



# 9 May 2026

Experience the best of farming & rural life from your county

Newark Showground  
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# School Resource Pack



Newark & Notts  
Agricultural Society

In partnership with



Nottinghamshire  
County Council





## ABOUT US

Nottinghamshire County Show will be at Newark Showground on the 9 May 2026, one of the first big agricultural shows of the season!

Every year, the show highlights the vital role of agriculture in our lives.

Celebrating everything from food production to the beauty of our local countryside, reminding us just how essential farming is for our economy, food industry and our daily life.

Showcasing the best of farming, countryside and rural life, celebrating our local agricultural community with attractions including livestock, equine, local food producers and craft stalls, countryside competitions, traders and more!

For more information, please visit:

[www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com](http://www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com)

## HOW THIS PACK WORKS

This pack is designed to help teachers and parents get young people (4-14) involved and get excited about the upcoming show, as well as, to help educate them on farming and the countryside.

You will find lots of information about the Nottinghamshire County Show and farming, along with a host of activities and competitions to help support their understanding, raise awareness and interest in agriculture, farming and rural life!

# SOME FACTS ABOUT THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW



The 2026 show will be the 141st! The first-ever show was held in 1868, however, over the years, it has been cancelled due to several factors, including the World Wars, Foot & Mouth disease and COVID-19.

Newark & Notts Agricultural Society



The show is organised by the Newark & Notts Agricultural Society - a charity dedicated to **promote, celebrate and champion** agriculture across the Midlands region and beyond.



It was originally called 'The Newark Show' and renamed the 'Nottinghamshire County Show' in 1989.



# FUN FACTS ABOUT LAST YEAR'S SHOW!

 Sunshine from dusk to dawn

 727 horses at the show

 2000 rosettes awarded

 622 pigs, cattle and sheep at the show

 Over 480 winners recognised over 20 rings

 More than 450 straw bales on site

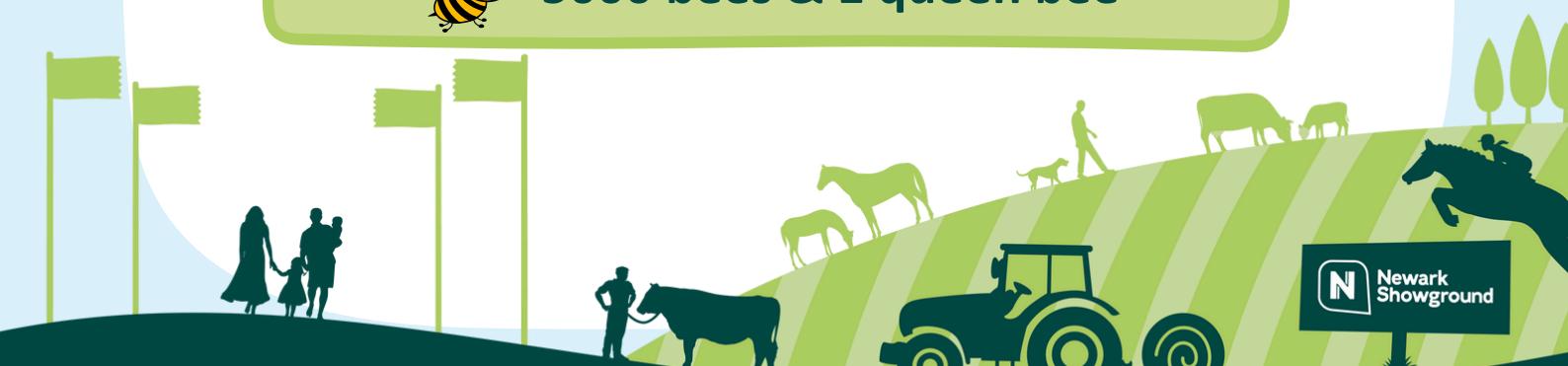
 21 student education grants awarded

 8 individuals recognised for their Service to Agriculture

 ♂ Amazing support from 288 judges, stewards and volunteers

 6126 cars parked

 5000 bees & 1 queen bee



# Nottinghamshire's Farming Facts



66% of Nottinghamshire is farmed land



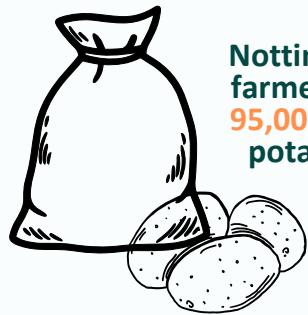
Agriculture contributes £228 million to the local economy



4,000 people are employed directly on our farms



Nottinghamshire produces 40,000 tonnes of Chantenay carrots each year



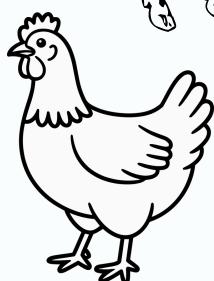
Nottinghamshire farmers produce 95,000 tonnes of potatoes each year



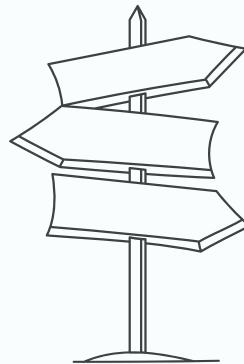
Nottinghamshire cows produce more than 105 million pints of milk each year



Nottinghamshire has 41,000 Dairy and Beef cattle



There are 700 poultry farms across the Midlands



Our farmers help maintain 1,740 miles of public rights of way and 5,200 hectares farm woodland

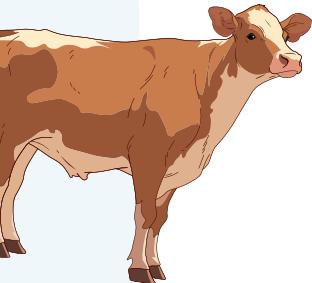


All facts provided by the National Farmers Union from 2025





**KS1**  
**4-7yrs**



CLOSING DATE:  
31 MARCH 2026

KS1: 4-7yrs

# Storyboard Competition

**(Create a storyboard that tells the story of 'A Day Out at the Nottinghamshire County Show'**

Create a 'A Day Out at the Nottinghamshire County Show' through a storyboard.

Imagine you are spending a day at the Nottinghamshire County Show! What would you see and do? Maybe you'll spot some shiny tractors, meet farm animals, visit the Countryside Area and even win a special rosette in our family fun dog show.

Create a simple storyboard that tells the story of your trip to the Show.

Your Storyboard Should:

- Use the template on the next page
- Show what you think a day at the show would be like
- Add a short caption or a single word under each picture to explain what is happening.

Tips & Ideas:

- Think about how you would feel, would you be excited, happy, surprised?
- Use bright colours to show the fun of the day.
- Don't worry about lots of writing, pictures are the most important!

The winning entry will win a family ticket to the Nottinghamshire County Show on 9 May at Newark Showground.

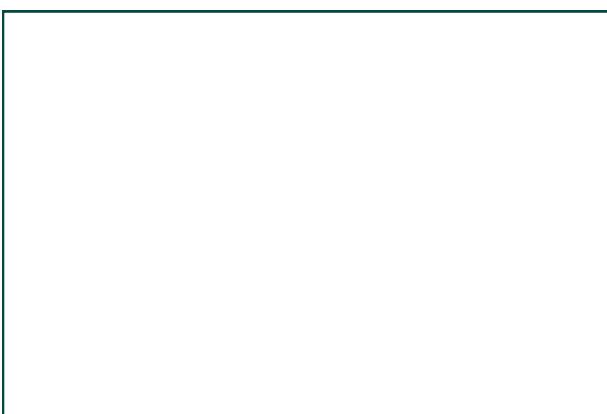
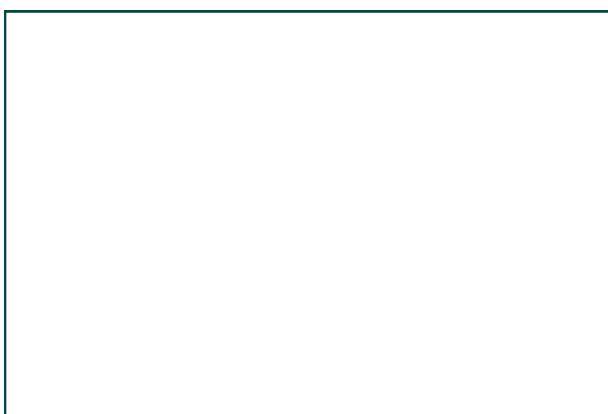
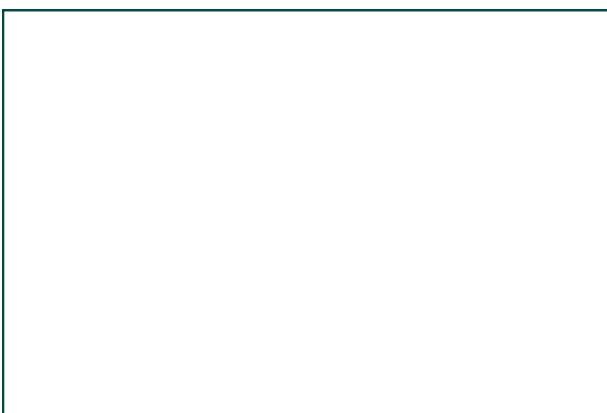
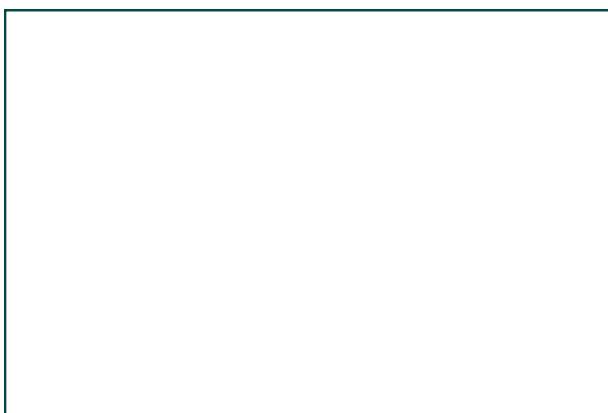
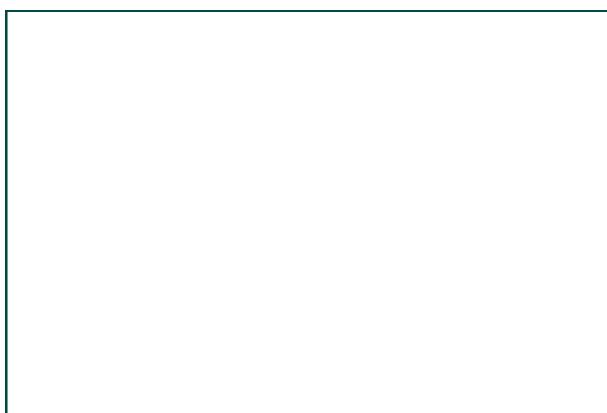
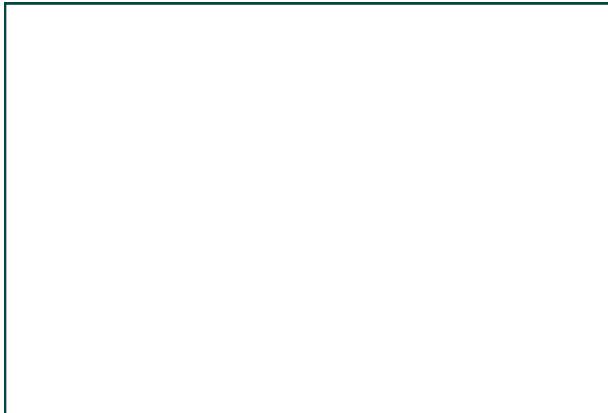
A panel of judges will pick the winning storyboard. Please email your entry to [show@newarkshowground.com](mailto:show@newarkshowground.com) with the subject header 'NCS Storyboard KS1' or send to: FAO Show Newark Showground, Lincoln Road, Newark, Nottingham, NG24 2NY (Only one entry per person). Closing date is 31 March 2026. Entries may be posted on our social media channels.

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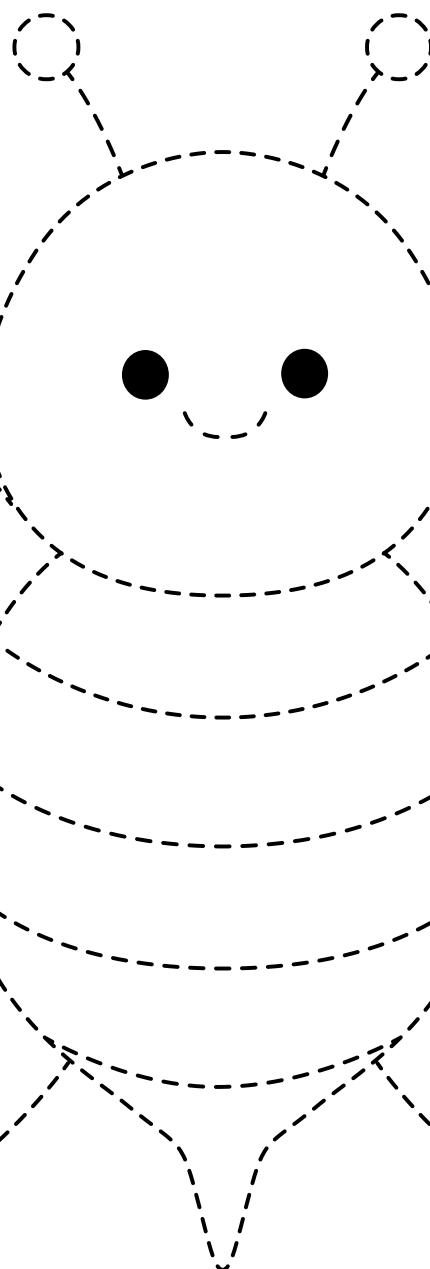
Name: _____	Age: _____	School: _____
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# COMPETITION: 'Bee' Colourful

Colour in the Bee! Get creative and bring our buzzing bee to life with your best colours. The winning entry will win a family ticket to the Nottinghamshire County Show on 9 May at Newark Showground.

## Good luck!



Name: _____	Age: _____	School: _____
Parent/Guardian signature: _____		Contact no/email: _____

A panel of judges will pick the winning bee. Please email your entry to [show@newarkshowground.com](mailto:show@newarkshowground.com) with the subject header 'NCS Bee Colourful' or send to: FAO Show Newark Showground, Lincoln Road, Newark, Nottingham, NG24 2NY (Only one entry per person.) Closing date is 31 March 2026. Designs may be posted on our social media channels.

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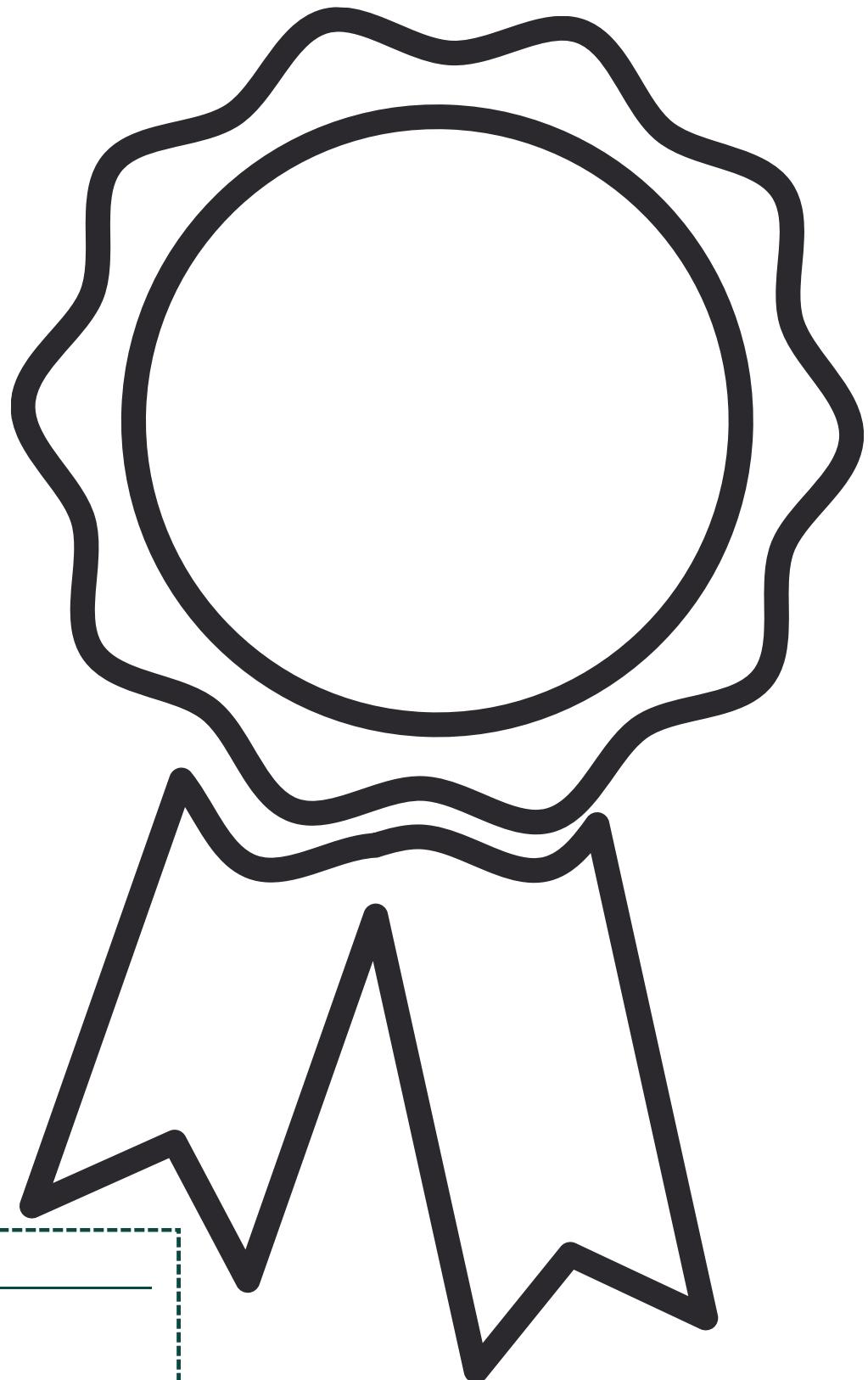
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## Design a 1st-place Nottinghamshire County Show rosette

Use the template to design a 1st-place Nottinghamshire County Show rosette. The winning entry will win a family ticket to the Nottinghamshire County Show on 9 May at Newark Showground. Please use this outline.

Good luck!

Tip: We can match your design more accurately, use bold block colours for the ribbon



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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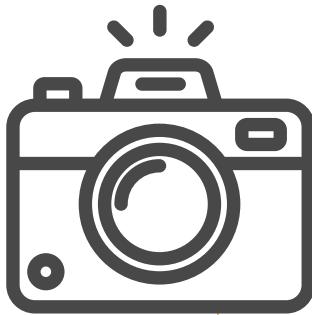
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A panel of judges will pick the winning rosette design. Please email your entry to [show@newarkshowground.com](mailto:show@newarkshowground.com) with the subject header 'NCS Rosette KS1' or send to: FAO Show Newark Showground, Lincoln Road, Newark, Nottingham, NG24 2NY (Only one entry per person.) Closing date is 31 March 2026. Designs may be posted on our social media channels.

ADULTS

# COMPETITION: Take your best photo of Nottinghamshire's Countryside!

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This year we are running a photography competition for amateur photographers, the theme being 'Nottinghamshire's Countryside Captured'. Share your most stunning shots that showcase the beauty of Nottingham's countryside, whether it's the wonderful wildlife, a special sunset or anything in between!

Capture the essence of Nottinghamshire's natural beauty. Submit your photo today!

The winning entry will win **a year's membership to the Newark & Notts Agricultural Society**, which includes VIP access to the Nottinghamshire County Show on 9 May 2026!

A panel of judges will pick the winning photo. Please email your photo entry to [show@newarkshowground.com](mailto:show@newarkshowground.com) with the subject header 'NCS Photography Adult' or send to: FAO Show Newark Showground, Lincoln Road, Newark, Nottingham, NG24 2NY (Only one entry per person.) Please include your name, contact number & email. Closing date is 31 March 2026. Entries may be posted on our social media channels.

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

1. What number show will the Nottinghamshire County Show be in 2026?

2. What 3 things is the Newark & Notts Agricultural Society dedicated to do?

3. How many straw bales were at last years show?

4. How many rosettes were awarded at last years show?



# PRIZES

## KS1 Individual Prizes for each of the competitions:

### **White Post Farm: Family ticket, 2 adults and 2 children**

Friend to the county show and regular exhibitors, this family-friendly attraction located in Farnsfield, Nottinghamshire offers a wide range of activities for visitors of all ages. The farm covers around 25 acres and is home to over 3,000 animals, including classic farm animals, rare-breeds, and exotic animals like Armadillos and Crocodiles. Visitors can enjoy various activities such as feeding animals, tractor rides, and spending time in the outdoor and indoor play areas.



### **School with most KS1 Entries Prize:**

#### **KS1 School Trip to Notts Outdoors (Max 90 children)**

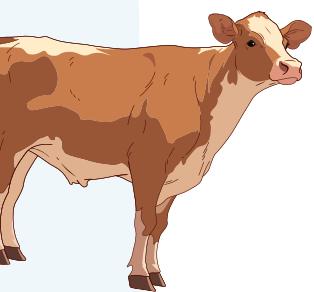
Bestwood Environmental Education Centre | Notts Outdoors

or

Perlethorpe | Notts Outdoors

### **Animal Homes**

What is a habitat? Why does a fox choose to live in the woodland? What does a badger's footprint look like and how can we identify animals from their footprints? All these questions and more are answered in this exciting exploration of "Animal Homes". The students will use teamwork, communication and problem solving to understand how different animals survive and why they choose to live in the woodland habitat.



Construct homes for Mr Badger, Miss Squirrel and their woodland friends based around the observations students have made. What's more, students will get the opportunity to transform into a badger to see whether our woodland habitat will give them a full tummy in our 'Badger's Breakfast' activity!

or

### **Our Planet our problem**

What would an alien think of our world?



Let's take a step back from the everyday to see what humans and our way of life are doing to the world through storytelling and roleplay. Your class will get to learn about how far our food comes from around the world. What's more, see firsthand what happens to our rubbish in our small landfill site and the importance of recycling in an immersive way.





# MAKE, BAKE & GROW

AT THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

**Are you a budding baker, preserve maker or gardener? We've got something for you!**

**Whether you're a beginner or more experienced, these competitions are open to everyone – Including children's classes.**

**ENTER NOW**

**TEST YOUR SKILLS & ENTER NOW:**  
**[nottinghamshirecountyshow.com](http://nottinghamshirecountyshow.com)**

**ENTRIES CLOSE: 15 APRIL 2026**

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**We hope you can join us on 9 May 2026 at  
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**Did you know that the Newark & Notts Agricultural Society organise two other shows:**

**The Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show -  
7 & 8 November 2026**

**The Midlands Machinery Show**

**For more information about the Society and our  
shows, please visit:  
[newarkandnotts.com](http://newarkandnotts.com)**

