



National Carriage Driving Championships

(inc. Gateway Classes)

Ashfields Carriage & Polo Club, Essex, CM6 1JU

11th -13th September 2026

By kind permission of The Lock and Chambers Families

Competition classes:

Small Equines (SE)

Pre-Novice

Novice Horse

Open Single Horse

Advanced Horse

Open Horse Pairs

Advanced Horse Pairs

Horse Tandems

Horse Four-in-Hand

Very Small Equines (VSE)

Para

Novice Pony

Open Single Pony

Advanced Pony

Open Pony Pairs

Advanced Pony Pairs

Pony Tandems

Pony Four-in-Hand

Driven Dressage:

Dressage tests for 2026 apply. H4: 100m x 40m. All other classes: 80m x 40m. 2 arenas will be available.

Marathon:

Section A 4-8km. Section B 6-8km with 8 obstacles. Novice classes drive the full marathon with 6 obstacles. Pre-Novice and Small Equine drive Section B only with 6 obstacles. Very Small Equines drive part of Section B and 4 obstacles.

Obstacle Cone Driving:

Obstacle Fault Competition in 1 or 2 arenas. The course may include a box.

Qualification: All drivers who have qualified will receive an invitation.

Entry conditions: The Championships are open to qualified competitors only.

All competitors must be International or Full members of British Carriagedriving. Exceptions – Gateway competitors may be Affiliated Club Members. Competitors may use their complimentary liability cover (if applicable) at this event.

Organisers:

Wilf Bowman-Ripley & Zoe Morgan

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Entries Secretary:

Zoe Morgan

President of the Jury:

Andrew Counsell

Judges:

Sara Clinghan, Jane Lamb, Sarah-Louise Oxborrow, Derrick Mayes, Esther Rawlinson and Julie Tomasik

Technical Delegate:

Philip Bateman

Assistant TD:

Nicola Corby

Course Designer:

Malcolm Brown – Assistant CD – John Goodwin

Course Builders:

Malcolm Brown

Safety Officer:

Chris Doughty

Safeguarding Officer

Heather Brown

Stewards Coordinator:

Lorna Ingram (07855 451413)

Chief Steward:

Lorna Ingram (07855 451413)

Secretarial:

Zoe Morgan

Stable Managers:

Michael Ripley and Susan Graham

Scoring:

Mike Watts and Georgette Hogben

Prize Giving Coordinator:

Jackie and Tim Herd

Provisional Programme

Close of withdrawals		Thursday	27 August
Stable area open		Wednesday	9 September
Obstacles open for inspection	1300	Thursday	10 September
Driven Dressage	0900	Friday	11 September
Marathon (all classes)	0900	Saturday	12 September
Obstacle Cone Driving (all classes)	0900	Sunday	13 September

Entry Fee:

VSE	£150
Small Equine/Pre-Novice	£165
Novices/Para	£190
Open/Advanced Singles	£230
Multiples	£260

ALL ENTRIES ON-LINE

All entries are made through myclubhouse at
[Event: British Carriagedriving National Championships](#)

Entry fees are paid to Ashfields. Payment must be made using Stripe.

Start fees are paid directly to British Carriagedriving using the separate event listing called "National Championships Start Fee" on myclubhouse at
[Event: National Championships Start Fee](#)

Full refund of entry fees up to the closing date. Thereafter, no refunds will be given.

There will be £25 surcharge for entries accepted after the closing date.

Start Fee: A start fee of £41 applies to all classes, in addition to the entry fee.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Thursday 27th August 2026

Entries to be made on My Clubhouse via the Members Login on the BC website.

Event contacts on the show field:	Zoe Morgan - Tel. 07770 944868 Wilf Bowman-Ripley - Tel. 07802 899004
Withdrawals:	27 August by 10am. Phone 07770 944868
Prizes:	• Each Class winner will be presented with a perpetual Challenge Trophy. • The winner of the Advanced Single Horse dressage will receive the Deemster Trophy. • The winner of the Advanced Single Pony dressage will receive the Lynn Harrington memorial Trophy. • The winner of the Open Horse Pairs dressage will receive the Bryan Belsham Trophy. • The best overall marathon in the Tandem classes will receive the Ancaster Plate, a trophy presented by Michael and Diana Zatouroff. • The best overall marathon of the event will receive the Chariots of Fire Trophy (In Memory of Amanda Nisbet) • The best combined placings in dressage and marathon in all single horse classes will receive the Terry Bailey Memorial Trophy. • The competitor with the lowest overall score in the 2 Novice Classes will receive the Ted Bewlay Memorial Trophy. • The competitor with the best cones round in the Horse Pairs classes will be presented with the Louisa Menaged Memorial Trophy. • Commemorative plaques will be presented to all starters. • Overall place rosettes to 6th in each class, and 1st to 3rd in each competition. • Rosette(s) to marathon backstepper(s).
Stabling:	Competitors are requested to report to the Stable Manager on arrival at Ashfields and park where directed. No electric fencing to be used for stabling unless by special

	permission. Only horses/ponies entered for the event will be allowed on the showground. Matting is compulsory under bedding in portable stabling at all national events. A payment to cover the cost of restoration of the ground may be levied for non-compliance.
Stabling for Hire:	Stables are £160 for the duration of the show and are non-refundable after the closing date of 27th August.
Hook Up:	Available for the duration of the event at a cost of £120. Please add this as an add on when entering on My Clubhouse.
Dogs:	Must be on leads.
Catering:	There will be catering in the clubhouse for meals/refreshments. Saturday evening, BBQ with dessert £19.50 per head. Please text Ashfields Country Kitchen to book your meals - 07983 693191. Meals must be booked by Thursday 27 th August evening.
Veterinary & Farrier:	Blair Court Equine Clinic on call throughout the event. Farrier on call during the event. Call-out fees to be paid by the competitor. Paton and Lee are the Saturday on site vets.
Marathon information:	The marathon runs over fields and farm tracks with a small section on roads. The obstacles are all within walking distance of each other and not far from the stable field. 8 obstacles (6 for Small Equines, Pre-Novice and Novices and 4 for VSE) with 1 water obstacle.
Health & Safety:	Health and Safety standards will be enforced always. All persons on the showground or course will be held responsible for complying with these standards at all times and will not put themselves or any other person at risk in any way whatsoever. Any accidents shall be reported to the Safety Officer or the Events Secretary at the time of the occurrence. A report shall be entered into the Accident Report book and the relevant forms completed on-line via the BC website.
What3Words:	tinny.brother.humidity
Location:	Ashfields is located 15 mins from M11 Junction 8 (Stansted Airport). For more details log on to www.ashfieldscarriageandpoloclub.com . Please use postcode CM6 1JU. Please ignore the unsuitable for HGVs sign that is at the end of our road, it is for access to Ashfields. Please do NOT enter Ashfields via Cuckoos Lane.