

# HORSE & PONY EXHIBITORS INFORMATION PACK



ROYAL NORTHERN  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

## ARRIVAL

Gates will 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 at Gate 1 – this is the first exit 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 to Gate 4). Horses and ponies are to unload at bays 6 - 10 for indoor penning.

Driver & all passengers need an Admission Tickets or they **MUST** purchase admission tickets at the float vehicle gate, costing £20. Please have all tickets downloaded or printed and ready for inspection to allow continuous movement of traffic.

## PASSPORTS

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

## HORSES & PONIES

All 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

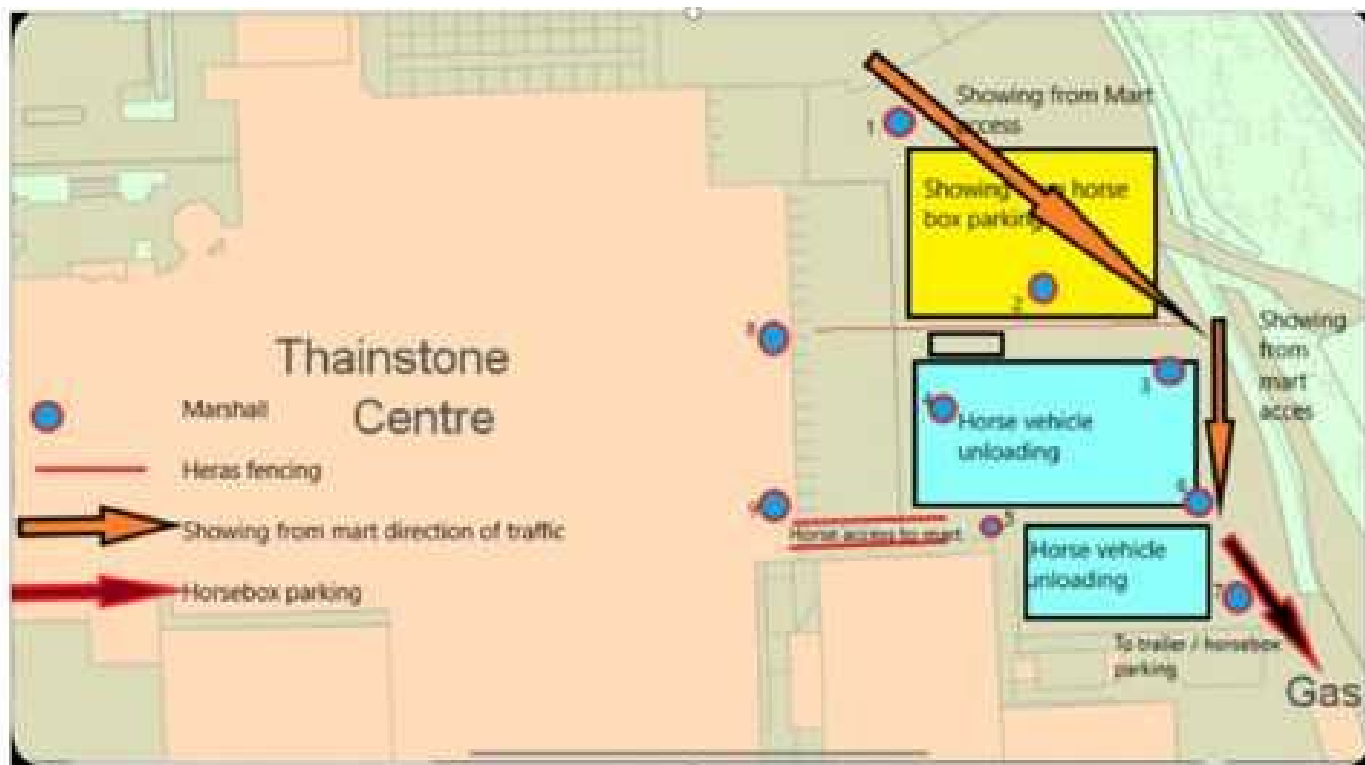
'Only Stallions, 3 years old and over may be shown from a horsebox', These entries will automatically receive a pass to show from box. Consideration will be given on case-by-case basis to others. If you have applied on entry for a 'Showing from Horsebox' pass and we can accommodate, it will be included in this email.

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

## VEHICLE PARKING

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



## RING SET-UP

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

The secretaries caravan is shown on map 2 as the small black box.

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

## SPECTATORS

Spectators access to view the judging rings will be by going around the outside of the building. A walkway will be suitably signposted from the main entry gate. Please make any spectators aware. **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.

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

## MAP 2



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

### ADMISSION TICKETS

All admission tickets will be sent along with this email. For those people that kindly purchased an annual membership for the Society along with your entry – these tickets will come on a separate email and you are invited to collect your 2026 membership badge from the main secretary's office. If you are a life member you will also receive your members ticket by email.

### CATALOGUE & MART PENNING NUMBERS

Your catalogue numbers will be in the main body of this email. Please match this up with the pen number and location on the 'Pen numbers' document, also attached to the email. This is new for 2026 and I hope it is easily understood but please do not hesitate to call if you have any queries.

### NUMBER CARDS

Please collect your numbers 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 2026 Royal Northern Spring Show. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.