

BEDFORD LIVESTOCK SHOW SOCIETY MICHAELMAS SHOW 2026

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR BEDFORD LIVESTOCK SHOW

TO BE HELD ON

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2026

AT

THRAPSTON MARKET

**ENTRIES CLOSE 12 noon
THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2026**

Principal Sponsor for 2026



**The sale will NOT be conducted as a slaughter only market.
Exhibitors must comply with the 6 day rule and must therefore
not have brought animals onto their holding after
Saturday 3rd October 2026**

**Please come along and support our Show
Entries invited for Breeding & Store Animals
Cattle, Sheep, Pig, Goat & Poultry Sections**

BEDFORD MICHAELMAS SHOW 2026

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All stock must be in the bona fide ownership of the exhibitor. All exhibits may be offered for sale by Auction and, if sold, commission must be paid. Prizes will be awarded, regardless of whether exhibits are sold.
2. The Judges will be requested to judge all animals on the basis of conformation, potential and condition.
3. The same animal may only be entered in one class.
4. All animals must be in the Show Yard by 9.00am. Judging will commence at 9.15am. Cattle in Classes 1 - 5 are eligible for the Championship. No animals to be removed from the Show Yard before the Sale is finished.
5. To be eligible for the Young Exhibitor's Prize, animals must have been attended to, or owned, since 1 June 2026 and the exhibitor must be aged between 10 and 26 on 31 December 2026.
6. Entries must be received by 12 noon on Thursday 1st October 2026 accompanied by an Entry Fee of £10 for each cattle entry, £5 for each Pen of Sheep, Pigs and Goats and £3 per entry in the Poultry Classes.
7. Entries within the Sheep Classes should not be Trimmed, Coloured or Bloomed. Any such entries will be disqualified.
8. Any objection must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary within 15 minutes of the conclusion of judging, or before the relevant sale commences, whichever is the earlier, and must be in writing, accompanied by a deposit of £10.00. All disputes shall be settled by the Stewards whose decision shall be final.

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CATTLE CLASSES

CHAMPIONSHIP CASH PRIZES

Champion Beast	£150
Reserve Champion Beast	£75
Best Beast of Opposite Sex	£25

CLASS 1 Best Haltered Beast

1st £150, 2nd £120, 3rd £90, 4th £60, 5th £30

CLASS 2 Best Continental Beast (unhalted)

1st £100, 2nd £80, 3rd £60, 4th £40, 5th £20

CLASS 3 Best Native Bred Beast (unhalted)

1st £100, 2nd £80, 3rd £60, 4th £40, 5th £20

CLASS 4 Best Store Beast (under 12 months - unhaltreed)

1st £100, 2nd £80, 3rd £60, 4th £40, 5th £20

CLASS 5 Best Pair of Beasts (unhalted)

1st £100, 2nd £80, 3rd £60, 4th £40, 5th £20

CLASS 6 Best Calf (unhalted - under 4 months old)

1st £100, 2nd £80, 3rd £60, 4th £40, 5th £20

SHEEP CLASSES

CHAMPIONSHIP CASH PRIZES

Champion Pen of Lambs	£100
Reserve Champion Pen of Lambs	£50

CLASS 7 Best Pen of 3 Continental Sired Lambs

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10

CLASS 8 Best Pen of 3 Native Sired Lambs

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10

CLASS 9 Best Pen of 6 or more Store Lambs

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10

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CLASS 10 Best Pen of 3 or more Breeding Theaves

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10

CLASS 11 Best Pen of 3 or more Ewe Lambs

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10

CLASS 12 Best Pen of 3 or more Cull Ewes

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10

PIG CLASSES

CHAMPIONSHIP CASH PRIZES

Champion Pig £75

Reserve Champion Pig £25

CLASS 13 Best Single Butcher's Pig of any weight

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10

CLASS 14 Best Pen of 2 or more Pigs of any weight

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10

GOAT CLASS

CLASS 15 Best Goat (1 or more)

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10

POULTRY CLASSES

Rosettes Awarded

CLASS 16 Child (exhibitor under 10 years) - Any Breed of Chicken or Waterfowl

CLASS 17 Juvenile (exhibitor 10 - 16 years) - Any Breed of Chicken or Waterfowl

CLASS 18 Any Breed of Large Fowl (no game birds)

CLASS 19 Any Breed of Bantam

CLASS 20 Lightweight Ducks (including Call Ducks)

CLASS 21 Heavyweight Ducks

CLASS 22 Game Birds

CLASS 23 Turkeys & Geese

CLASS 24 Pairs & Trios

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LIST OF TROPHIES

To be held for One Year Only

CATTLE TROPHIES

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by the late A J Merry and the late R Dolemore for the Champion Beast in
Classes 1 - 5

A CHALLENGE TROPHY

Presented by the Luton Industrial Co-operative Society for the Best Beast of the
Opposite Sex to the Champion in Classes 1 - 5

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by the late Joseph Roff for the Reserve Champion Beast in classes 1 - 5

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Messrs Banks of Sandy for the Best Steer in Classes 1 - 5

A CHALLENGE TROPHY

Presented by FBC Limited For the Best Heifer in Classes 1 - 5

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by the late G T Frossell for the best Steer or Heifer of
Traditional Native Breeding in Show

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by the late Mrs Betty Brown for the Best Steer or Heifer
Exhibited in Class 4

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Mr Andrew Wager, for the Best Calf exhibited in Class 6

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CATTLE TROPHIES (Cont)

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by the late E S Jones of Haynes for the Best Steer or Heifer shown by a Young Exhibitor (aged 10 - 26 years)

A CHALLENGE TROPHY

The Edward Stratford Memorial Trophy presented by Mrs Mabel Stratford for the Best Steer or Heifer of any breed, bred by the Exhibitor, in Classes 1 - 5

A CHALLENGE CUP

The Richard (Dick) King Memorial Cup for the Best Pair of Beasts in Class 5

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by the Midland & East Anglia Hereford Breeders Association for the Best Steer or Heifer sired by a Pedigree Hereford Bull

SPECIAL PRIZES - CATTLE CLASSES

YOUNG EXHIBITOR PRIZE

A special prize of £50 from the Society, to the best beast shown by a Young Exhibitor (aged 10 - 26 years) in Classes 1 - 6

BEST TURNED OUT BEAST

Special Cash Prize from the Society - £25

SHEEP TROPHIES

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Mr & Mrs F W Wallis of Riseley for the Champion Pen of Lambs in Classes 7, 8, 9 & 11

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Berry Bros & Cowling for the Reserve Champion Pen of Lambs in Classes 7, 8, 9 & 11

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SHEEP TROPHIES (Cont)

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Mr & Mrs J Hurley in memory of their late son David, for the Best Pen of Sheep entered by a Young Exhibitor (aged 10 - 26 years)

YOUNG EXHIBITOR PRIZE

A special prize of £50 from the Society, to the best pen of Sheep shown by a Young Exhibitor (aged 10 - 26 years)

PIG TROPHIES

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Mr & Mrs E D Benson of Wavendon for the Champion Pig

A CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Mr Howard Stanbridge for the Reserve Champion Pig

YOUNG EXHIBITOR PRIZE

A special prize of £50 from the Society, to the best Pen of Pigs shown by a Young Exhibitor (aged 10 - 26 years)

GOAT AWARD

Special Cash Prize from the Society - £25

THE ALAN HOWE MEMORIAL SALVER

Presented by Mrs Betty Howe in memory of her late husband and awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the cattle, sheep and pig classes, based on the following points system:-

Champion	5
Reserve Champion	4
First	3
Second	2
Third	1

Higher awards take precedence in the event of a tie.

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DINNER & DANCE

to be held this year

at

BEDFORD BLUES RUGBY CLUB

Goldington Road, Bedford

6.00 pm for 7.30 pm prompt start

*(Please note that the Bar will close at 7.15pm for 15 minutes
to ensure that the evening's proceedings commence on time)*

Friday 20th November 2026

Tickets £65

Tickets available from:

Bletsoes: 01832 732241 / Mark Blakemore: 07802 291171

Charles Tomkins: 07801 420747 / William Saunders: 07711 089677

Tables for 10 people or more may be reserved

**Bedford Blues Rugby Club
The Marquee, Goldington Road
Bedford MK40 3NE**