

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Please complete this form clearly and return to The Show Office  
Oswestry Showground, Park Hall, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4AB

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_ TEL NO \_\_\_\_\_

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

VICE-PRESIDENT £25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT MEMBER £17.50 \_\_\_\_\_

JUNIOR MEMBER £7.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(up to 18 years)

FAMILY MEMBER £40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Adult & 3 Junior)

PAID BY CASH/CHEQUE THE SUM OF \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques made payable to Oswestry & District Agricultural Society

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

WE ONLY PROCESS DIRECT DEBITS ONCE A YEAR IN MARCH SO IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT IN THE FUTURE PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED FORM. ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS PURCHASED AFTER THIS TIME CAN BE DONE ONLINE OR BY CHEQUE SENT TO THE OFFICE WITH COMPLETED FORM. (VICE PRESIDENTS CANNOT BE PURCHASED ONLINE)

The Chairman and the Show Council wish to thank all members for their continued support of Oswestry Show.

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## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

**WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OSWESTRY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

### **OUR AIM IS TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE IN ALL ITS ASPECTS TO PEOPLE OF OSWESTRY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS**

Oswestry & District Agricultural Society was formed in 1862 to promote better farming in the area through competitions.

The first known meeting was held in the Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry, under the chairmanship of the Rt. Hon Lord Harlech. He was supported by 12 local dignitaries and farmers who decided that grain and root competitions should be held in an effort to improve agricultural standards. Some field competitions are still held today, and local farmers are encouraged to participate in these as well as the dairy herd and sheep flock competitions.

Competitions for the best grain and mangolds were just the beginning; further classes were introduced for the Shire, Work Horses and Shorthorn Cattle and as interest grew sheep and pig classes followed. These classes were originally for local farmers but in later years competitors from a much broader area came to take part. We now have entries from all parts of the United Kingdom.

The site for the annual show has never been far from the centre of Oswestry. Records show the five sites around Oswestry and one site at Sandford have been used over the years. Shows have been held annually with breaks only made for two world wars and foot and mouth disease and more recently Covid -19 saw us miss two consecutive shows. However, it is noted that in 1884 no Show was held because no money was made in 1883!

Early records of the Society have never been properly kept and were somewhat sketchy and details, such as we have, arise from research in local papers and bank reports. This was remedied about 50/60 years ago and ever since the detailed minutes and reports have been kept. Membership, Cash and Minute books give details of 1923 - 1926 Shows in Brogyntyn Park.

The present site at Park Hall Army Camp was purchased on long lease from the Shropshire County Council in 1978. Money was raised for the purchase by

private subscriptions amongst the local community, which were repaid. Later in 1997 the Society bought the freehold on the site. The purchase of the 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 and two extra office staff, 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

2022

<b>VICE - PRESIDENT</b> <b>1 Vice-Presidents Badge and 1 Car Park Ticket</b>	<b>£25.00</b>
<b>FULL MEMBER</b> <b>1 Members Badge and 1 Car Park Ticket</b>	<b>£17.50</b>
<b>JUNIOR MEMBER (up to 18 years)</b> <b>1 Junior Members Badge</b>	<b>£7.00</b>
<b>FAMILY (2 adults &amp; 3 children)</b> <b>2 Members Badges, 2 Car Park Tickets and 3 Junior Badges</b>	<b>£40.00</b>

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> March.