

ESSEX SHIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mr/Miss/Mrs/Other:
First Name:
Surname:
Address, including post code:
E-mail:
Signature: _____ Date: _____

I would like to receive my updates and newsletters by email / post (delete as appropriate)

Membership required:	Number	Type
		Adult @ £15.00 each
		Child (up to 14 years) FREE
TOTAL PAYMENT	£	

BY EMAIL: Send your completed application form to essexshirehorseassn@gmail.com with a copy of your remittance to our bank account:

Sort Code: 30-10-75 **Account Number:** 00549022 **Account Name:** Essex Shire Horse Association

Please use your surname and initials as a reference for the payment (eg SMITH AB)

Thank you - you will shortly receive a membership card and a copy of our latest newsletter.

YOUR PRIVACY: We will only ever use your details for our own purposes of membership, ie occasionally keeping you up-to-date with our events and activities. If you enter a class at our show, your name and county, and your horse's name, may be listed in our catalogue. We will never share your personal information with a third party. If you do not wish to hear from us but still want to support us annually, please let us know on essexshirehorseassn@gmail.com.

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ESSEX HEAVY HORSE SHOW

***Beechwood Equestrian Centre
The Wheatsheaf Centre,
Main Road,
Rettendon Common,
Chelmsford,
Essex CM3 8DY***

**Sunday 9th August 2026
Entries close 13th July 2026**

Affiliated to
The Shire Horse Society
The Suffolk Horse Society
The British Driving Society

SHOW OFFICERS

SHOW DIRECTOR Mr. S J Peacock
SHOW SECRETARY Miss. F Goddard
SHOW TREASURER Mrs. B Peacock
CHIEF STEWARD Mr. A J Peacock

COMMITTEE:

Mrs. D Dillon Ms. W Toomer-Harlow Mr. N Andrews
Miss. H Brook Miss. H V Hobin Mr. J Walker
Ms. S Lawrence Mrs. B Young Mr. N Turner

Entry fees- £20 per class For NON members. Members £15 per class.

Class 14 Free. First Aid £3 Per Exhibitor

Class 23 & 25 £30 + £20 HOYS Levy Fee.

Online entries via www.myridinglife.co.uk or by a cheque or with details of BACs payment to the
Show Secretary.

Miss. F Goddard

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Essex

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MAIN RING TIMETABLE

09.00	Classes 1-7	SHIRE HORSE & CHAMPIONSHIP
09.00	Classes 8-13	SUFFOLK HORSE & CHAMPIONSHIP
NOT BEFORE 11.30		
	Class 14	YOUNG HANDLER
	Class 15	LIGHT HORSE DRIVING TO EXERCISE VEHICLE
13.00	PARADE OF HOUNDS	
To follow	Class 16	ANY OTHER HEAVY HORSE BREED
	Class 17	VETERANS ANY BREED
	Class 18	LIGHT TRADE TURNOUT & COSTERS
	Class 19	NOVICE RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE
	Class 20	IN HAND HARNESS
	Class 21	PRIVATE DRIVE - 13.2hh and UNDER / OVER 13.2hh
	Class 22	CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
		RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP

NOT BEFORE 4.15 PM

GRAND PARADE

GRASS RING TIMETABLE

STARTING AT 12.30

12.30	Class 23	DRIVEN HEAVY HORSE HOYS
TO FOLLOW		
	Class 24	SINGLE HEAVY HORSE TURNOUT – TRADE VEHICLE
	Class 25	EVERSLEY BRITISH RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE
	Class 26	RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE HOYS QUALIFIER
	Class 27	JUNIOR/NOVICE DRIVER – HEAVY HORSE
	Class 28	HEAVY HORSE TURNOUT-SINGLE AGRICULTURAL
	Class 29	PAIRS HEAVY HORSE TURNOUT

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO
ALTERATION. LIMITED STABLES ARE AVAILABLE ON SITE.**

Entry conditions for Class 30:

Drivers to be aged over 13 years of age and not exceeding 18 years of age (i.e. not to have attained 18th birthday on day of Show), driving a single heavy horse, aged four years and over, to a two wheeled cart. To be judged on driving ability and general presentation.

An experienced Senior driver must accompany the Youth driver. Youth drivers must wear a current standard hard hat.

Breed Society rosettes to the highest of each breed forward.

This class will be a qualifier for a national points league details to be announced.

Junior Driver Rules

The class is open to Junior Drivers to be aged between 13 and 18 years old on the day of the show.

Junior Drivers must be accompanied in the vehicle at all times by an Experienced Heavy Horse Driver aged 18 years and over.

A Groom is required to stand at the horse's head when the horse and vehicle is stood still.

Any suitable 2 wheeled vehicle may be used with correctly fitted appropriate harness.

When in the vehicle the Junior Driver and accompanying Experienced Driver must have their feet firmly on the floor of the vehicle or use a suitable fixed footrest.

Junior Drivers shall be neatly and conservatively attired.

Junior Drivers should wear gloves and must wear an approved safety helmet.

Junior Drivers will be required to enter the ring at a walk. They will be required to show a simple change of rein at trot during their individual show. A rein back will not be required.

Junior Drivers will be judged on their turnout and driving abilities, the type of vehicle and harness will be taken into consideration but will not be judged.

A driving whip should always be carried in the hand and consideration will be given to the correct use of the whip. The lash should be long enough to reach the horse's shoulder.

At least the length of one horse should be maintained between each turnout.

No overtaking will be permitted.

In the event of the Junior Driver getting into difficulty, the Experienced Driver must take the reins immediately and when safe to do, request permission from the Steward to leave the ring.

Horses must be aged four years and over

Stallions are not permitted in Junior driven classes

On the day of the show the Junior Driver must be covered by their own independent liability insurance.

Class 29 PAIR OF HEAVY HORSES IN HARNESS WITH VEHICLE

A Premium of £150 will be awarded to each pair entry forward.

The ESSEX RADIATOR CUP to the highest placed pair trade turnout

The PERSEVERO CUP to the highest placed pair agricultural turnout

Judges

Shire Horse – MR. C Horler

Suffolk Horse – MR. D Hayter

HOYS Ridden Heavy Horse -Ride Judge – MR. W Morton

Conf Judge – MR. C Horler

Private Drive/ Light Trade- MR. J H White

HOYS Heavy Horse Driven – MR. D Hayter

Best Shod- Mr. R May AWCF

ALL OTHER CLASSES- TBC

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Organizers reserve the right to cancel, add, or amend any of the competitions or vary the timing of any event although this will generally be avoided whenever possible.

2. No claim can be made for anything that may happen to competitors, onlookers, their property, servants or horses in connection with or arising out of events at this show. It shall be deemed a condition of entry that each entrant shall agree to indemnify the promoters against any legal action arising from such an accident.

3. The Organizers reserve the right to decline to accept any entry and may cancel the entry of any competitors or exhibitors without stating any reason

4. All horses entered must have received a full course of Equine Influenza Vaccination as recommended by the Equine Veterinary Association within the twelve months prior to the show. The Organizers reserve the right to check passports.

5. Competitors and their servants must carry out any directions given to them by authorized officials of the show and failure to do so may result in the competitor being excluded from taking any further part in the events and forfeiting all entry fees.

6. When not competing horses and vehicles shall be kept strictly to the nominated areas and no exercising or practicing shall be carried out except in the nominated areas.

7. Horses in the harness and ridden classes must be 4 years old and over.

8. The decision of the Judges shall be final in all events. Any protest must be lodged with the Secretary's Office within 15 minutes of end of class and accompanied by £20, which will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. Protests will be heard by the Chairman, Secretary and Chief Steward. whose decision is final.

9. Any dogs brought to the show must be kept on a lead.

10. All Cups and Trophies must not leave the Secretary's tent except for presentation and photographs.

11. All horseboxes and other vehicles MUST be parked as directed by the Stewards on the day and are parked on the showground entirely at their owner's risk.

12. All Exhibitors must hold valid public liability insurance and may be required to produce copies of their insurance documents.

13. The Organizers reserve the right to change the Judge without prior notification.

The E.S.H.A is affiliated to the Shire Horse Society, the Suffolk Horse Society and the British Driving Society.

The Show and Classes will be conducted according to the Rules laid down by the Breed Societies and the Essex Shire Horse Association Health and Safety Policy. **By entering you agree to be bound by these Rules.**

The Essex Shire Horse Association cannot be held liable for any delay, accident injury or any other happening however it may be caused.

SHIRE HORSES

Judge: Mr C Horler classes 1-7

Appearance money of £25 will be awarded in the Grand Parade to all entrants forward in their class for classes 1 – 7. Failure to appear in the Grand Parade will forfeit appearance money.

Best Shod

Judge: Mr. R May AWCF

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FARRIERS BEST SHOD HORSE AWARDS

A competition sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Farriers for the Best Shod Shire in classes 1-6

The judge will examine each horse before or during the line-up for preliminary judging, taking into consideration:

- (a) The condition of the feet
- (b) The making (or preparation) and fitting of the shoes
- (c) The nailing and position of clips

Normal shoes and showing plates are equally acceptable, provided they are suitable for the horse. The Worshipful Company of Farriers will award:

- ☐ a Rosette and an Inscribed Card to the winner in each Class
- ☐ a Brass Plaque to the overall winner
- ☐ a Brass Plaque for the Registered Farrier responsible for its feet and shoeing

THE OVERALL WINNER WILL GO FORWARD FOR THE NATIONAL BEST SHOD COMPETITION.

Please enter the name and address of your farrier on the entry form.

Class 1 GELDING - 4 years old and over

The I & P EVANS CUP to the winner of this class.

Class 2 BARREN MARE – 4 years old and over.

The Mr. & Mrs. L CAMBELL TANKARD to the winner of this class

Class 3 COLT or STALLION – 2 years old and over

Class 4 FILLY OR GELDING – 2 or 3 years old

The A WALLAKER CUP to the winner of this class.

Class 5 YEARLING

The Rev. PHILIP WRIGHT TANKARD to the winner of this class.

Class 6 BROODMARE with her own foal at foot.

The PETER HARRIS CUP to the winner of this class

Class 7 FOAL out of the mare in class 6

The MONICA HARRIS CUP to the winner of this class.

SHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 1-7Re S.H.S Silver spoons and rosettes- the offer of Spoons and Rosettes is subject to the Shire Horse Society Special Conditions of Offer.

Recipients must be member of the Shire Horse Society

Class 26

RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFIER

Prize money: £25 1st, £15 2nd, £10 3rd

Judges- Conf Mr. C Horler / Ride- Mr. W Morton

This competition is open to purebred mares, geldings and stallions 4 years old and over that are registered in, and comply with showing requirements of the Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk or British Percheron Society Stud Books, at the time of qualification. Partbreds are not eligible to compete. All Riders and Owners must be Members of either the Shire Horse Society, The Clydesdale Horse Society, The Suffolk Horse Society or British Percheron Horse Society. These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this Rule book a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.

Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Official Identity Documents for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling. Competitors are reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that the Official Identity Documents must be in the name of the legal owner within 30 days of ownership. This must be registered with the breed society, relevant studbook or ID issuing agency, dependant on breed/type of animal. Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies.

This is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.

For Clydesdale horses, they are to hold a Clydesdale Horse Society passport with full pedigree details, stallions and mares are to appear in the main section of the Clydesdale Horse stud book and geldings are to have appeared as produce of their dam.

Qualifiers should be marked in the following way:

Ride 50 maximum

Conformation 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th -11th October 2026. Qualification will not pass below 5th place. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

Additional Rules: i) Qualification will not pass below 5th place. ii) Horses will be required to gallop at the final. iii) Riders of stallions must have obtained their 16th Birthday before 1st January in the current year. iv) Rider turnout should be traditional, with evening attire required for championships as appropriate. v) Horses must be entered in the name and ownership they are registered. vi) Horses should be turned out in a traditional manner as per their breed society rules, tail plaits including wool are optional, flights/standings are not permitted. 46 vii) For Clydesdale horses, they are to hold a Clydesdale Horse Society passport with full pedigree details, stallions and mares are to appear in the main section of the Clydesdale Horse stud book. Geldings are to have appeared as produce of their dam if they have not been issued with a Clydesdale Horse Society Passport. viii) Horse Turnout: Plain noseband and browband with snaffle or traditional double or pelham bit. No bitless bridles, running gags or Liverpool bits are permitted. ix) If shod, only normal shaped shoes that do not cover the frog are permissible. Shoes must be fitted to the circumference of the foot and give maximum support at the heels.

Class 27 JUNIOR/NOVICE DRIVER HEAVY HORSE IN ANY VEHICLE

Prize money: £25 1st, £15 2nd, £10 3rd

Please see last page of this schedule for entry conditions to this class.

Class 28 SINGLE HEAVY HORSE IN HARNESS TO AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE/ IMPLEMENT

A Premium of £100 will be awarded to each single horse entry forward

The MARRIAGE CUP to the highest placed single agricultural turnout

Each qualified horse/pony will receive a qualification card in the ring which will enable the owner to enter the Championship Show, provided the owner and rider/handler are, or become registered with the Concours d'Elegance Society within 21 days of the qualifying show. No horse registration is required. For up-to-date information telephone the secretary on 07960 107 111 or see www.eqconcoursqgb.com

GRASS RING

Ring starts at 12.30pm

Class 23 DRIVEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFIER

Prize money: £25 1st, £15 2nd, £10 3rd

Judge- Mr D Hayter

Start time: 12.30

This competition is open to mares and geldings that are Heavy Horses of draught type, four years old and over. Breeds to include, but not limited to Shires, Clydesdale, Percheron, Suffolk Punch and Belgian Draught. All Drivers and Owners must be Members of either the Shire Horse Society, The Clydesdale Horse Society, The Suffolk Horse Society, British Percheron Horse Society or The Showing Register. Single Horse to be driven in a two wheeled show cart, Drivers to have obtained their 18th birthday by the 1st of January in the current year.

An official HOYS qualifier entry form must be completed and sent to ESHA Show Secretary with every entry for this class.

This class is a qualifier for the Driven Heavy Horse of the Year Championship to be held at the NEC Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2026

This class will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk. As this is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com. The Shire Horse Society reserve the right to share membership data with Grandstand

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Class 24 SINGLE HEAVY HORSE IN HARNESS TO TRADE VEHICLE

A Premium of £100 will be awarded to each entry forward

The MILTON BRICK COMPANY TROPHY to the highest placed single trade turnout.

Class 25 EVERSLEY BRITISH RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE.

Prize money: £25 1st, £15 2nd, £10 3rd

Judge-TBC

This class is a qualifier for the British Heavy Horse Society Eversley Championship

Open to purebred horses 4 years old and over that are certified British bred and registered in the main British stud books of the Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk and Percheron societies. Horses must be entered in the name and ownership that they are registered in.

Riders of stallions must be 16 years or over.

This class will be ridden by the judge

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DENYS BENSON MEMORIAL CUP and rosette to the Champion and rosette to Reserve

SILVER PLATED SPOON & ROSETTE presented by the S.H.S. for the best Mare or Filly.
(Classes 2, 4 and 6)

SILVER PLATED SPOON AND ROSETTE presented by the S.H.S. for the best Stallion.
(Class 3)

BOB HART MEMORIAL TROPHY to the best Shire Female overall.
(Classes 2, 4 and 6)

G & B FINCH ROSE BOWL to the best Mare & Foal, any breed, shown by an Essex Shire Horse Association member

(Classes 6 or 12)

A & M SARGEANT TANKARD to the Best Shod Shire

SUFFOLK HORSES

Appearance money of £25 will be awarded in the Grand Parade to all entrants forward in their class for classes 8 – 13. Failure to appear in the Grand Parade will forfeit appearance money.

Judge Mr D Hayter – 8 - 13

This show is a qualifier for the 2026 Supreme Suffolk Horse Championship. The horse that qualifies will be eligible for the final competition (Date and venue to be confirmed).

This show is affiliated to the Suffolk Horse Society and classes 8 - 13 are qualifiers for the championship points for annually awarded trophies and for the Supreme Suffolk Horse Championship.

All owners entering their horses must be members of the Suffolk Horse Society.

All entries for In Hand classes must be registered in or eligible for registration in the Pedigree Section of the UK Suffolk Stud Book. All entries must state their SHS registration number and full pedigree name including prefix or suffix.

All foals must be eligible for registration in the Pedigree Section of the UK Suffolk Stud Book. Both the sire and the dam must be registered and entered in the pedigree section of the UK Suffolk Stud Book.

All stallions must be registered in the Pedigree Section of the UK Suffolk Stud Book. All entries must state their SHS registration number, stallion licence number and full pedigree name including prefix or affix. Discretionary entry to a stallion class may be allowed in cases where a licence is pending but not yet issued.

Class 8 GELDING - 4 years old and over

Class 9 BARREN MARE - 4 years old and over
The PAULDEN CUP to the highest placed barren mare in this class.

Class 10 COLT or STALLION – 2 years old and over

Class 11 FILLY OR GELDING - 2 or 3 years old CRAMPHORN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP to the winner of this class.

Class 12 BROOD MARE with her own foal at foot.
The PETER HARRIS MEMORIAL SHIELD to the winner of this class.

Class 13 FOAL out of the mare in class 12

SUFFOLK CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to 1st and 2nd prize winner in classes 8 -13

The WARMLIFE CUP and rosette to the Champion and rosette to Reserve
THE JOHN PURSE MEMORIAL CUP to the Suffolk Horse with the BEST FEET.

NOT BEFORE 11.30

Class 14 YOUNG HANDLER – Minimum age 12yrs to not having
reached their 18th birthday by 1st January 2024. Any breed of Heavy Horse.

The DONALD BROWN TROPHY to the winner of this class

Young Handler Accumulator Competition

The Shire Horse Society will once again be running the SHS Young Handler's Accumulator Award in 2026. Points relative to placings will be awarded to those young handlers who are 2026 members of the Shire Horse Society. The winner will be announced at the end of the year. Points will be awarded to the top five, with points awarded as follows: 1st-5 points, 2nd-4 points, 3rd- 3 points, 4th-2 points and 5th- 1 point. The Champion Young Handler with the most points at the end of the year will win the trophy. Those taking part in the above should be Junior members of the Society and are able to join mid-season if they are not already members. Points will only count once membership is taken up and points will not be back dated. Junior memberships are £13 per annum and are open to those that have not attained their 18th birthday.

The highest placed Young Handler of a Shire Horse will also qualify for the **Shire Horse Young Handler of the Year** at Midland Foal Show and Sale in September 2026.

Class 15 LIGHT HORSE DRIVING TO EXERCISE VEHICLE

Prize money: £25 1st, £15 2nd, £10 3rd

Open to horses or ponies aged 4 years old and over driven to a vehicle capable of seating 2 or more persons, Traditional and non Traditional vehicles are permitted

This is a Victoria Food Company Championship Qualifier. The Champion will qualify for the Grand Final to be held on 12th & 13th September 2026 at the Bury Farm Equestrian Club, New Bury Farm, Mill Road, Slapton, Bucks,

Class 16 ANY OTHER HEAVY HORSE BREED INHAND

Appearance money of £25 will be awarded in the Grand Parade

Open to any other Heavy Horse breed British or Foreign, any age, Mare or Gelding must be in the main stud book and registered with the relevant society

Class 17 VETERANS ANY BREED INHAND

Appearance money of £25 will be awarded in the Grand Parade

Open to any British or Foreign Heavy horse 15 Years and over, Mare or Gelding registered to the relevant society.

Class 18 LIGHT TRADE TURNOUT & COSTERS

Prize money: £25 1st, £15 2nd, £10 3rd

Single or pairs in two- or four-wheel vehicles

This is a Victoria Food Company Championship Qualifier. The Champion will qualify for the Grand Final to be held on Sunday 14th September 2025 at the Bury Farm Equestrian Club, New Bury Farm, Mill Road, Slapton, Bucks, LU7 9BT.

In the event that the Champion has already qualified then the Reserve Champion to qualify. If the Reserve has also qualified, the rosette to be awarded back to the Champion. Once qualified, the horse, whip and vehicle may not be changed.

Class 19 NOVICE RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE

Prize money: £25 1st, £15 2nd, £10 3rd

Open to **ALL** heavy horses breeds - 4 years and over that are registered in the main British stud books of the Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk and Percheron and heavy foreign breeds registered with their foreign breed societies. Not to have won more than 2 ridden classes as a combination.

Horses must be entered in the name and ownership that they are registered in.
Riders of stallions must be 16 years or over.

Class 20 IN HAND HARNESS CLASS.

Appearance money of £25 will be awarded in the Grand Parade

Neatest and cleanest. Any breed shown in hand without vehicle

Class 21 PRIVATE DRIVE – 13.2HH and UNDER / OVER 13.2HH

Prize money: £25 1st, £15 2nd, £10 3rd

This class will be one class split into two (but maybe combined depending on entries) with one overall, winner,
Single, Pair or Tandem 13.2hh and under

Single, Pair or Tandem over 13.2hh

This is a Victoria Food Company Championship Qualifier. The Champion will qualify for the Grand Final to be held on the 12th & 13th September 2026 at the Bury Farm Equestrian Club, Mill Road, Slapton, Bucks, LU7 9BT.

Class 22 RIDDEN CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Prize money: £25 1st, £15 2nd, £10 3rd

First, second and third placed horses/ponies not already qualified in eligible classes will qualify for the Champion of Britain Title classes to be held at Onley Equestrian Centre, Rugby, Warwickshire on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th September 2026. If a horse/pony has already qualified, cards may be handed down to 6th place at judge's discretion.