



Appleton Grange Riding Club Working Hunter Show Series (Incorporating Sunshine Tour and STARS qualifiers) 12th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th 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 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 from 19th to 22nd 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.

Jumping Penalties	
Knock Down	10
First Refusal	15
Second Refusal	20
Third Refusal	Elimination

Overall Scoring	Out of
Jumping marks (50) less Jumping Penalties	50
Jumping style marks	20
Manners in show	10
Conformation, Type, Action	20
TOTAL	100

Pre-entries only, to be made via Horsevents.

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
Class 9	95cm

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.
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 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

AGRC 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 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.

You may qualify for more than one class, except Lead Rein and Cradles Stakes combinations may not compete in any other class. **To clarify for the AGRC classes there are no restrictions, you can enter which ever classes you like, the eligibility rules only apply to the STARS championship.**

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 and maximum height of the jumps. The maximum

height is only for 2 fences per course and not every jump. 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 off the lead rein, under 10 and riding a pony not exceeding 128cm and wishes to try to qualify for STARS they should enter our 45cm Working Hunter class. Should they gain the top 4 highest points across the series, they will be invited to represent AGRC at the STARS championship in the Cradles Stakes WHP class. You can of course also enter other classes but will only gain points towards qualification for STARS where eligible.

Appleton Grange RC		STARS Championship		
Class No.	Height of jumps	Class Description	Pony / Horse Restrictions	Max. Height of jumps
1	Poles	Not applicable		
2	25cm	Lead Rein WHP. Rider to not have attained their 10th birthday in the current year.	128cm and under	30cm
3	25cm	Not applicable		
4	45cm	Cradle Stakes WHP. Rider to not have attained their 11th birthday in the current year.	128cm and under	45cm
5	55cm	Not applicable		
6	65cm	Working Hunter Pony. Must be plaited or hogged.	133cm & under	70cm
		Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter.	133cm & under	70cm
7	75cm	Working Hunter Pony. Must be plaited or hogged.	Exceeding 133 up to 153cm	80cm
8	85cm	Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter.	Over 133cm	85cm
9	95cm	Working Hunter Horse. Must be plaited or hogged.	Exceeding 153cms	95cm