



Appleton Grange Riding Club In-Hand and Ridden Show **(Incorporating Sunshine Tour, STARS & CHAPS qualifiers)**

18th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September 2026

**** Please note the 18th April is a Saturday, all other dates are on the second Sunday of each month.****

To be held at Appleton Grange Equestrian Centre,
Appleton Wiske, Northallerton, DL6 2AT.

These are low key no pressure shows, open to all including non-members.

The shows held before the 31st July are qualifiers for the **Sunshine Tour** Championships to be held at The All-England Showground, Hickstead from 17th to 20th September 2026. Top 4 placed in each class (except class 1) are eligible. Visit www.sunshinetour.co.uk for more information and to register and submit evidence of results.

Members of the Appleton Grange Riding Club will be eligible to gain points towards qualifying for the **STARS** Championships to be held at Aintree Racecourse from 19th to 22nd November 2026. Please see below for an explanation of the STARS Championship and how to qualify.

The highest place **CHAPS** member / registered horse / pony may also qualify in relevant classes for The CHAPS (UK) Championships Show to be held at Arena UK, from the 20th to 22nd August 2026. Appleton Grange Riding Club members can also complete in the Colourama Championship at the Championship show. For further details, please visit www.chapsuk.com

Classes may be split or amalgamated subject to number of entries received. Please read the rules carefully (below) prior to entering. Pre-entries only to be made via Horsevents.

- Class 1** **IN-HAND - Youngstock Mixed Types (1, 2 & 3yo)**
Open to any type exhibit; yearlings, 2 or 3 year olds.
Please note this class is NOT a Sunshine Tour qualifier.
- Class 2** **IN-HAND – Veterans**
Open to all horses and ponies 14 years old or over.
- Class 3** **IN-HAND - Open Coloureds**
Open to all coloured horses and ponies of any type and height, including alternative coloureds.
- Class 4** **IN-HAND - Open Plaited Ponies**
Open to all plaited ponies not exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
- Class 5** **IN-HAND - Open Plaited Horses**
Open to all plaited horses exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
- Class 6** **IN-HAND - Young Handler**
Handlers not to have received their 18th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Horse or pony any height.
- Class 7** **IN-HAND - Mountain & Moorlands**
Open to all M&M breed types: Shetland, Dartmoor, Welsh A, B, C & D Exmoor, Fells, Dales, Highlands, New Forest, Connemara.
- Class 8** **IN-HAND – Cobs**
Open to all cobs including Hogged and Traditionals.
- IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP**

- Class 9** **RIDDEN - Tack and Turnout**
Open to any age rider, horse, or pony. Lead Rein ponies eligible for this class.
- Class 10** **RIDDEN - Lead Rein Pony**
Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Snaffle bridles only. Lead rein must be attached directly to the noseband only.
- Class 11** **RIDDEN - First Ridden Pony**
Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Snaffle bridles only.
- Class 12** **RIDDEN – Novice (Walk / Trot only)**
For genuine novice horse and rider combinations that have not won in any previous AGRC classes. No group/collective canter and no requirements for canter in individual show. Must be shown in a snaffle bridle. Please note this class is NOT a STARS qualifier.
- Class 13** **RIDDEN – Veterans**
Open to all horses and ponies 14 years old or over.
- Class 14** **RIDDEN - Open Coloureds**
Open to all coloured horses and ponies of any type and height, including alternative coloureds.
- Class 15** **RIDDEN - Open Plaited Ponies**
Open to all plaited ponies. Show Pony types not exceeding 148cms. Show Hunter Pony types not exceeding 153cm. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
- Class 16** **RIDDEN - Open Plaited Horses**
Open to all plaited horses. Show Horse types exceeding 148cms. Show Hunter Horse types exceeding 153cm. To be shown plaited and trimmed. Also open to ex-racehorses that have raced under rules.
- Class 17** **RIDDEN - Mountain & Moorlands**
Open to all M&M breed types: Shetland, Dartmoor, Welsh A, B, C & D Exmoor, Fells, Dales, Highlands, New Forest, Connemara.
- Class 18** **RIDDEN – Cobs**
Open to all cobs including Hogged and Traditionals.
- Class 19** **RIDDEN – Lead Rein and First Ridden Equitation**
Lead Rein riders not to have attained their 10th birthday and First Ridden riders not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 148cm. Snaffle bridles only. Lead rein to be attached directly between noseband & the leader's hand only.
- Class 20** **RIDDEN – Junior & Senior Equitation**
Snaffle bridles only. Please note only riders who have not attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year are eligible to qualify for the Sunshine Tour. For the STARS championship Junior riders have attained their 12th but not their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- Class 21** **RIDDEN – Riding Club Horse and Pony**
Riders will be asked to do a jump as part of their show. Height of fence will be increased for horses exceeding 148cm.

RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP

SHOW RULES

1. Full and correct attire must be worn by all competitors and their grooms. All riders must wear correctly fitting headgear to PAS015 or higher, whilst mounted anywhere on the showground. Junior members MUST wear them when competing in hand.
2. Ages of horse/pony are taken as at 1st of January in the current year.
3. Any stallions must be ridden/handled by a competent person with a minimum age of 14 and are to display a 'Stallion' disc on their bridle.
4. Spurs are permitted for senior riders only (aged over 18 years).
5. Excessive use of whips is forbidden and will result in disqualification. Whips must not exceed 75 cms.
6. The ruling of Judges/Officials is Final.
7. Neither the organizers, landowners, committee, or agents of the show accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury, or illness to horses/ponies, any person, owner, rider, handler, spectator, land or property whatsoever, whether caused by negligence, breach of contract or in any way whatsoever.
8. All competitors wishing to compete at the STARS championship must have read and comply with the rules and eligibility. These can be found here on the STARS Champion of Champions Facebook page and website as well as on the Documents section for each show date on horsevents.co.uk. (Please note that STARS have not yet published their 2026 rules, but these are expected to be unchanged from 2025).
9. All competitors wishing to qualify for the STARS Championship must attend a minimum of 2 points shows.
10. All competitors wishing to compete at the Sunshine Tour championship must have read and comply with the rules and eligibility. These can be found on their website - <https://www.sunshinetour.co.uk>
11. All competitors wishing to compete at the CHAPS championship must have read and comply with the rules and eligibility. These can be found on their website - <https://www.chaps.com>
12. Withdrawals made prior to entries closing will be refunded. No entry fees will be refunded after entries have closed unless the event is cancelled by Appleton Grange.
13. ALL COMPETITORS will be deemed to have read and accepted these rules as a condition of entry.

EXPLANATION OF THE STARS CHAMPIONSHIP

The STARS championships will be held from the 19th to 22nd November 2026 at Aintree Racecourse. 60 clubs have affiliated to the 2026 championships, including Appleton Grange Riding Club (AGRC). Each of the clubs will take a team to compete at the championships. Therefore, making for a fantastic atmosphere as not only are you competing for yourself, but you are there as part of a team. Ahead of the event, we will set up a group for our Championship team members with tips and advice to help you with your preparation and turnout, answer any questions and be there to cheer one another on at the big event.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR STARS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Appleton Grange Riding Club are planning to hold 6 In-hand & Ridden shows ahead of the championships. These shows are open to all, including non-members and those not looking to qualify for STARS. However, if you wish to be in with of chance of qualifying for the STARS championships, you must be a member of the Appleton Grange Riding Club.

At each of our AGRC classes, points will be awarded to those placed in the top 6 as follows:

1st place – 8 points 2nd place – 7 points 3rd place – 6 points

4th place – 5 points 5th place – 4 points 6th place – 3 points 7th place and lower – 1 point

The horse and rider combination with the top 4 highest points out of the 6 shows and who are also eligible (see table below), will be invited to represent Appleton Grange Riding Club at the STARS championships. If this combination is unable to go, the place will be offered to the next highest points scorer. In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest placing will qualify. If the placings are the same, both will qualify.

The results and league table will be published on Horsevents.co.uk following each show.

Please be aware that some of our classes may be for a qualifier for more than one Finals class at the STARS Championship. Below is a table detailing which Finals classes members can qualify for in each of our classes.

IN-HAND CLASSES

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PROVISIONAL STARS FINALS CLASSES

IN-HAND - Youngstock Mixed Types (1, 2 & 3yo) Open to any type exhibit: Yearlings, 2 or 3 year olds	Youngstock	Open to any type exhibit: Yearlings, 2 or 3 year olds
IN-HAND – Veterans Open to all horses and ponies 14 years old or over	In-Hand Veteran	Open to all horses and ponies 14 years old or over
IN-HAND - Open Coloured Open to all coloured horses and ponies of any type and height, including alternative coloureds.	In-Hand Coloured Pony	Open to all coloured ponies 143cm and under.
	In-Hand Coloured Horse	Open to all coloured horses exceeding 143cm.
IN-HAND - Open Plaited Ponies Open to all plaited ponies not exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.	In-Hand Plaited Pony	Open to all plaited ponies not exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
IN-HAND - Open Plaited Horses Open to all plaited horses exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.	In-Hand Plaited Horse	Open to all plaited horses exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
IN-HAND - Young Handler Handlers not to have received their 18th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Horse or pony any height.	Junior Handler	Handlers to have attained their 12th Birthday but not their 18th before 1st January in the current year. Horse or pony any height.
	Young Handler	Handlers to have attained their 8th Birthday but not their 12th before 1st January in the current year. Horse or pony any height.
	Tiny Tots Handler	Handlers must have attained their 4th Birthday but not their 8th before 1st January in the current year. Pony not to exceed 128cms
IN-HAND - Mountain & Moorland Open to all M&M breed types: Shetland, Dartmoor, Welsh A, B, C & D Exmoor, Fells, Dales, Highlands, New Forest, Connemara.	In-hand Small Breeds	Open to all small M&M breed types: Shetland, Dartmoor, Welsh A & B, Exmoor.
	In-hand Large Breeds	Open to all large M&M breed types: Fells, Dales, Highlands, New Forest, Connemara, Welsh C & D.
IN-HAND – Cobs Open to all cobs including Hogged and Traditionals.	In-Hand Cob	Open to all cobs including Traditionals.

RIDDEN CLASSES

AGRC CLASSES

PROVISIONAL STARS FINALS CLASSES

RIDDEN - Tack and Turnout Open to any age rider, horse, or pony. Lead Rein ponies eligible for this class.	Best Turned Out	Open to any age rider, horse or pony. LR ponies eligible for this class
RIDDEN - Lead Rein Pony Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Snaffle bridles only. Lead rein must be attached directly to the noseband only.	Plaited Lead Rein	Rider to not have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cm. Snaffle bridle only.
	M&M Lead Rein	
RIDDEN - First Ridden Pony Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Snaffle bridles only.	Plaited First Ridden	Rider to not have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cm. Snaffle bridle only.
	M&M First Ridden	
RIDDEN – Veterans Open to all horses and ponies 14 years old or over	Ridden Veteran 14-19 yrs old	Rider any age. Open to all horses and ponies aged 14-19 years old. Any suitable bridle.
	Ridden Veteran 20+ yrs old	Rider any age. Open to all horses and ponies aged 20 years old and over. Any suitable bridle.
RIDDEN - Open Coloured Open to all coloured horses and ponies of any type and height, including alternative coloureds.	Ridden Plaited Coloured	Rider any age. Open to all plaited coloured horses and ponies Any suitable bridle
	Ridden Nat/Cob/Trad Coloured	Rider any age. Open to all Native, Cob and Traditional type coloured horses and ponies Any suitable bridle
RIDDEN - Open Plaited Ponies Open to all plaited ponies. Show Pony types not exceeding 148cms. Show Hunter Pony types not exceeding 153cm. To be shown plaited and trimmed.	Show Pony	Rider any age. Open to all plaited show ponies not exceeding 148cm. Any suitable bridle
	Show Hunter Pony	Rider any age. Open to all plaited show hunter ponies not exceeding 153cm. Any suitable bridle
RIDDEN - Open Plaited Horses Open to all plaited horses. Show Horse types exceeding 148cms. Show Hunter Horse types exceeding 153cm. To be shown plaited and trimmed. Also open to ex-racehorses that have raced under rules.	Show Horse	Rider any age. Open to all plaited show horses exceeding 148cm. Any suitable bridle.
	Show Hunter Horse	Rider any age. Open to all plaited hunter types exceeding 153cm. Any suitable bridle
	ROR	Rider any age. Open to all ex-racehorses that have raced under rules. Any suitable bridle.
RIDDEN - Mountain & Moorland Open to all M&M breed types: Shetland, Dartmoor, Welsh A, B, C & D Exmoor, Fells, Dales, Highlands, New Forest, Connemara.	M&M Small Breed Ridden	Rider any age. Open to all small M&M breed types: Shetland, Dartmoor, Welsh A & B, Exmoor. Any suitable bridle.
	M&M Large Breed Ridden	Rider any age. Open to all large M&M breed types: Fells, Dales, Highlands, New Forest, Connemara, Welsh C & D. Any suitable bridle.
RIDDEN – Cobs Open to all cobs including Hogged and Traditionals.	Show Cob	Rider any age. Open to all ridden cobs including traditionals. Any suitable bridle.
RIDDEN – Lead Rein and First Ridden Equitation Lead Rein riders not to have attained their 10th birthday and First Ridden riders not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 148cm. Snaffle bridles only. Lead rein to be attached directly between noseband & the leader's hand only.	Lead Rein Equitation	Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Snaffle bridles only. Lead rein to be attached directly between noseband & the leader's hand only.
	First Ridden Equitation	Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 148cm. Snaffle bridles only.
RIDDEN – Junior & Senior Equitation Snaffle bridles only	Junior Equitation	Rider not to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Horse / pony any height. Snaffle bridles only.
	Senior Equitation	Rider to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Horse / pony any height. Snaffle bridles only.
RIDDEN – Riding Club Horse and Pony Riders will be asked to do a jump as part of their show Height of fence will be increased for horses exceeding 148cm.	Riding Club Pony	Rider any age, pony not to exceed 148cm. Championship jump: 70cm
	Riding Club Horse	Rider any age, horse to exceed 148cm. Championship jump: 90cm