

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.

We're now over half way through the year and everyone in and around the Society is working hard and looking forward to this year's Newbury Show! We wish everyone a happy and fruitful summer too.

The Show is back! This year's Show will be showcasing all aspects of farming & rural life in the area. Crops, agricultural technology, animals, artisan products, rural education, country pastimes, local produce will all be on display.

What's on:

With hours of entertainment for all ages, Newbury Show is a great day out combining main ring displays, excellent shopping, Live Music, Food and Drink and much more!

- Food hall experience
- Livestock competitions
- The 'Farm' (mini petting farm)
- Education Village Green (lots of have a goes and activities!)
- Heavy Horse village
- The Sheep Show
- Scurry Racing
- Vintage Machinery & Steam Engines
- Cookery Demos
- Food and Farming zone
- Produce tent
- Countryside Area



Trade Stands: The Show offers our exhibitors and traders a wonderful platform to promote, sell, raise profile and meet customers over two action packed days in September every year. Our trade stand bookings are now open with a range of spaces available to suit any business. It's easy to book, just head over to our online booking at: <https://showingscene.com/events/newbury-show-2023-sep-2023>

New for 2023 - Local Producers: Set in a designated area with other local producers, Open space grass plots are available at a discounted rate of £300 + VAT. Plots are a fixed size of 3x3m.

Sponsorship: if you would like to kindly offer sponsorship to the show or any particular part of the show, we would love to hear from you! It's a wonderful opportunity to get a greater profile and be part of an exciting weekend.

So please come and join us and get involved or visit our website to find out more: <https://newburyshowground.co.uk/newbury-show-2023>

Tickets: Save now with advanced tickets available now: Adults £20, Children £5, Family £44, Under 3's and Carers Free.

This year tickets will be sent out electronically, so please make sure we have your current up to date email address. For those that are Members, a voucher will be issued which can be exchanged for Member's badges at the Membership Tent on either Show Day.

Any questions or other enquiries please email: nadas@nadas.co.uk

NADAS celebrating 30 years of The Living Rainforest in The House of Commons:

On the 27th June Trustee's Chairman Steve Ackrill, and Nick Wallis were joined by Vicky Trentham, having been invited by Karl Hanson Executive Director of The Trust for Sustainable Living (TSL), to attend a party in the House of Commons celebrating 30 years of the Living Rainforest which is part of the TSL. It was a very inspiring trip where we met and heard from prize winners of their sustainable living competition. Both NADAS and TSL have many shared objectives, not least the desire for a sustainable future for Agriculture and our countryside and education for the upcoming generations. We met up with our MP Laura Farris, she spoke very eloquently about the importance of TSL's work. It was also good to see Richard Benyon now Lord Benyon who served as Minister of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and continues to prioritise these critical interests.

Below Karl Hanson fifth from left standing with this some of this year's prize winners.



Member Events - Ramsbury Brewery and Distillery:

On the 29th June members enjoyed a fascinating, informative and fun trip to the Ramsbury Brewery and Distillery. It's one of the few Distilleries that not only goes through the entire process from grain to finished product, but also uses Estate water purified through a series of reed beds. Every part of the process is made with all the primary ingredients coming from the estate itself, possibly one of the most environmentally friendly produced beers and spirits anywhere. Ramsbury has also just won the prestigious 'World's Best Vodka' award from the USA.



NADAS AGM:

Our AGM was held in the Society Building on 6th July.

The meeting was chaired by the Society Chairman Steve Ackrill, who gave a comprehensive report, on the year's progress and prospects for the future. Society Vice-Chairman David Barr gave a report on the financial statements to 31st December 2022 and the general finances of the Society which continue to improve.

The Board was pleased that a resolution was passed to help further protect the Showground from being sold without the members approval.



The S106:

At the time of drafting the Newsletter informal discussions are being held with the local Parish Councils with the intention to submit a revised Variation application to West Berkshire Council in the coming weeks to amend some of the restrictions to allow a wider use of, in particular, the Society Building.

Education:

One of the projects we do are visits to Primary and pre-schools with Buttercup, the wooden cow. It would obviously not be practical to take a live cow into schools so this is the next best thing. Jan was recently lucky enough to take Buttercup (and Clover the goat), to the Englefield Estate as part of the two Countryside Days they host for Berkshire schools each year. On this occasion Buttercup was joined by a Hereford cow and her calf. This meant that not only did the visiting schools get a brief chat about dairy cows but also about beef cows. As much as they enjoyed seeing a real cow close up, (for the first time in many cases), they also thoroughly enjoyed milking Buttercup and some returned for a second go! We feel the importance of these practical steps can't be over stated, as so many children are rather detached from where their food comes from.



Events:

May saw the Young Farmers return to Newbury Showground for the second year running, with their Country Fayre, swiftly followed by the Southern Motorhome and Campervan Show.

We had a very busy June which saw several dog shows, with Reading and District Kennel Associates, Southern County Canine Association and Thames Dog all holding events during the month. Following on from these was Klasyczna Polonia, a Polish Classic Car Show, and then finally the NADARS Radio Rally was held on site at the end of the month.

So far in June we've had an antiques fair, which attracted the BBC who were filming for Bargain Hunt on site! We had the Great British Motor show, which was quickly followed by the Auto Trail Owners Club 30th Anniversary meet which we're told everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed.

Coming up, we have the Newbury Summerfest on site this coming weekend, a one-day event jam packed with entertainment. We then have a 3-day Van Life Celebration event.

August kicks off with West Berkshire Classic Vehicle Club, followed by Retro festival with their celebration of all things retro. Stance Fever is then on site with the return of their car show, before we start the build-up for Newbury Show 2023!

The Showground:

Our group of volunteers have completed decorating the toilet blocks. Efforts are now concentrated on preparations for the Show, with fencing and gate repairs to the Countryside ring now complete and the main ring being undertaken currently. From the end of August preparations for Newbury Show will be somewhat ramped up, with marking out, erection of signage, tidying of entrance gates and numerous other jobs to be done. We would welcome what ever help you could offer!

Gardening, painting, tidying, even providing or helping with refreshments for others working to bring the Show back....as they say 'every little helps! be it a few hours one day or on a more regular basis, let us know what you can do and we're allocate you a job - part of a team or solo, it's up to you.

Please liaise with Mick Crockford - mickthepig@btinternet.com mobile: 07768 515454 or Linda Bowden - ljbowden883@gmail.com mobile: 07850 643952 if you are able to help. Alternatively leave a message for the office: nadas@nadas.co.uk or 01635 247111 Filling in ruts in the main ring, far more productive and better for you than the gym!

