



# The Donkey Breed Society

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*Hello my dears.*

*We've had some great outings this year, with good turnouts at Trim, Shane's Castle and Castlewellan amongst others. And we have a list of events to take us through the autumn so if you haven't managed to get your donkeys out to an event yet, there is still time. Remember, all are welcome and we're all here to help.*

Just a few pictures of our wonderful donkeys.



Above: Judge, Elizabeth Croskerry, Anne Brown with Champion donkey Jasmine and David McMullan with reserve champion Donny at Castlewellan

Below: Ashley Brown with Jack and the hay kicker at Trim Haymaking Festival



Above: Driving Champion Declan Feeney with Camilla and Maude, Judge, Elizabeth Croskerry and Ring Steward, Lesley McKeag



Left: Jill Castles at Ballynahinch

Below: Lorna Shannon with Anne Brown's Malachy at Trim





## Upcoming Events

In order to stay completely up-to-date with events, contact Anne Brown 07719 270 954 and she will add you to our WhatsApp group. This has become an invaluable tool for keeping in touch about events, in particular where details change or an event has to be cancelled

### Donkey Information Evening - Tuesday 23rd August, 7pm, Saintfield

This training event will be looking at donkey care, paddock and stable management as well as donkey first aid.

### Donkey Show - Saturday 3rd September, 11am, Parkgate Vintage Show

A full programme of showing classes. Entries will be taken on the day at a cost of £5 per entry. All proceeds will go to Diabetes Charity NI

### Training Day - Saturday 10th September, 12noon, Seaforde

The focus of this training day will be long reining. This is a useful training technique for your donkey whether or not you aim to compete.

### Harvest Day - 24th September, Ulster Folk Museum, Cultra

We have been invited to help with the harvest day again this year. This a lovely event where we wander the open air museum with our donkeys, bringing in apples and getting involved with other aspects of the harvest. Traditional costume is required for this one (long skirts for the ladies and dark trousers and waistcoats for gentlemen) and if you have any queries or need help with this please contact me, Lorna Shannon on 07811114356 and I will help you to devise a suitable costume.

More details will follow on each event mainly through the Whatsapp group. If you are interested in attending any of the above, with or without a donkey, and need more information, please get in touch.

You don't have to have a donkey to get involved and everyone is welcome.

## Contact

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### Saintfield Show

Champion donkey Teddy with Leah Rafferty on the lead rein.





A wonderful turn-out of young handlers at Lurgan Show in June

Jill Castles had the great privilege of driving Mrs Joanne Parrett's Lady Riki in Windsor Great Park earlier this summer. Quite a thrill to be competing against the Windsor Greys!



What a difference a day makes! Ashley Brown with Jack on a glorious Saturday at the Game Fair, Shane's Castle.....and on the Sunday, waiting to take our traditional display into the main arena. In a short break in the weather we gave them a great display, the DBSNI never let our public down.



DBS NI is at The Irish Game And Country Fair 2022