

HALIFAX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CATTLE SECTION



80th Annual Show
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2026

Saville Park, Halifax, HX3 0HG
CPH – 49/349/8001

All Enquires For This Section To –
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Entries Close – 2nd August

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The Halifax Agricultural Society Ltd

Please put Cow and your surname as reference

Key Rules and Undertakings

1. Exhibitors must have Public Liability Insurance.
2. The recording of movements to the show is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
3. Bulls must be handled in accordance with HSE Guidance – Notes GS36 ‘safe custody of bulls at agricultural shows’ e.g. – all bulls to have two handlers. All bulls over the age of 10 months to be ringed or led by bulldogs.
4. Straw, electricity points, water and milking facilities will be provided.
5. Cattle may arrive the day before, after 12pm please inform Kelly if this is the case
6. Cattle are to be on the show ground by 9.00am on the day of show and cannot leave the show ground until after the Grand Parade.
7. Cattle must be tethered at the Society's standing.
8. The Society reserves the right to Create or Amalgamate classes depending on entries.
9. Prize money shall be allocated as follows in the schedule per class 1st - £30, 2nd - £20, 3rd - £15 Prize money may be paid in cash, vouchers, or goods of equivalent value, depending on sponsorship received.
10. Any breed class with six or more entries will have an additional prize of 4th - £10 awarded.
11. Prize money for Young Handlers classes will be allocated as follows: 1st - £15, 2nd - £10, 3rd - £5.
12. Champions, reserve champions and 1st prize winners in all cattle sections will be required to take part in the grand parade, all prize winners are invited to take part if they wish.
13. **Entries £7 per class per animal**

Breed Specific Rules

Commercial Beef

1. The cross must be given on the entry form (name of breed sired first). If a Pure-Bred animal is entered in this section, it must not be entered into any other classes i.e. its respective breed section.
2. An animal may not be entered into more than one class, except for the Pairs class, open to all cattle irrespective of breed.
3. All animals must be double tagged. These will be checked at the show against the entry form.
4. Bullocks must be castrated to the satisfaction of the stewards.
5. Heifers must be guaranteed free of calf.
6. If the conditions of entry are not upheld, the prize money will be forfeited.
7. In the event of any dispute the decision of the Cattle Secretary shall be final.

Breed Championship Rules

Championships are open to all first placed exhibits in the breed's classes. Then once the Champion has been determined, the second-place exhibit from the Champions' class enter the ring, to determine Reserve Champion.

WELCOME!

As we proudly celebrate the 80th year of the Halifax Agricultural Show, we would like to begin by thanking everyone who has supported us over the years. Your continued encouragement, dedication and enthusiasm are what make this event so special.

It's always incredible to see both familiar faces and new exhibitors coming together in our hometown of Halifax. Each year the cattle section continues to grow, and being part of something with such a long-standing history is a real honour.

I'd like to thank Natalie for her hard work & effort over the last few years, it's no easy task pulling this together & she really has given it her all & it's been a pleasure to work and learn along side her. For those who don't know I've been behind the scenes helping Natalie the last few years. I am involved in my family's business of Wholesale Butchers & Farmers (Sheep & Beef) & I am involved in the Abattoir side of the business. Outside of work I'm married to a local dairy farmer John-Harry & we have 3 children all of whom have taken up showing over past few years. Henry who's a very active member of Young Farmers & Jacob & Evie who will probably follow in his footsteps. I was also very heavily involved in Young Farmers & held the role of Club Secretary for 10 years! I hope with my background in both Beef & Dairy I've covered all bases!

As we mark this milestone 80th year, we hope to welcome even more sponsors on board to help us make the show bigger and better than ever. We are incredibly grateful for the generous support we receive, with sponsors providing vouchers and impressive prize money across all cattle classes. Your backing plays a vital role in the success of our section.

Exhibitors can expect straw and water provision, electric and milking facilities, refreshments in the secretary's tent, ensuring both cattle and handlers are well looked after throughout the day.

We are passionate about engaging with the public, educating visitors, and making them feel part of the show. Keeping the crowd gathered around the cattle rings is always a highlight, and we're delighted to have Laura Kennedy joining us once again on the PA system, helping to bring the day to life.

We are immensely proud of the Halifax Agricultural Show and of the experience we provide for exhibitors, sponsors and visitors alike. Let's make this 80th year a truly memorable one. We look forward to welcoming you all and making this milestone celebration our best show yet.

Kelly Hitchen-Medcalf

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Beef

	Ring	
Commercial Beef	1	9:30am
Commercial Beef Championship	1	1pm
British Blues	2	9:30am
British Limousin	2	To follow Blues
Any Other Continental	2	To follow Limousin
Continental Beef Championship	2	1pm
Beef Shorthorn	3	9.30am
Hereford	3	To follow Shorthorn
Highland	4	9:30am
Dexter	4	To follow Highland
Any Other Native or Rare Beef Breed	4	To follow Dexter
Native Beef Championship	3	1pm

Ring 1	Ring 2	Ring 3	Ring 4	Ring 5
COMMERCIAL BEEF	BLUES	SHORTHORN	HIGHLAND	DAIRY
	LIMOUSIN	HEREFORD	DEXTER	
	ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL	ANY OTHER NATIVE		
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
				DAIRY CHAMPIONSHIP
CHAMPIONSHIP	CHAMPION CONTINENTAL	CHAMPION NATIVE		YOUNG HANDLER

PAIRS	
YOUNG HANDLERS	
VETLAN HANDLERS	

Dairy

Holstein Friesian	5	9:30am
Dairy Shorthorn	5	To follow Holsteins
Ayrshire	5	To follow Shorthorn
Jersey	5	To follow Ayrshire
Any other Dairy Breed	5	To follow Jersey
Supreme Dairy Championship	5	12:00pm

Other classes

Young Handlers Dairy	5	12:30pm
Young Handlers Beef	4	13:30pm
Veteran Handler Dairy	5	To follow Young Handler
Veteran Handler Beef	4	To follow Young Handler
All Breeds Pairs	All rings	14:30pm
Interbreed baby beef	All rings	14:00pm

***** Grand Parade *****

Beef Classes

Commercial Beef

Judge:

- CM1 British Limousin or British Limousin cross-sired Heifer. Over 12 months.
- CM2 British Limousin or British Limousin cross-sired Beef Bullock. Over 12 months.
- CM3 British Blue or British Blue cross-sired Beef Heifer. Over 12 months.
- CM4 British Blue or British Blue cross-sired Bullock. Over 12 months.
- CM5 Any other continental/native breed Heifer Over 12 months
- CM6 Any other continental/native breed Bullock Over 12 Months

Commercial Beef Championship will be open to the winners of classes CM1 to CM6.

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PRIZES: Champion - £100 plus the Kenneth Holmes Trophy
Reserve - £75

CM7 Best Butchers Beast fit to kill on day of the Show
Open to any animal and can have been shown in previous classes
The Fred Burton Trophy and £50 for 1st £25 for 2nd

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British Blue

Judge:

BB1 Senior Bull. Born before 2025,

BB2 Junior Bull. Born 2025..

BB3 Cow in-calf or in-milk, born before 1st January 2024.

BB4 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2024, and before 1st January 2025.

BB5 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2025.

PRIZES: Champion - £50

Reserve - £25

British Limousin

Judge:

LIM1 Senior Bull. Born before 2025.

LIM2 Junior Bull. Born 2025.

LIM3 Cow in-calf or in-milk, born before 1st January 2024

LIM4 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2024, and before 1st January 2025.

LIM5 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2025.

PRIZES: Champion - £50 plus the Crossley, Crossland and Uttley Trophy

Reserve - £25

Any Other Continental Beef Pure Breed

Judge:

CB1 Senior Bull. Born before 2025

CB2 Junior Bull. Born 2025.

CB3 Cow in-calf or in-milk, born before 1st January 2024.

CB4 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2024, and before 1st January 2025.

CB5 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2025.

PRIZES: Champion - £50 plus the Kenneth and Dorothy Craven Memorial Trophy

Reserve - £25

Overall Continental Beef Championship

Judge:

Open to Continental Beef Breed Champions.

PRIZES: Champion - £100

Reserve - £50

Dexter

Judge:

DEX 1 Bull over one year old.

DEX 2 Cow in-calf or in-milk, 2nd lactation or over.

DEX 3 Heifer in-calf or in-milk over two years old but under four.

DEX 4 Heifer born before 2023 and under two years old.

DEX 5 Calf under one year old.

PRIZES: Champion - £50 plus the Halifax Courier Trophy and Society Spoon

Reserve - £25

Beef Shorthorn

All animals must be registered with the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society. Grading register animals are not eligible to be shown.

Judge:

BSH1 Senior Bull. Born before 2025.

BSH 2 Junior Bull. Born 2025.

BSH 3 Cow in-calf or in-milk, born before 1st January 2024.

BSH 4 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2024, and before 1st January 2025.

BSH 5 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2025.

PRIZES: Champion - £50 plus the Halifax Agricultural Show Beef Shorthorn Trophy

Reserve - £25

Hereford

Judge:

HE1 Senior Bull. Born before 2025.

HE2 Junior Bull. Born 2025.

HE3 Cow in-calf or in-milk, born before 1st January 2024.

HE4 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2024, and before 1st January 2025.

HE5 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2025.

PRIZES: Champion - £50 plus the Reflecting Road Studs Trophy

Reserve - £25

Champion Hereford Opposite Sex – the J. M. Fozzard Trophy

Highland

Judge:

- Hi1 Senior Bull. Born before 2025.
- Hi2 Junior Bull. Born 2025.
- Hi3 Cow in-calf or in-milk, born before 1st January 2023.
- Hi4 Heifer born in 2023.
- Hi5 Heifer born in 2024.
- Hi6 Heifer born in 2025.
- Hi7 Calf born in 2026.

PRIZES: Champion - £50 plus the Gordon Lawrence Trophy
Reserve - £25 plus the David Whitehead Memorial Cup
Best Home Bred Highland Trophy

Any Other Native or Rare Beef Pure Breed

Judge:

- NB1 Senior Bull. Born before 2025.
- NB2 Junior Bull. Born 2026.
- NB3 Cow in-calf or in-milk, born before 1st January 2024.
- NB4 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2023, and before 1st January 2025.
- NB5 Heifer born on or after 1st January 2025.

PRIZES: Champion - £50 plus the Chalmondley Trophy
Reserve - £25

Overall Native Beef Championship

Judge:

Open to Native Beef Breed Champions.

PRIZES: Champion - £100
Reserve - £50

DAIRY

Holstein Friesian

Judge:

- HF1 Maiden Heifer under 18 months of age on show day.
- HF2 Heifer, In-calf with first calf not more than 3 years of age on show day.
- HF3 Heifer, in-milk to have calved under 3 years of age.
- HF4 Cow, in-calf or in-milk having calved at least twice.
- HF5 Calf under 1 year old.

PRIZES: Champion - £50 plus the Chas & Coton Trophy

Reserve - £25

Friesian in Milk (HF4) – the Addersgate Trophy

Dairy Shorthorn

Exhibitors must be members of the Shorthorn Society of UK & Ireland. All cattle must be registered in Coates's Herd Book, be of Shorthorn colour and contain a minimum of 25% Shorthorn Blood.

Judge:

- DS1 Maiden Heifer under 18 months of age on show day.
- DS2 Heifer, In-calf with first calf not more than 3 years of age on show day.
- DS3 Heifer, in-milk to have calved under 3 years of age.
- DS4 Cow, in-calf or in-milk having calved at least twice.
- DS5 Calf under 1 year old.

PRIZES: Champion - £50 plus the John Murgatroyd Trophy

Reserve - £25

Maiden Heifer (DS1) – the K & J Topham Trophy

Best Shorthorn Pair – the Ambrose Patchett Trophy

Ayrshire

Judge:

- AY1 Maiden Heifer under 18 months of age on show day.
- AY2 Heifer, In-calf with first calf not more than 3 years of age on show day.
- AY3 Heifer, in-milk to have calved under 3 years of age.
- AY4 Cow, in-calf or in-milk having calved at least twice.
- AY5 Calf under 1 year old.

PRIZES: Champion - £50

Reserve - £25

Jersey

Judge:

- JE1 Maiden Heifer under 18 months of age on show day.
- JE2 Heifer, In-calf with first calf not more than 3 years of age on show day.
- JE3 Heifer, in-milk to have calved under 3 years of age.
- JE4 Cow, in-calf or in-milk having calved at least twice.
- JE5 Calf under 1 year old.

PRIZES: Champion - £50

Reserve - £25

Any Other Dairy Breed

Judge:

- AD1 Maiden Heifer under 18 months of age on show day.
- AD2 Heifer, In-calf with first calf not more than 3 years of age on show day.
- AD3 Heifer, in-milk to have calved under 3 years of age.
- AD4 Cow, in-calf or in-milk having calved at least twice.
- AD5 Calf under 1 year old.

PRIZES: Champion - £50

Reserve - £25

Supreme Dairy Championship

Judge:

Open to Dairy Breed Champions

PRIZES: Champion - £100 plus the Shaw Edge Trophy

Reserve - £75

Young Handlers

Owners of the cattle must ensure the young person is capable of controlling the animal involved. The animal size must be in relation to the size of the handler and must be used to being handled. Strictly No Bulls.

An experienced adult must be nearby (within the ring) during the event. The Judge or Steward has the authority to send from the ring any exhibitor not having sufficient control of their animal.

Dairy Handler

Judge:

YD1 Handler to be under 11 years.

YD2 Handler to be between 12 years and 18 years.

YD3 Handler to be between 19 years and 28 years.

PRIZES: Champion – £30 plus the HASS Young Handler Trophy
Reserve - £20

Beef Handler

Judge:

YB1 Handler to be under 11 years.

YB2 Handler to be between 12 years and 18 years.

YB3 Handler to be between 19 years and 28 years

PRIZES: Champion – £30 plus the HASS Young Handler Trophy
Reserve - £20

Veteran Handler

Judge: Young handler champion

VHB Handler to be over 29 years

VHD Handler to be over 29 years

All Breeds Beef Pairs

Judge:

Open to any pair of animals, which must have been shown in any of the cattle classes. Pairs MUST be colour matching, (Stewards will refuse entry to non-matching pairs) although do not have to be from the same exhibitor. Can be entered on the day of the show.

Prize Money: 1st - 20 ; 2nd - £15 ; 3rd - £10

All Breeds Dairy Pairs

Judge:

Open to any pair of animals, which must have been shown in any of the cattle classes. Pairs MUST be colour matching, (Stewards will refuse entry to non-matching pairs) although do not have to be from the same exhibitor. Can be entered on the day of the show.

Prize Money: 1st - £20 ; 2nd - £15 ; 3rd - £10

Interbreed Baby Beef Championship

Judge:

IBBN Calf any Native Beef breed. Under one year old.

IBBC Calf any Continental Beef breed or cross. Under one year old.

PRIZES: 1st - £30 plus the Native Baby Beef Champion Trophy for IBBN plus the Jocks Wine

Jug Trophy for IBBC

2nd - £20, 3rd - £15