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SPRING FESTIVAL
SHOW

Qualifier for NCPA Pony of the Year 2026

NPS Spring Festival 2026

RIHS Young Riders & Amateur Mountain & Moorland Final 2026

Saturday 11th April 2026

Hosted at -

**Pickering Grange,
Ellistown Terrace Road,
Ellistown,
Leicestershire, LE67
1EZ.**

Stabling available book directly with the venue

Entries close 7th April via entrymaster, on the day can be taken but at a higher rate and cash only.

STRICTLY NO LUNGING

Show Secretary

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(Registered Charity No. 264796)

RULES

- 1 The Judges decision is final.
- 2 The committee accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss, injury or damage to any person or their property whilst on the Showground.
- 3 NO nomination or substitute entries will be accepted.
- 4 NO entry fee will be refunded.
- 5 The committee reserves the right to amend the schedule and to refuse entries at their discretion.
- 6 Objections to be lodged in writing within 30 minutes of the event, with a deposit of £50, which will be returned if the objection is upheld.
- 7 Anyone found to be abusive in any form will be excluded from the show ground.
- 8 A rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Staffordshire Branch Member in every class, gold armbands must be worn.
- 9 Anyone found mistreating a horse or pony will be asked to leave the showground, and reported to the appropriate body.
- 10 ANY ANIMAL TAKING PART IS LIABLE TO DOPE TESTING
- 11 Any stallions or colts must be led or ridden by an attendant/rider of 14 years old and over. 12 ALL riders must be suitably mounted.

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 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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The organisers will take any necessary precautions to ensure the Health and Safety of persons on the Showground. It is a condition of entry to the Showground that all persons will act on any instructions given to them by the show committee, in so far that it can

affect the health and safety of all. All competitors must take due care to section 7 of the Health and Safety Act and have due regard for the safety of others. There is a Health and Safety Statement on display at the Secretary's Office. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times. Horses must not be left tied to horse boxes.

Entry Fees: All entries are via Entry-master & include first aid.

Closing Date Wednesday 7th April 2026.

In-Hand Classes, £12 Members & £15 non-members, Ridden Classes £17 Members & £20.00 non-members, RIHS £35 members and £40 non-members (including the RIHS Levi @ £12) Prize money of £25 for class winners in RIHS classes Entries will be taken on the day, £10 extra on the day for all classes bar RIHS £20 extra for RIHS classes – CASH ONLY

Please be aware when you enter any NCPA show you agree to our terms and conditions, these include our rules on welfare, these can be found on our website.

Clashing of Classes.

Whilst every endeavour has been made with the timetable to accommodate everyone, clashing is sometimes unavoidable. Therefore, classes will not be held up - so please bear this in mind when entering, as entry fees are not refundable.

It is recommended that every animal at the show has third party insurance

**** This show is a qualifier for the N.C.P.A. Pony of the Year Show**

First, second, and third prize winners in appropriate classes will qualify **

Also a qualifier for NCPA TOPLINE HORSEBOXES Junior Mountain & Moorland Pony of the Year the highest placed juniors in classes 3 to 8 will qualify.

Ring 1 Commencing 9am

Judge: Mrs J Crane

Unaffiliated Classes

- Class 1** Walk and Trot Class: Only walk and trot allowed in this class. Animals any height, any breed, any type. Riders any age.
- Class 2** Novice Rider Class: any horse/pony to be ridden by a rider not to have won a 1st prize before 1st January.

Not Before 10am

NPS/TH ACCOUNTANCY M&M PURE NOVICE RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

This Competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over which must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Book.

Pony not to have been placed first in any Ridden Mountain & Moorland Class (excluding Lead Rein or First Ridden) before 1st September in the current season All ponies in this class must be shown in a snaffle bit.

Rider any age (except stallions – see NPS Rules).

- Class 3** Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B
- Class 4** Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C & D

NPS/CASTLEFORD STUD M&M CONFINED NOVICE RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

This Competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over which must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Book. Pony not to have won a first prize of £10 or more in any open Ridden M&M Class before 1st September in the current season. Rider any age

(except stallions – see NPS Rules)

- Class 5** Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B
- Class 6** Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C & D

Championship for the 1st and 2nd prize winners from classes 3-6
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Not before 12pm

RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP NPS/CE FULLER & SONS M&M OPEN

This Competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over which must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Book. Rider any age (except stallions – see NPS Rules).

- Class 7** Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B
- Class 8** Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C & D

Championship Open to the two highest placed ponies from classes 7-8
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NCPA registered Mountain & Moorland Pony to be on the NCPA register, and pony's NCPA registered number quoted on the entry form. Pink Card to be produced in the ring.

- Class 9** NCPA Registered non M and M, Any height or age, Pink Card to be produced in the ring
- Class 10** NCPA Registered M and M in hand, any age, open to large and small breeds. Pink Card to be produced in the ring

Open In Hand

- Class 11** Open In hand, young stock 3 years old and under, plaited or hogged.
- Class 12** Open In hand, adult 4 years old and over, plaited or hogged.
- Class 13** Open In hand M and M in hand young stock, open to large and small breeds.
- Class 14** Open In hand M and M in hand any age, open to large and small breeds.

Championship Open to 1st and 2nd prize winners from 9 – 14
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Ridden Classes

Not Before 10.30am

Judge: Mrs J Fitchett

- Class 15** Lead-Rein Pony, up to 122cm, 4yrs and over, any breed native or plaited, riders up to 9yrs
- Class 16** First Ridden Pony, up to 128cm, 4yrs and over, any breed native or plaited, riders up to 12yrs.
- Class 17** Novice Pony Class: any type not to have won a 1st prize before 1st January.
- Class 18** Novice Show Horse: Any Type Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over exc. 148cms not to have won a 1st prize before 1st January.
- Class 19** Open Pony Class: any type.
- Class 20** Open Show Horse: Any Type Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over exc. 148cms
- Class 21** NCPA Registered non-M&M Stallions, mares & geldings, 4 yrs old & over, riders any age Inc. Lead-rein, 1st prize winner qualifies for the Chairman's cup & NCPA registered supreme finals. Pink Card to be produced in the ring
- Class 22** NCPA Registered M&M Large Breeds, Stallions, mares & geldings, 4 yrs old & over, riders any age. 1st prize winner qualifies for the Chairman's cup & NCPA registered supreme finals. Pink Card to be produced in the ring
- Class 23** NCPA Registered M&M Small Breeds, Stallions, mares & geldings, 4 yrs old & over, riders any age. 1st prize winner qualifies for the Chairman's cup & NCPA registered supreme finals. Pink Card to be produced in the ring
- Class 24** NCPA Registered Lead-rein & First Ridden, 4yrs and over, any breed native or plaited.

Championship for the 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 15-24

Dates for your Diary

NCPA Staffordshire Country Festival 4th & 5th July 2026 @ Pickering Grange

NCPA PONY OF THE YEAR 13th September 2026 @ Warren Farm

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED & ANTHONY EVANS INSURANCE BROKERS

RIHS YOUNG RIDERS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RIDDEN FINAL 2026
RIHS AMATEUR RIDERS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RIDDEN FINAL 2026 TO BE
HELD AT THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW, HICKSTEAD, WEST
SUSSEX, RN17 5NU IN JULY 2026.

TO BE JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED.

Owners must be Adult / Life Members, Riders must be current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Annual Members and the ponies currently registered with UK Ponies & Horses Limited before time of entry in order to compete in these classes

Open to Mountain and Moorland Ridden Stallion (Intermediate class only), Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over.

Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dartmoor, Dales, Exmoor, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C or D.

The highest placed exhibit not already qualified within the first five will qualify for the UK Ponies & Horses Limited RIHS Young Riders M&M Ridden.

The highest placed pony and rider not already qualified within the first five will qualify for the UK Ponies & Horses Limited RIHS Amateur Riders M&M Finals at the RIHS Hickstead in July 2026. Qualification will be verified by the office. Only 1st & 2nd prize winners from the Large Breeds, Small Breeds & the Intermediate Section will be eligible for the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Championship. All three sections must be included in the Championship.

- Class 25** RIHS UK Ponies & Horses Limited & Anthony Evans Insurance Brokers Amateur Rider Ridden M&M – Mountain and Moorland ridden Stallion, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud Books of Connemara, Dartmoor, Dales, Exmoor, Fells Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A,B,C,D rider any age.
- Class 26** UK Ponies & Horses Limited Mini Juniors – Mountain & Moorland Small Breeds only, registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over. Riders to have attained their 8th birthday but not their 13th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year. Combinations would not be required to become a Member of UK Ponies Horses to compete in this class.
- Class 27** RIHS UK Ponies & Horses Limited & Anthony Evans Insurance Brokers M&M Small Breeds – Mare or Gelding 4 years old & over Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Rider not to have attained their 14th Birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
- Class 28** RIHS UK Ponies & Horses Limited & Anthony Evans Insurance Brokers Intermediate M&M – Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Section A, B, C or D. Rider not to have attained their 25th Birthday before the 1st January in the current year. (See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).
- Class 29** RIHS UK Ponies & Horses Limited & Anthony Evans Insurance M&M Large Breeds – Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Connemara, Dales, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C or D. Rider not to have attained their 18th Birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

Championship for the 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 27 to 29 ONLY

1st, 2nd & 3rd placed prize winners from classes 25 to 29 will qualify for the Gold Medal Series at the UK Ponies & Horses Spring Classic 2027