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Heathfield Agricultural Show been chosen to run LIHS qualifiers

Organisers of The London International Horse Show announced today that the Heathfield Agricultural Show has been assigned 5 qualifiers for the new series of Showing classes that will have finals held at the famous London event.

The qualifiers are:

BSPS Junior Performance Pony

BSPS Performance Pony not ex 148cm

BSPS Performance Pony not ex 158cm

BSPS Performance Coloured Native/Cob/Traditional Horse/Pony Class

BSPS Performance Coloured Non-Native Horse/Pony Class

Paul Hooper from the ASAO commented: "We are delighted that so many Shows have come forward to apply to be a part of this new series and are particularly pleased with the wide geographical spread of the participating shows. This demonstrates that there is a strong demand from show organisers and therefore the public to see equestrian Showing classes in their local events."

Paul Cook of BSPS said: "One of the reasons for launching this new series was to bring Showing to a wider audience and increase the number of Agricultural and County Shows that hold equestrian classes which has sadly been diminishing in the last few years. These Shows between them have an audience of over half a million which definitely helps us to achieve our aim of finding a route to present equestrian Showing to new audiences."

Nigel Hollings of BSHA said: "We are determined to make these classes an enjoyable experience for competitors and the watching public alike by requiring the commentators to explain to the audience what the judges are looking for and why one horse or pony may win points over others. This will present Showing in a new light and make it much more accessible and entertaining."

The Heathfield Agricultural Show is one of the first shows to be held in the year so the organisers are expecting a good take up of spaces in these classes. Entries can be made on line: www.heathfieldshow.org is held at Tottingworth Farm, Broad Oak, Heathfield. This year's 'big day out' will be held on Saturday 27th May from 8.30am – 5.15pm.

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