

KNIGHTLEY RIDING CLUB

2026

Showground: Ashwood Equestrian, Knightley, Staffs. ST20 0JR.



IN-HAND AND RIDDEN SHOW CLASSES

WORKING HUNTER

SHOW JUMPING

DRESSAGE

COMBINED TRAINING

www.knightleyrc.co.uk

Membership & Entry Fees – 2026

Membership Fees

- **Season Member:** £25
- **Half Season Member:** £15 (from July 1st 2026)
- **Day Member:** £5

You must be a minimum of a Day member to compete at any showing or working hunter show. All memberships entitle you to collect points and qualifications. Remember you must have attended a minimum of 2 shows to be eligible for STARS.

Entries

Pre-entries to be made online: <https://knightleyrc.co.uk>

Closing dates: 5 days before the show

Entries taken the day card or cash

Entry Fees

- Show Jumping & Working Hunter: £12 per class
- Ridden & In-Hand Showing: £10 per class
- Dressage: £15 per class
- Combined Training £24 per class

On the Day

- Back numbers must be collected from the Show Secretary.
- The first class in each ring will start promptly at the advertised time.
- Subsequent class times are approximate but will be followed as closely as possible.
- 'Not Before' times indicate that a class will not start earlier than the stated time.
- A final timetable will be published two days before the show.

General Enquiries:

Email: knightleyrc@outlook.com

Facebook: Knightley Riding Club

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS OF THE SHOW

1. Competitors enter at their own risk. The Organisers cannot be responsible for any accident, loss or injury to any animal, competitor, their assistants, property or spectators however caused.
2. Classes are judged according to the British Riding Clubs Handbook 2026 which may be downloaded from <https://www.bhs.org.uk>
3. If insufficient entries, classes may be amalgamated. The Committee reserves the right to cancel any class or substitute any judge.
4. Hard hats up to the current standards according to BRC (PAS 015, EN1384:2023 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked, ASTM F1163:2004a or 04a onwards provided they are SEI marked, SNELL E2016 or 2021 onwards, AS/NZS 3838:2006 onwards provided they are SAI global marked) must be worn when mounted with chin straps fastened (incl. Fancy Dress). Correct riding dress is required in the rings. Skull caps are to have a plain muted cover for showing. Correct footwear for riding, no wellingtons or equivalent. The organisers recommend competitors to wear a back protector for all jumping classes, including the clear round ring. A BETA Level 3 displaying a Blue 2018 Label. From 1 Jan 2024, BETA 2009 Purple Label will no longer be accepted.
5. Show canes/whips are not to exceed 30" (75cms). Cruelty with whips or spurs or any other cause, at the discretion of the judges, will result in elimination. Please refer to BRC Handbook 2024 Section G23.1.1
6. No head or body cameras are to be worn by competitors.
7. It is strongly recommended that mobile phones are not carried/used whilst mounted. If competitors must use their phones while mounted they must be stationary. Mobile phones must not be used in warm up arenas.
8. NO GALLOPING OUTSIDE THE RINGS. Competitors are requested to observe the Show's Safety Layout, Rules and Regulations.
9. The Judge's and Organisers' decision is final.
10. A Judge may not consider a pony or horse in any event that he or she has bred, sold, leased, or produced, or his/her immediate family or employees, or from whom financial gain has been received.
11. Objections must be made within 15 minutes of the incident, accompanied by a deposit of £20.00 which will be forfeited if the objection is over-ruled.
12. Competitors should report to the Collecting Ring Steward immediately a class is called. Those not present may be excluded from the class.
13. Competitors in jumping classes may arrange a time to jump with the Collecting Ring Steward if they are entered in another class, but please note that the jumping classes will not be delayed.
14. Horses and Ponies entered in ridden classes must be 4 years old or over unless otherwise stated. Age is calculated from 1st January in the year of birth.
15. Rider's age for entry is 1st January in the current year.
16. Horses and Ponies may be measured. An additional 1cm will be allowed for shoes.
17. Please keep any dogs brought to the Show under close control and on short leads at all times. All poo bags must be taken home and not left anywhere on the show ground.
18. The Committee reserves the right to cancel the Show due to adverse weather or if any other unforeseen circumstances arise beyond the Organisers' control. In the event of cancellation, entry fees may be carried forwards or refunded less £5 to cover costs.

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QUALIFICATIONS



This show is a qualifier for **The Stars Champion of Champions** to be held at **Aintree International Equestrian Centre** on 19th to 22nd November 2026. Qualifier classes are marked with a star. Full Rules for STARTS 2026 can be found [here](#).

Qualifier show for
**Sunshine Tour
Championship**

This show is a qualifier for **The Sunshine Tour Championships** held at **The All-England Showground, Hickstead** from **17th – 20th September 2026**. The Championships are for unaffiliated and amateur competitors in **Dressage** from Intro to Elementary, **Show Jumping** from Lead Rein to 1.0m; **Showing** for lead rein, in-hand, ridden, working hunter, veterans, plus many more.

Qualification: Dressage (Intro & Prelim) & Show Jumping (30cms - 90cms) 1st – 3rd place; Showing (Variety of In-Hand, Ridden, Lead Rein & First Ridden, Working Hunter & WHP and fun & have-a-go classes) 1st – 4th place. Qualification does not pass down the line. Qualification Period: 1st January to 31st July 2026

Registration of qualification must be completed within 1 month of competition (sooner for late July shows). Restrictions apply to both horse and competitor's previous winnings and amateur status, please check the website for Terms & Conditions.

Visit www.sunshinetour.co.uk for more information, to register and submit evidence of results.



This show is affiliated to **Equifest**, taking place at Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 5th – 8th August 2026. The two highest exhibits not already qualified in each affiliated class will qualify. Qualifiers run from 1st August 2025-30th July 2026.

Concours d'Elegance Society

First, second and third placed horses/ponies not already qualified in eligible classes will qualify for the Champion of Britain Title classes to be held at Onley Equestrian Centre, Rugby, Warwickshire on 26th & 27th September 2026. If a horse/pony has already qualified, cards may be handed down to 6th place at judge's discretion. Each qualified horse/pony will receive a qualification card in the ring which will enable the owner to enter the Championship Show, provided the owner and rider/handler are, or become registered with the Concours d'Elegance Society within 21 days of the qualifying show. No horse registration is required. For up-to-date information telephone the secretary on 07960 107 111 or see www.eqconcoursegb.com



This show is affiliated to Equine Sports UK (ESUK) Grassroots Championships taking place at Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 30th July - 1st August 2026. The three highest placed exhibits will qualify in each class. Qualifiers for ESUK 2026 will run upto the 20th July 2026. Shows after this date will automatically be included for ESUK 2027.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

WORKING HUNTER

☀️ All classes are qualifiers for Sunshine Tour, Hickstead, 2026.

Judged on 50% Jump, 20% Style, 20% Conformation, 10% Manners & Show

All classes are open to any type/height of horse or pony with riders any age.
Classes split junior/senior if entries allow.

Class 1: **30cms WORKING HUNTER** ☀️

★ Incorporating STARS LR WHP Qualifier for ponies not exceeding 128cms & riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st Jan 2026 shown on the lead rein.

Class 2: **45cms WORKING HUNTER** ☀️

★ Incorporating STARS CRADLE STAKES WHP Qualifier for ponies not exceeding 128cms & riders not to have attained their 11th birthday before 1st Jan 2026 to be shown off the lead rein.

Class 3: **55cms WORKING HUNTER** ☀️

Open to any horse or rider excl lead rein.

Class 4: **65cms WORKING HUNTER** ☀️

May include 2 fences max 70cms.

★ Incorporating STARS UNDER 133 WHP Qualifier for plaited/hogged ponies not exceeding 133cms (STARS FINAL IS 70cms).

CH1: WH CHAMPIONSHIP

1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 1-4

Class 5: **70cms WORKING HUNTER** ☀️

★ Incorporating STARS M&M 133 & UNDER WHP Qualifier for ponies not exceeding 133cms shown in natural state.

Class 6: **80cms WORKING HUNTER** ☀️

★ Incorporating STARS 133-153 WHP Qualifier for plaited/hogged ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 153cms.

Class 7: **85cms WORKING HUNTER** ☀️

★ Incorporating STARS M&M Over 133 WHP Qualifier to be shown in natural state.


Class 8: **95cms WORKING HUNTER** ☀️

★ Incorporating STARS Working Hunter Horse Qualifier for plaited/hogged horses exceeding 153cms.

CH2: WH CHAMPIONSHIP

1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 5-8

IN-HAND CLASSES

 All classes are qualifiers for Sunshine Tour, Hickstead, 2026.

Open to Stallions, Colts, Mares, Fillies & Geldings. Any height, type and age unless otherwise stated.

Class 1: **IN-HAND BEST TURNED OUT** 

Class 2: **YOUNGSTOCK** 

Any type of horse or pony. Yearlings, 2 or 3 yr olds.

★ Incorporating STARS YOUNGSTOCK QUALIFIER

Class 3: **MINIATURES** 

To be shown trimmed. Not to exceed 42".

Class 4: **IN-HAND COB**  *sponsored by Uttoxeter Rewinds Ltd*

Open to all cobs including Traditionals.

★ Incorporating STARS IN-HAND COB QUALIFIER

Class 5: **IN-HAND PLAITED** 

Open to all ponies/horses to be show plaited and trimmed.

★ Incorporating STARS IN-HAND PLAITED PONY QUALIFIER - not ex 148cms.

★ Incorporating STARS IN-HAND PLAITED HORSE QUALIFIER - ex 148cms.

Class 6: **IN-HAND VETERAN** 

Open to any type of Horse/Pony over the age of 14 years.

★ Incorporating STARS IN-HAND VETERAN QUALIFIER

Class 7: **IN-HAND M&M SMALL BREEDS** 

Open to all M&M small breed types. Shetland, Dartmoor & Exmoor, Welsh Section A & B. To be shown in Natural State.

★ Incorporating STARS IN-HAND M&M SMALL BREEDS QUALIFIER

Class 8: **IN-HAND M&M LARGE BREEDS**  *sponsored by Uttoxeter Rewinds Ltd*

Open to all M&M large breed types. Fells, Dales, Highlands, New Forest, Welsh C & D, Connemara. To be shown in Natural State.

★ Incorporating STARS IN-HAND LARGE BREEDS QUALIFIER

Class 9: **IN-HAND COLOURED** 

Open to all coloured ponies/horses.

★ Incorporating STARS IN-HAND COLOURED PONY QUALIFIER - not ex 143cms.

★ Incorporating STARS IN-HAND COLOURED HORSE QUALIFIER - ex 143cms.

Class 10: **YOUNG HANDLER** 

★ Incorporating STARS TINY TOTS QUALIFIER - Handler to have attained their 4th birthday but not their 8th birthday before 1st Jan. Pony not to exceed 128cms. Handlers MUST be accompanied by an adult, however the adult must not assist unless the handler is in difficulty. Ponies must be suitable for the child.

★ Incorporating STARS YOUNG HANDLER QUALIFIER - Handler to have attained their 8th birthday but not their 12th birthday before 1st Jan.

★ Incorporating STARS JUNIOR HANDLER QUALIFIER - Handler to have attained their 12th birthday but not their 18th birthday before 1st Jan.

CH1: IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP

1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 1 - 10

RIDDEN SHOWING

☀️ All classes are qualifiers for Sunshine Tour, Hickstead, 2026.

Class 11: **BEST TURNED OUT RIDDEN** ☀️ *sponsored by The Junction Inn*

Open to all ponies/horses, including lead rein. Rider any age.
To be judged on STARS MARKING SYSTEM: TOTAL MARKS 100.
30 marks for cleanliness, condition, and correctness of tack.
30 marks for cleanliness, and preparation of horse/pony.
30 marks for cleanliness, neatness of rider and handler if on the lead rein.
10 marks for the overall impression of the best turned out exhibitor.
★ Incorporating STARS BEST TURNED OUT QUALIFIER

Class 12: **Tiny Tots Lead Rein/First Ridden** ☀️

Open to any suitable pony.
Lead Rein Rider 6yrs and under. Snaffle bridles only. Leader over 16yrs. The lead rein to be attached directly to the noseband.
First Ridden Rider 8yrs and under. Canter is optional

Class 13: **Lead Rein Pony** ☀️

Open to any size/type of pony. Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st Jan. Snaffle bridles only. Leader over 16yrs. The lead rein to be attached directly to the noseband.
★ Incorporating STARS PLAITED LEAD REIN PONY QUALIFIER for Ponies not exceeding 128cms. To be shown Plaited.
★ Incorporating STARS M&M LEAD REIN QUALIFIER for Ponies not exceeding 128cms. To be shown in Natural State.

Class 14: **First Ridden Pony** ☀️

Open to any size/type of pony. Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st Jan. Snaffle bridles only. Ponies will not be cantered together. To be shown Plaited.
★ Incorporating STARS PLAITED FIRST RIDDEN PONY QUALIFIER for Ponies not exceeding 128cms.
★ Incorporating STARS M&M FIRST RIDDEN PONY QUALIFIER for Ponies not exceeding 128cms.

Class 15: **LEAD REIN EQUITATION** ☀️

Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st Jan. Snaffle bridles only. Leader over 16yrs. The lead rein to be attached directly to the noseband.
★ Incorporating STARS LEAD REIN EQUITATION QUALIFIER

Class 16: **FIRST RIDDEN EQUITATION** ☀️

Ponies not exceeding 148cms. Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st Jan. Snaffle bridles only.
★ Incorporating STARS FIRST RIDDEN EQUITATION QUALIFIER

CH2: MINI CHAMPIONSHIP
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1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 11 - 16

FUN CLASSES

Any type of horse/pony, may be ridden/led. Open to Juniors & Seniors.

Class 17: **Best Mane & Tail**

Class 18: **Bonny Pony**

Class 19: **Judges Favourite**

Class 20: **Best Lorry Dog**

RIDDEN SHOWING

Class 21: **NEWCOMERS**

Any Horse/Pony. Walk and trot only. Canter in individual show is optional. To be entered in the spirit intended. This class is aimed at absolute beginners or nervous/novice combinations.

Class 22: **NOVICE PONY/HORSE**

Rider any age. This class is aimed at novice horses/ponies not to have won more than three showing classes.

Class 23: **EQUITATION** ☀️

Any Horse/Pony. Rider any age. Snaffle bridles only.

★ Incorporating STARS JUNIOR EQUITATION QUALIFIER for Riders not to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st Jan.

★ Incorporating STARS SENIOR EQUITATION QUALIFIER for Riders to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st Jan.

Class 24: **SIDE-SADDLE** ☀️

Any Horse/Pony. Rider any age. To be ridden side-saddle.

Class 25: **RIDDEN VETERAN** ☀️ *sponsored by PS Equestrian*

Open to any type of Horse/Pony 14 years or older. Rider any age. Bridle numbers with horses age to be displayed.

★ Incorporating STARS 14-19yr old RIDDEN VETERAN QUALIFIER

★ Incorporating STARS 20yrs & over RIDDEN VETERAN QUALIFIER

Class 26: **RIDING CLUB PONY/HORSE** ☀️

Rider any age. To be judged on manners and suitability for riding club activities. To include a jump. 70% style, manners, and way of going for show including a jump; 30% conformation.

★ Incorporating STARS RIDING CLUB PONY QUALIFIER - not ex 148cms. Jump 70cms

★ Incorporating STARS RIDING CLUB HORSE QUALIFIER - ex 148cms. Jump 90cms

Class 27: **SHOW PONY/HORSE** ☀️

Rider any age. Any suitable bridle. To be shown plaited.

★ Incorporating STARS RIDDEN SHOW PONY QUALIFIER for Ponies not exceeding 148cms.

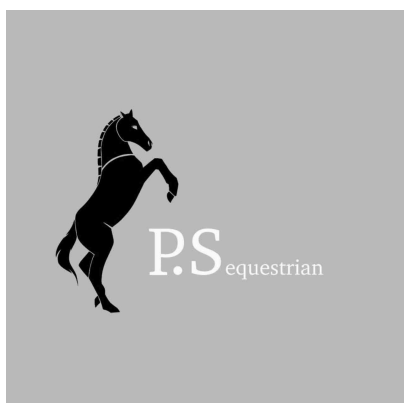
★ Incorporating STARS RIDDEN SHOW HORSE QUALIFIER for Horses exceeding 148cms.

Class 28: **HUNTER PONY/HORSE** ☀️

Rider any age. Any suitable bridle. To be shown plaited.

★ Incorporating STARS RIDDEN SHOW HUNTER PONY QUALIFIER for Ponies not exceeding 153cms.

★ Incorporating STARS RIDDEN HUNTER HORSE QUALIFIER for Horses exceeding 153cms.



Class 29: **RETRAINED RACEHORSE** ☀️ *sponsored by J Whittingham Forestry*

Open to any ex-racehorse that has raced under rules. Rider any age. Any suitable bridle. Horses will not be ridden by the judge

★ Incorporating STARS RETRAINED RACEHORSE QUALIFIER

Class 30: **M&M RIDDEN** ☀️

Rider any age. Any suitable bridle. Open to all M&M types. To be shown in Natural State.

★ Incorporating STARS RIDDEN M&M SMALL BREEDS QUALIFIER for Small M&M Types: Shetlands, Dartmoor & Exmoor, Welsh Section A & B.

★ Incorporating STARS RIDDEN M&M LARGE BREEDS QUALIFIER for Large M&M Types: Fells, Dales, Highlands, New Forest, Welsh C and D, Connemara

Class 31: **PAIRS SHOWING** ☀️

Open to any type of horse/pony. Riders any age. To be ridden side by side. One rider may be led from the other horse. Pairs must be nicely matched, if not matching then complimenting (such as both side saddle, two coloureds, two new forests, etc) To create a pleasing picture riders should be dressed similarly and try to ride as much in time and as level as possible with each other.

Class 32: **COLOURED** ★☀️

Rider any age. Open to all plaited coloured horses/ponies, including piebald, skewbald, palomino, spotted, dun, roan. Any suitable bridle.

★ Incorporating STARS RIDDEN PLAITED COLOURED QUALIFIER for all plaited coloured horses & ponies.

★ Incorporating STARS RIDDEN COLOURED NATIVE COB & TRADITIONAL QUALIFIER for all native, cob & traditional type horses & ponies.

Class 33: **OPEN COB** ☀️

Rider any age. Open to all cobs, including Traditionals. Any suitable bridle.

★ Incorporating STARS RIDDEN COB QUALIFIER.

Class 34: **CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE**

Best overall picture – horse and rider. Does not have to be side saddle. Split Junior/Senior if entries allow.



Concours d'Elegance is a costume competition (not fancy dress). The aim is to give a correct presentation for the chosen historical period, perhaps depicting a film, painting or period drama. Any historic/traditional period may be portrayed up to the 1950's. Costume, tack, rider and horse/pony will be taken into consideration.

CH3/4: JUNIOR / SENIOR SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIPS
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1st & 2nd Prize winners from classes 21 - 34

DRESSAGE

INFINITY ARENA (Surface)

Qualifiers for Trailblazers / Sunshine Tour

OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

**Starters Dressage - Any type of horse/pony, any suitable tack.
The starters dressage test can be downloaded from the website knightleyrc.co.uk**

Classes will be split Junior/Seniors if entries warrant.

Class 1: **Starters Dressage** (including lead rein)

Class 2: **Intro 1**

Class 3: **Intro 2**

Class 4: **Prelim 1**

Class 5: **Prelim 2**

Class 6: **Novice 1**

Class 7: **Novice 2**

Class 8: **Elementary 1**

COMBINED TRAINING

INFINITY ARENA (Surface)

Qualifiers for Trailblazers / Sunshine Tour

OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

For combined training you may ride any dressage with any jumping height from x-poles to 90cms.

Trailblazers qualifiers are only for Prelim + 60cms, Novice + 70cms or Elementary + 80cms

SHOW JUMPING

INFINITY ARENA (Surface)

Qualifiers for Sunshine Tour / Aintree

OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

Classes will be judged Single Phase. The lowest number of faults across the entire course, with the fastest in the timed section will be the winner. The course will be available for walking at the start of each class. A knockdown incurs 4 faults. First refusal 4 faults. Second refusal 8 faults. Competitors incurring 3 refusals will be eliminated. You may be allowed to continue at the judges discretion. Fall of horse or rider will mean elimination and you must leave the ring on foot. Any height horse/pony.

AINTREE UNAFFILIATED SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026. Qualifying shows **DATES TBA.**

Aintree Sweet Meadow Unaffiliated Show Jumping Championships are held at Aintree International Equestrian Centre on TBA September 2026. See <https://aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk> for full details.

The 6 highest placed combinations in classes 2- 5 and 7-11 will qualify.

Class 1: **NAVIGATION STAKES** ☀️

Poles on the ground. Not timed. May be led/assisted.

Class 2: **MINI SJ** ☀️

Cross Poles. May be led/assisted.

Class 3: **50 JUNIOR** ☀️

40 - 50 cms. No back rails or fillers. Juniors only.

Class 4: **60 JUNIOR** ☀️

50 - 60 cms. Max 3 spreads. No fillers. Juniors only.

Class 5: **70 JUNIOR** ☀️

60 - 70 cms. Juniors only.

Class 6: **NOVELTY CLASS**

Max height 65cms. No fillers.

Class 7: **50 SENIOR** ☀️

40 - 50 cms. No back rails or fillers. Seniors only.

Class 8: **60 SENIOR** ☀️

50 - 60 cms. Max 3 spreads. No fillers. Seniors only.

Class 9: **70 SENIOR** ☀️

60 - 70 cms. Seniors only.

Class 10: **80 OPEN** ☀

Max 80cms. Open to juniors & seniors riding a horse or pony.

Class 11: **90 OPEN** ☀

Max 90cms. Open to juniors & seniors riding a horse or pony.
