

2025 Ashford

LIVESTOCK MARKET

PRIMESTOCK SHOW



Schedule of Classes

Show - Monday 1st December

Sale - Tuesday 2nd December

Entries Close Monday 3rd November

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Foreword

Welcome to the Schedule of Classes for the 2025 Ashford Primestock Show.

Hobbs Parker Auctioneers LLP are delighted to be running the show for the third year and we are looking forward to building on the success of the show in 2024.

This year's president is Mr Andrew Laver, who is a regular buyer in Ashford Livestock Market and a face that many will recognise from his other businesses in the produce and catering industries.

Andrew and his wife Wendy have chosen to nominate the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance as their charity for this year. All profits raised by the show will be donated to the charity, along with raffle proceeds and donations from some of the lots in the sale.

Judging

Deadstock classes will be judged from 1.30pm and livestock classes will be judged from 3.00pm on Monday 1st December. Young Handlers classes will be judged prior to led classes in the cattle and sheep sections.

Christmas Cakes: After the judging of the livestock is complete, the Christmas cakes will be auctioned for the charity on Monday evening in the Amos Hall.

Sale

An auction sale of the show cattle, sheep and pigs will be held on Tuesday 2nd December.

Pigs: 9am

Sheep: 9.30am followed by commercial sheep

Cattle: 12 noon followed by commercial cattle

Show Exhibitors and Sponsors Supper

The Stock Pot will sponsor a beef roll for all exhibitors and sponsors from 5pm on the Monday evening of the show.

Ashford Primestock Show Dinner 2025

Ashford International Hotel will once again be the venue for this year's show dinner which will be held on the evening of Wednesday 3rd December.

Our President Mr Andrew Laver will host the evening. The meal will be a roast beef dinner with sirloin joints carved on the tables. The beef will be supplied by Brian Wilson (C Humphreys & Sons, Essex), the potatoes by N A Balcomb & Son and the apples in the desert by H G Tompsett & Sons.

The show president has kindly sponsored a Kentish cheese board for each table provided by the Cheesemakers of Canterbury.

Tickets are available for the dinner. Please contact Sue Porter at the Tenterden NFU office for more details on 01580 766174.

Please Note

- All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor from 1st October 2025.
- No more than two exhibits per exhibitor per class.
- In crossbred classes, the breed sire will determine the class for which the animal is eligible. Exhibitors are asked to ensure that breed of sire is shown first when entering.
- Please ensure all show cattle and sheep are trained to lead (excluding penned classes).
- Show rules are included in the rear of this schedule.
- Penned class exhibits are not eligible for the championship in any section. No exhibitors/handlers are to be present during the judging.
- If insufficient entries are received for any given class, the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes in a fair and suitable manner, in the spirit of competition.
- Split classes – where more than one class is offered in a classification the entries will be split into even sized classes on weight. Cattle classes will be split on age if entries are substantial.
- Please note that all exhibits in the show must be the property of the exhibitor and that the livestock must be sold in order to qualify for prize money.
- Livestock shown in the Young Farmers classes will not be eligible to be judged in the show championship classes.

Cattle Classes

Young Handlers Classes for Cattle

These classes will be judged on the handlers' ability and turnout when showing their livestock. Young Farmers Clubs will be restricted to 2 exhibitors per club.

Please state all names and ages of the exhibitors at the point of entry.

Class CH – 13-17yrs

Young Farmers Cattle Classes

Open to school Young Farmers Clubs or an individual member of an open club. Open club members entry forms must be countersigned by the chairman of their Young Farmers Club.

Class 1 – For the best steer or heifer under 30mths bred from a dairy cow.

Class 2 – For the best steer or heifer under 30mths bred from a beef cow.

“Future Champions” – In-hand Calf Classes

Pure or Crossbred Show Potential Cattle Sired by a Native or Continental Bull

Class 3 – For the best male under 12mths.

Class 4 – For the best female under 12mths.

- *These animals can be offered for sale on Tuesday 2nd December but this is the vendor's choice and not a requirement.*
- *Animals exhibited in the Future Champions classes will not be eligible to be judged in the show championship classes.*

Main Cattle Classes

Pure or Crossbred Cattle Sired by Native Breed Bull

Class 5 – For the best steer under 30mths.

Class 6 – For the best heifer under 30mths.

Pure or Crossbred Cattle Sired by Limousin Bull

Class 7 – For the best steer under 30mths.

Class 8 – For the best heifer under 30mths.

Pure or Crossbred Cattle Sired by British Blue Bull

Class 9 – For the best steer under 30mths.

Class 10 – For the best heifer under 30mths.

Pure or Crossbred Cattle Sired by Continental Breed Bull (other than Limousin or British Blue)

Class 11 – For the best steer under 30mths.

Class 12 – For the best heifer under 30mths.

Penned Cattle Classes

Class 13 – For the best pair of commercially fed native steers.

Class 14 – For the best pair of commercially fed native heifers.

Class 15 – For the best pair of commercially fed continental steers.

Class 16 – For the best pair of commercially fed continental heifers.

Class 17 – For the best single commercially fed steer (1 exhibit per exhibitor).

Class 18 – For the best single commercially fed heifer (1 exhibit per exhibitor).

Sheep Classes

Young Handlers Classes for Lambs

These classes will be judged on the handlers' ability and turnout when showing their livestock. Young Farmers Clubs will be restricted to 2 exhibitors per club.

Please state all names and ages of the exhibitors at the point of entry.

Class LH1 – 6-12yrs

Class LH2 – 13-17yrs

Young Farmers Lambs Classes

Open to school Young Farmers Clubs or members of an open club. Open club members entry forms must be countersigned by the chairman of your Young Farmers Club.

Class 19 – For the best pair of native breed or cross lambs born in 2025.

Class 20 – For the best pair of continental breed or cross lambs born in 2025.

Main Lamb Classes

Purebred Romney

Class 21 – For the best pair of lambs born in 2025.

Purebred or Crossbred Down Breed

Class 22 – For the best pair of lambs born in 2025.

Purebred or Crossbred Suffolk

Class 23 – For the best pair of lambs born in 2025.

Purebred or Crossbred of any Native Breed

Class 24 – For the best pair of lambs born in 2025.

Purebred or Crossbred Continental (other than Texel or Beltex)

Class 25 – For the best pair of lambs born in 2025.

Purebred or Crossbred Beltex

Class 26 – For the best pair of lambs born in 2025.

Purebred or Crossbred Texel

Class 27 – For the best pair of lambs born in 2025.

Unshorn/Untrimmed

Class 28 – For the best pair of native lambs of any breed or cross born in 2025.

Class 29 – For the best pair of continental lambs of any breed or cross born in 2025.

Penned Sheep Classes

Class 30 – For the best pen of five commercial lambs of native breed born in 2025 to be shown untrimmed and unshorn split by weight.

Class 31 – For the best pen of five commercial lambs of continental breed born in 2025 to be shown untrimmed and unshorn split by weight.

Pig Classes

Class 32 – For the best pair of finished pigs.

Class 33 – For the best native bred single finished pig.

Class 34 – For the best continental bred single finished pig.

Produce Classes

Arable Classes

All exhibits are to have been grown by the exhibitor in 2025 with varieties to be shown on the entry form.

Grains and Pulses - Each exhibit must be a minimum 3 litre sample when brought to the show which will be measured and weighed by the stewards.

Class 35 – Best 25kgs of unwashed white potatoes.

Class 36 – Best 25kgs of unwashed red potatoes.

Class 37 – Best 25kgs of unwashed partly coloured potatoes.

Class 38 – For the best 3ltr of milling wheat.

Class 39 – For the best 3ltr of oats.

Class 40 – For the best 3ltr of barley.

Class 41 – For the best 3ltr of field beans.

Class 42 – For the best 3ltr of oilseed rape.

Class 43 – For the best bale of hay not less than 12kgs.

Wool Classes

Class 44 – For the best fleece of unwashed Romney teg wool (not hogget).

Class 45 – For the best fleece of unwashed Romney ewe or wether wool.

Class 46 – For the best single fleece of unwashed coloured wool.

Class 47 – For the best single fleece of unwashed white wool other than Romney.

Creative & Culinary Classes

All cooking exhibits are to be delivered by noon on Monday 1st December with a complete ingredients list of the exhibit.

Christmas Cake Classes

Class 48 – For the best 8” traditionally decorated, royal iced Christmas cake.

Class 49 – For the best 8” novelty decorated Christmas cake.

All cake entries are to be auctioned on the Monday evening following the conclusion of judging with all proceeds passing to the show charity of the year, which for 2025 is the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance.

Craft Classes

Class 50 – Children’s Christmas biscuit competition – max 3 decorated biscuits. Please include name and age on entry form. Age groups 1) 6 to 12yrs 2) 13 to 17yrs.

Class 51 – Open to any Young Farmers Club – For the best self-supporting scarecrow on the theme of “Clarkson’s Farm”, no taller than 2 metres.

Cookery Classes

Class 52 – For the best 3 homemade sausage rolls.

Class 53 – For the best home baked loaf of bread.

Class 54 – For the best home baked lemon drizzle cake.

Class 55 – For the best jar of homemade 2025 fruit preserve.

Class 56 – For the best jar of homemade 2025 chutney.

Class 57 – For the best homemade fruit liqueur (100ml sample).

Class 58 – For the best 3 chicken eggs – please state breed.

Class 59 – For the best traditionally made Christmas wreath.

Ashford Primestock Show Rules and Conditions

Updated Version - 2025

- 1) The aims and objectives of the Hobbs Parker Auctioneers LLP shall be to hold an annual Primestock Show in late November or early December in each year and such other competitions throughout the year as may be considered appropriate by the committee of management.
- 2) Hobbs Parker Auctioneers LLP shall have full power to carry out the objectives of the show and they may appoint such of their colleagues' stewards of the show as may be expedient, and they may from time to time alter the existing by laws or make such fresh ones as they may find necessary to carry out the objects of the association.
- 3) No animal or other exhibit which is not the bona fide property of the exhibitor shall be allowed to compete in the show and animals must have been in the possession and ownership of the exhibitor up to the day of the show and from no later than 1st October 2025. Hobbs Parker Auctioneers LLP reserves the right to ask for proof of ownership.
- 4) No exhibit shall compete in two classes, with the exception of championship classes by means of qualification.
- 5) No exhibitor shall show more than two exhibits in the same livestock class. No shall show more than one exhibit of deadstock in the same class excepting where two different varieties may be shown in each class by an exhibitor in produce classes.
- 6) Any animal that shall have any distinguishing mark upon it which may lead to its identity or to the name of its owner except ear marks or horn marks or any exhibit that shall not correspond in every way with the description as set forth in the particulars in the class for which it is shown will be disqualified.
- 7) Any person entering cattle and sheep and not exhibiting the same and thereby causing unnecessary preparation and expense shall be subject to a fine of £5 in respect of each entry unless such non-exhibition is caused by the death of the animal or from contagious or infectious disease certified by a veterinary surgeon and written notice thereof given to the secretary immediately or not later than 10am on the day of the show. In the case of an exhibitor who has entered livestock and finds themselves unable to show the fine will not be inflicted if written notice is given to the secretary seven days clear before the day of the show.
- 8) Any exhibitor making any objection to any animal or other entry on account of age wrongful description, or any other matter shall do so in writing to Hobbs Parker Auctioneers LLP before the time stated in the by-laws and shall deposit with the secretary the sum of £50 which shall be forfeited to the society if the objection be not upheld. On receipt of the objection in

writing, Hobbs Parker Auctioneers LLP shall report the same to the stewards of the show who shall hold such enquiry and examination as they think fit; and they may disqualify such animal or entry or take such other steps as they may deem expedient and their decision in the matter shall be final.

- 9) Hobbs Parker Auctioneers LLP shall appoint annually competent persons as judges of livestock, produce, cookery and craft classes, who shall without knowledge as to the name of the exhibitors award the prizes in each class by reference to the number affixed to each by the secretary having regard to commercial requirements symmetry size early maturity and qualities characteristic of the different breeds.
- 10) In judging livestock, the judges will be guided by the principle that the object in their view is the exhibition of animals for the production of a high-grade carcase with a minimum of wastage.
- 11) No exhibitor shall be entitled to a prize unless the stock or other things exhibited shall in the opinion of the judge possess sufficient merit.
- 12) If any difference of opinion shall arise on any point connected with the management of the show or with reference to any matters appertaining to the show decision of the stewards shall be final, and five stewards form a quorum.
- 13) If any misstatement or wilful incorrectness shall at any time be proved to have been made in certificate of entry, the offender shall for such wilful misstatement be disqualified ever afterwards from exhibition at the show.
- 14) Any person not complying with the rules and by-laws of the association may be de-barred from exhibiting at any future shows of the society.

By-Laws for 2025

- 1) All certificates of entry must be sent to reach the secretary on or before Monday 3rd November 2025 – no late entries will be accepted - without exception.
- 2) Where the age of an animal is required to be given it is to be reckoned up to Monday 1st December in years months weeks and days.
 - a) All cattle ear numbers and breed must be declared on the entry form.
 - b) The pedigree of all purebred animals shall be given in every case where it is possible to ascertain the same i.e., the names of sire, dam, and sire of dam.
- 3) Ram lambs are not eligible for any live sheep classes.
- 4) All prize winners must be sold in the show auction and for any exhibit failing to comply with this by-law, all cups and prizes will be withdrawn and re-awarded. Exhibits in the “Future Champions” class are exempt from this rule but can be offered for sale if the exhibitor wishes to do so.

- 5) Exhibits in the “Future Champions” classes must be no more than 12 months of age on Monday 1st December 2025.
- 6) Exhibits will be admitted into the show as follows:
Livestock on Monday 1st December from 10am – 12 noon
Deadstock on Monday 1st December from 10.30am – 12 noon
In no circumstances whatsoever will exhibits be admitted at any other time.
The exhibits of livestock will be weighed on arrival.
- 7) Any objection to an entry shall be made in writing to the show organisers before 2pm on the day of the show.
- 8) No exhibit shall be removed from the show until after 1pm on the second day Tuesday 2nd December.
- 9) The show organisers will provide only a minimum amount of straw. Exhibitors should supply their own straw for penning stock.
- 10) Every beast to be sent to the show must be provided with a halter and all cattle must be broken to lead before entering the show except in those classes that are described as “penned”. Beasts that are unable to be handled will be removed from the led classes and offered a place in the penned section prior to judging.
Lambs entered in all classes must also be trained to lead, with the exception of penned classes.
- 11) Exhibitors are responsible for their own troughs, buckets and equipment brought to the show and no responsibility for any loss can be accepted by the association. No leads or wires of any sort will trail along walkways and any found will be removed and possibly destroyed.
- 12) In no circumstance shall anyone be allowed to enter the ring during judging except stewards appointed the secretary and assistants.
- 13) Champion cups and prizes will be presented during the show dinner on Wednesday 3rd December. Prize money will be sent out with the prize list after the show.
- 14) All deadstock or produce must be produced by the exhibitor.
- 15) The show organisers can accept no responsibility for the safe custody of any exhibit after the close of the show.
- 16) All entries are received subject to any orders or regulations of DEFRA.
- 17) The exhibition will be open to the public from 2pm to 8pm on Monday 1st December and from 8am to 1pm on Tuesday 2nd December.
- 18) All entries for cattle, sheep and pigs must come from exhibitors whose main holding is within a 75 mile radius of Ashford Livestock Market. Exhibitors who wish to enter from outside the 75 mile radius must use Ashford Livestock Market a minimum of 3 times (excluding the Ashford Primestock Show) as a buyer or seller, during the calendar year in which they wish to exhibit.

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A woman with her hair in a ponytail, wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans, is walking through a grassy field. She is carrying a large, full white bag over her shoulder. In the background, there are trees with autumn foliage and a fence line.

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