

Sheep & Fleeces

All entries must be compliant with DEFRA and APHA regulations in force at the time of the Show.

All animal transport must enter the Showground and unload as directed by 8.30am when the public gates open. Vehicles must then remain clear of the Showfield until after the Grand Parade (approx 4.30pm).

MAEDI-VISNA: The Show will have two section, one for Scheme Accredited Sheep and one for Non-Scheme Accredited Sheep.

MV CERTIFICATES MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO UNLOADING

A limit of 2 entries per exhibitor, per class will be enforced.

Entry Fee: £3.00 unless otherwise stated (all sheep will be automatically entered in to the best woolled class)

Prize Money: 1st = £15, 2nd = £10, 3rd = £5, 4th = £3. Best woolled sheep in each section = £3

INTERBREED CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Champion Hill Sheep - Judge: Mr Bob Dickson

Breed champions from the following sections (along with others from mixed sections at the Steward's discretion) will qualify:

Kerry Hill, Manx Loaghtan, Cheviot, Scottish Blackface, Swaledale, Jacob.

Champion Longwool Sheep - Judge: Mr Chris Mudd

Breed champions from the following sections (along with others from mixed sections at the Steward's discretion) will qualify: Leicester Longwool, Wensleydale, Masham, Teeswater, Mule, Blue Faced Leicester, Valais Blacknose.

Champion Shortwool Sheep - Judge: Mr David Lee

Breed champions from the following sections (along with others from mixed sections at the Steward's discretion) will qualify: Suffolk, Texel (MV and non-MV), Charollais, Beltex, Zwartbles, Commercial Ram, Ryeland, Coloured Ryeland.

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SUFFOLK SHEEP MV

Entries from MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr John Howard (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
1	Suffolk, Aged or Shearling Ram	
2	Suffolk, Ram Lamb	
3	Suffolk, Ram Lamb untrimmed	
4	Suffolk, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
5	Suffolk, Shearling Ewe	
6	Suffolk, Ewe Lamb	
7	Suffolk, Ewe Lamb untrimmed	
8	Suffolk, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

TEXEL SHEEP MV

Entries from MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Peter Longdin (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
10	Texel, Aged or Shearling Ram	
11	Texel, Ram Lamb	
12	Texel, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
13	Texel, Shearling Ewe	
14	Texel, Ewe Lamb	
15	Texel, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

BRITISH CHAROLLAIS SHEEP MV

Entries from MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr James Dennis (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
17	British Charollais, Aged or Shearling Ram	
18	British Charollais, Ram Lamb	
19	British Charollais, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
20	British Charollais, Shearling Ewe	
21	British Charollais, Ewe Lamb	
22	British Charollais, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

BELTEX SHEEP MV

Entries from MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Alistair Sutcliffe (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
24	Beltex, Aged or Shearling Ram	
25	Beltex, Ram Lamb	
26	Beltex, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
27	Beltex, Shearling Ewe	
28	Beltex, Ewe Lamb	
29	Beltex, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

ZWARTBLES SHEEP MV

Entries from MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Martin Preston (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
31	Zwartbles, Aged or Shearling Ram	
32	Zwartbles, Ram Lamb	
33	Zwartbles, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
34	Zwartbles, Shearling Ewe	
35	Zwartbles, Ewe Lamb	
36	Zwartbles, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

BLUE TEXEL SHEEP MV

Entries from MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Mark Stephenson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
38	Blue Texel, Aged or Shearling Ram	
39	Blue Texel, Ram Lamb	
40	Blue Texel, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
41	Blue Texel, Shearling Ewe	
42	Blue Texel, Ewe Lamb	
43	Blue Texel, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL BREED SHEEP MV

Entries from MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Alistair Sutcliffe (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
45	Any Other Continental, Aged or Shearling Ram	
46	Any Other Continental, Ram Lamb	
47	Any Other Continental, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
48	Any Other Continental, Shearling Ewe	
49	Any Other Continental, Ewe Lamb	
50	Any Other Continental, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

RARE & MINORITY BREEDS MV

Entries from MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Miss Anna Pennell (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
52	Primitive Breeds, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
53	Primitive Breeds, Shearling Ewe	
54	Primitive Breeds, Ewe Lamb	
55	Primitive Breeds, Ram Any Age	
56	Other Rare Breeds, Ram Any Age	
57	Other Rare Breeds, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
58	Other Rare Breeds, Shearling Ewe	
59	Other Rare Breeds, Ewe Lamb	

COLOURED RYELAND SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Jane Pinches (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
61	Coloured Ryeland, Aged Ram	
62	Coloured Ryeland, Shearling Ram	
63	Coloured Ryeland, Ram Lamb	
64	Coloured Ryeland, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
65	Coloured Ryeland, Shearling Ewe	
66	Coloured Ryeland, Ewe Lamb	
67	Coloured Ryeland, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

RYELAND SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only. The Ryeland Flock Book Society will award a sash to the Champion and Reserve Champion.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Andrew McVicar (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
69	Ryeland, Aged Ram	
70	Ryeland, Shearling Ram	
71	Ryeland, Ram Lamb	
72	Ryeland, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
73	Ryeland, Shearling Ewe	
74	Ryeland, Ewe Lamb	
75	Ryeland, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

TEXEL SHEEP (NON-MV)

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Sam Beachel (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
77	Texel (non-MV), Aged or Shearling Ram	
78	Texel (non-MV), Ram Lamb	
79	Texel (non-MV), Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
80	Texel (non-MV), Shearling Ewe	
81	Texel (non-MV), Ewe Lamb	
82	Texel (non-MV), Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

COMMERCIAL RAM SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Daniel Watson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
84	Commercial, Aged Ram	
85	Commercial, Shearling Ram	
86	Commercial, Ram Lamb	

BLUE FACED LEICESTER SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mrs Sarah Emmott (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
87	Blue Faced Leicester, Aged or Shearling Ram	
88	Blue Faced Leicester, Ram Lamb	
89	Blue Faced Leicester, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
90	Blue Faced Leicester, Shearling Ewe	
91	Blue Faced Leicester, Ewe Lamb	
92	Blue Faced Leicester, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

LEICESTER LONGWOOL SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mrs Davina Stanhope (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
94	Leicester Longwool, Aged or Shearling Ram	
95	Leicester Longwool, Ram Lamb	
96	Leicester Longwool, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
97	Leicester Longwool, Shearling Ewe	
98	Leicester Longwool, Hogg in Full Wool	
99	Leicester Longwool, Ewe Lamb	
100	Leicester Longwool, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

MASHAM SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr David Wallis (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
102	Masham, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
103	Masham, Shearling Ewe	
104	Masham, Ewe Lamb for breeding purposes - first cross from a Moor Ewe	
105	Masham, Pair of Ewe Lambs	

MULE SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited Sheep only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Chris Pears (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
107	Mule, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
108	Mule, Shearling Ewe	
109	Mule, Ewe Lamb for breeding purposes - first cross from a Moor Ewe	
110	Mule, Pair of Ewe Lambs	
111	Mule, Pen of 5 Ewe Lambs	
112	Mule, 3 Gimmers bred by same Tup	

TEESWATER SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr David Wallis (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
114	Teeswater, Aged or Shearling Ram	
115	Teeswater, Ram Lamb	
116	Teeswater, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
117	Teeswater, Shearling Ewe	
118	Teeswater, Ewe Lamb	
119	Teeswater, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

VALAIS BLACKNOSE

Any lambs shown are to be born in the current year of the show only

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Scott Taylor (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
121	Valais Blacknose, Aged or Shearling Ram	
122	Valais Blacknose, Ram Lamb	
123	Valais Blacknose, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
124	Valais Blacknose, Hogg in Full Wool	
125	Valais Blacknose, Ewe Lamb	
126	Valais Blacknose, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

WENSLEYDALE SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr David Ford (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
128	Wensleydale, Aged or Shearling Ram	
129	Wensleydale, Ram Lamb	
130	Wensleydale, Aged or Shearling Ewe	
131	Wensleydale, Hogg in Full Wool	
132	Wensleydale, Ewe Lamb	
133	Wensleydale, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

CHEVIOT SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Jack Webster (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
135	Cheviot, Aged or Shearling Ram	
136	Cheviot, Ram Lamb	
137	Cheviot, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
138	Cheviot, Shearling Ewe	
139	Cheviot, Ewe Lamb	
140	Cheviot, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

JACOB SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Stephen Harrison (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
142	Jacob, Aged or Shearling Ram	
143	Jacob, Ram Lamb	
144	Jacob, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
145	Jacob, Shearling Ewe	
146	Jacob, Ewe Lamb	
147	Jacob, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

KERRY HILL SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mrs Emma Boocock (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
149	Kerry Hill, Aged or Shearling Ram	
150	Kerry Hill, Ram Lamb	
151	Kerry Hill, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
152	Kerry Hill, Shearling Ewe	
153	Kerry Hill, Ewe Lamb	
154	Kerry Hill, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

MANX LOAGHTAN SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mrs Joanna Hobson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
156	Manx Loaghtan, Aged or Shearling Ram	
157	Manx Loaghtan, Ram Lamb	
158	Manx Loaghtan, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
159	Manx Loaghtan, Shearling Ewe	
160	Manx Loaghtan, Ewe Lamb	
161	Manx Loaghtan, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

SCOTTISH BLACKFACE SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Chris Roberts (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
163	Scottish Blackface, Aged or Shearling Ram	
164	Scottish Blackface, Ram Lamb	
165	Scottish Blackface, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
166	Scottish Blackface, Ewe Lamb	
167	Scottish Blackface, Ewe Lamb	
168	Scottish Blackface, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

SHETLAND SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

The following classes are held under the auspices of the Shetland Sheep Society Ltd and sheep must be presented and exhibited under their rules.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Fiona Hipwell (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
171	Shetland, Aged or Shearling Ram	
172	Shetland, Ram Lamb	
173	Shetland, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
174	Shetland, Shearling Ewe	
175	Shetland, Ewe Lamb	
176	Shetland, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

SWALEDALE SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Henry Crocker (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
178	Swaledale, Aged Ram	
179	Swaledale, Shearling Ram	
180	Swaledale, Ram Lamb	
181	Swaledale, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
182	Swaledale, Shearling Ewe	
183	Swaledale, Ewe Lamb	
184	Swaledale, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

ANY OTHER NATIVE BREED SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Chris Mudd (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
189	Any Other Native, Aged or Shearling Ram	
190	Any Other Native, Ram Lamb	
191	Any Other Native, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
192	Any Other Native, Shearling Ewe	
193	Any Other Native, Ewe Lamb	
194	Any Other Native, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

BUTCHER'S LAMBS

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only. Lambs will be weighed on the day, and transferred between classes if necessary.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Mark Stephenson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
196	Two butcher's lambs up to and including 40kgs	
197	Two butcher's lambs over 40kgs	

CROSS BRED SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Daniel Watson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
198	Cross Bred, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
199	Cross Bred, Shearling Ewe	
200	Cross Bred, Ewe Lamb	
201	Cross Bred, Pen of 3 Store Lambs (Ram breeders excluded)	

ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL SHEEP (NON-MV)

Entries by Non MV flocks only.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr Chris Mudd (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
203	Any Other Continental, Aged or Shearling Ram	
204	Any Other Continental, Ram Lamb	
205	Any Other Continental, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
206	Any Other Continental, Shearling Ewe	
207	Any Other Continental, Ewe Lamb	
208	Any Other Continental, Group Class (2 females and 1 male from different classes)	

RARE & MINORITY SHEEP

Entries from Non-MV Accredited flocks only. Entries will only be accepted from breeds within categories 1-5 on the Rare Breeds Society list. If there is a minimum of 6 sheep of one breed in a class, a separate class will be formed. 'Primitive' includes Hebridean breeds.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Miss Anna Pennell (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
210	Primitive Breeds, Ram Any Age	
211	Primitive Breeds, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
212	Primitive Breeds, Shearling Ewe	
213	Primitive Breeds, Ewe Lamb	
214	Other Breeds, Ram any age	
215	Other Breeds, Ewe having reared lambs in 2026	
216	Other Breeds, Shearling Ewe	
217	Other Breeds, Ewe Lamb	

PET LAMB & YOUNG HANDLERS SECTION

Pet Lambs judged at 12 noon & Young Handlers from 12.30pm. Entries accepted from both MV & Non MV accredited flocks, they will be then separated on the day.

Ring: Sheep Ring

Judges

Mr & Mrs Simon And Kerry Wilson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
219	Pet Lamb led by a child 5 years or under	Pet Lamb to be born in 2026
220	Pet Lamb led by a child aged 6-7 years	Pet Lamb to be born in 2026
221	Young Handler aged 8-10 years	
222	Young Handler aged 11-15 years	

FLEECE SECTION

Location - The Produce Tent located inside the Livestock Secretaries tent.

Ring: Fleece & Produce Marquee

Judges

Ms Zoe Porter-Watson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
223	Fleece - Any Other Continental & Half Breed	
224	Fleece - Any Other Long Wool	
225	Fleece - Any Other Wool	
226	Fleece - Blue Faced Leicester	
227	Fleece - Down or Down Cross and Charollais	
228	Fleece - Jacob or Coloured Wool	
229	Fleece - Masham	
230	Fleece - Mule	
231	Fleece - Scottish Blackface	
232	Fleece - Swaledale	
233	Fleece - Teeswater	
234	Fleece - Wensleydale	