

Showground has given the Society a firm base to work from and the sense of security it needed to plan for the future. The Showground and facilities provide the area with a first class venue for a multitude of social and commercial events throughout the year, which helps in attracting tourists to our town.

The main objective of the Society is to stage the Oswestry Show, which is held on the first Saturday in August each year. A Committee of approximately 40 volunteers, and one paid part time Show Manager administers the staging and running of this event.

The principle aim of the show is to promote agriculture and rural ideas to the surrounding community. A healthy agricultural economy is important for every rural community. Although its influence would be rightly perceived as smaller now than would have been the case when the Society was founded, the mainstay of the Society is its pursuit of agricultural excellence. Therefore in organising the numerous livestock competitions we hope to provide a shop window of the best of British stock to our many visitors. Each year we build on the competitions we offer and encourage greater participation, an example being the establishment of a popular Sheep Shearing competition.

Oswestry Show attracts over 200 trade stands, and the society is proud that we are still able to maintain a high percentage of agricultural stands by keeping the costs of stand space at a competitive rate. Our Craft and Business marquees along with our Food Hall are always full which gives many local people the opportunity to promote businesses and the local rural economy. The society is always grateful to local businesses for their support financially with sponsorship.

Each year we undertake to provide a varied programme of arena entertainment, which will appeal to the whole of the community, attracting them to the Show. We are also fortunate to have the support of many other local societies and committees who assist in providing attractions. During the day our visitors can enjoy the Parade of Classic and Vintage Vehicles, the Horticultural Marquee with a very popular children's section, visit the WI and YFC displays and competitions and see the many exhibits in our Small Livestock section.

After looking at our history and what we have to offer at the Show we hope you will be interested in becoming a member of The Oswestry and District Agricultural Society.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS RATES

2018

VICE - PRESIDENT **£25.00**
1 Vice-Presidents Badge and 1 Car Park Ticket

FULL MEMBER **£17.50**
1 Members Badge and 1 Car Park Ticket

JUNIOR MEMBER (up to 18 years) **£7.00**
1 Junior Members Badge

FAMILY (2 adults & 3 children) **£40.00**
2 Members Badges, 2 Car Park Tickets and 3 Junior Badges

Please pay your subscriptions either by Cheque, Cash or Direct Debit. Direct Debit forms are available from the Show Office.

Subscriptions are payable on the 1st March each year and Members whose subscriptions are not paid in full by the closing date of entries are not entitled to the privileges of Membership of the Society.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGES

Members are entitled to use the Members Dining Room (Show Pavilion) on Show Day. Lunch from 12.00 noon. Members are entitled to use the Members Ringside Enclosure with bar facilities from 11.00 am - 9.30 pm. Food is available for purchase after 5.30 pm on the evening of the Show.

Members paying £17.50 or more will only be charged members' rate of entry fees when entering exhibits.

Members are entitled to free admission to the Grandstand, if room is available.

Limited parking for the disabled is allocated near to the main ring. Please note a disabled car pass is required from the Show Office.

A Livestock Schedule will be sent to all Members.

Members have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Badges and tickets are sent out in June to Members who pay by Direct Debit on 1st March.