



## Appleton Grange Riding Club Working Hunter Show Series

(Incorporating Sunshine Tour and STARS qualifiers)

**12<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

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. Lead reins are welcome and there are no age or height restrictions for any of the classes, however please be aware there are qualification criterion for STARS (details below).

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 classes 1 & 2) qualify where eligible. Please visit [www.sunshinetour.co.uk](http://www.sunshinetour.co.uk) for more information and to register and submit evidence of results.

Only 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 in November 2026. Please see below for an explanation of the STARS Championship and how to qualify.

To avoid queuing for jumping, we will be running the Working Hunter show as time slots. Times will be published on the Friday before the event both on here and on the Appleton Grange Riding Club Facebook page.

You may enter an additional class on the day, subject to availability and a £2 late entry surcharge. Please see the steward on the day to confirm.

Warm up will be in the outdoor arena and at your allocated time slot, please be ready to enter the indoor arena. You will then be invited to jump the course, after which boots can be removed. The judge will then ask you to perform your show. You will not be asked to strip the pony / horse. Scoring is as below. The winner is the horse and rider combination with the highest score.

| <b>Jumping Penalties</b> |             | <b>Overall Scoring</b>                    | <b>Out of</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|---|---------------|
| Knock Down               | 10          | Jumping marks (50) less Jumping Penalties | 50            |
| First Refusal            | 15          | Jumping style marks                       | 20            |
| Second Refusal           | 20          | Manners in show                           | 10            |
| Third Refusal            | Elimination | Conformation, Type, Action                | 20            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             |             |   | <b>100</b>    |

Pre-entries only, to be made via Horsevents.

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| Class 1 | Poles on the ground |
| Class 2 | 25cm                |
| Class 3 | 35cm                |
| Class 4 | 45cm                |
| Class 5 | 55cm                |
| Class 6 | 65cm                |
| Class 7 | 75cm                |
| Class 8 | 85cm                |

## 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](http://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. 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.
12. 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 in 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 Working Hunter 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. The horse and rider combination with the highest points accrued across the show series and who are also eligible (see table below), will be invited to represent Appleton Grange Riding Club at the STARS championships. If this person is unable to go, the place will be offered to the next highest points scorer.

The right-hand side of the table below shows the Working Hunter classes that will be held at the STARS championships in November and describes the eligibility. The left-hand side of the table shows the corresponding classes that will be run during the AGRC show series. So, for example if your child is under 10 and riding a pony not exceeding 128cm and wishes to try to qualify for STARS they should enter our 35cm Working Hunter class. Should they accrue the most points across the series, they will be invited to represent AGRC at the STARS championship in the Tiny Tot WHP class which will be a maximum height of 40cm. Similarly, if you are riding a Mountain and Moorland exceeding 133cm, you could enter our 75cm class to compete for a spot to represent the riding club at STARS in the M&M WHP over a 75cm course. You can of course also enter other classes but will only gain points towards qualification for STARS where eligible.

| Appleton<br>Grange RC |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Class<br>No.          | Height of<br>jumps |
| 1                     | Poles              |
| 2                     | 25cm               |
| 3                     | 35cm               |
| 4                     | 45cm               |
| 5                     | 55cm               |
| 6                     | 65cm               |
| 7                     | 75cm               |
| 8                     | 85cm               |

| STARS Championship   |                              |                            |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Class Description  | Pony / Horse<br>Restrictions | Max.<br>Height of<br>jumps |
| <b>Not applicable</b>  |                              |                            |
| Lead Rein WHP. Rider to not have attained their 10th birthday in the current year. | Not exceeding 128cm          | 30cm                       |
| Tiny Tot WHP. Rider to not have attained their 10th birthday in the current year.  | Not exceeding 128cm          | 40cm                       |
| <b>Not applicable</b>  |                              |                            |
| Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter.  | 133cm & under                | 60cm                       |
| Working Hunter Pony. Must be plaited or hogged.                                    | 133cm & under                | 65cm                       |
| Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter.  | Over 133cm                   | 75cm                       |
| Working Hunter Pony. Must be plaited or hogged.                                    | 133cm to 153cm               | 75cm                       |
| Working Hunter Horse. Must be plaited or hogged.                                   | Over 153cm                   | 90cm                       |