

# The National Pony Society Arena Eventing Finals

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**Pickering Grange Equestrian,  
Ellistown Terrace Road, Ellistown, Leicestershire, LE67 1EZ**

**Featuring:  
Finals of the NPS/Anthony Evans Arena Eventing Challenge,  
Last chance Arena Eventing Qualifiers**

**Entries to:**  
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**NOT BEFORE TIMES MAY BE UPDATED AFTER THE CLOSE OF ENTRIES,  
PLEASE SEE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES**

**Entries Close: Postal: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Online: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Stable Bookings booked directly with Pickering Grange Equestrian**

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE AUTUMN PERFORMANCE SHOW

**ENTRY FEES:** *Prices in brackets reflect on-the-day prices where applicable*

Please note that **Life, Qualifying and Performance** Members will pay the reduced Member's Entry Fees.

**ARENA EVENTING QUALIFIERS** Members: £25 (£35)      Non Members £35 (£45)

**ARENA EVENTING FINAL** Members: £35 (£35)      Non Members £45 (£45)

*Transfer of Classes £5*

*Emergency Cover £5 payable once per exhibitor*

*Once an entry has been made no fees are refundable  
unless a vet's certificate is produced.  
There will be a **£20** admin charge for refunds.*

### **PRIZE MONEY**

At the discretion of the Chairman of the Show Committee; Classes which have less than 4 entries may be cancelled or amalgamated.

- Prize money will be awarded to the first 3 placed in the Arena Eventing Finals  
1st £35; 2nd £25; 3rd £10 & £50.00 to the section Champion and £30.00 to the Reserve  
All prize money to be paid by BACS after the show.

### **STABLING & HOOK UP**

Stabling to be booked online through the Pickering Grange website . £40 for overnight stay (Temporary stables), £60 for overnight stay (Permanent stables). Hook Up also available. Details on the Pickering Grange website <https://pickeringgrange.co.uk/events-clinics/>

### **CATERING**

The Café is available on site serving meals and drinks. Wifi codes also available from the café.

**GATES WILL OPEN 7.30AM**

## SAVE THE DATES

### **SPRING FESTIVAL**

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

*Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW*

### **119<sup>th</sup> Summer Championship Show**

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026*

*Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW*

## Arena Eventing Arena

9am

### NPS/ANTHONY EVANS ARENA EVENTING CHALLENGE QUALIFIERS

*Judge: Mr R Sutcliffe*

This class is a qualifier for the NPS/ANTHONY EVANS ARENA EVENTING CHALLENGE FINAL.

The final is open to Stallions, Mares and Geldings four year old and over, in possession of an equine passport but no specific registration or breed society criteria, not exceeding 158cm. Ponies' manes may be plaited at competitor discretion.

The aim of the competition is to achieve the fewest penalties from the total of the three components – SJ penalties, XC penalties and speed (as close to the optimum time as possible). Some XC fences have a knock down top rail. If this is knocked down, 4 penalties will be added to the penalty score. The suggested speed is 340 m/m for 70cm and 360m/m for 90cm.

Penalties –	Knockdown	2 penalties
	Refusal	4 penalties
	Each commenced second over the optimum time	1 penalty
	Each commenced second in excess of 5 seconds under the optimum time	1 penalty
	Fall of Horse or Rider	Elimination
	Third refusal, run-out or circle at same obstacle	Elimination
	Four refusals around the course	Elimination

In the event of a tie the winner will be the one closest to, but under the optimum time.

Qualification will be gained by achieving a top 10 placing. The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify.

1. Arena Eventing Challenge 90cm
2. Arena Eventing Challenge 70cm
3. Arena Eventing Challenge – Junior -Rider not to have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year



**Anthony D Evans Insurance**

**Not before 12.00pm**

**NPS/ANTHONY EVANS ARENA EVENTING CHALLENGE FINALS 2026**

*Judges: Mrs M Taylor & Mr J Killingbeck*

Open to ponies that have qualified during the 2026 season. A full list of qualified ponies can be found on the National Pony Society website. <https://www.nationalponysociety.com/qualified-ponies/>

Open to Stallions, Mares and Geldings four year old and over, in possession of an equine passport but no specific registration or breed society criteria not exceeding 158cm. Ponies' manes may be plaited at competitor discretion. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion. **Riders may ride more than one pony in each class.**

There will be 50 marks available from each judge, with a total of 100 marks available in total.

Section I	Flatwork	20 Marks (5 each for walk, trot, canter and gallop)
Section II	Jumping	20 Marks (10 each for show jumping and cross country)
Section III	Suitability	10 Marks
	Total	50 Marks

***Section I – Flatwork***

Enter the arena and the bell will signal the start of your round. Maximum time allowed of 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Marks are awarded for each pace, not accuracy of movements.

Compulsory movements include:

Medium walk (minimum of 15 metres)

Working trot left, to include one 20m diameter circle

Working trot right, to include one 20m diameter circle

Working canter left, to include one 20m diameter circle

Working canter right, to include one 20m diameter circle

Continue straight into the jumping phase

***Section II – Jumping***

There will be 6-8 show jumping fences including one double, followed immediately by 10-12 cross country fences that may include water and steps.

2 marks will be deducted for a knock down and 4 for a refusal. Three refusals at the same fence or four refusals around the course will result in Elimination.

Marks will be awarded for fluency, jumping ability and technique.

On jumping the final cross country fence, please demonstrate approximately 20m of gallop before pulling up and leaving the arena in walk.

***Section III – Suitability***

The judges will be looking for a pony that demonstrates the quality, athleticism and rideability to succeed in Eventing and performance.

4. Arena Eventing Challenge Final 90cm (Ponies to have qualified in 75cm to 90cm qualifying rounds)
5. Arena Eventing Challenge Junior Final 65cm – Rider not to have attained their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. (Ponies to have qualified in 60cm to 70cm qualifying rounds)
6. Arena Eventing Challenge Final 70cm (Ponies to have qualified in 60cm to 70cm qualifying rounds)

**Championship** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners from the Arena Eventing Finals to compete