

Hampshire's Hands-On County Show

The New Forest and Hampshire County Show is an annual agricultural show held for three days at the end of July at New Park, Brockenhurst in Hampshire. The aim of the Show is to create a great family day out bringing together a celebration of traditional country pursuits, crafts, produce and entertainment. This year it is taking place on 29th, 30th & 31st July and there is an exciting line-up of events for all the family to enjoy!

The theme this year is 'Hands On' so come and live the country for a day. Roll up your sleeves, don your walking boots and get stuck in with all the hands-on activities that we have on offer! Try your hand at milking a cow, making a scarecrow, holding a day old chick, voting for your favourite feathered friend in the Poultry Tent and watching the amazing Jamie Squibb in action on his motorbike in our main ring.

BBC South are returning for another year and are bringing their fully operational television studio where you can record your own version of the daily news, including a weather green screen and autocue! Watch close up how television programmes are made with the professionals and meet the local presenters!

Visit the Forest Fun Factory which runs a full programme of events between 10am and 4.30pm and be entertained by clowns, choirs, dance acts and much more! Head over to our Show Farm where the children can get up close and personal with all sorts of farmyard animals, pop in to our Countryside Area for Terrier and Ferret racing and sit in the incredible machines in the Old Time Farming section.

Perhaps one of the most visited places on the showground are the food tents offering top quality items and the Local Food and Farming area where the county's top producers can be found. Here, not only will you find a huge variety of the best produce of Hampshire, but also lots of opportunities to have tastings from the cookery demonstrations held there.

There are also over 600 trade stands providing one of the most varied and unusual goods and produce – from large commercial companies to small local businesses, for those of you looking to make that special purchase. One area not to be missed is the Flower Show which is one of the most stunning must-see parts that the Show lays on. It is Hampshire's answer to the Chelsea Flower Show, boasting beautifully landscaped gardens, Sweet Pea classes and Flower Arranging competitions as well as the Southern Vegetable Championships and displays of plants and flowers from trade nurseries.

If you want to keep up to date with news of the Show, details of the events taking place at New Park, exciting goings on that are happening locally as well competitions to win tickets then sign-up to receive our monthly e-newsletter by visiting our website www.newforestshow.co.uk We are also on Facebook and Twitter if you want to follow us for daily news from the team. For more information about the Show, please visit our website www.newforestshow.co.uk where you can also take advantage of 10% off advanced tickets bought online before 21st July.

If it's a countryside experience you're after, the Show's about to begin!