

NADAS - Registered Charity (1003898) aiming to promote and enhance agriculture, horticulture, forestry, rural crafts and skills and to the benefit of the countryside and the general public.

Happy New Year to all our Members and Friends of the Society.
There's plenty to look forward to this year at the Showground with lots of events planned, not least 'The Newbury Show' on the 16th/17th September.



The Newbury Show:

Planning is well under way behind the scenes in preparation for the upcoming return of the much loved and anticipated Show. Trade stand bookings will be opening on 31st January! If you or someone you know, would be interested in having a trade stand, please email amber@nadas.co.uk, to be added to our mailing list.

Book now with 'Early Bird' tickets that will be on sale, for a limited time, from the 31st January on our website, Facebook and Instagram accounts. Adults £18, Children 3-16 £5, under 3 free. Family tickets (2 adults, 2 children) £36.

If you would like to get involved with the Show in a volunteering capacity please call the office, you will be most welcome!

Showground Events:

Due to our present winter 'closed period' we cannot have events before April each year. The first event, on the 2nd April, is the Publisher Land-Rover Group 4 x 4 Spares day. Also in April there will be a cycling event, the Spring Vehicle Meet, All About Dogs and Newbury Flower Show, The Wallingford Dog Show and The Agility All Dog Show. Exciting future events can be found on our website: newburyshowground.co.uk

S106:

We have been speaking to an Ecologist and are currently waiting for a quote for undertaking a Scoping ECIA (Ecological Impact Assessment). Following the results of this we will be in a better place to know what further surveys will be required before we can re-submit our application

Showground:

Linda Bowden, Mick Crockford and some much appreciated volunteers have been extremely busy on the showground recently. They have sorted through large amounts of junk that has naturally accumulated over the years, throwing the rubbish and keeping useful items. The Newbury Building Society building is being cleared out and items to be kept are being cataloged. Whilst empty the building will be cleaned and any repairs needed undertaken. Work is also underway to upgrade and re-commission the motorway toilet block.

In readiness for the Show we are investing in new security fencing and gates at the Chapman entrance of the Showground. We have carried out essential repairs to the office windows and commenced a programme of fencing repairs around the showground site.

If you have time and would like to volunteer it would be much appreciated:
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Education:

The Education programme for schools saw a busy end to 2022 and start to 2023. In November, British Sausage Week was recognised with 9 workshops being held over 5 schools, interacting with 222 pupils across Berkshire. Not only did the children learn a lot of interesting facts about sausages, including that over 80% of sausages eaten in this country are pork, they took part in a blind sausage tasting to distinguish pork from vegetarian sausages and assisted in making a batch of pork sausages to cook up afterwards.

January is a time with 15 breakfast workshops being run back to back on consecutive days, promoting breakfast as the most important meal of the day. These workshops feature smoothie and porridge making demonstrations as well milking Buttercup, the Society wooden cow, and planting breakfast seeds – oat, wheat and barley.

Looking ahead, three sessions have been booked by schools to enjoy a day of outdoor learning at the showground and bookings are being secured for the annual Potato Challenge. Jan has been asked to judge the cakes in Trinity School's DT competition again this year and also their MasterChef Competition which is returning for the first time since 2019. No time to rest!



Finances:

For the second year running the Society has had a positive year from a financial point of view. With the draft surplus for the year to 31st December 2022 being just over £60,000. Bank balances exceed bank loans and forecasts show we have adequate working capital to run the show this year. We are grateful to everyone who has continued to support the Society and not least those life members who have recently made voluntary contributions.

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