



PAVILIONS OF HARROGATE

URNS 30

Thirty years of events at Pavilions of Harrogate have had far-reaching impacts on the agricultural community after helping to fund millions of pounds worth of charity work.

More than 920,000 people have attended an event at the award-winning venue at the Great Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate since it first opened in 1996.

Together with its sister venues the Great Yorkshire Events Centre, Fodder and Harrogate Caravan Park, the Pavilions of Harrogate has helped raise more than £9.5m in profits over the last 30 years that have been invested back into registered charity, the Yorkshire Agricultural Society.

Graham Thompson, Commercial Director of Yorkshire Event Centre Limited, who oversees the development of Pavilions of Harrogate, said: "It is immensely satisfying to welcome so many guests to Pavilions of Harrogate, knowing that each and every one of them is contributing to an enormous impact that the Yorkshire Agricultural Society makes as a charity to benefit agriculture and farming families across the North of England."

The highly versatile Pavilions of Harrogate features 14 rooms that can accommodate up to 450 delegates and nearly 2,000 square metres of exhibition space, hosting weddings, family celebrations, exhibitions and corporate events.

During the last 30 years, Pavilions of Harrogate has hosted more than: 8,500 corporate events, 2,000 social events, 700 weddings and 500 exhibitions, as well as 16 Royal visits.

Over a 12-month period, Pavilions of Harrogate has contributed to the work of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society in the following ways:

- **Wedding bookings** subsidised **150** farmers to attend a knowledge exchange event, plus **70** teachers to enjoy free training in taking learning outdoors.
- **Corporate bookings** funded free places for more than **1,700** primary school children to attend the Society's Countryside Days to learn all about farming, food and the countryside.
- **Exhibition bookings** raised funds to equip **100** farmers with potentially life-saving first aid training, as well as **150** farmers to connect at social events to support wellbeing.

Graham added: "What Pavilions of Harrogate has achieved in support of the farming community in the last 30 years is remarkable and it's a real testament to the great passion and dedication of the team who work tirelessly to make every occasion we host here extra special. We are incredibly grateful to work with fantastic corporate clients on the delivery of unforgettable events, and with so many local families who have chosen to celebrate their biggest moments and milestones with us."



MORE TO COME AFTER SUCCESSFUL YORKSHIRE FARMING CONFERENCE

More than 700 farming people were brought together for the first-ever Yorkshire Farming Conference at the Great Yorkshire Showground, making the event a huge success in its maiden year.

The Society's new event for everyone in agriculture kickstarted a rolling programme of support to champion agriculture and harness skills and knowledge within the industry in 2026, and proved a vibrant occasion with a bustling atmosphere inside the Great Yorkshire Events Centre.

Thirty-nine industry speakers discussed farming topics during a series of workshops, and more than 60 businesses and organisations featured in the sold-out Trade Show. Cumbrian farmer and author James Rebanks was the keynote speaker. **The Yorkshire Farming Conference will return next year, on Wednesday 27 January 2027.**

Allister Nixon, YAS CEO said: "I hope that everyone who attended the conference was inspired by what they heard, feels that bit more emboldened about the direction of their farm business, and made a new connection or two."

The Society has lots more on offer for farmers this Spring.

All farmers are welcome at Supper On Us at Fodder on Tuesday 24 March from 6.30pm. This informal social event brings the community together for a free supper and a quiz. Places must be booked, visit yas.co.uk/farming-news

The Yorkshire Rural Support Network teams up with The Farming Community Network at the Showground on Wednesday 25 March, 10am-2pm to offer free wellbeing support training. This is specifically for farming's allied industry professionals, to help them support members of the farming community who they come into contact with.

A knowledge exchange workshop about cyber security and artificial intelligence for farm businesses is being held by the Farmer Scientist Network on Thursday 16 April, 7-9pm at Malton Rugby Club.

Future Farmers of Yorkshire invites you to join a panel discussion at farm machinery manufacturer Amazone near Doncaster on the evening of Thursday 23 April.

Places must be booked for these events, please visit yas.co.uk/farming-news

In May, a free training course will guide school staff on using the outdoors to support autism and neurodiversity.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Society's Countryside Days for primary schools. Plans are well underway for this ever-popular event at the Showground on 19-20 May, and the Society will soon launch a new educational event aimed at secondary school pupils.

Already this year, Future Farmers visited the LAMMA show and have enjoyed bursary places at the Oxford farming conferences. The Yorkshire Rural Support Network has coordinated two farmer first aid training sessions, and YAS helped host a free farm safety evening for farmers in Skipton.

Twelve younger farmers have begun their journeys on the Society's Goodall Agri-Development Pathway, now in its third year. The 11-month programme develops their skills to prepare them to take the next steps in their careers.

Are you interested in supporting the Society's events? If you would like to volunteer at YAS events, including Countryside Days, we would love to hear from you. Please see, yas.co.uk/work-with-us

Sheep grazing on upland moorland in the Yorkshire Dales emit lower levels of both methane and carbon dioxide than those grazing improved lowland grassland. These are the findings of the Forage for CH₄nge project, led by Wensleydale farmer Adrian Thornton-Berry, supported by the Society and other partners, and funded by Innovate UK.

The emissions of 120 sheep were measured across three pasture types. The findings suggest that upland systems, particularly those using native breeds and diverse forage, can play a positive role in low-impact, climate-conscious sheep farming. For the full findings, visit gwct.org.uk/forageforch4nge

TUESDAY 14 - FRIDAY 17 JULY

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS' PRIVILEGES

The number of guest passes will be capped for 2026 and are strictly available on a first come, first served basis.

The successful scheme giving members' guests a special discounted package at the Great Yorkshire Show is being offered again for this year's event. Subject to availability, members can apply for the package which will give their whole party full members' privileges throughout the Showground for any one day.

Guests will be given a **guest badge and ticket**. Unfortunately it is not possible to supply additional car parking passes.

We suggest you arrange to meet in the Members' Area if you are unable to travel together.

To take advantage of this offer, please call 01423 541 222 or complete the order form and return it with payment to:

Membership Department, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate HG2 8NZ before **26 June 2026**

Name:

Address:

.....Postcode:

Email:Tel:

Name of Guest(s)

Badges Required	PRICE	QUANTITY				AMOUNT £
		TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	
ADULT	£50pp					
CHILD (5-18)	£24pp					
P&P						£2.50
Total Amount						

Each badge is for one day only.

Payment Options

- **Cheque** made payable to YAS
- **Debit/Credit card** please call 01423 541222 to make payment by phone

The Great Yorkshire Show raises funds for the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, a registered charity helping to develop an environment where farming, food and the countryside thrives and grows.



ADVICE FOR MEMBERS

- Members of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society are welcome to attend the Great Yorkshire Show on all four days, there is no need to advise us on when you plan to visit.
- **Remember that you MUST bring your membership card to gain free entry to the Show each day.**
- Members' packs will be sent out in June and will include string badges (for entry into members areas once inside the show) and a car park pass (if applicable).
- Members Catering: In addition to the catering in the Wharfe Coffee Shop, Aire Coffee Shop and Ringside Dining Marquee, bookings are being taken for a 3 course lunch in the Wharfe Restaurant, priced at £52.50 per person or 2 courses at £42.50 per person. To book a table please call 0113 287 6387.
- Advanced Mobility offer a wheelchair and electric scooter hire service at the Show. Please visit: advanced-mobility.co.uk/collections/great-yorkshire-show-2026 or call 01274 297777
- Bookings are now open for Members' Guests.

Membership Terms & Conditions are now available to view on our website:
yas.co.uk/membership-terms-and-conditions

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 14 MAY 2026

Notice is hereby given that the thirty sixth Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society will be held at The Pavilions at The Great Yorkshire Events Centre at 2pm on Thursday 14 May 2026 for the following purposes:

AGM Business

1. To receive any apologies
2. To receive the result of the election of Members of Council
3. To receive the Report and Financial Statements including the reports of the Trustees and the Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2025
4. To re-appoint Azet Audit Services Ltd as auditors and to authorise the Trustees to fix their remuneration

5. Any other business

- At the close of the formal business meeting, an opportunity will be given to Members present to put forward any suggestions or ideas for consideration by Council

By order of the Trustees, Allister Nixon, Chief Executive,
28 February 2026

If you would like to receive information of how to attend the meeting please email: helens@yas.co.uk

Important: A member has a right to appoint another person as their proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend and to speak and vote at a members' meeting of the Society. A proxy form can be obtained from the Yorkshire Agricultural Society office or via the website yas.co.uk/downloads

FARMER TICKETS PRICE FREEZE FOR GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

Discounted farmer tickets for the Great Yorkshire Show (14-17 July) are on sale now, at the same price as last year, to give those working in the industry extra flexibility to access the iconic agricultural event.

Farmer tickets, to use on any day of the Show, are strictly for purchase by the farming community only, at a price of £27.50 for adults, £10 children and £65 family – the same rate as 2025.

These tickets are only available to purchase online or at select farming outlets and will not be available to purchase on the gate.

Farmer tickets are strictly for those who work on-farm.

You will need to provide an approved form of ID when purchasing and to show upon entry.

These include:

- NFU membership number
- County Parish Holding Number
- CLA membership number
- TFA number or UFU membership number

Any one-day farmer tickets are available online from greatyorkshireshow.co.uk/farmers and in person from:

- Bentham Auction Mart - Lancaster
- Coars Country Store - Garstang, Preston
- NFU offices - Honley, Skipton and Elland
- Ripon Farm Services - Hull, Keighley, Market Weighton, Old Malton, Pontefract, Ripon, Stockton on Tees, Tadcaster,
- Russells Group - Boroughbridge, Eggborough, Northallerton, Old Malton
- York Auction Centre



WHAT'S ON AT THE SHOWGROUND



MARCH

Fri 20 – Sun 22	Yorkshire Motorhome and Campervan Show	GYEC	01778 391123
Sun 29	Harrogate Toy and Collectors Fair	Pavilions of Harrogate	info@dalesmandiecast.co.uk

APRIL

Sat 11	Pascify Book Con	GYEC	pascify.com
Thurs 23 – Sun 26	Harrogate Spring Flower Show	GYEC	flowershow.org.uk
Sat 25	Yorkshire Baby and Toddler Show	Pavilions of Harrogate	yorkshirebabysshow.co.uk

MAY

Fri 9 – Sat 10	Everything Electric NORTH	GYEC	uk.everythingelectric.show
Wed 13 – Thu 14	Boden Pop Up Clothing Sale	Pavilions of Harrogate	boden.com
Thurs 14 – Fri 15	Toolfair and Professional Builder Live	TRADE ONLY	toolfair.info
Thurs 14 – Fri 15	Mechanex	TRADE ONLY	mechanex.info/harrogate
Sat 16	The Card Expo Harrogate	Pavilions of Harrogate	thecardexpo.co.uk

JUNE

Sat 6	Northern Country Sports Show	GYEC	northerncountrysportsshow.co.uk
Sun 7	Harrogate Toy and Train Collectors Fair	Pavilions of Harrogate	info@dalesmandiecast.co.uk
Fri 12 – Sun 14	Decorative, Antiques and Art Fair	Pavilions of Harrogate	info@cooperevents.com
Sun 14	The Dalziel Butchers Show 2026	TRADE ONLY	harrogatebutchersshow.co.uk

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