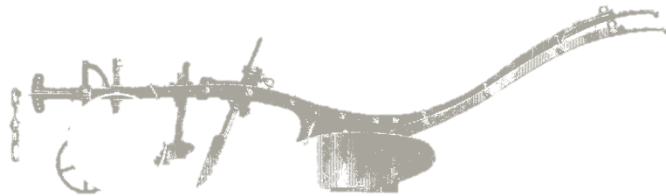


North Somerset Agricultural Society

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181st Annual Ploughing Match

Saturday 14th March 2026

Commencing 10.00 am

**Lower Stock Farm, Langford BS40 5HT
By kind permission of the Alvis family**

Schedule for the Ploughing

Programme for the day

9.30 am	Ploughing competitors to be on the field
10.00 am	Classes 1- 4 & 6 -13 (ploughing)
11:00 am	Ploughing class 5 starts
3.00 pm	Ploughing classes finish
3.30 pm	Ploughing Match prize-giving

(Timings may be subject to change at the discretion of the organisers)

Light refreshments will be available.
Please bring cash where possible.

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TROPHIES

Champion of Champions Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Marshall Ford, will be awarded to the overall Champion from all classes on Match Day, to be held for the period between Matches

Judge: Mr J Alvis

2023 winner: Mr M Holloway

Champion Ploughman Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Mervyn Vowles, will be awarded to the overall Champion Ploughman

to be held for the period between Matches.

2023 winner: Mr M Holloway

The RE Hill Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Roy Hill, will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the "High Cut" section to be held for the period between matches and to be won three times before becoming the absolute property of the winner

2023 winner: Mr M Holloway

The Percy Jackson Perpetual Memorial Trophy

kindly presented by Mrs Eileen Jackson, will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the Semi-Digger section

2023 winner: Mr A Gell

The Edsons Perpetual Challenge Trophy

kindly presented by the Ball family, will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the 4-Furrow Tractor Ploughing section

2023 winner: Mr K Collins

The Bill Perry Perpetual Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Dave Perry, will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the Open Vintage Tractor Ploughing (max 43" mouldboards) section

2023 winner: Mr I Craddock

The M Haberfield Vintage Hydraulic Perpetual Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Mike Haberfield will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the Open Vintage Hydraulic Tractor Ploughing section

2023 winner: Mr A Westcott

The Vintage Turnout Perpetual Trophy

For the best Vintage Turnout in classes 6-10

2023 winner: Mr M Williams

The Whitehead Perpetual Challenge Trophy

best ben of ground in the reversible ploughing Section

2023 winner: Mr T Hurley

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PLOUGHING MATCH RULES

- 1 Competitors requiring a tractor must make their own arrangements.
- 2 All entry fees to be paid at time of entry.
- 3 **All competitors (excl. hedging) must have Public Liability Insurance Cover, a copy of which MUST BE ENCLOSED with the entry form. All competitors must have a current driving licence.**
- 4 Entries for classes 1-45 close on Wednesday 4th March 2026. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** This rule will be adhered to.
- 5 All ages as at date of Match.
- 6 All classes are open to all comers (**except class 5**), i.e. Society members and non-society members.
- 7 Plot numbers will be drawn prior to the Match.
- 8 All competitors to be on the field by 9.30 am, to commence at 10.00 am (excl. class 5) and to finish at 3.00 pm.
- 9 Anyone driving on the site must hold a current driving licence.
- 10 **If pegs are not put at each end of the crown, then the plot will not be judged.**
- 11 Prizes in all sections will only be awarded if work is completed.
- 12 All trophies must be signed for and returned clean, in good condition and in time for presentation at the following year's Match.
- 13 Objections must be made in writing within one hour of the incident accompanied by a deposit of £10.00 which is returnable if the objection is sustained.
- 14 All competitors take part at their own risk. The organisers do not hold themselves responsible for any injury, loss or damage which may occur to any competitor, spectator, horse, machinery or equipment.
- 15 Where two competitors achieve the same overall results, the relevant cup will be shared between them both, with each winner having the Cup for six months.

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RULES FOR PLOUGHING

1 Ploughs

- (a) Tractor ploughs to be fitted with skimmers (except class 2).
- (b) Tailpieces are allowed.
- (c) Plough bodies must be in a "ploughing" position at all times.
- (d) In multi-furrow classes all bodies must be used when finishing.

2 Time Allowed

- (a) 20 minutes for opening.
- (b) 40 minutes for opening to be judged.
- (c) 15 minutes' extra time for any cast-off done after the ploughing has commenced.
- (d) All ploughman have to finish their plot within the time.
- (e) **Penalty for failing to finish in time: disqualification.**

3 Crown

- (a) Tractor ploughing: crown to consist of 11 or 12 furrows.
- (b) Horse ploughing: crown to consist of 8 furrows.
- (c) Competitors to cast towards the next highest numbered plot.

4 Finish

- (a) Tractor ploughing: finish to consist of last 8 furrows.
- (b) Horse ploughing: finish to consist of last 8 furrows.
- (c) Last furrow to be ploughed towards the competitor's own crown.

5 Depth

Depth to be reached on completion of crown and adhered to until commencing the finish.

- (a) For all ploughing: **To be 6" on match day**

6 Vintage Ploughing

- (a) Plough bodies must be the correct ones for the plough.
- (b) Skimmers and tailpieces optional.
- (c) All crowns to be opened.

7 Horse Ploughing

- (a) Competitors can use one or two horses at the finish.
- (b) Leading of horses by one assistant is permitted.
- (c) Horses must not be left unattended.

8 **General**

- (a) Rolling without a plough in work is not allowed.
- (b) Twin tractor wheels are not allowed.
- (c) Three sitting poles only. Assistance to set and remove is allowed.
- (d) **No other assistance is allowed.**
- (e) Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is not allowed. (Class I and horse ploughing: scratches only may be handled).
- (f) Only one wheel mark allowed at the finish in tractor ploughing.
- (g) **Any infringement of the rules giving rise to a warning will result in 10 points being deducted.**

9 **Final Decision**

Any questions arising and not provided in these rules shall be decided by the Ploughing Standing Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.



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PLOUGHING

Entries close: 27th August 2025. No late entries will be accepted

Entry fee: £10.00 per entry

Prizes: £30, £20, £10 (If more than 8 entries in a class, a 4th prize of £5 will be awarded)

Special Prizes: No additional entry fee.

Competitors must indicate on the entry form the Special Prizes for which they are eligible.

- i. Special Prize for the Best Competitor under 21 years of age in any ploughing class.
Presented by **R Tincknell & Son Ltd**
- ii. Special Prize for the Best Work done by a Ford or Fordson tractor.
Presented by **TH White (Frome) Ltd**
- iii. Special Prize for the Best Work done by a Case International tractor.
Presented by **TH White (Frome) Ltd**
- iv. Special Prize for the Best Commercial Ploughing done by a Kverneland Plough.
Presented by **Read Agri**

Ploughing Judges: Mr F Anthony, Mr A Gallop, Mr S Rayment, Mr M Alvis, Mr M Batstone, TBC

HORSE PLOUGHING

I OPEN, HORSE PLOUGHING

- (i) For the best work done
- (ii) For the best turnout
- (iii) For best decorated pair

To be eligible the team must have completed ploughing in a workman like manner.

Turnout and Decorated Pair Judge (ii and iii): Mrs S Luck & Mrs P Woodland

Prizes (i): £30, £20, £10 *sponsored by: Mr R Cook*

(ii) £15, £10, £5 *sponsored by: Jon Richards Contracting*

(iii): £15, £10, £5 *sponsored by: Mrs M Watts*

A rosette will be presented to everyone exhibiting on the day.

£150 will be given to all competitors who finish their work in a workmanlike manner.

Sponsored by: Country Haylage

"HIGH CUT"

2 OPEN, TRACTOR PLOUGHING

*Sponsored by: **R E Hill & Son***

SEMI-DIGGER PLOUGHING

Minimum width of furrow: 12"

3 OPEN, TRACTOR PLOUGHING – semi-digger, World style

*Sponsored by: **David James, Wrigton***

4 LOCAL, TRACTOR PLOUGHING, 4 OR MORE FURROW PLOUGH

*Sponsored by: **Greenslade Taylor Hunt***

5 OPEN, BEST PLOUGHING BY ANY MAKE OF 3 OR MORE FURROW REVERSIBLE PLOUGH

*Sponsored by: **Herbert and Brand, Agents for NFU Mutual, Bishop Sutton***

National Rules will apply and in particular no marking sticks to be used after ploughing has commenced.

Failure to adhere to this will mean the plot may not be judged.

Number of furrows to be stated on the entry form.

Start: 11.00 am - Finish: 2.00 pm.

VINTAGE PLOUGHING

Vintage Turnout Judge (classes 6-10): Mr R Hill

Turnout Prizes: £15, £10, £5

6 OPEN, VINTAGE TRAILER PLOUGHING

For the best work done (mouldboards not to exceed 43")

*Sponsored by: **Joyner Group***

7 OPEN, VINTAGE HYDRAULIC PLOUGHS

Tractor and plough to be pre-December 1959

*Sponsored by: **Triggols Vintage Cars***

8 OPEN, VINTAGE TRACTOR PLOUGHING

Grey Ferguson Tractor and matching plough.

*Sponsored by: **Mrs M James***

- 9 OPEN, HORTICULTURAL TRACTOR
For the best work done with a single plough
Sponsored by: Richard Withers Twisted Oak Brewery

CLASSIC PLOUGHING

- 10 OPEN
Sponsored by: SJH Butler, Agricultural Contractor
For the best work done using a tractor and mounted plough in production before 31st December 1976, but excluding Fiskars, Kverneland Hydrein and Super Hydrein or Ransomes/Bonnings. YCN, UCN and SCN bodies not allowed.

CLASSIC REVERSIBLE

- 11 OPEN
Sponsored by: Alvis Contracting LLP
For the best work done using a tractor in production before 31st December 1976. Hydraulic top links not allowed. The plough can be any mounted reversible plough in production before 31st December 1976. Must be 2 or 3 furrow mounted reversible plough fitted with a manual turn over mechanism. Skimmers must be used, one-piece tailpieces are optional. Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be tipped out the plough position. Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed.

NOVICE PLOUGHING

- 12 OPEN
Sponsored by: North Somerset Vintage Tractor and Engine Club
For competitors who have never won a ploughing prize before. Competitors to use conventional ploughs with not more than 3 furrows. Assistance will be allowed.
- 13 YOUNG FARMERS' PLOUGHING CLASS
Sponsored by: Somerset Young Farmers Club
For competitors who are current members of any Young Farmers' Club but have never won or been placed in a ploughing match before. Club name to be stated on entry form. Competitors to use conventional ploughs with not more than 3 furrows.

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Entry form

Entries close on Wednesday 4th March for all classes. Entries must be received by the closing date.

Entries must be accompanied by a copy of Public Liability Insurance and by the correct entry money.

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**:

Title		First Name		Surname	
Address					
				Postcode	
Tel				Mobile	
Email					

PLEASE READ THE RULES IN THE SCHEDULE

To the Secretary, North Somerset Agricultural Society: I agree to abide by the Rules and Conditions as set out in the schedule.

Signature: Date:

IMPORTANT!

Competitors must sign below to confirm that they have Public Liability Insurance against any claim that may arise from taking part in the North Somerset Ploughing Match on 4th March 2026 AND ENCLOSE A COPY.

Signature:

Special Prizes

Please indicate below the Special Prizes for which you wish to enter:

Best Competitor under 21 years of age in any ploughing class (presented by R Tincknell & Son Ltd)	✓ <input style="width: 50px; height: 40px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/>
Best Work done by a Ford or Fordson Tractor (presented by TH White Frome Ltd)	<input style="width: 50px; height: 40px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/>
Best Commercial Ploughing done by Kverneland Plough (presented by Read Agri Services)	<input style="width: 50px; height: 40px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/>
Best Work done by a Case International tractor. (presented by TH White Frome Ltd)	<input style="width: 50px; height: 40px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/>

Please return to: Tim Ledbury, NSAS, 'Our Offices 4', Yeowood Farm, Iwood Lane, Wrington, BS40 5NU

PLOUGHING – Classes 1-13				
£10.00 per entry (please enclose a copy of your Public Liability insurance with your entry form)				
Class	Make of tractor	Make of plough and no of furrows	Mounted or trailer	Entry fee
Please state your age if under 21 years old:				
If entering Class 13, please state which YFC you are a member of:				
Fees must accompany entry. Please make cheques payable to North Somerset Agricultural Society.			TOTAL ENCLOSED:	£