NPS AREA 14



SPRING SHOW

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026

FRENCHES FARM

OXEN END

BRAINTREE

CM7 4PU

QUALIFIERS FOR :

NPS RIHS M&M WHP

QUALIFIERS FOR:

NPS WINTER AND SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENTRIES @ npsarea14.lite.events

Preshow entries close 5TH April
Late entries taken before & on the day

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Location: Frenches Farm , Oxen End, Braintree, CM7 4PU – PLEASE USE THIS POST CODE FOR DIRECTIONS AND FOLLOW THE SIGNS ON THE DAY.
What 3 Words: ***wonderfully.shaped.underline***

Overnight Stabling is now available @ £45 per night , Hook up available @ £40 per lorry. Please contact Frenches Farm directly www.frenchesfarmarenaeq.com or 01371 829419

ENTRY FEES:
RIHS

- **PRE SHOW ENTRIES @ £50.00 incl. RIHS Levy of £12.00**
- **LATE ENTRY FEE ON THE DAY FOR RIHS £55.00**

NON RIHS CLASSES

- **ENTRIES @ £20 .00 NO LATE ENTRY FEE**
- **£5 First Aid per competitor**

PRE-SHOW ENTRIES CLOSE 5th April 2026

PRIZE MONEY:
ALL ROYAL INTERNATIONAL RIDDEN CLASSES 1st £20, 2nd £15 3rd £10
PRIZE MONEY ALL OTHER CLASSES 1st £10
All prize money to be collected from the Treasurer on the day of the show upon presentation of place rosette. **No prize money will be paid after the show day**, (this will be strictly adhered to) Prize money paid as follows: 1-3 entered 1st only, 4-6 forward 1st & 2nd, 7 or over 1st, 2nd, 3rd

HEALTH & SAFETY

This show is run with due regard to Health & Safety. The persons responsible on the day will be Wendy Taylor and Abigail Thorogood. We request that all exhibitors and members of the public comply with any request, verbal or written, from Show Officials which pertain to these regulations in their own best interests. Detailed guidelines can be seen in the Secretary's office. Details of first-aid station will be available in the Secretary's office. Any accident must be reported to a Show Official immediately. Regulations with regard to riding or driving of horses or ponies, motorised vehicles and bicycles will be strictly enforced in the interests of all concerned. Ponies are not allowed to be ridden, other than at walk, except in the working-in areas provided.

NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY QUALIFIERS

NPS Qualifying Rounds: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. Ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective M&M Stud Book. Or for British Riding Pony Classes must be registered in the appropriate section of the British Riding Pony Studbook.

Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members but only ponies owned by adult NPS **Qualifying or Life** members are eligible to qualify for the final of the competition at the NPS Summer Championship Show at Malvern from 4th – 6th **August 2026.**

The highest placed pony, if owned by an NPS member, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified.

NPS/WTJ Insurance Brokers Ltd Home Produced Ridden Championship - Riders of Home Produced ponies (see definition in the NPS Rules Book) can wear a white arm band in classes where this is indicated. These ponies, if owned by NPS members, are then eligible to qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship Show. The Owner's Membership cards **MUST** be produced in the ring when requested or the qualification will be forfeit.

NPS Winter Championship Qualifying Rounds

This show is affiliated to the National Pony Society and the NPS affiliated classes will be run under NPS rules. Classes are open to Members and Non-Members of the NPS, but Non-Members will need to become members to enter the finals at the NPS Spring Festival, 25th April 2026.

The NPS General Rules for Showing apply (see NPS website for details).
In each class the three highest placed ponies, not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify. Winnings in the 2025/2026 Novice and Pure Novice Winter Championships will not debar ponies from the NPS 2026 Mountain and Moorland Novice Ridden competitions. Qualification cards will be awarded in the ring.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO LUNGING OR DOGS PERMIITTED ON THE SHOWGROUND

RING ONE

8.30 am Start

Judge:

Miss D Spears

Course Builder: Miss L Kelly

The NPS Working Hunter Pony Training Stakes National Championship
(Open to M&M and Plaited)

Class 1 – Height of fences 50 cms to 60cms
Class 2 – Height of fences 60 cms to 75cms
Class 3 - Height of fences 75 cms to 90 cms

Open to mares, geldings and stallions four-year-old and over, in possession of an equine passport but no specific registration or breed society criteria. Plaited ponies to a maximum of 158cms.Rider any age except stallions (see NPS rules.)

Championship 1st and 2nd prize-winners from classes 1 - 3 to compete.

Not Before 10.30 am

Judge:

Jumping: Miss D Spears

Conformation: Miss V Taheri-Sinfield

Course Builder: Miss L Kelly

The NPS/ELITE COACHWORKS & HORSEBOXES LTD M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship

Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings, four years old or over. Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year**,** it has done any of the following:

i) Won an open affiliated WHP class
ii) Qualified for Horse of the Year Show or RIHS Open WHP classes
iii) Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate WHP final at the NPS Summer Championship show (N.B. Ponies can compete as novices in this competition for two consecutive years provided they do not submit an entry to the final in the first year).

iv) If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Novice WHP Final.

v) Ponies that have won more than 5 BE points or 200 BS points, at home or equivalent abroad before 1st January in the current year, are not eligible to compete in novice working classes.

Class 4 Ponies exceeding 143cm but not exceeding 148cm with the exception of Welsh section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction.
Class 5 Ponies exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm
Class 6 Ponies exceeding 122cm but not exceeding 133cm
Class 7 Ponies not exceeding 122cm

Championship: M and M Novice Working Hunter Pony Championship, 1st and 2nd Prize winners from classes 4-7 to compete

IF TIME ALLOWS CLEAR ROUND WILL BE OFFERED BEFORE THE START OF THE AFTERNOON CLASSES.

Not Before 1pm

Judges:

Jumping: Miss V Taheri-Sinfield

Conformation: Miss A Kelly

Course Builder: Miss L Kelly

The NPS/BAILEYS HORSE FEEDS M&M Working Hunter Pony Royal International Horse Show Championship Incorporating qualifiers for the NPS/SMITHERS SHOW TEAM M&M Open WHP Summer Championship

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over. **The owner must be a Qualifying or Life member of the NPS for the pony to enter this competition**. Riders may only ride one pony in each class. The highest placed pony from each class to qualify for the final at Hickstead. Qualification may pass down to third in the event first and second have already qualified, with the exception of Royal Windsor Horse Show where qualification may go no lower than fifth place. At the final riders must also be NPS members. Riders must have competed in at least 2 M&M WHP Royal International Horse Show qualifying rounds before competing in the Final at the Royal International Horse Show and must send proof of this to the office as per the instructions on the allocated qualifying card.

Class 8 Ponies not exceeding 122cm.
Class 9 Ponies exceeding 122cm but not exceeding 133cm.
Class 10 Ponies exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm.
Class 11 Ponies exceeding 143cm but not exceeding 148cm with the exception.

of Welsh section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction

Championship: M and M Working Hunter Pony Championship, 1st, and 2nd prize-winners from classes 8-11 to compete.

Ring 2

9.00 am

Judge: Miss A Kelly

NPS/ABSORBINE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND IN-HAND Summer Championships Incorporating the NPS/KILNBROOK STUD M&M IN HAND WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

These classes are open to pure bred registered M&M ponies in the main body of their studbook. Owner's membership cards must be shown in the ring to receive qualifications. Foals are not eligible.

Class 12 M & M Small breeds yearlings, 2- or 3-year-old colt, filly or gelding.
Class 13 M & M Small Breeds 4 years and over stallion, mare or gelding.

Championship: M & M Small Breed Championship, 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 12 & 13 to compete.

Class 14 M & M Large Breeds yearlings, 2- or 3-year-old colt, filly or gelding
Class 15 M & M Large Breeds 4 years & over stallion, mare or gelding

Championship: M & M Large Breed Championship, 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 14 & 15 to compete

To follow

NPS/MOLE VALLEY FARMERS MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND HOME PRODUCED IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP

These classes are open to registered Mountain and Moorland ponies which are either stabled at home or in a DIY yard and which since 1st January in the current year have not been shown by a producer or stabled in a producer's yard other than on a DIY basis or at stud. Ponies shown in these classes must be produced and shown by the owner/spouse or his/her immediate family. **Please enter this class in the spirit it is intended. Competitors who contravene the above will be disqualified.** Please see section A, 3.6 of NPS rulebook.

Judge:

Miss A Kelly

Class 16 Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B any age Stallion, mare and gelding

Class 17 Highland, Fell, Dales, Connemara, New Forest, Welsh Section C or D any age stallion, mare and gelding

Rosette to the highest placed owner/breeder in each section

Championship: Home Produced M&M In Hand Championship, 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 16 & 17 to compete

NPS/BLACKERTOR & SHARPTOR STUDS M&M In-Hand Silver Medal Rosette Supreme Championship.

Champions & Reserves from the Small Breeds, Large Breeds and Home Produced In Hand M & M sections are eligible to compete.

A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an NPS member in the Mountain & Moorland In Hand section. Winners will be entitled to compete in the NPS/Blackertor & Sharptor Studs Mountain & Moorland In-Hand Final to be held at the NPS Summer Championship Show in Malvern. Membership cards to be shown in the ring to receive the medal and/or qualification.

To ensure that all exhibitors and spectators have a safe and enjoyable day we would draw Welsh Exhibitors attention to the following ruling: Any exhibitors or handler who excessively parades an exhibit during or after a class – or throughout the showground during the show to the inconvenience of other competitors and spectators, will be asked to leave the showground with all entries and prize money forfeit. Please note Rule 21 will be strictly adhered to

Not Before 10.30

Judge:

Mrs C Whiteley

NPS/TH ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES Pure Novice M&M Ridden

Class 18: Open to stallions, mares and geldings five years old and over, registered in the main body of the Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and the Welsh A or B Breed Society stud book.

Class 19: Open to stallions, mares and geldings five years old and over, registered in the main body of the Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, and Welsh C & D Breed Society stud book.

NPS/CASTLEFORD STUD M & M Confined Novice Ridden Winter Championship Qualifiers

Open to ponies not to have won a first prize of £10 or more in any affiliated Ridden M & M class (excluding Lead Rein or First Ridden) before 1st September in the current season.

Class 20: Open to stallions, mares and geldings five years old and over, registered in the main body of the Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and the Welsh A or B Breed Society stud book.

Class 21: Open to stallions, mares and geldings five years old and over, registered in the main body of the Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, and Welsh C & D Breed Society stud book.

Championship 1st and 2nd prize-winners from classes 18 – 21 to compete.

To follow on

THE NPS/RINGSIDE STUD M&M OPEN RIDDEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP incorporating the NPS/CE FULLER & SON M&M Open Ridden Winter Championship Qualifier.

Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over.

NPS/WTJ Insurance Brokers Ltd Home Produced Ridden Championship Qualifier– wear white arm bands.

NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 years

Class 22 Open to stallions, mares and geldings five years old and over, registered in the main body of the Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and the Welsh A or B Breed Breed Society stud book.

Class 23 Open to stallions, mares and geldings five years old and over, registered in the main body of the Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest and Welsh C & D Breed Society stud book.

Championship : 1st & 2nd prizewinners from classes 22 & 23 to compete.

Not Before 12 pm

NPS M&M Junior Ridden Championship

Class 24: Open to mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of the Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and the Welsh A or B Breed Breed Society stud book. ***Riders to be under 14 years as of 1st January.***

Class 25: Open to mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of the Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest and Welsh C & D Breed Society stud book. ***Riders to be under 18 years as of 1st January.***

Championship : 1st & 2nd prizewinners from classes 24 & 25 to compete.

NPS/NIPNA DALES PONY STUD M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship

Champion & Reserve from the Novice, Open and Junior Championships to compete.

A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an **NPS Qualifying or Life** member in the M&M Ridden section (excluding Leading Rein, First Ridden & WHP). Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification.A pony can only attend one M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship final in a season either at NPS Summer Championships at Malvern or at NPS Scotland Championships at Scone Palace. A pony may only take the qualification for the Silver Medal Final once in a season.

To Follow On

Class 26 The NPS/SHOWING CLASSICS Leading Rein Championship incorporating winter qualification.

Open to registered mares and Geldings four years old or over not exceeding 122cm, registered in their approved Pure Breed society stud book. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but must not have attained their 9th birthday before the 1stJanuary in the current year. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle.Lead Rein to be attached to the noseband only. To be run under NPS rules 2026.NPS/WTJ Insurance Brokers Home-Produced Ridden Championship – wear White arm bands

Class 27 The NPS/PARTRIDGE & PARR First Ridden Championship incorporating winter qualification

Open to registered mares and geldings four years old or over not exceeding 128 cm, registered in their approved Pure Breed society stud book. To be shown in any suitable bridle. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but not reached their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Qualification may go no lower than third place.NPS/WTJ Insurance Brokers Home Produced Ridden Championship wear white arm bands.

Championship: 1st & 2nd prize winners from Classes 26 & 27 to compete.

RULES

1. The Judge's decision is final
2. The Committee will not be held responsible for any loss, damage arising from accident or other cause and they reserve the right to refuse any entry without stating a reason.
3. Any exhibitor found leading, riding or driving outside the ring to the danger of the public will be removed from the showground.
4. Any objection must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary's office together with a deposit of £50.00 which will be forfeited should the objection prove unfounded.
5. No person shall enter the ring other than exhibitors, judges and those authorised to do so by the Committee.
6. **No entry fee will be refunded. This rule will be strictly adhered to.**
7. No substitute entries will be allowed.
8. Every effort will be made to avoid the clashing of classes but should this arise, through any reason, exhibitors must choose which class they wish to compete in. **No refund of entry fees will be made.**
9. An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a pony bred, sold, leased or produced by the judge, his/her immediate family, or his/her employer. A rider may not ride in a class judged by someone for whom he or she has produced a pony in the same year (an exhibitor is the owner, the lessee, or the person who produces and/or shows the pony).
10. It is suggested that where height certificates are applicable that they are available for inspection.
11. All ridden exhibits must be four years old and over. Except as stated.
12. Hard hats must be worn at all times when mounted on the showground.
13. The Committee reserve the right to exclude any animal from the show which is considered unfit to be exhibited or behaving in a dangerous manner.
14. Although it is not a strict rule of the show it is hoped that exhibitors will have their horses/ponies vaccinated against equine flu.
15. Exhibitors must be properly dressed in the ring, both ridden and in-hand classes and it is hoped that their turnout will reflect that of their exhibits.
16. The Committee reserve the right to cancel or amalgamate any class.
17. All stallions and colts aged 2 years and over to be in possession of a Stallion Licence, unless otherwise governed by their individual Breed Society. For Highlands, Dales, Exmoor and Dartmoor this is 3 years and over. For Shetlands and Welsh this is 4 years and over.
18. All ponies must be registered in the main stud book of their respective breeds and the registration number must be shown on the entry form. All exhibits must adhere to the heights laid down by their appropriate Breed Society.
19. In all ridden Mountain and Moorland classes spurs are not allowed.
20. In all classes canes/whips must not exceed 75cms (30 inches) and if misused in the opinion of the judge the exhibitor may be sent out of the ring and may be reported to the National Pony Society Disciplinary Committee.
21. Handlers of stallions and colts must have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January of the current year.
22. Riders of small breeds (Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A, B & C) stallions must have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January of the current year. Riders of large breeds (Welsh Section D, Connemara, Highland, Fell, Dales & New Forest) stallions must have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January of the current year.
23. Handlers of ponies in in-hand classes aged 14 years and under must wear correctly secured current BS skull caps/riding hats
24. Exhibitors found to be behaving in an unseemly manner or using foul language will be requested to leave the showground.
25. Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members but only ponies owned by adult qualifying or life NPS members are eligible to qualify for the final of the competition. The highest placed pony owned by an NPS member in each class will qualify for the Final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than 3rd place. NPS Non-qualifying members will be required to upgrade to qualifying members to enter the Final. For Winter Final qualification the owner does not need to be an NPS member but must be a Qualifying or Life member to enter the final.
26. No flash photography allowed in Indoor Arenas by Unauthorised Personnel