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Stone District Annual Ploughing Match Hedgelaying & Flail Hedge Cutting Classes Sunday 21st September 2025

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Flail Hedge Cutting at 11.30am
YFC Fence Erecting Competition at 11am

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ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH HEDGELAYING & FLAIL HEDGE CUTTING

will be held at

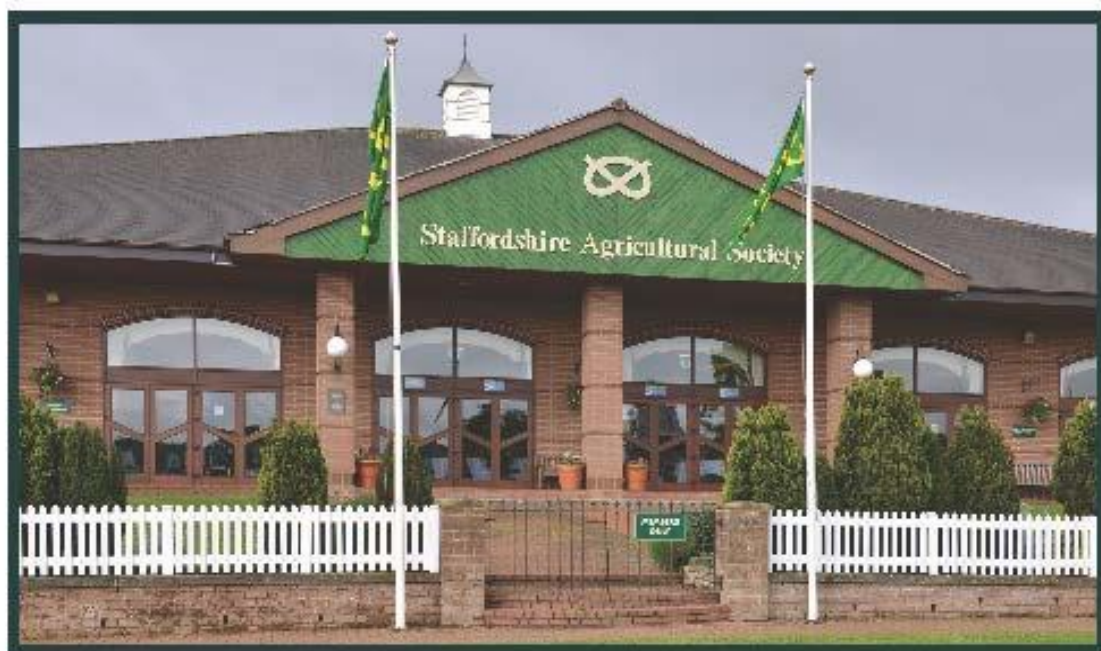
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Ploughing 9am–1pm
Hedgelaying 9am-2pm
Flail Hedge Cutting from 11.30am-12.30pm
Young Farmers Fence Erecting from 11am

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Judges: Society of Ploughmen

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All Ploughing to a minimum of 20cm

A single opening split to be completed in 20 minutes, work to then cease until restarted by the judge

Society of Ploughmen Rules available
4 hours to complete

All queries to Stewards:

Chief Steward – Mr J Harvey

Stewards – Mr W Sutton, Mr R Matthews

NOVICE CLASS 1 SINGLE SPLIT

For the best parallel ploughing with a reversible plough

Assistance can be given on the headlands in this class

FIRST PRIZE £30 SECOND PRIZE £25 THIRD PRIZE £20

OPEN CLASS 2

For the best parallel ploughing with a reversible plough

FIRST PRIZE £30 SECOND PRIZE £25 THIRD PRIZE £20

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Sunday 14th September 2025
Saturday 20th September 2025
Sunday 21st September 2025
Saturday 27th September 2025

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1st Prize £125
2nd Prize £75
3rd Prize £50

Prizes will be awarded at
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OPEN CLASS 3

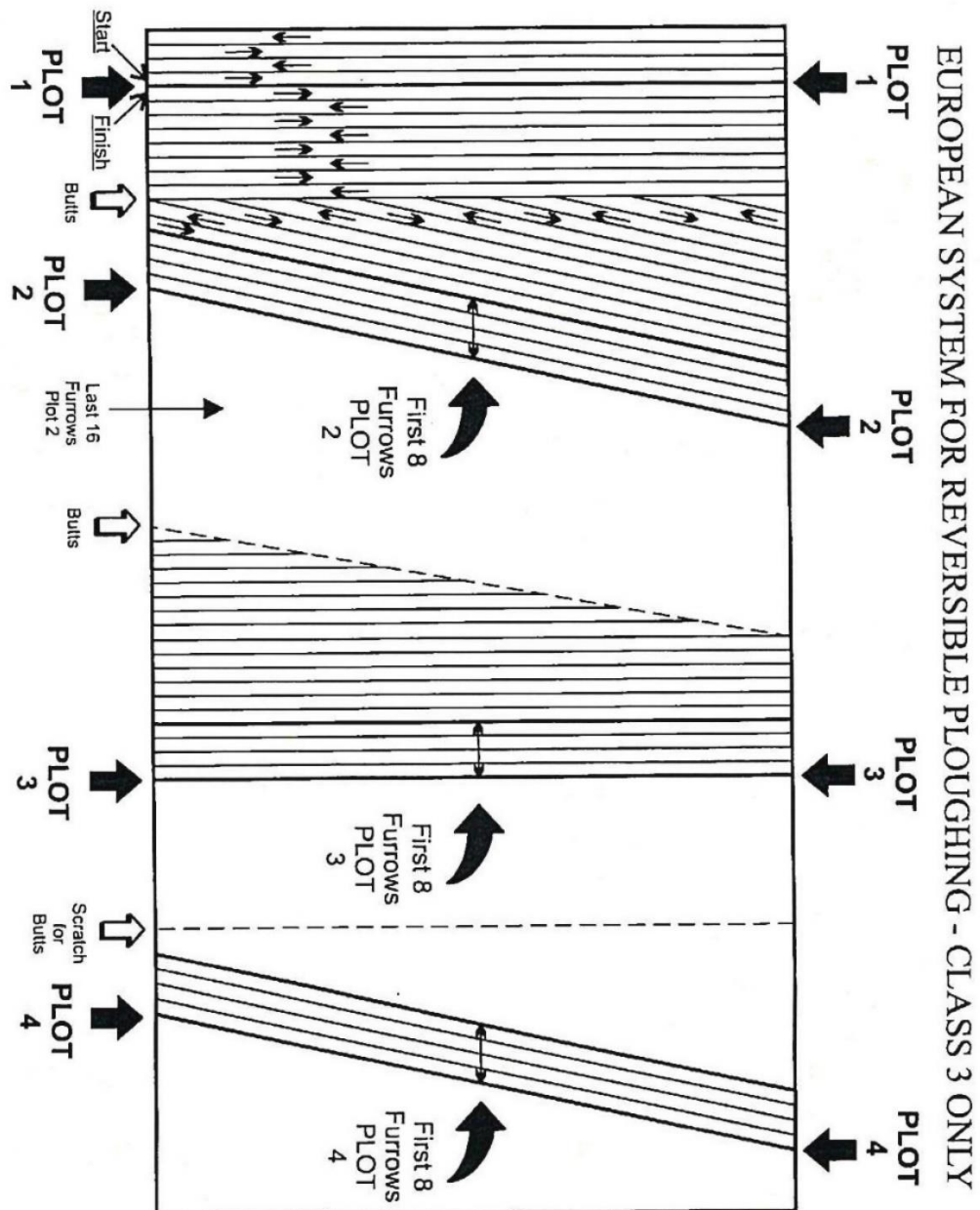
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Judges: Society of Ploughmen

Stewards: Mr R Hopley, Mr T Turnock & Mr M Weaver

CLASS 4

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FIRST PRIZE £25

SECOND PRIZE £20

THIRD PRIZE £15

CLASS 5

For the best ploughing with a vintage tractor and mounted plough for novice competitors

FIRST PRIZE £25

SECOND PRIZE £20

THIRD PRIZE £15

CLASS 6

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SECOND PRIZE £20

THIRD PRIZE £15

CLASS 7

For the best ploughing with a vintage tractor and trailed plough

FIRST PRIZE £25

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STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS

For the best ploughing by a paid-up member of SCFYFC in classes 1, 2

Must be able to show digital membership card on the day

FIRST PRIZE £25

SECOND PRIZE £20

THIRD PRIZE £15

If in any class there are more than 8 competitors a fourth prize of £10 will be awarded

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For the best World Style reversible ploughing in Class 3

THE LORD STAFFORD CUP
For the best ploughing by a competitor under 21

SPECIAL PRIZE
For competitors under 21 for the best ploughing in Classes 1, 2
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For the best ploughing in Classes 4, 5, 7

THE LAURENCE WAIN MEMORIAL SHIELD
For the best ploughing in Class 6

THE STAFFORD VINTAGE SHIELD
For the best turn out in Class 6

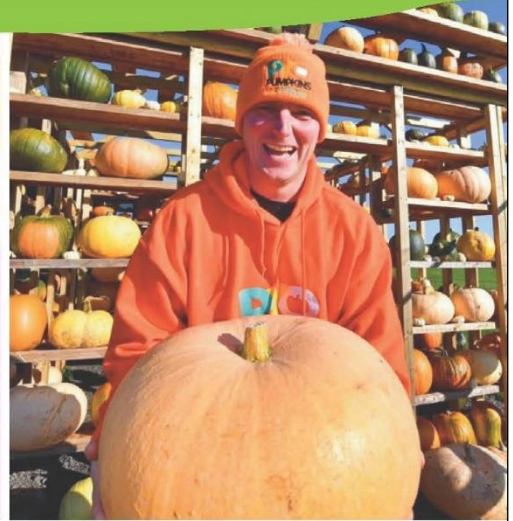
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Any Competitor wishing to be judged for the Novice Championship must indicate on the entry form for the district ploughing match that he or she is eligible.

RULES:

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 2024 would not debar the competitor from entering the County Novice Championship.
3. Each District will identify the novices at their Ploughing Match that have entered the County Novice Championship: The County Judge will then award points to each of the competitors based on their finished work.
4. On completion of all the District Ploughing Matches the County Judge will rank all competitors based on the number of points he has awarded at the individual District Matches, prizes will be awarded to competitors ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
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

PRIZES:

First Prize £100, Second Prize £50, Third Prize £25

AWARDS

The Burton District Perpetual Trophy: (To be held for one year) will be awarded to the First Prize winner in the Competition.

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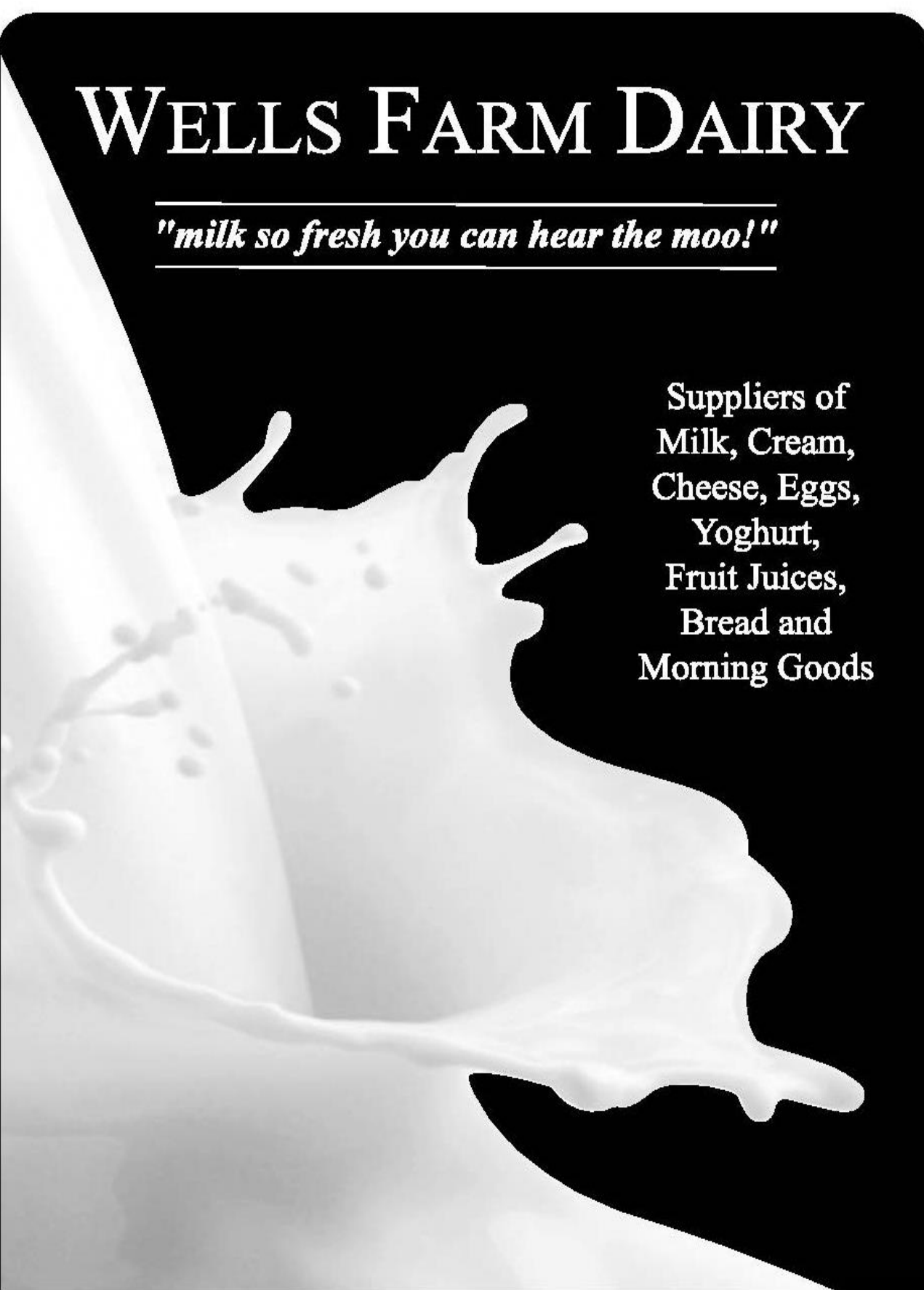
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A selection from photographs from 2024 Match



A selection of photographs from
2025 Ploughing Seminar





HEDGELAYING

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Judge: Mr S Leslie, Ashbourne

Each competitor accepts the responsibility of complying with Health and Safety Regulations. For those competitors who wish to use chainsaws the following requirements are needed;

- 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 a time or infrequent that operation may be.
- c) If 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 exhibitors understand the above conditions and are agreeable to abiding by them at all times.
- e) No dead wood to be put into the hedge
- f) Midlands style
- g) Entry fee £10 to be paid in advance

Chief Steward: Mr G Parry

Steward: Mr J Timmis

CLASS 1

Open to any competitor who shall cut and lay a length of hedge and ditch in the best manner in 5 hours.

FIRST PRIZE £30

SECOND PRIZE £20

THIRD PRIZE £15

CLASS 2

Open to a person of any age who has not won two first prizes in any open class.

FIRST PRIZE £30

SECOND PRIZE £20

THIRD PRIZE £15

CLASS 3

For the best work by a competitor resident in the Stone District

FIRST PRIZE £30

SECOND PRIZE £20

THIRD PRIZE £15

CLASS 4

For the best work by a competitor under 24 years of age

FIRST PRIZE £30

SECOND PRIZE £20

THIRD PRIZE £15

If more than 8 competitors have entered a fourth prize of £5 will be awarded

All competitors must register at the marquee on arrival. All competitors on completion of length will receive the sum of £30 tool money

THE TED FOX MEMORIAL CUP

For the best Hedgelaying by a Stone Competitor

THE HUNTBACH CUP

For the best Hedgelaying in Class 2

THE DAIHATSU SHIELD

For the best Hedgelaying by a competitor under 24

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FLAIL HEDGE CUTTING

Judge: Andrew Parton & Derek Venables

Steward: Tom Redfern

Each competitor to cut a defined length of hedge to specification of existing hedge.

Time allowed 1 hour

FIRST PRIZE:£25

SECOND PRIZE:£20

THIRD PRIZE:£15

If more than 8 competitors have entered a fourth prize of £5 will be awarded

Entry Fee £10

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FENCE ERECTING COMPETITION



Equipment kindly provided by Harry Lyons:

*Thank you to Richard Weaver
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District Agricultural Society for
hosting our competition*



Signing in & briefing – 10.30am,

Competition to commence at 11am

Following lunch and the judging, the presentation of awards is expected to be around 3.30pm.

Competition Aim

To provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate the acquired skill in building stock proof fence in a competitive environment.

The winning team will represent Staffordshire at the West Midlands Area round



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Steward: Mrs E Stone

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All samples to be in by 11.30am

SAMPLES TO BE GROWN AND EXHIBITED BY DISTRICT MEMBERS AND THEIR STAFF

CLASS 1 – For the best sample of Winter Barley
FIRST PRIZE £5 SECOND PRIZE £2

CLASS 2 – For the best sample of Spring Barley
FIRST PRIZE £5 SECOND PRIZE £2

CLASS 3 – For the best sample of Wheat
FIRST PRIZE £5 SECOND PRIZE £2

CLASS 4 – For the best sample of Oilseed Rape
FIRST PRIZE £5 SECOND PRIZE £2

CLASS 5 – For the best 2 stems of Maize including roots
FIRST PRIZE £5 SECOND PRIZE £2

CLASS 6 – For the best sample of Beans
FIRST PRIZE £5 SECOND PRIZE £2

CLASS 7 – For the best sample of Oats
FIRST PRIZE £5 SECOND PRIZE £2

HAY COMPETITION

CLASS 8 – For a small bale or sack of hay
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CLASS 9 – For a sample of Haylage
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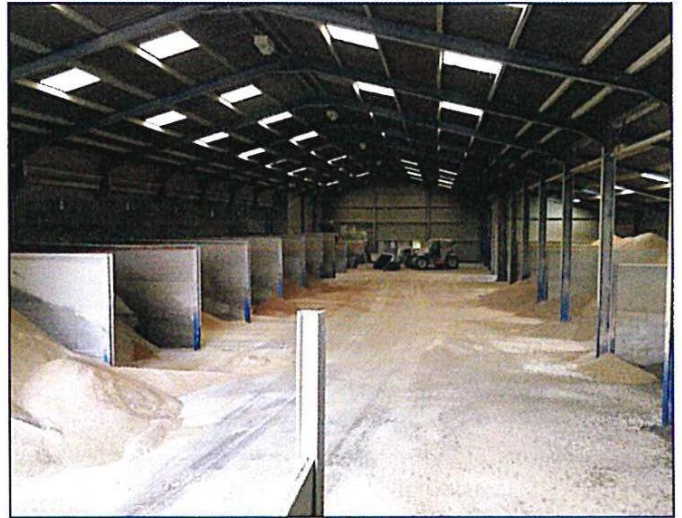
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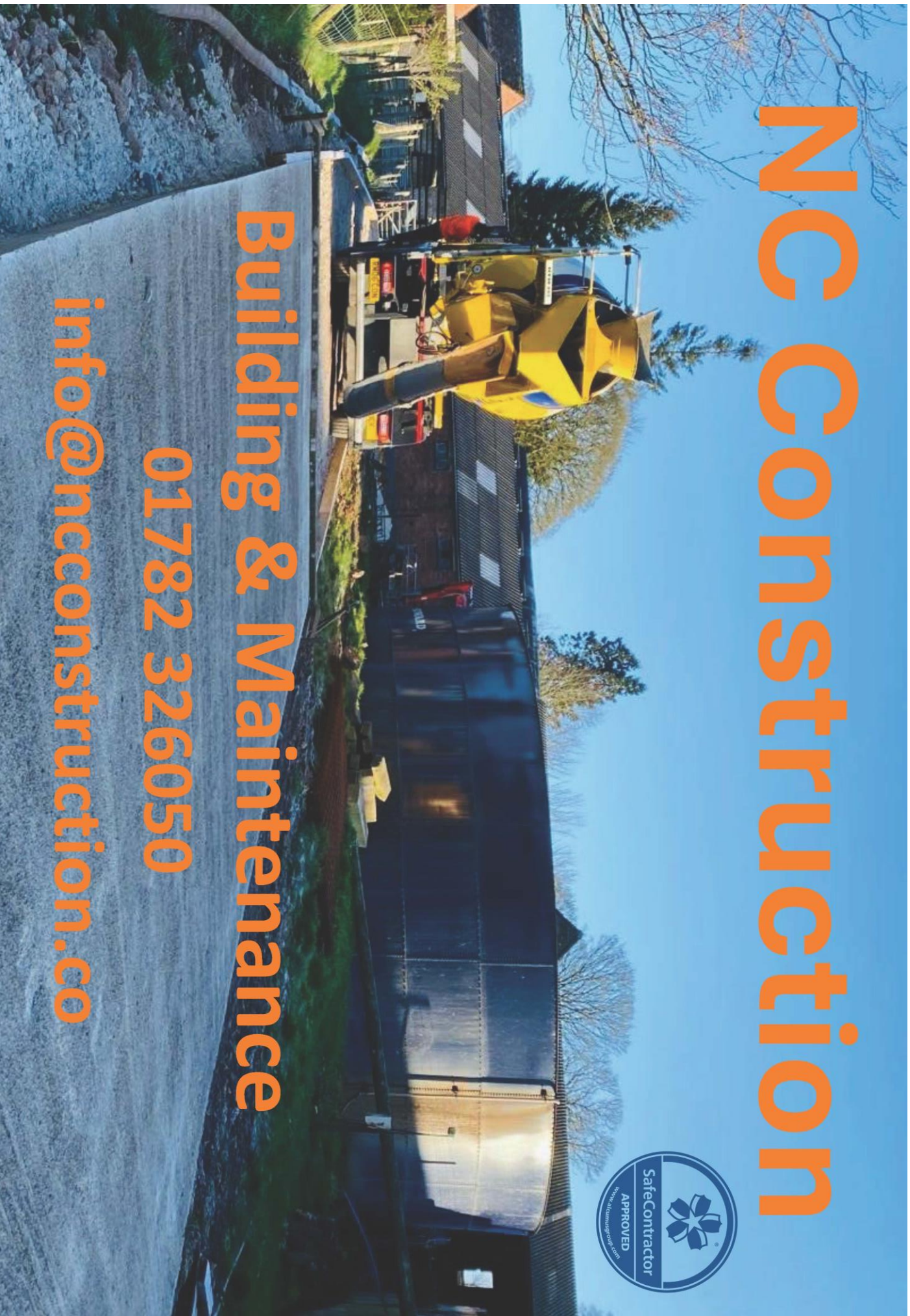
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