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Uttoxeter District

ANNUAL PLOUGHING & HEDGELAYING MATCH

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SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2025 At 9.00am prompt





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Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society UTTOXETER DISTRICT

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome once again to our Annual Ploughing and Hedgelaying Match. We are very grateful to the Bettson family for once again providing us with this excellent site.

I would like to give a massive thanks to our Judges and Stewards for giving their time and support, also to our catering team for feeding us throughout the day.

My thanks also goes to David and Debbie for their hard work arranging today.

I hope that you, our competitors and visitors have a very enjoyable day and hope you return next year to support us.

Many Thanks,

Francis Mollatt, Uttoxeter District Chairman

Hedgelaying starts	9.00 am
Ploughing starts	9.00 am
Breakfast finishes	11.00 am
Lunch starts at	12 noon
Flail Hedgecutting starts	1.00 pm
Ploughing completion at	1.30 pm
Flail Hedgecutting finishes	2.00 pm
Hedgelaying completion at	2.00 pm
Raffle Drawn at	3.00 pm
Ploughing & Hedgelaying results at	3.30 pm









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The competition will last for 1 hour.

All tractors and equipment must be a minimum legal standard.

Length of hedge to cut and buffer width will be confirmed on the day (minimum 30m). One side only and top will be judged on the day.

Competitors will need to have a minimum of third-party insurance and public liability and will provide proof if requested.

Plots will be drawn on the day of the competition at 1.00pm.

£10 to be given to competitors on the completion of their section of hedge.

First Prize £40, Second Prize £30, 3rd Prize £20



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Schedule of Prizes

TRACTOR PLOUGHING

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Commencing at 9.00am prompt

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP given by the Uttoxeter Junior National Farmers' Union for Annual Competition, to the Champion Ploughman of the Day out of the Reversible or Conventional Classes. To be held for 1 year.

TV SALE CHALLENGE CUP The Best Ploughing by any competitor under 21 years of age. Confined to the Uttoxeter District of the Society. To be held for 1 year.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP given by the Uttoxeter Training Group for the Best Novice Ploughing. Present by the Chairman, Uttoxeter Training Group. To be held for 1 year.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded for the Best ploughing by a competitor in any Vintage Classes 6, 7, 8 & 9 for Annual Competition. To be held for 1 year.

KVERNELAND TANKARD to be awarded for the Overall Vintage Best Kept Turn-Out Tractor and Plough in Class 6, 7, 8, & 9. To be held for 1 year.

SILVER CHALLENGE CUP given by GE Salt for the best ploughing in the Ferguson T20 Class.

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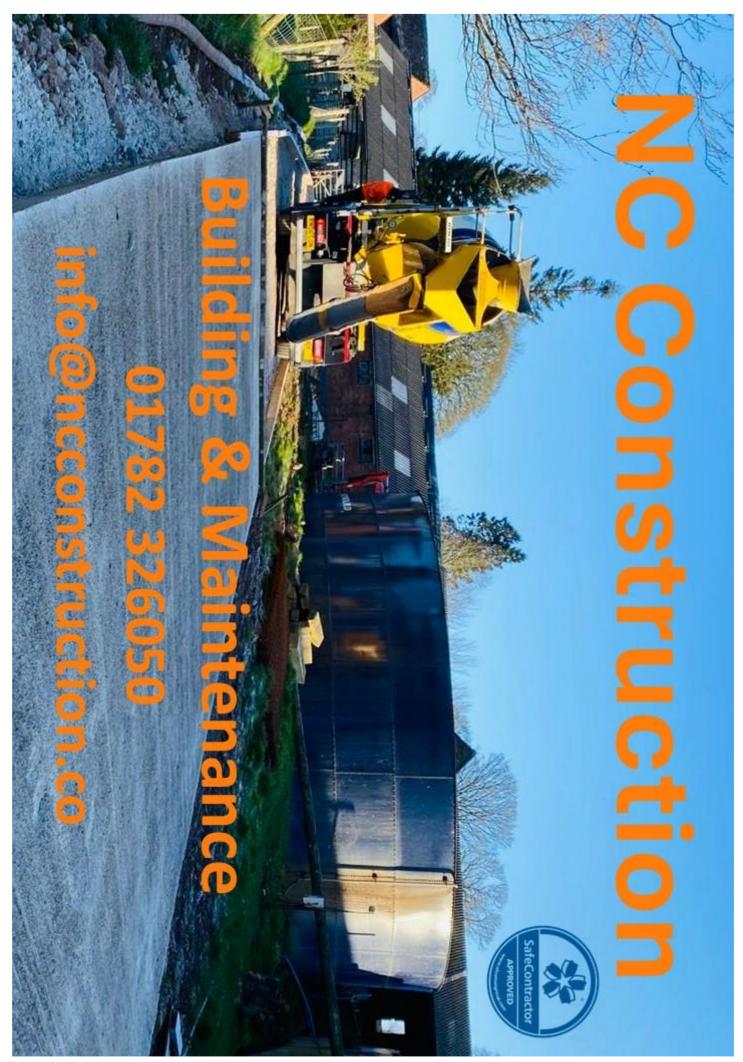
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TRACTOR PLOUGHING CONDITIONS

ENTRY FEE: £20.00

- 1. Entries to be made in writing to the Ploughing Secretary, Mr D Rushton, The Olde Thatch, Stowe Lane, Stowe-by Chartley, Stafford, ST18 0NA by Friday 5th September 2025. Telephone entries are to be confirmed by a signed entry form for each competitor.
- 2. Any competitor having entered who is unable to attend, must telephone the Ploughing Secretary by 8.00am on the morning of the match at the latest.
- 3. All classes are open to any competitor but only one Class may be entered.
- 4. If any discrepancy arises with regard to the specification of the tractor or plough the Steward's decision will be final with regard to the Class in which a competitor may compete.
- 5. The area to be ploughed to be fixed by the Stewards.
- 6. **Handwork is NOT allowed. Rolling of the opening split is NOT allowed.** Any contravention will be brought to the attention of the judge.
- 7. A Dead Furrow may be used if required.
- 8. Final Judging will commence at 1.00pm for classes 1, 2 & 3, and at 2.00pm for all other classes. Any competitor not completing their ploughing by this time will lose points.

REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING CLASSES

- 1. Competitors must plough a single opening split (turned towards the lower numbered plot). The opening split must be completed by 9.20am, when it will be judged. Competitors must wait until the Judge or Steward gives permission to continue ploughing.
- 2. 2 and 4 furrow ploughs should plough 8 furrows,
 - 3 furrow ploughs should plough 9 furrows,
 - 5 furrow ploughs should plough 10 furrows,
 - On the lower number, before proceeding to the higher number and ploughing back to the first furrow.
- 3. ALL THE GROUND MUST BE PLOUGHED.
- 4. Competitors with a vacant plot adjacent should set their poles where they would join their neighbour whilst the opening Splits are being judged.
- 5. Depth of ploughing to be a minimum of 8" (200mm) achieved by the completion of the "start" and maintained until the final 2 runs.
- 6. Maximum depth 9".

CONVENTIONAL AND VINTAGE PLOUGHING CLASSES

- 1. Competitors must plough a double opening split.
- 2. The opening split must be completed by 9.20am, when it will be judged.
- 3. Competitors must wait until the Judge or Steward gives permission to continue ploughing.
- 4. After completing the "start" 11 or 12 furrows, competitors should proceed to the higher numbered plot and plough the ground to their own start. Competitors with a vacant plot adjacent should set their poles where they would join their neighbour whilst the opening splits are being judged.
- 5. Depth of ploughing for Conventional plough vintage classes to be a minimum of 6" (150mm). This depth must be achieved by the completion of the "start" and maintained until the "finish", (the finish" is the last 8 furrows).

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	For the Second Best ditto£20.	00
	For the Third Best ditto£10.0	00
	For the Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto£10.0	00
	For the Second Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto£8.0	00
N	OTE – Classes may be adjusted depending on entries in Classes 2 & 3	
Sp	onsored by MG Simister & Son Ltd	
-	For the Best Ploughing with a TWO or THREE furrow, Reversible Plough (Traditional	
	System)	00
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	For the Best ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto£10.0	
	For the Second Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto £8.0	
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	£30.	
	For the Second Best ditto£20.	
	For the Third Best ditto	
	For the Best ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto	
	For the Best Kept Turn-Out Tractor and Plough in any of the above classes (Age of turn	۱-
	out to be taken into consideration)£10.	
	For the Second Best ditto£5.0	00
Sp	onsored by Cowley Hill Farm	
	Special Prize for any members of a Young Farmers Club, ploughing in any of the classe	
	1-10 inc. YFC to hold a valid membership card and cards must be available to be seen	at
	the match.	
	First£20.00 Second£15.00 Third£10.00 Fourth£5.0	0
_	onsored by RTR & EC Ball & Sons	
4.	Classic, Any Tractor & Plough of a model that was in production before 31 st December 1976, with any type of one-way plough. All tractors to be driven in 2WD. <i>NB – Area</i>	r
	qualifier class for the 2026 Championship.	
	For the Best Ploughing with a Classic Tractor & Plough£30.0	
	For the Second Best ditto£20.0	00
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For the Third Best ditto£10.00

Sponsored by David Boden 5. Classic Reversible Tractor & Plough, of a model that was in production before 3 December 1976. All tractors to be driven in 2WD. NB – Area qualifier class for the 2 Championship. For the Best Ploughing For the Second Best ditto For the Third Best ditto	. £30.00 . £20.00	
Sponsored by The Brookes Family6. Vintage Trailer Open for Vintage Tractors & Trailing Ploughs, production before	31 st	
December 1959. <i>NB – Area qualifier class for the 2026 Championship.</i>	J 1	
For the Best Ploughing with a Vintage Tractor & Trailing Plough	. £30.00	
For the Second Best ditto	. £20.00	
For the Third Best ditto	. £10.00	
Sponsored by Atkin Farms		
7. Vintage Mounted Plough for any Vintage Tractor and Mounted Plough, in produ	uction	
before 31 st December 1959. <i>NB – Area qualifier class for the 2026 Championship.</i>	200.011	
For the Best Ploughing with a Vintage Tractor & Mounted Plough	. £30.00	
For the Second Best ditto		
For the Third Best ditto	. £10.00	
Sponsored by N & K Brown 8. Novice Vintage Tractor Ploughing open to competitors who have not won a first prize in		
any Vintage Mounted Class at a Uttoxeter District Match.		
For the Best Ploughing by a Novice Plougher		
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For the Third Best ditto	. £10.00	
Sponsored by B&B Tractors		
9. FERGUSON Class for Fergusons TE20 Tractor and Ferguson Plough.		
For the Best Ploughing by a Ferguson Tractor & Plough	. £30.00	
For the Second Best ditto	. £20.00	
For the Third Best ditto	. £10.00	
Best turnout in class	. £25.00	
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10.Horticultural Tractor Class		
For the Best Ploughing	. £30.00	
For the Second Best ditto		
For the Third Best ditto		
Connected by David Dyshton Marchines and Ital		
Sponsored by David Rushton Machinery Ltd Overall Vintage Bost Kent Turn Out Tractor (Age to be taken into consideration)		
Overall Vintage Best Kept Turn-Out Tractor (Age to be taken into consideration)	£10.00	
For the Best Kept Turn Out For the Second Best ditto		
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Any Novice competing in Classes 4, 6, 7, 9 & 10 will not be eligible for points towards the County Novice Ploughing Championship.

COUNTY NOVICE PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

Judge County Vice Chairman, Mr Roly Tavernor PRIZES: 1st £100, 2nd £50, 3rd £25

Open to any eligible competitor at a District Ploughing Match who has never won a first prize in any ploughing class at any ploughing match. Any Competitor wishing to be judged for the Novice Championship must indicate on the entry form for the district ploughing match that he or she is eligible.

- 1. Entry to the County Novice Championship will be via the relevant District Ploughing Match entry form and will be limited to reversible classes.
- 2. A novice is defined as someone who has never won a Class, including a Young Farmers Class or Novice Championship, at any ploughing match. However, winning a class in a Ploughing Match held after 1st September 2025 would not debar the competitor from entering the County Novice Championship.
- 3. Each District will identify the best three novices at their Ploughing Match that have entered the County Novice Championship: the County Judge will then award points to each of the three competitors based on their finished work.
- 4. On completion of all the District Matches, prizes will be awarded to competitors ranked 1^{st} , 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} .
- 5. A competitor may enter the County Novice Championship as many times as he or she wishes by entering more than one District Ploughing Match.
- 6. Competitors must live within the County of Staffordshire or within 10 miles of the County Boundary

Further information can be obtained from District Secretaries or by contacting the County Office on 01785 258060.



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CONVENTIONAL AND VINTAGE PLOUGHING

CONVENTIONAL AND VINTAGE I LOCGITING		
OPENING	20	
Well out, unform and straight		
START (11 or 12 furrows) (Only in Class		
1) Uniform, level and straightness	20	
SEED BED		
Weed control and soil available	20	
FIRMNESS		
Uniform, level and straightness	20	
UNIFORMITY Clearly defined uniform furrows,		
		straightness and no paring of furrows
FINISH		
Uniform shallow and straightness	20	
INS AND OUTS		
Neat, accurate and regular	20	
STRAIGHTNESS		
Straightness of the whole plot	20	
GENERAL APPEARANCE		
Workmanship and general appearance of		
the whole plot		

REVERSIBLE CLASSES 2 & 3

OPENING	20	
Well out, unform and straight	20	
START (8 or 9 furrows) Uniform, level		
and straightness		
SEED BED		
Weed control and soil MADE available		
FIRMNESS		
Firm, well packed furrows, no holes		
UNIFORMITY		
early defined uniform furrows, 20		
straightness and no paring of furrows		
FINISH (last 15 or 16 furrows)	(last 15 or 16 furrows)	
Uniform shallow and straightness	20	
ACCURACY OF FINAL FURROW		
Close to first furrow with no unploughed	to first furrow with no unploughed 20	
or re-ploughed land		
INS AND OUTS		
Neat, accurate and regular		
STRAIGHTNESS		
Straightness of the whole plot		
GENERAL APPEARANCE		
Workmanship and general appearance of		
the whole plot		

REVERSIBLE WORLD STYLE

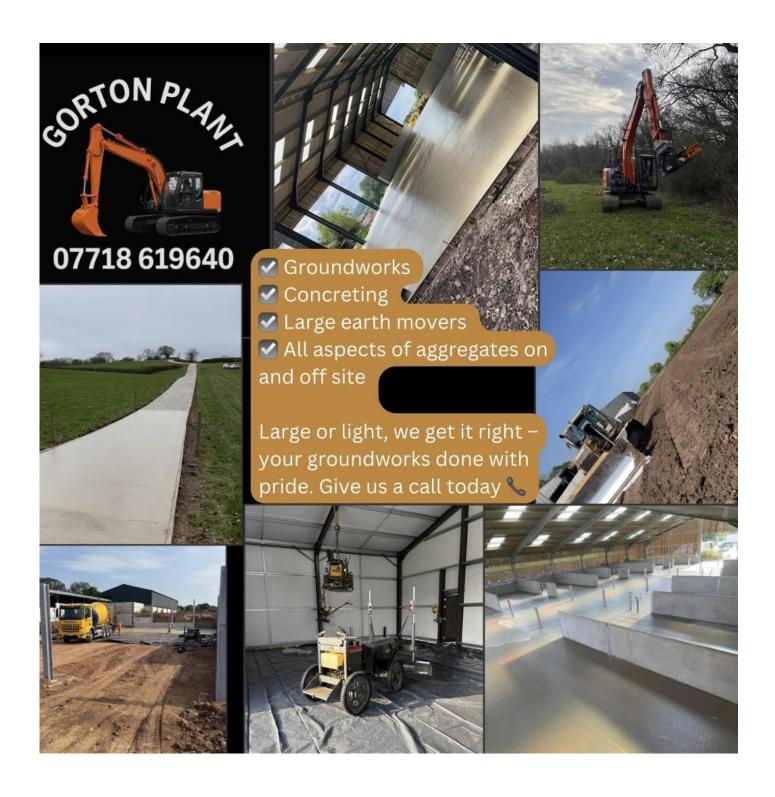
OPENING	20	
Well out, unform and straight	20	
START (8 or 9 furrows)		
Uniform, level and straightness		
SEED BED	20	
Weed control and soil available	20	
FIRMNESS	20	
Uniform, level and straightness	20	
UNIFORMITY		
Clearly defined uniform furrows,	20	
straightness and no paring of furrows		
OINING FURROW & BUTTS		
Neat, accurate with no dips or mounds	20	
FINISH (last 19 or 20 furrows)	30	
Uniform shallow and straightness	20	
ACCURACY OF FINAL FURROW		
Close to first furrow with no	se to first furrow with no 20	
unploughed or re-ploughed land	1	
INS AND OUTS		
Neat, accurate and regular	20	
STRAIGHTNESS		
Straightness of the whole plot	20	
GENERAL APPEARANCE		
Orkmanship and general appearance 20		
of the whole plot		
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FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS

Two wheel marks	20 points penalty
Finish wrong way	20 points penalty
Depth infringement less	20 points per cm
than specified depth	
Rolling	20 points penalty
Incorrect number of	20 points penalty
furrows in the finish	
Failure to finish plot by	10 point per minute
finishing signal	or part minute over
	time
Abuse of officials or	20 points penalty
fellow competitors	
Failure to adhere to	Disqualification
safety policy	

NOTE:

Seedbed, firmness and uniformity cover the whole of the plot, i.e.. Start, furrows, butts and final 15 or 16 furrows.





HEDGELAYING MATCH

Affiliated to the National Hedgelaying Society Commencing at 9.00am prompt

Secretary: Mr SWP Talbot
Sponsored by GLW Feeds
Hedge laying stakes sponsored by R P GEORGE Ltd.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by the late Sir Geoffrey Congreve Bart, DSO., will be awarded to the Champion Hedgecutter from Classes 1, 2 or 3. To be held for 1 year. JC WALKER SHIELD presented to the winner of Class 1, Champions Class. To be held for 1 year.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP will be presented for the Best Hedgelaying by a competitor in Class 2. To be held for 1 year.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by the Uttoxeter Training Group for the Best Novice. To be held for 1 year. Presented by the Chairman of the Uttoxeter Training Group.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by the late Captain Kingscote for the Best Hedgecutter. Open to competitors in Class 3. To be held for 1 year.

DAVID BARKER TROPHY for overall growth winner.

HEDGELAYING CONDITIONS ENTRY FEE: £10.00 (CLASS 3 – UNDER 24S FREE)

- 1. Entries to be made in writing to the Hedgelaying Secretary, Mr SWP Talbot, Oak Tree Farm, Bank Top, Gratwich, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8SD by FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025.
- 2. Unless there are at least 5 competitors in each class, no more than three prizes will be awarded.
- 3. If assistance of any kind is given to any competitor, he is liable to be disqualified. No dead wood to be put in the hedge.
- 4. Anyone not completing their length by 2pm will lose points.
- 5. Competitors must comply with Health and Safety Regulations.
- 6. In respect of the use of CHAINSAWS the following requirements are for all competitors:
 - a. The user should have sufficient length of experience or be able to show proof of training to a suitable standard for the type of work concerned. (The need for adequate training for safety purposes IS a legal requirement).
 - b. Personal protective equipment to current standards should be worn whenever the saw is operated, no matter how short the time or how infrequent that operation may be.
 - c. In any case where the stewards feel that these requirements are not being complied with the competitor will be disqualified.
 - d. Entries for the competition are accepted on the understanding that all prospective competitors understand the above conditions and are agreeable to abide by them at all times.
- 7. £10.00 to be given to competitors on completion of their section of hedge.
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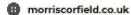
















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