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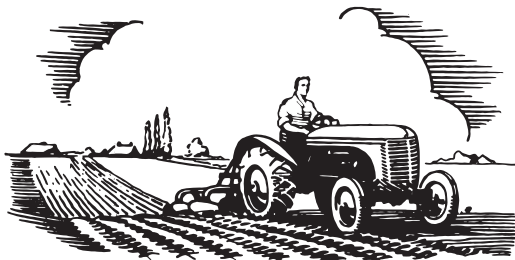
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Gundog Training Demonstration	10:00am
Trade Machinery Parade	10:45am
Kent Hounds	11:30pm
Tossing the Sheaf Competition	12:15pm
Spitfire Display – in honour of our 80th anniversary celebrations in 2026	1:00pm
Modern way of growing a crop by Trevor Heathcote (host) and Alan Higgs - FGS	1:30pm
Gundog Training Demonstration	2:00pm
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South East Trees and Aspen Tree Services timber handling / chipping display	3:00pm
Parade of Heavy Horses followed by Terrier Racing	3:30pm
Parade of Ploughs and Presentations of Cups including Raffle Draw	4:00pm
Fun Tug-of-War Competition	4:30pm

RING 2

Dog Scurry	All Day
Joe's Bows Country Sports, Bird of Prey Flying Display	10:00am
Return of the Fun Dog Show	10.30am - 2:00pm
Joe's Bows Country Sports, Bird of Prey Flying Display	2:30pm

Further attractions to be confirmed. Content subject to addition. Times may vary.

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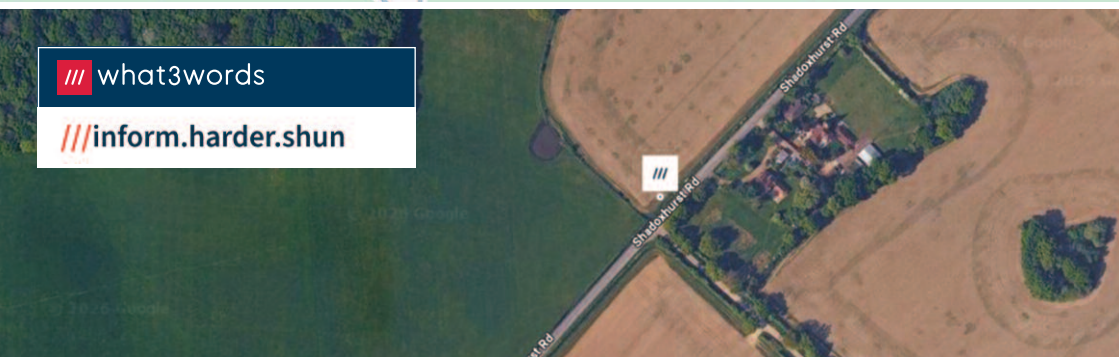
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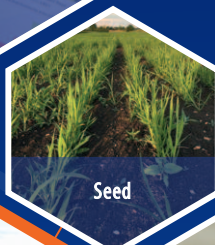
ARTICLES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association to be known as the Weald of Kent Ploughing Match Association.
2. The main purpose to be to hold an annual Ploughing Match in the district and to organise competitions to be held on the day of the Ploughing Match or at any other time of the year if more convenient.
3. These Competitions to be of such a nature as to stimulate interest in and test the ability of the competitors in the highly skilled branches of agricultural and horticultural work more particularly associated with this district.
4. The Competitions will be mainly for Agricultural workers in the area covered by local classes of the Ploughing Match, i.e., competitors from the Parishes of Goudhurst, Kilndown, Cranbrook, Sissinghurst, Frittenden, Biddenden, Staplehurst, Headcorn, Marden, Pluckley, Collier Street, Horsmonden, Linton, Smarden, High Halden, Tenterden, Sandhurst, Rolvenden, Benenden, Hawkhurst, Matfield, Hunton, Paddock Wood, Lamberhurst, Chart Sutton, Sutton Valence, Brencley, Newenden, East Peckham and Wittersham.
5. Members' annual subscription to be £15.00 which entitles them to reduced entry fees, free entry to shows, plus one complimentary ticket.
6. The Association to be run by an Executive Committee consisting of not less than 20 members.
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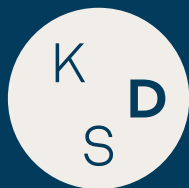
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So far as is reasonably practicable, the Weald of Kent Ploughing Match Association will do everything possible to ensure the safety of the general public, competitors, exhibitors and members during the Ploughing Match and during its preparation and dismantling.

The Committee of the Ploughing Match has appointed Mr. J S Simpson as Safety Officer.

The Safety Officer has the Committee's full authority to maintain safety. He will oversee all Health & Safety arrangements for the Ploughing Match and will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all safety standards and rules laid down, and with safety legislation. All competitors, exhibitors and members will comply with the Safety Officer's directions and decisions on safety matters.

Notwithstanding any specific rule hereafter, **safety is the responsibility of all involved in the Ploughing Match in any way**, and anyone noticing anything which might be detrimental to Health & Safety **must take immediate action** to allay the situation and report it to the Safety Officer, or if unavailable directly to the Secretary's Tent.

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1. **No one other than the Driver, and in particular, no child**, may ride in or on any tractor or similar vehicle designed to be occupied solely by the Driver. It is against the law for children under 13 to ride on or in a tractor or similar.
2. **Riders of ATVs should wear a motor helmet** complying with BS5361 or 1976, and should comply fully with the advice contained in HSE Safe use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in agriculture and forestry. Agricultural Information Sheet No 33 (Revision 1)
 - The use of ATVs on the site is only permitted in exceptional circumstances, or as part of an exhibit or trade stand, or where necessary for the management of the site.
 - No members of the public are permitted to access the site with any motorized vehicle other than for car-parking.
3. **Any plant, machinery or equipment, including ATVs** used before, during or after the Ploughing Match may only be operated by an adult fully trained in its use. Any use of equipment by anyone under 13 years of age is prohibited, except for ATVs etc. used for children's rides, which must be run subject to the requirements of the Code of Safe Practice at Fairs.
 - **Machines or vehicles left unattended must be immobilized** to prevent interference from children.
 - **Plant or machinery** must only be operated or demonstrated after ensuring that adequate precautions are taken to protect the operator and bystanders. If any person encroaches into a danger area, operation should cease immediately. Unsafe operation will not be allowed and may lead to eviction from the site.
 - **Demonstration drivers** must be trained in the use of the machine they are operating and briefed on their use in areas of public access. The driver should be aware of when to stop the machine if a visitor strays into an area of danger.
 - **Members of the public** must not be allowed to operate machinery in the demonstration areas; a working demonstration is not a training event. If manufacturers wish to allow access to visitors to drive their equipment, then a separate demarcated area should be provided in which pedestrians are prohibited. Visitors must then be adequately briefed and supervised at all times.
 - **Specific risk assessments must be undertaken by the exhibitor for any operation or demonstration of the machinery.**
4. **Any equipment supplied or lent, for use by the organizer**, must comply fully with current legislation and standards relevant to its use, and must be properly maintained, particularly regarding brakes, steering, tyres, horn, hydraulic pipes and connections, and electrical safety. No equipment should be used unless it is safe to do so, this includes being fully guarded, properly maintained and compliant with relevant legislation.
5. **Static exhibits** must be erected in a way that ensures they present no risk to anyone during the event or during erection or dismantling. **Any plant or machinery relying on oil pressure in a ram or similar device to support it must be physically propped to prevent collapse, irrespective of the type of safety device fitted to the hydraulic system.**

6. **Generators** – any generator used on site must be notified to the safety officer or secretary and may be subject to checks throughout the period on site. Generators should be situated away from all flammable materials. Fuel for generators must be stored in suitable sealed containers out of direct sunlight. Quantities of fuel must be kept to a minimum. All installations must comply with current relevant legislation and guidance. Generators producing excessive smoke or fumes may not be allowed.
7. **Steam vessels and boilers must have undergone a recent inspection** and bear a label indicating the date of inspection and the name of the inspector. Boilers must hold a current boiler certificate and appropriate insurance.
8. **Temporary structures** – including marquees, gazebos, buildings, information boards, serving counters/tables, fences and gates must be soundly constructed, erected and safe for their intended purpose and comply with any relevant current guidance. (Standard guidance is available in the Institution of Structural Engineers document “Temporary Demountable Structures: Guidance on design, procurement and use”). **Exhibitors must give regard to the stability of their exhibits and ensure that they are secured against collapse. Where appropriate (e.g. in the case of marquees etc.) contractors will be asked to provide details of safe wind loading to enable suitable action to be taken in the case of adverse weather. All marquees under the control of the show committee are erected by an approved contractor/supplier. A representative of the supplying company will be available to deal with any problems during the match.**
9. **Fairground devices** must be operated subject to the requirements of the Code of Safe Practice at Fairs; operators may be required to give written assurance that the code is understood and is being observed. The operator must have appropriate insurance (public liability minimum £10,000,000 cover)
10. **Liquid petroleum gas appliances** used on site must have been recently examined and tested by a competent person and bear a label showing the date of examination and name of examiner. Their use will not be permitted unless this has been done, and they may at any time be inspected by the Safety Officer to check this. LPG must not be used in enclosed spaces. Cylinders must be secure and upright at all times.
11. **Fire extinguishers. All stand holders must carry or have available a fire extinguisher on their stand, recently tested and labelled as such. Stand-holders and their staff should know:**
 - (a) Where it is kept or stored.
 - (b) How to use it.
12. All exhibitors must consider **“Work at Height Regulations”** at all times, especially when erecting and dismantling structures and exhibits.
13. **Horses**
 - (a) Handlers and rider must be experienced or have basic training in handling horses.
 - (b) The relevant steward must be informed of any novice horse, handler or rider participating (novice means not having attended more than three shows).
 - (c) The presence of any stallion must be notified to the relevant steward.
 - (d) No horse shall be left unattended at any time and, when not wearing a bridle, horses must wear a headstall or halter with which a lead-rein must be used when the horse is not tethered.
 - (e) No person shall do anything that may cause a horse to become frightened or to be a danger to persons or other horses.
 - (f) All harness, tack and equipment must be in safe, sound condition and may be inspected by the stewards or Safety Officer.
 - (g) Riders must wear hats complying with relevant BSS.
14. Other animals, including livestock on display, are the responsibility of their owners and must be kept under control at all times. Dogs (except when parading, working or performing) must be kept on leads.

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The top edge of the front furrow on the first run of the opening split should be exactly in line with the furrow wall made on the opening run (1).

Turn around and do run (3) which throws furrows against those from run (2).

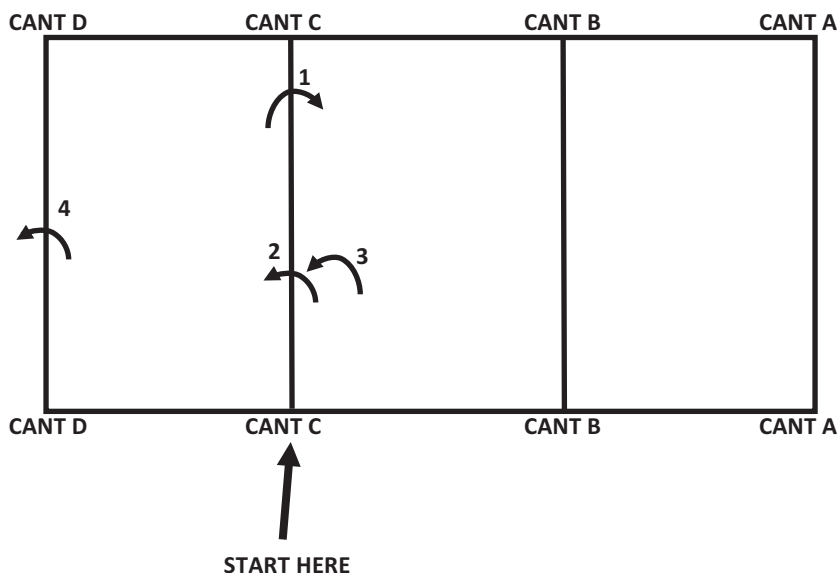
Proceed this way until you have got 12 to 15 furrows.

Depending on plough size, that then completes your start. Then complete your plot back to your opening.

The last run should leave all ground ploughed with a clean open furrow and no ground re-ploughed. The plough must be reversed at each end except after the opening split.

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WEALD OF KENT PLOUGHING MATCH RULES

1. PLOUGHS

- a. Tractor ploughs to be fitted with skimmers.
- b. Tailpieces are allowed – the maximum size to be 26cm long and 22cm wide. The end of tailpiece to be no more than 32cm from the end of the mouldboard.
- c. Plough bodies must be in a 'ploughing' position at all times.
- d. All plough bodies must be used when finishing.
- e. Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed.

2. TIME ALLOWED

- a. All competitors to be on the ground at 8am, on your plot at 8.30am.
- b. Ploughing to start at 9am and all ground must be finished in 3 hours.
- c. Failure to complete in allotted time will not receive any points for closing up and finishing.
- d. 15 minutes extra time for any cast-off done after the ploughing has commenced.
- e. At the finishing signal a competitor can complete the run without stopping.

3. OPENING

- a. Conventional ploughing – double opening – no land shall be left unturned.
- b. Reversible ploughing – single furrow opening with right-hand bodies.

4. START

- a. Conventional ploughing – start to consist of 11 or 12 furrows.
- b. Reversible ploughing – start consists of 12 or 15 furrows, for Class 6 – start to consist of 8 or 9 furrows.
- c. Horse ploughing – start consists of 8 furrows.
- d. Competitors to cast towards the next highest number plot.

5. FINISH

- a. Conventional ploughing – Finish to consist of last 8 furrows.
- b. Reversible ploughing – finish to consist of last 15 or 16 furrows (ie 3 furrow ploughs – 15 furrows, 2 or 4 furrow ploughs – 16 furrows).
- c. Horse ploughing – finish to consist of last 8 furrows.
- d. Last furrow to be ploughed towards competitor's own start.

6. DEPTH

Depth to be reached on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish.

- a. Tractor ploughing – minimum depth 8 inches.
- b. Vintage tractor ploughing – minimum depth 6 inches.

7. REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS

The competitor should make a scratch for his last 19 or 20 furrows whilst openings are being judged (Class 6 only). After the opening split has been judged, the competitor proceeds to:

- b. Plough 8 or 9 furrows towards the lower numbered plot (Class 6 only).
- c. Start at the next highest number and complete his 'butts' (Class 6 only).
- d. Complete the last 19 or 20 furrows (20 or 21 for 3 furrows).
- e. Alternate bodies to be used at all times. Each run to be completed before the plough is turned over.
- f. The use of sighting poles at the start of the butts is not allowed.
- g. The use of "Vari-Width" is not allowed.

8. VINTAGE PLOUGHING

- a. Plough bodies must be made for the plough at the time of manufacture.
- b. Skimmers and tailpieces optional.
- c. Tailpieces should not be adapted to manipulate the furrows or scratches.

9. HORSE PLOUGHING

- a. Competitors can use one or two horses at the finish.
- b. Leading of horses by one assistant is permitted.
- c. Horses must not be left unattended on the headland.
- d. In general purpose ploughing, all competitors must make a double opening split.

10. GENERAL

- a. Rolling not allowed – penalty 20 points deduction.
- b. Twin tractor wheels not allowed.
- c. Three sighting poles only – assistance to set and remove is allowed. No other assistance allowed.
- d. Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is not allowed (for exception see rule 8b).
- e. Only one wheelmark allowed at the finish in tractor ploughing.
- f. Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official of the Society of Ploughmen is not acceptable and will be penalised.
- g. The WKPMA is fully aware of the rules and regulations concerning the use of rebated (red) diesel, and the licensing requirements thereof. However, it is the responsibility of the individual concerned to ensure they are acting within the law.

11. FINAL DECISION

Any questions arising and not provided for in these rules shall be decided by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

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<i>Uniform, level and straightness</i>	
Seed Bed	20
<i>Weed control and soil made available</i>	
Firmness	20
<i>Firm, well packed furrows, no holes</i>	
Uniformity	20
<i>Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no pairing of furrows</i>	
Finish	20
<i>Uniform, shallow and straightness</i>	
Ins and Outs	20
<i>Neat, accurate and regular</i>	
General Appearance	20
<i>Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot</i>	

Note: Seedbed, firmness and uniformity cover the whole of the plot, ie start furrows, butts and final 15 or 16 furrows.

Reversible Ploughs

Opening	20
<i>Well cut, uniform and straight</i>	
Start (8 or 9 furrows)	20
<i>Uniform, level and straightness</i>	
Seed Bed	20
<i>Weed control and soil made available</i>	
Firmness	20
<i>Firm, well packed furrows, no holes</i>	
Uniformity	20
<i>Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no pairing of furrows</i>	
Joining Furrow & Butts (Class 6 only)	20
<i>Neat, accurate with no dips or mounds</i>	
Finish (last 15 or 16 furrows)	20
<i>Uniform, shallow and straightness</i>	
Accuracy or final Furrow	20
<i>Close to first furrow with no unploughed or re-ploughed land</i>	
Ins and Outs	20
<i>Neat, accurate and regular</i>	
General Appearance	20
<i>Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot</i>	

Penalty Deductions

Two wheel marks	20 points penalty
Finish wrong way	20 points penalty
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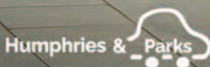
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Hengherst Farm / Estate, Woodchurch - the past and the present

Modern way of farming at Hengherst and history of the site
by Alan Higgs from FGS and Edward Lovejoy and the Wellers

Jack Weller (John's father) acquired the land, mansion, parkland and buildings, totalling around 400 acres, either side of the 2nd World War and this has been added to since to make the total holding now around 600 acres. In those early days Jack and John ran a typical mixed farm growing mainly grass, a small acreage of arable crops and 25 acres of hops. Livestock was principally sheep – a 1,000 breeding ewes (a very large number in those days) which with bought in store lambs meant 3 to 4,000 head would have grazed both the home farm and at keep late in the year. Small numbers of pigs, dairy and beef cattle and poultry have all been part of farming at Hengherst over the years.

In later years John and Gillian brought up 2 boys on the farm and they joined them in business. The arable acreage increased and sheep grazed the grassland.

Away from farming, before Jack Wellers purchases, the estate with mansion were owned by Capt Somerset Webb (who fought in the Boer war) and his wife Evelyn Schreiber (whose family amassed a fortune as fur traders supplying the Royal courts here and in Europe). Evelyn inherited the estate from her father and the couple were married in Woodchurch church.

During the second war John can remember the farm and buildings being occupied by the British army, American forces and at the end of the war German prisoners of war. The 2 runways of RAF Woodchurch represented a temporary Advanced Landing Ground and was home to a Canadian Squadron of Mustangs and the highly decorated USAAF 373rd fighter group with their P-47 Thunderbolt fighter bombers towards the end of the war.

Jack Weller himself served in the Tenterden Home Guard Auxiliary, a very secretive and highly trained group within the Home Guard. He never spoke of this involvement in anyway to his family. The mansion was demolished in the 1950's and the farmhouse now is a conversion of part of the Oasthouse and stables for coach horses.

The arable land today is farmed by FGS Agri and the Heathcote Family. They are proud to be joint hosts of The Weald of Kent Ploughing Match across this land and part of Harlakenden Farm. We have farmed Hengherst as tenants since September 2015, whilst owning and farming Harlakenden.

Together, the farms comprise productive Wealden arable land, where we grow a rotation of milling wheats, winter barley, oilseed rape, winter beans and grass seed. Our focus is on producing high-quality crops while ensuring the long-term sustainability of the land we farm.

Since taking on the tenancy at Hengherst Farm, we have continued to invest in improving and maintaining existing land drainage and ditch networks. Good drainage is essential for protecting soil structure, improving field conditions and producing consistent, high-quality crops. Alongside this work, we have placed great emphasis on improving soil health through the regular application of organic materials, including digestate, green compost, livestock manures and paper crumb. These materials help replenish nutrients, increase organic matter, improve soil

biology and build resilient soils for the future.

Less practical and productive areas of the farms have been entered into Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship and plantings include wild bird seed, pollinator and bumblebird mixes with conservation headlands.

Hengherst and Harlakenden fall within the River Beult Catchment and form part of the Upper Beult Farm Cluster, which brings farmers and landowners together, with the aim of connecting and enhancing the landscape, balancing farming and food production, with conservation. Current projects within the Upper Beult Farm Cluster include wetland creations to create a more resilient catchment, Nightingale monitoring and habitat improvement, with a more recent focus on Operation Turtle Dove.

The grassland at Hengherst is now farmed by the Lovejoy Farm Partnership is made up of husband and wife, Ed and Gemma Lovejoy plus their three daughters Chloe, Katie and Poppy who although still in education, already play their part in the business be it cleaning the campsite, customer service, feeding animals or carting bales.

The partnership farms 900 acres of grassland in total with 250 of these being Hengherst. This is where the main flock of ewes,

1200 Romneys and Dorset x Romneys are lambed outside in April. The other 200 ewes are made up of various nucleus breeding flocks for Ram production, which are lambed at the home farm, Hope Farm in Wittersham. Over summer, 400 ewes are kept at Hengherst with grazing rotated yearly and around half the grass made into hay for the equine market along with another 175 acres made elsewhere.

Sheep are run on a very low input system and are a closed flock only buying in the odd Ram for new genetics. Lambs are mainly sold as stores in the Autumn with some drawn finished over Summer off of grass, the rest are finished off grass throughout the year to supply the Farm Shop and Butchery at Wittersham. They also have a herd of Sussex suckler cows as well as a small herd of rare breed pigs that supply the shop. At Hope Farm you will also find a Campsite and DIY livery yard.

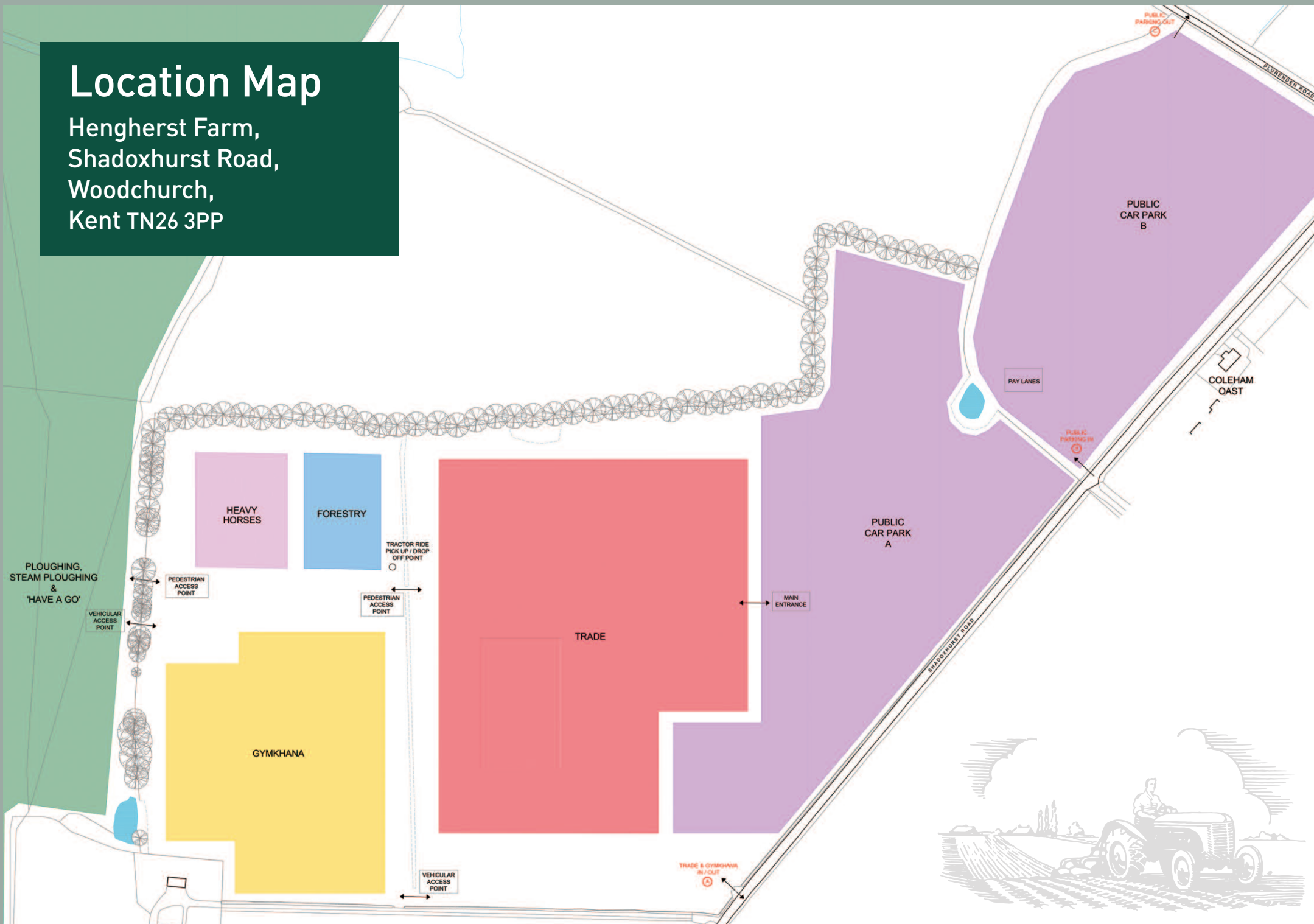
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Brattle Farm Partnership with a crop of Group 3 Wheat

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"In 2026 we had 9 different classes with entries from 15 local farms and 35 crops to judge. Thank you to all those who entered the competition and those companies who kindly provided sponsorship. A special thanks must go to the judges Keith Truett, Tristian Gibbs, Graham Hall and James Whitebred, as well as fellow stewards from the Weald of Ploughing Match Committee, Will Thompson and Alan Day."

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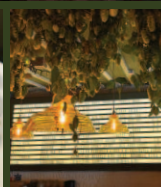
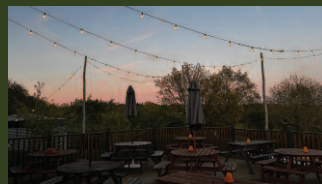
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Learn more about the exciting and impactful work being done through farmer collaboration across Kent to bring about meaningful environmental good, including:

- Contributing to landscape recovery and resilience, habitat creation, and water quality improvements
- Participation in nationally significant Species Recovery projects
- Local events, webinars, training, and guidance
- Skill-sharing and regular networking, including farm walks and workshops with guest speakers
- Engagement with natural capital markets
- Representation at local and regional levels

Farmer Cluster's brings farmers, landowners, and land managers together to help shape and support more sustainable farming to achieve a shared vision for the landscape. Facilitated by **Kent Wildlife Trust** with core funding from **Southern Water** and **Maidstone Borough Council**, the **Upper Beult, Greensand and Marden Clusters** encourages farmer-

to-farmer learning and development by sharing skills, knowledge, and resources. Project management is led by the **South East Rivers Trust**.

Farmer representation across these Clusters now amounts to several thousand hectares and growing. Signature species include Nightingale, Turtle Dove, and Wild Service (Chequer) Trees, amongst others. All farmers in the cluster areas are encouraged to join. Visit the Environmental Hub at the Ploughing Match to learn more.

As landowners and farmers, we are uniquely positioned to identify what Natural Capital we can enhance and sell. Businesses are increasingly required by stakeholders to operate with enhanced ESG – Environmental, Social and Governance – credentials – often referred to as 'sustainability' and to demonstrate how its products and services contribute to a sustainable environment. **BTF**, with **Adonis Blue Environmental Consultants**, are working on statutory nature markets such as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and Nutrient Neutrality. Voluntary markets include those such as Wilder Carbon, the Woodland Carbon Code, and biodiversity units. Nature markets and other Nature Based Solutions can meet this demand and provide a framework. It is attractive to businesses seeking to offset carbon footprints and develop sustainability credentials. The availability of Natural Capital will be critical to the market and farmers are well placed to explore these opportunities. Early indicators are that the most exciting prospects are in the clusters on catchment and landscape scale.

FIND OUT MORE AT THE PLOUGHING MATCH CLUSTER HUB WITHIN THE COUNTRYSIDE AREA!

KENT ALE BAR

The KENT ALE BAR is back serving the award-winning beer from our Best Hopped Ale competition at the Kent Hop Competition which took place in mid-November 2025 and was followed by our Prize Giving evening.

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Red diesel use at agricultural shows

The NFU and NFU Scotland have worked with HMRC to clarify the use of red diesel at agricultural shows.

Agricultural tractors, agricultural engines, agricultural material handlers and light agricultural vehicles (as defined in **HMRC Notice 75**) can now also use rebated fuel in the following circumstances:

- When travelling to, from or participating in events which:
 - o are inherently linked to an agricultural, horticultural or forestry operation, or
 - o educate and develop skills within the agricultural, horticultural and forestry industries, or
 - o promote agriculture, horticulture and forestry within the industry or to the general public.
- Neither the travel nor the participation must be for the commercial gain of the owner of the vehicle.

HMRC has stated that it does not expect travel (one way) to exceed 15 miles and the use of machinery must be in accordance with the appropriate DVLA vehicle and driver licensing guidelines.

Examples of the types of activities allowed under these rules include:

- Travel to/from a local agricultural show by a farmer using machinery such as a tractor or telehandler to help set up/dismantle the showground
- Travel to/from a local agricultural show by an agricultural processing vehicle being used in a demonstration at the show
- Travel to/from and participation in a local ploughing contest by an agricultural tractor.

Regular commercial markets, car boot sales, music festivals are examples of activities that do not qualify under these rules.

Full guidance on the use of rebated fuel can be found in NFU Business Guide 101, available to download from **www.nfuonline.com** or via CallFirst on 0870 845 8458.



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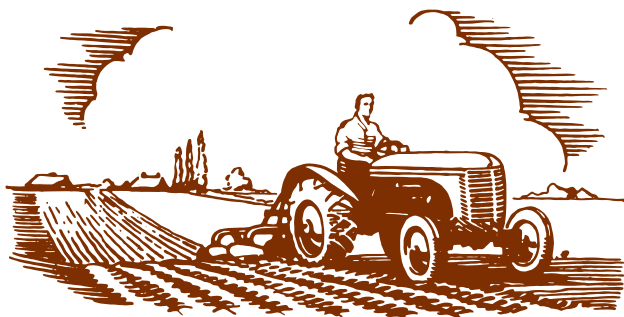
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Now in its third year, the competition is an interesting and fun and is run in the same format as the Growing Crop Competition. This involves judging four areas: species diversity, with a maximum of 35 points, quality habitat with a maximum of 35 points, uniformity with a maximum of 10 points and weeds with a maximum of 20 points, to total a maximum score of 100 points.

However, and unfortunately, the competition will not be judged in time for the 2026 results to be included in the show guide before it goes to print, but the results will be available on the day at the match, and I look forward to seeing you in September!”

Will Thompson CHIEF STEWARD

Stewardship farming encourages and motivates farmers and land managers to follow sustainable and environmentally friendly practices on the farm.

STEWARDSHIP CROPS:

AB9 (WINTER BIRD FOOD)

is a mixture of seeds including cereal such as wheat, barley or oats, plus white millet and oilseed rape which is ideal for farmland birds.



AB15 (TWO-YEAR SOWN LEGUME FALLOW)

are left to grow and flower from late spring and during the summer months with the green cover left over the winter months.



AB1 (NECTAR FLOWER MIX)

is a seed mixture which must contain at least 2 of the following flower species; common knapweed, musk mallow, oxeye daisy, wild carrot or yarrow.



AB8 (WILDFLOWER MEADOW)

include a blend of grasses and wildflowers, which contain higher proportions of flowering species compared to standard mixtures.



COVER CROPS

are planted to cover the soil mainly to improve the soil health and protect it from erosion, rather than planted straight for harvest again. There are a variety of cover crop types including legumes such as clover and vetch, or grasses such as rye and wheat, or brassicas like mustard or radish.



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A close-up photograph of several green hop cones and their leaves, which have serrated edges and prominent veins. The hops are resting on a light-colored wooden surface. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the same foliage.

KENT HOP COMPETITION

incorporating

The Best Hopped Ale in Kent Competition

Wednesday 11th November 2026 - Marden Sports Club, Albion Road, Marden TN12 9ED

Kindly sponsored by Edward Lewis Hop Supplies & Morris Hanbury Ltd

HOP COMPETITION

- Class 1** Fuggle, Progress, Sovereign
- Class 2** Golding
- Class 3** Cat. A (High Aroma) Bramling Cross, Cascade, Target, Pioneer, Admiral
- Class 4** Cat. B (Strong Aroma) Challenger, Endeavour, Northdown, WGV
- Class 5** Cat. C (Delicate Aroma) Boadicea, Epic, First Gold, Pilgrim, Sussex, Phoenix, Pilot
- Class 6** Alpha Acid Content - Admiral
- Class 7** Alpha Acid Content - Target

CHALLENGE CUPS

Best Sample in Competition – Sandhurst Trophy

2nd Best Sample in Competition – Watson, Christie & House Trophy

3rd Best Sample in Competition – The Russell Trophy

- Class 1** The Capt James Day Trophy
- Class 2** The Universal Crop Protection Trophy
- Class 3** The CE & WS Millson Ltd Trophy

- Class 4** The Whitbread & Co Ltd Trophy
- Class 5** The Sheppey Ltd Trophy
- Class 6** The Watson Christie & House Trophy
- Class 7** The JW Chafer Ltd Salver

Best Aroma (Class 1-5)

The KEF Ltd Trophy

Best Golding (Class 2)

The Drake & Fletcher Trophy

Best Aroma (Classes 3, 4, 5)

The Bruff Manufacturing Trophy

BEST HOPPED ALE IN KENT COMPETITION

Challenge Cup awarded to the
Brewer & Grower

Brewers from Kent are invited to enter beers into the Competition that have used hops from Kent Growers

Three Judges choose the beer brewed with the Best Hop Character

For further details please contact the Association Secretary or Chief Steward,
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WOODLAND SKILLS AND FORESTRY AREA

Back by popular demand, we focus again on this aspect of land management which is so important in the South East

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ATTRACTIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS TO WATCH OUT FOR!

ALUN AND BEN SCOTT

father and son duo, will be showcasing their Woodmizer planking saw throughout the day in the Forestry Area so do take time to visit this area to have a look!

ANDREW CHESSEON

will have hand crafted garden furniture and green woodwork for sale as he demonstrates his handcrafting skills in the Forestry Area throughout the day.

Jon Davies and **Dave Holmes** from **South East Forestry**, based in East Sussex, together with **Richard Curteis** from **Aspen Tree Services**, based in Boughton Monchelsea in Maidstone, will both showcase their impressive range of forestry equipment, with examples of machinery used in tree harvesting and processing in the Main Ring at 3pm!

LES LANGLEY

based near Harrietsham, Les will be displaying his chainsaw carving skills where he creates a variety of products including traditional chainsaw carvings, hand engraved signs, bowls and platters, as well as benches and garden tables. Don't forget - he is able to commission carvings at the event while you watch so visit the Forestry Area to see him in action!



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