

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR HORSE AND PONY EXHIBITORS



The President, Mr Cameron MacIver and Directors are confident that everyone can look forward to another successful Royal Northern Spring Show and they hope that the weather will be kind to us this year.

Due to Health and Safety advice and the show being lucky enough to attract an unprecedented increase in entries forward for the 2025 show, which we are extremely grateful for, we've had to make some important changes to the layout of the show. **Please read the details in this email and have a look at the maps attached to familiarise yourself with the new format.**

On show day, the Centre will be open from 6.30am and all entries MUST be in place by 8.a.m.

Vehicles with Horses and Ponies will enter the Show yard by the first gate on leaving the A96 Aberdeen – Inverness road. No accompanying cars etc may enter by this gate, even temporarily. (Parking elsewhere is free and can be found by following the car park signs). The organisers take precautions to avoid congestion. Horses and ponies unload at bays 6 - 10 for indoor penning.

Driver & all passengers need Admission Tickets, 2025 Members Badge or they MUST purchase admission tickets at the float vehicle gate, costing £20.

Horse Passports - Remember to have your Horse Passport/s with you. They could be needed on your journey or perhaps at Thainstone Centre.

All halter led horses & ponies must be suitably trained and be led by an experienced handler, who will accept full risk and responsibility for their animals. ALL exhibitors under 16 year old or exhibitors children to be accompanied by an adult at all times while showing or in the penning areas.

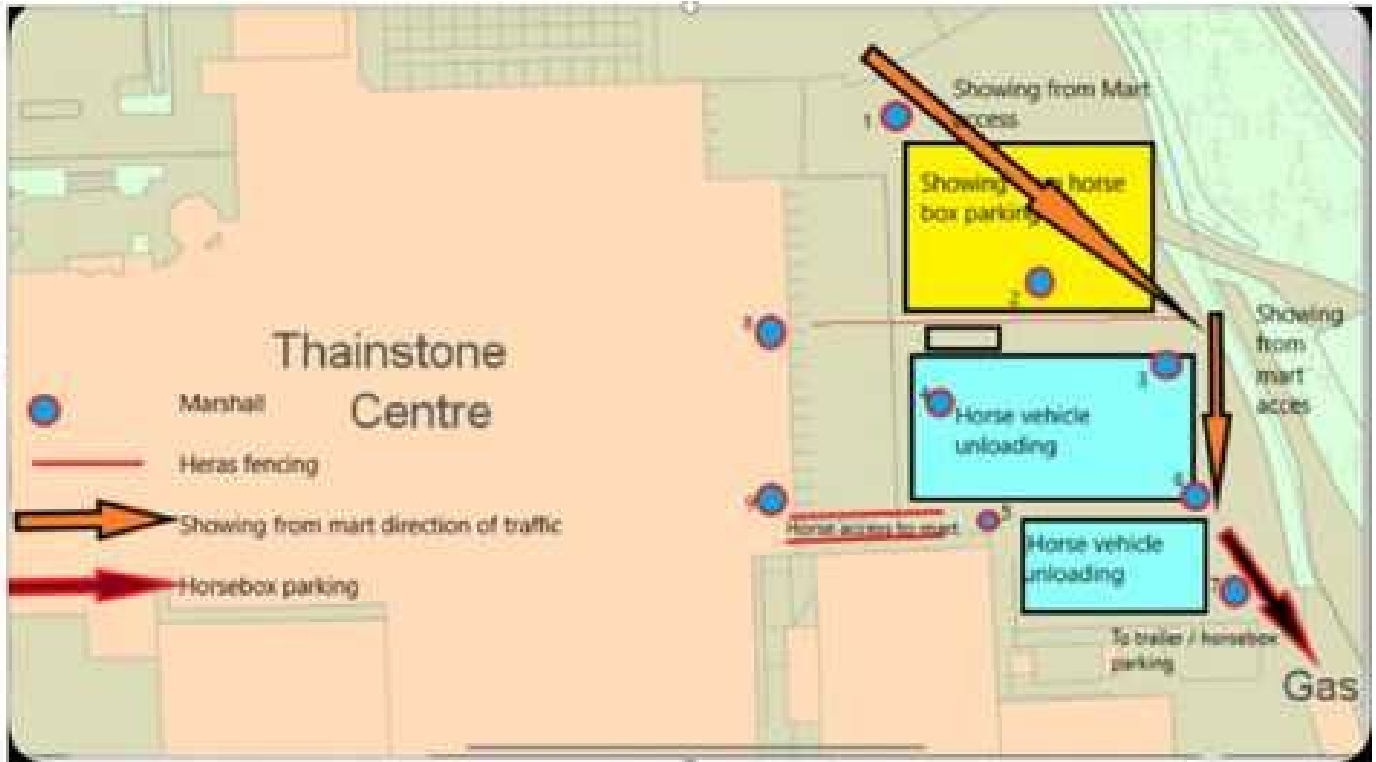
There will be no tying of animals to the rear of trailers or sides of lorries, due to 'showing from box' area being restricted.

Showing from horsebox – due to the unprecedented entries, for 2025 we must adhere to rule 'Only Stallions, 3 years old and over may be shown from a horsebox', however consideration will be given on case-by-case basis to others. Please contact Fiona Menzies by email on fiona.m3@tiscali.co.uk even if you have previously been in touch with the show Secretary, **by 12th February 2025**. Applicants will be notified by 15th February 2025.

**** ALL horses and ponies will be shown from an internal mart pen, if no 'showing from box' pass is displayed****

Once you have unloaded your animals, vehicle parking will be strictly up on the hill beyond the mart, stewards will be on hand to direct you. Please see map 1.

MAP 1



Once all exhibitors have arrived, or are unloaded into pens into the mart, judging rings will be set up as per map 2.

The secretaries caravan will now be on the opposite side of the showing rings (small black box on map 2).

Horse access to the rings will only be via the wooden ramp on the loading banks if approaching from the mart pens, or from the wash bay / horse holding area.

Spectators will have no access to the horse pen area while judging is in progress.

Spectators access to view the judging rings will only be via the internal mart overhead walkway, proceeding down through the double doors and exiting onto the public area down the central loading bank pedestrian ramp. **Public viewing of the rings from the secretary caravan side only.** Stewards will be on hand to guide and advise both exhibitors and public on the day, and we thank you in anticipation of running a smooth and safe show.

MAP 2



NO Horses or Ponies to be removed from pens before 2pm without permission of the Convener.

Admission Tickets, on the basis described in the Rules this year, will be emailed to you over the next week or two, please check your junk folder to make sure you receive them. For those people that kindly purchased an annual membership for the Society along with your entry, will be sent a 2025 membership badge, which also give the bearers free admission, via post over the next week. If you are a life member you should have already received this.

Catalogue & Mart Penning Numbers will also be emailed to you once confirmed.

Horse & Pony Number Cards are to be collected from the Horse Caravan before judging begins.

This is a busy Show. Everyone wants to maintain the good safety record. The Society asks that your animals and vehicles are always handled with great consideration to yourself and others. Your insurance cover must be adequate for your participation in such events.

Thank you for your support and for entering the 2025 Royal Northern Spring Show. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.