

THE ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT --- COUNTY SHOW

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th July 2026

Livestock Schedule

Entries to be received by 14th June 2026

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Sheep Lines

Exhibitors are encouraged to promote their stock and breeds through the use of flock boards and promotional items. The general public are keen to learn about British livestock and our show offers a great shop window for the stock we produce locally.

Sheep Classes

Sheep should be penned by 9am on the Saturday of the show and exhibitors are asked to leave all exhibits penned until 4pm Sunday.

Judging will commence at 9:30am

Ewes and Rams must be bare shorn on or after the 1st January.

Trimming is optional.

Sheep ages are defined by their respective breed society rules.

Prize Money

Championship £35 1st £15 2nd £10 3rd £5

The Chief Steward reserves the right to move animals to alternative classes, where he deems it appropriate.

Saturday

Terminal Sire Breed Section

JUDGE – Alan West

Breeds including: Beltex, Blue Texel, Hampshire Down, Dorset, Suffolk, Texel, Charolais and others of similar type.

- 1) Single Ram Lamb
- 2) Shearling Ram or Older
- 3) Single Ewe Lamb
- 4) Shearling Ewe
- 5) Older Ewe - should have reared a lamb

Any Other Breed

JUDGE – Alan West

- 6) Single Ram Lamb
- 7) Shearling Ram or Older
- 8) Single Ewe Lamb
- 9) Shearling Ewe
- 10) Older Ewe - should have reared a lamb this season

Singles Championship

All first placed exhibits from classes 1 to 10 will be called for the championship. 2nd placed exhibits may also be called at the judge's request.

Special Awards

Champion Ram	Perpetual Cup
Best Older Ewe	J W Jackman Cup
Best Dorset Horn	Les Long Cup
Best Ram Lamb	John King Cup
Female Champion	Paddy Margham Cup
Supreme Champion Sheep	Nuaw Challenge Cup

Special award for the exhibitor who provides the most informative/best presented pen across all livestock (pigs, cattle, sheep, goats) – to be judged by the High Sheriff

Sunday

Classes to be judged in the pens

- 11) Pair of Butchers' Lambs
 - Any breed or cross, suitable for the meat trade
- 12) Ewe with lamb/s at foot
 - Lambs not exceeding 14 weeks of age
- 13) Pen of Four Ewes/Ewe Lambs
 - May be taken from earlier class entries

Open Classes

Entries in this section are limited to one, per exhibitor, per breed.

Exhibits in classes 11 to 14 only may have already been shown in classes 1 to 10.

- 14) Group of Three
 - (Exhibits can be taken from entries in earlier classes) One sheep to be of the opposite sex to the other two and the property of the same exhibitor.
- 15) Pair of Ewe Lambs
 - Suitable for breeding
- 16) Pair of Shearling Ewes
- 17) Pair of Older Ewes
 - To have bred lambs

Pairs Championship – To be judged following the completion of the Young Handlers' Championship

All first placed exhibits from classes 15, 16 & 17 will be called for the championship. 2nd placed exhibits may also be called at the judge's request.

Sheep Young Handlers – 11.30am

JUDGE – Alan West

Entrants will be judged on turnout, knowledge and ability of the handler. Animals can be taken from any of the show/butcher's lamb classes and need not be the property of the exhibitor.

Entries fee - FREE.

- 18) Junior Handler – 9 years of age or under
- 19) Senior Handler – 10 – 16 years of age (inclusive)

Special Awards

Pen of Four	Rapkins Cup
Champion Group	Jennings Cup
Junior Young Handler (Sheep)	The Duxmore Cup
Senior Young Handler (Sheep)	The Trafalgar Cup

Wool on the Hoof

JUDGE – (tbc by Steve Burden)

Open to any sheep, in their respective wool type (long or short) and is judged purely on the quality of the wool. Entries on the day.

- 20) Long Wool Sheep
- 21) Short Wool Sheep
- 22) Long Wool Goats
- 23) Short Wool Goats

Cattle Lines

Exhibitors are encouraged to promote their stock and breeds through the use of herd boards and promotional items. The general public are keen to learn about British livestock and our show offers a great shop window for the stock we produce locally.

Cattle Classes

Cattle should be penned by 9am on the Saturday of the show and exhibitors are asked to leave all exhibits penned until 4pm Sunday (unless by prior arrangement with the Chief Steward).

Judging will commence at 10am

Cattle ages should be their age on the day of the show.

All bulls should have a ring in their nose and exhibitors should be satisfied, in all cases, that handlers are provided with the appropriate restraining and safety equipment.

Beef exhibits may be shown in their pens.

Prize Money

Championship £35

1st £15

2nd £10

3rd £5

The Chief Steward reserves the right to move animals to alternative classes, where he deems it appropriate.

Saturday 2pm

The Jill Cawood “2026 Young Handlers” Cattle Classes

Open to all Young Handlers under 26 years old. Animals can be any beef or dairy exhibit (with the exception of Bulls).

This class is run in memory of the late Jill Cawood, a local dairy farmer who developed the award winning “Wheatenbred Herd” of pedigree Holsteins. Jill loved to see children and animals together and spent many years working with the Isle of Wight Young Farmers club, getting children showing cattle.

- 24) Senior Handler – Animals to be shown by a handler between the age of 16 and 25 years of age (inclusive), on the Day of the Show.
- 25) Intermediate Handler – Animals to be shown by a handler between the age of 12 and 15 years (inclusive), on the day of the show.
- 26) Junior Handler – Animals to be shown by a handler between the age of 5 and 12 on the day of the show.

Champion Young Handler

Winners from Classes 20, 21 & 22 will be judged for the overall Championship.

Sunday 10am

JUDGE – Owain Harries

- 27) Dairy Calf – Under 6 months of age
- 28) Dairy Heifer – Over 6 months. Not to have bred a calf.
- 29) Dairy Cow – Having bred a calf
- 30) Beef Bull – Over 12 months of age
- 31) Butcher's Steer – Over 12 months of age
- 32) Beef Steer or Bull – 6 – 12 months of age
- 33) Beef Calf – Under 6 months of age
- 34) Beef Cow – Calf at foot
- 35) Beef Heifer – Over 12 months of age
- 36) Beef heifer – 6 – 12 months of age
- 37) Cow and Calf – judged together

Cattle Championship

All first placed exhibits from classes 23 to 32 will be called for the championship. 2nd placed exhibits may also be called, at the judges request.

Special Awards

Best Female from and Isle of Wight Herd

Best Beef Steer/Baby Beef

Best Bull in Show

Best Commercial Heifer

Best Pen of Store Cattle (3+) **Hursts Challenge Cup**

Young Stock keeper in Cattle **W Stay & Son Cup**

Champion Beast **Cobbould Roach Challenge Cup**

Special award for the exhibitor who provides the most informative/best presented pen across all livestock (pigs, cattle, sheep, goats) – to be judged by Dick Emus

Points Cups

Points cups are awarded to the Isle of Wight stock keeper, with the most points achieved from their stock in the cattle and sheep classes.

- **The Queen Victoria Perpetual Challenge Cup is awarded to the highest points for an exhibitor with a farm over 100 acres.**
- **The AA Westmore Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup is awarded to the highest points for an exhibitor with a farm under 100 acres.**

Goat Lines

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Goat Classes

Goat should be penned by 9am on the Saturday of the show and exhibitors are asked to leave all exhibits penned until 4pm Sunday.

Judging will commence at 10am on Sunday

Prize Money

1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5

The Chief Steward reserves the right to move animals to alternative classes, where he deems it appropriate.

All Classes are open to any breed of goat, including goat crosses.

Special Awards

Special award for the exhibitor who provides the most informative/best presented pen across all livestock (pigs, cattle, sheep, goats) – to be judged by the High Sheriff

'Special Award Cup' for the highest place 'Native Breed' goat exhibitor throughout the show. To be presented on Sunday afternoon during the Grand Parade.

Saturday

Display of breeds and demonstrations – to start at 11am

12pm - Young Handlers

'Young Handler Cup' to be presented on Sunday afternoon during the Grand Parade.

Saturday

JUDGES – Linda and Philip Radford

- 1) **Goatling Doe** (suitable for breeding, but has not yet borne a kid)
- 2) **Pet Goat** 'kids to golden oldies' (open to castrated males, and females that are not going to be used for breeding)
- 3) **Doe with Kid/s at foot** (Judged in pen)
- 4) **Herd class** – minimum of 2, maximum of 4 (judged in pen)
- 5) **Entire Male Goat** - (suitable for breeding). Class may be split to older and younger billy goats depending on entries)

New Exhibitors are Always Welcomed

If you have animals you would like to exhibit, but are not sure about what to do, the committee would be pleased to put you in touch with experienced exhibitors who can give you some help.

Please call Matt Legge or Dave Russell who will be happy to hear from you.

Matt – 07710 493534

Dave – 01983 740233

Notes for Exhibitors

Entries close 14th June 2026

Entries to : Shide Meadows Centre
Shide Road
Newport
Isle of Wight
PO30 1HR

Entry Fees:

Cattle	£10 per pen (please state number of pens required) £8 per pen for RIWAS Members
Sheep	£10 per pen (6ft x 6ft) £8 per pen for RIWAS Members
Goat	£10 per pen (6ft x 6ft) £8 per pen for RIWAS Members

Young Handlers FREE (Entries on the day)

Show Venue	County Showground Newport Road Cowes Isle of Wight PO30 5TP
CPH Number	16/007/8000

ALL PREVIOUS CUP WINNERS – Cup were requested to be returned in March, so if you have not yet returned a cup, please do so ASAP!

All exhibitors must ensure that the relevant Animal Health and DEFRA regulations are adhered to and that they provide the correct movement documentation.

Individual identity numbers for all sheep must be recorded on the relevant section of the ARAMS form.

Exhibitors of MV accredited sheep must have the relevant certificates available on request.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, or direct bank transfer. Please send electronic payments to:

IW County Show Ltd, account number **47601981 sort code **54-10-34** stating 'Livestock' and your name.
N.B Please ensure that you have stated LIVESTOCK and your name on your payment.**