Driver Rosettes

Trophy for Champion kindly donated by Fellside Veterinary Practice
Trophy for winner of class 66 kindly donated by The South Durham Horse & Pony Driving Society.

Side Saddle

Judging 9.15 am | Entry Fee £6 | Prize Money £20, £10, £5

Judge: Miss Lisa Lane, Huddersfield

67. The Side Saddle Association Equitation Championships Open Qualifying Class

Run under SSA Rules defined in the current Member's Handbook. Open to SSA Members and Non-Members. Members carrying their current Championship Points Cards are eligible for SSA rosettes to 3rd Adult and 3rd Junior places and SSA Championship Points. **Southernden** Farm offers a rosette to the highest placed Member aged under 14 on 1st January of the current year. A rosette in memory of **The Late Mr R Philpot** is offered to the Adult Member and **Manor Grange Stud Show Centre** to the Junior Member, judged to be the best turned out. Hats to current Safety Standard or above must be worn.

68.Best Horse or Pony Ridden Side Saddle

Open to horses and ponies 4 years old or over: conformation & manners will be taken into consideration; horses/ponies will not be stripped. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points

Cards. The Highest placed coloured exhibit ridden by a competitor aged 16 years or over (who has not already qualified) receives a Special Rosette and qualifies for the Side Saddle Final at the CHAPS Championship Show. Open to any type of exhibit. Riders/Owners need not be a member or their exhibit registered with CHAPS at the time of qualification, but in order to compete at the Championships, the Rider/Owner must be a showing member and their horse/pony registered with CHAPS before entering the final. Lead Rein competitors are eligible for this class. Leaders must be correctly dressed. Combinations qualifying after the current year's CHAPS Final may carry forward the qualification, to the following year.

69.Side Saddle Riding Club Horse/Pony Open

Open to horses and ponies 4 years old or over. Riders will be required to give a short show including a small jump, maximum 61cm (2'). The height may be adjusted during the course of the class at the Judge's discretion. The class shall be judged on the show, the manners of horse/pony and its suitability for the rider. Conformation will not be considered. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Cards. Hats to current Safety Standard or above must be worn.

All classes are affiliated to The Side Saddle Association..

Trophy: For Champion kindly donated by Mrs J Gilthorpe, Ladypark, Gateshead

Gymkhana

Judging 1.00pm

Judge: To be confirmed

70. Best Turned out Horse or Pony and Rider - Rider 16 years and under
Prize Money £10, £7, £5, £3, £2, £1 Entry Fee £1
Shield for winner

Classes 71 – 84 Prize money £3, £2, £1 Entry Fee 50p

71 Cutest Pony - Rider 16 years and under
72 Fancy Dress – Rider 16 years & under
73 Bending Race - Lead Rein Class. Rider 7 years and under
74 Bending Race - Rider 12 years and under
75 Bending Race - Rider 16 years and under
76 Flag Race - Lead Rein Class. Rider 7 years and under
77 Flag Race - Rider 12 years and under
78 Flag Race - Rider 16 years and under

79 Potato Race - Lead Rein Class. Rider 7 years and under
80 Potato Race - Rider 12 years and under
81 Potato Race - Rider 16 years and under
82 Musical Ride - Lead Rein Class. Rider 7 years and under
83 Musical Ride - Rider 12 years and under
84 Musical Ride - Rider 16 years and under

Entries can also be taken on field.
No whips or spurs allowed – Hard Hat to be worn at all times.
The Judge's decision is final.

British Showjumping
Saturday 12th September 2026

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Stanhope Show will once again host British Showjumping Senior Classes on Saturday 12th September starting at **9.30am**.
Please refer to the British Showjumping website for the schedule & entry information
We are delighted to offer an array of rugs and rosettes from our fabulous sponsors who are listed below.

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