Judges announced for 179th Royal Highland Show

The Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland (RHASS) has announced the judges for next year’s Royal Highland Show, held on the 20-23 June 2019.

The job of placing the country’s top sheep, horses, cattle and goats will be down to 113 highly experienced names in the judging world, spanning the length and breadth of the UK, from Cornwall to Orkney.

The Royal Highland Show will welcome two new sections in 2019, with the inaugural Overall Young Handler and Dairy Cattle Any Other Breeds Sections supplementing the current schedule. Prominent Blackface breeders, Ian and Patsy Hunter, who were awarded the prestigious Sir William Young Award for their contribution to livestock breeding at last year’s Show will judge the Overall Young Handler, and have kindly donated a trophy for the winner.

Murray Cochrane of Ayrshire will be the man in the middle placing the Any Other Breed section in the dairy rings. Not only does Murray follow five generations of successful Ayrshire breeders but he has made a name for himself in the ring in his own right, both with his exemplary showing career and his 19 years working as a classifier for Holstein UK.

The 2018 Royal Highland Show saw the Highland Hall near to capacity, housing almost 1,100 beef and dairy cattle. For 2019, the dairy rings will see Paul Harrison of Northumberland, placing Overall Dairy. Paul is well-known for his ‘Chilshillways’ Holsteins and ‘Breckney’ Dairy Shorthorns. Celebrating its 40th year is the Royal Bank of Scotland trophy which was first presented to Ian C Gilmour & Sons in the Dairy Cattle section 1979. The Ayrshire & British Red and White classes will be judged by Michael Broadley of Buxton, Derbyshire, while Mark Logan will travel from Bangor, County Down to judge the Holstein section. James Waring of Beverley, North Humberside will place the Jersey cattle. Cheshire-based Rob Boote judges the Dairy Shorthorn, and Louise Graham of Canonbie, Dumfriesshire will judge Dairy Calf and Showmanship.

The privileged task of placing the Overall Beef Interbreed and Interbreed Teams falls to Stewart Wood of Garston Farm, Orkney, with the Beef Interbreed Pairs in the capable hands of former RHASS director Rob Forest, Duns. David Evans will judge the Aberdeen Angus class and is well-versed in the breed, previously having been President of the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society. British Blonde is to be judged by Leanne Workman, a prominent stockwoman in Northern Ireland who is involved with Women in Agriculture. A well-known face at the Royal Highland Show and long-time exhibitor, Jack Ramsay will judge the Beef Shorthorn.
The sheep rings see 2015 William Young Award recipient Archie Macgregor of Kilsyth, Glasgow, judging the Overall Sheep Inter-Breed Championship and Pat Greaney of Usk, Monmouthshire placing the Overall Sheep Pairs Inter-Breed Championship & Sheep Young Handlers classes. The 2018 Royal Highland Show Commercial Sheep Champion, Andrew Bailie, will return as a judge for the Beltex section. Jim Fletcher makes a change in 2019 from previously judging the Scottish Honey Championships to judge the Hampshire Down classes.

The 35 horse sections will be judged by some of the most experienced equestrians in the industry with 38 Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) Championship Qualification classes up for grabs. The Pickford sisters Michelle and Leanne will be judging Ridden Coloured with Catherine Marshall of Struie Shetland Pony Stud fame, judging the St Johns Wells Trophy. Taking the reins in the Overall Mountain and Moorland In Hand is Robert Parker-Jones, an equine institution and following numerous successes at HOYS, Dublin Horse Show and the Balmoral Show, Richard Iggulden will be judging the Cuddy section of the Light Horses.

In the Heavy Horse classes, Clydesdale In Hand Males will be judged by Captain James Anderson of Kilmalcolm, winner of the 2017 Sanderson Cup, and John Anderson of Arbroath will judge Clydesdale In Hand Females. John has a prestigious track record in breeding In Hand and Driving champions over the years. The Highland Pony In Hand Male section will be under the careful eye of Debbie Spears, Little Brickhill, Buckinghamshire, and Marguerite Osborne, Kirriemuir will oversee the Highland Pony In Hand Females. The Shetland and Miniature Shetland Ponies will be a family affair in 2019, as husband and wife team Robert and Dorothy Griffiths will act as judges.

RHASS Chairman James Warnock said: “The Royal Highland Show continues to attract the country’s best and 2019 is set to be no different. The pedigree of the animals and the experience of those that judge them is second to none. I am very much looking forward to the 179th Royal Highland Show and welcoming all those to help us celebrate the best in farming, food and rural life.”

Supported by Royal Bank of Scotland, the 179th Royal Highland Show will take place at the Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh, on 20-23 June 2019.

For further information please visit www.royalhighlandshow.org.

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JUDGES FOR THE ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW 2019

OVERALL

Interbreed Young Handlers
Mr Ian and Mrs Patsy Hunter, Perthshire.

BEEF CATTLE

Beef Native Breeds Inter Breed Team Championship
Mr Alan Lawson, Hallington, Northumberland.

Beef Breeder Competition & Junior Beef Inter Breed Championship
Mr John Christie, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

Beef Inter Breed Team Competition and Overall Beef Inter-Breed Championship
Mr Stewart Wood, Stromness, Orkney.

Beef Inter-Breed Pairs Competition
Mr Rob Forest, Duns, Berwickshire.

Beef Young Handlers
Mr Neil Lloyd, Leominster, Herefordshire.

Beef Shorthorn
Mr Jack Ramsay, Mauchline, Ayrshire.

Aberdeen Angus
Mr David Evans, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

Galloway
Mr Miles Partridge, Newton Abbot, Devon.

Belted Galloway

Highland
Mr Charles Bruce, Banff, Banffshire.

Hereford
Mrs Melissa Roberts, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
British Charolais
Mr Charles Boden, Nr Stockport, Cheshire.

British Simmental
Mr Stewart Stronach Jnr, Keith, Banffshire.

British Limousin
Mr Chirs Jerman, Caersws, Powys.

British Blonde
Mrs Leanne Workman, Larne, Co. Down, Northern Ireland.

British Blue
Mr Stephen Hough, Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

Salers
Mr Alistair Davidson, Moffat, Dumfriesshire.

Commercial Cattle
Mr Mark Ross, Ross Farms, Gorebridge, Midlothian.

DAIRY CATTLE

Overall Dairy
Mr Paul Harrison, Heddon-on-the-Wall, Northumberland.

Ayrshire & British Red and White
Mr Michael Broadley, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Holstein
Mr Mark Logan, Bangor, Co. Down, Northern Ireland.

Jersey
Mr James Waring, Beverley, North Humberside.

Dairy Shorthorn
Mr Robert Boote, Nr Frodsham, Cheshire.

Any Other Breed
Mr Murray Cochrane. Ayrshire.

Dairy Calf and Showmanship
Mrs Louise Graham, Canonbie, Dumfriesshire.
SHEEP

Overall Sheep Inter Breed Championship
Mr Archie MacGregor, Kilsyth, Glasgow.

Overall Sheep Pairs Inter-Breed Championship & Sheep Young Handlers Classes
Mr Pat Greaney, Usk, Monmouthshire.

Suffolk
Mr James Young, Alford, Aberdeenshire.

North Country Cheviot
Mr Alan Smith, Holm, Orkney.

Blackface
Mr Samuel McClymont, Tinnis, Yarrow, Selkirk.

Lleyn
Mr John Dugdale, Settle, North Yorkshire.

Ryeland
Mr John Donovan, Whitland, Carmarthenshire.

Commercial Sheep
Mr Brian MacTaggart, Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway.

Border Leicester
Mr David Mawhinney, Newtownards, Co. Down, Northern Ireland.

British Berrichon
Mr Carl Gwynne, Brecon, Powys.

Jacob
Miss Linda McKendrick, Cupar, Fife.

North Country Cheviot Hill
Mr Neil Montgomery, Struan, Isle of Skye.

Cheviot
Mr Craig Weir, Kelso, Roxburghshire.

Texel
Mr Roger Strawbridge, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, Norther Ireland.
**Hampshire Down**  
Mr James Fletcher, Newtownards, Co. Down, Northern Ireland.

**Swaledale**  
Mr Mark Graham, Whitby, North Yorkshire.

**Bluefaced Leicester – Traditional Type**  
Mr Ian Smith, Alnwick, Northumberland.

**Bluefaced Leicester – Coloured Type**  
Mr John Lord, Kirlby Stephen, Cumbria.

**Charollais**  
Mr Robert Paterson Jnr, Dunblane, Perthshire.

**Hebridean**  
Mrs Rita Peace, Nr Codicote, Hertfordshire.

**North of England Mules**  
Mr Richard Ellis, Ilkley, Yorkshire.

**British Rouge**  
Mr Michael Graham, Antrim, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

**Beltex**  
Mr Andrew Baillie, Carnwath, South Lanarkshire.

**Zwartbles**  
Mr Raymond Heigh, Lancaster, North Yorkshire

**Scotch Mule**  
Mr Alan Rogerson, Lauder, Berwickshire

**Bleu Du Maine**  
Mr Iwan Davies, Newcastle Emlyn, Ceredigion.

**Shetland**  
Mrs Margaret McEwan-King, Lanark, South Lanarkshire.

**Blue Texel**  
Mrs Sarah Chambers, Totnes, Devon.
**GOATS**

*Dairy Goats, Kids, Milking & Boer Goats*
Mr Chris Nye, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

**LIGHT HORSE**

*Hunter in Hand & HOYS Hunters Under Saddle – Weights and Small (Conformation)*
Mr C Upham, Newton Abbot, Devon.

*HOYS Hunters Under Saddle - Weights and Small (Ride)*
Mr Andrew Splalding, Darlington, Co. Durham.

*HOYS Hunters Under Saddle - Working Hunters (Ride) and HOYS Ladies Side Saddle (Ride)*
Mrs L Hamilton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

*HOYS Hunters Under Saddle - Working Hunters (Conformation) and HOYS Ladies Side Saddle (Conformation)*
Mrs Janet Cope, Witney, Oxfordshire.

*Hunters Under Saddle – Novice Hunters (Conformation)*
Mr C Upham, Newton Abbot, Devon.

*Hunters Under Saddle – Novice Hunters (Ride)*
Mr Andrew Splalding, Darlington, Co. Durham.

*Sports Horse in Hand*
Mr Derek Ricketts, Evenley, Northamptonshire.

*Retraining of Racehorse Final*
Mr Jeremy McTaggart and Mrs Kate McTaggart, Hawick, Roxburghshire.

*Highland Ponies Under Saddle (Conformation)*
Mr Christopher Grant, Newcastle upon Tyne. Tyne and Wear.

*Highland Ponies Under Saddle (Ride)*
Miss Heather Dick, Inchinnan, Renfrewshire.

*Welsh Mountain Ponies (Section A)*
Mrs H Banbury, St Austel, Cornwall.
**Welsh Ponies (Section B)**
Mr A Anderson, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

**Welsh Ponies Cob Type (Section C) & Welsh Cobs (Section D)**
Mrs Wendy Burt, Abergavenny, Gwent.

**Mountain & Moorland Ponies in Hand**
Miss Amanda Gomersall, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire.

**Connemara**
Miss Amanda Gomersall, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire.

**Eriskay Ponies**
Mrs Sarah Ross, Dollar, Clackmannanshire.

**Pony Breeding**
Mr Melvyn Chadwick, Norwich, Norfolk.

**Riding Horses**
Mr Mathew Lawrence, Bristol, Somerset.

**Arabs Anglo Arabs & Part Bred in Hand**
Mrs Janet Court, Wigton, Cumbria.

**Arabs Anglo Arabs & Part Bred Arabs Under Saddle**
Mrs R King, Nr Bisley, Gloucestershire.

**Cobs (Conformation)**
Mr Derek Ricketts, Evenley, Northamptonshire.

**Cobs (Ride)**
Ms Morag Snow, Leven Fife

**St Johns Wells Trophy**
Mrs Catherine Marshall, Forgandenny, Perthshire.

**Mountain & Moorland in Hand Overall (Waxwing Trophy)**
Mr Robert Parker-Jones, Telford, Shropshire.

**HOYS Cuddy Breeder Supreme in Hand Championship Qualifier**
Mr Richard Iggulden, Comber, Co. Down, Northern Ireland.

**HOYS Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Ponies (Conformation)**
Mrs H Banbury, St Austell, Cornwall.
HOYS Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Ponies (Jumping)
Mrs Jane Etheridge, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

Side Saddle
Miss Valerie Hodgett, Burnley, Lancashire.

HOYS Show Hunter Ponies and Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein & First Ridden (Conformation)
Miss Stephanie Fitt, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

HOYS Show Hunter Ponies and Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein & First Ridden (Ride)
Ms Sarah Harrison, Wigan, Lancashire.

Show Ponies and Show Pony Lead Rein & First Ridden
Mrs Jennifer Williams, Wilmslow, Buckinghamshire.

HOYS Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein & First Ridden (Conformation)
Ms Sarah Prior, Outwell, Norfolk.

HOYS Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein & First Ridden (Ride)
Mrs Glenis Cockbain, Keswick, Cumbria.

HOYS Working Hunter Ponies (Conformation)
Mrs Sandra Seward, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire.

HOYS Junior Mountain and Moorland Ridden Pony (Ride)
Miss Amanda Gomersall, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire.

Donkeys in Hand
Mrs Karen Logan, Blackburn, Lancashire.

HOYS Working Hunter Ponies (Conformation)
Miss Jillian Grummitt, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

HOYS Working Hunter Ponies (Jumping)
Mr Robert Parker-Jones, Telford, Shropshire.

HOYS Part-Bred Ridden (Conformation)
Mrs Marie-Claire Nimmo, Broxburn, West Lothian.

HOYS Part-Bred Ridden (Performance)
Mrs Tina Day, Rochford, Essex.
HOYS Mountain and Moorland Ponies Under Saddle - Fell, Dales, Highland, Connemara, Welsh
Section D (Conformation)
Mr Stephen Howard, Bilton in Ainstry, Yorkshire.

HOYS Mountain and Moorland Ponies Under Saddle - Fell, Dales, Highland, Connemara, Welsh
Section D (Ride)
Mrs Sandra Seward, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire.

HOYS Mountain and Moorland Ponies Under Saddle - Welsh Section C, B & A, New Forest,
Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland (Conformation)
Mr R James, Rugeley, Staffordshire.

HOYS Mountain and Moorland Ponies Under Saddle - Welsh Section C, B & A, New Forest,
Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland (Ride)
Mrs Jackie Webb, Highbridge, Somerset.

HOYS Coloured Horses & Ponies Under Saddle (Ride)
Miss Michelle Pickford, Southport, Lancashire.

HOYS Coloured Horses & Ponies Under Saddle (Conformation)
Miss Leanne Pickford, Southport, Lancashire.

Coloured Horses & Ponies in Hand
Ms Lynn Haydon-Williams, Hyde, Cheshire.

HEAVY HORSES

Clydesdales In Hand Males
Captain James Anderson, Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire.

Clydesdale In Hand Females
Mr John Anderson, by Arbroath, Angus.

HOYS Ridden Clydesdale (Conformation), Clydesdale Young Handlers and Young Stockmen
Mr Robert Bailey, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland.

HOYS Ridden Clydesdales (Ride)
Mr Alasdair Matheson, Halkirk, Caithness.

Highland Ponies In Hand Males
Ms Debbie Spears, Little Brickhill, Buckinghamshire.

Highland Ponies In Hand Females
Mrs Marguerite Osborne, Kirriemuir, Angus


**Shetland Ponies In Hand**
Mr Robert Griffiths, Gower, Glamorgan

**Miniature Shetland In Hand**
Mrs Dorothy Griffiths, Gower, Glamorgan.

**The Sanderson Trophy**
Mr Kenneth Adams, Alloa, Clackmannanshire.

**HARNESS, GROOMING, TURNOUTS.**

**Harness, Grooming & Decoration**
Ms Cate Brewster, Crieff, Perthshire

**Working Native Pony In Harness**
Mr David Allison, by Lairg, Sutherland.

**Heavy Horse Turnouts**
Mr David Coffen, Swadlincote, Derbyshire.

**PRIVATE DRIVING**

**Shetland Pony, Highland Pony and HOYS Private Driving**
Mrs Caroline Dale-Leech MBE, Matlock, Derbyshire.