

9 May 2026



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Newark Showground

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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

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



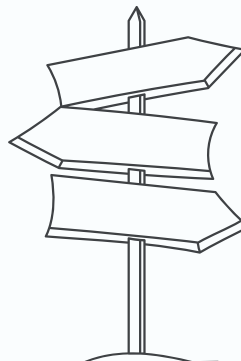
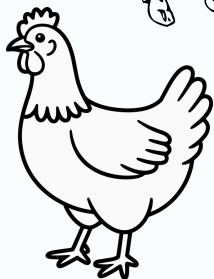
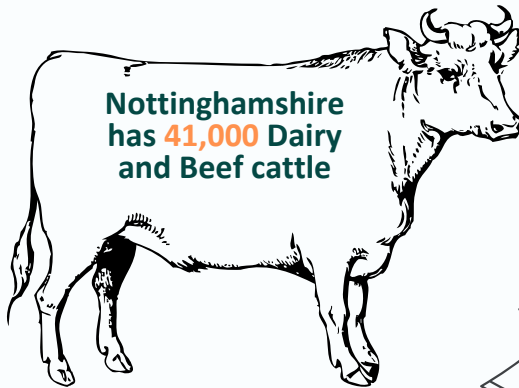
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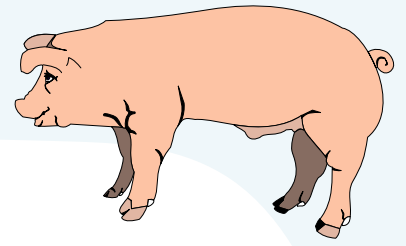
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Nottinghamshire's Farming Facts

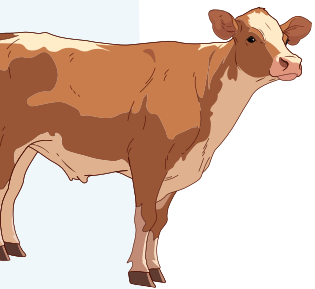


All facts provided by the National Farmers Union from 2025



KS2

7-11yrs



CLOSING DATE:
31 MARCH 2026

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STORYBOARD COMPETITION

Create a storyboard that tells the story of
'Farming Through the Seasons'

Create a 'Farming Through the Seasons' through a storyboard.

Farming changes with the seasons. From lambs being born in the spring to harvesting crops in the summer, collecting apples in the autumn and caring for animals in the winter.

Your challenge is to create a storyboard that shows what happens on a farm throughout the year.

Your Storyboard Should:

- You can use the template on the next page or create your own.
- Show spring, summer, autumn, and winter on the farm.
- Include at least one farming job per season (e.g. lambing, haymaking, harvesting, feeding animals in winter).
- Add a caption or short sentence in each panel to explain what's happening.

Tips & Ideas:

- Think about how the farm changes – what do animals need in winter vs summer?
- Which crops grow in which season?
- What machines are used at different times of year (tractors, combines, balers)?
- How does the farmer's job change with the weather?

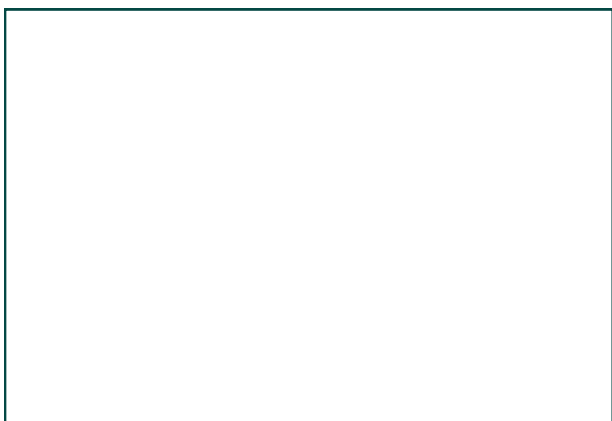
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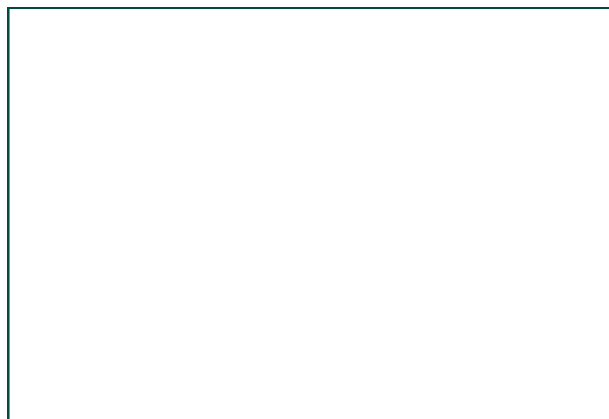
A panel of judges will pick the winning storyboard. Please email your entry to show@newarkshowground.com with the subject header 'NCS Storyboard KS2' or send to: FAO Show Newark Showground, Lincoln Road, Newark, Nottingham, NG24 2NY (Only one entry per person). Closing date is 31 March 2026. Entries may be posted on our social media channels.

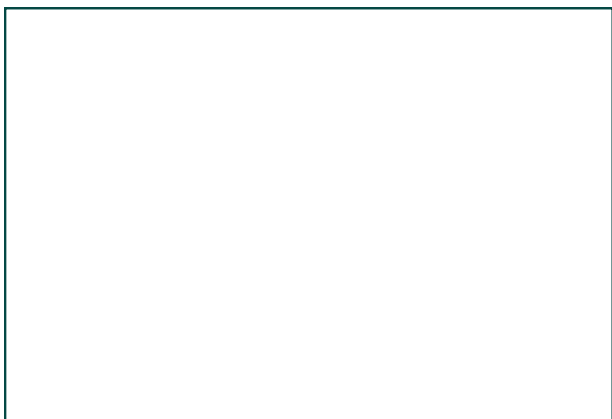
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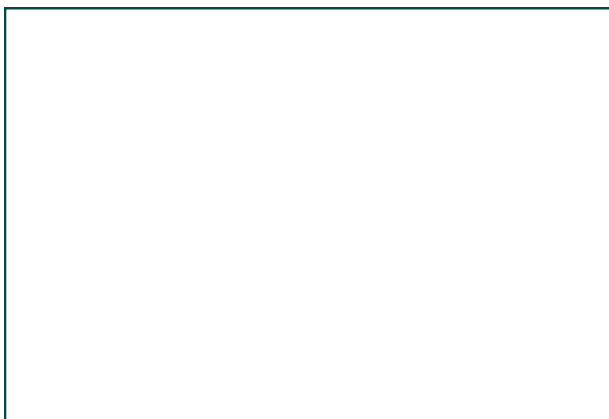
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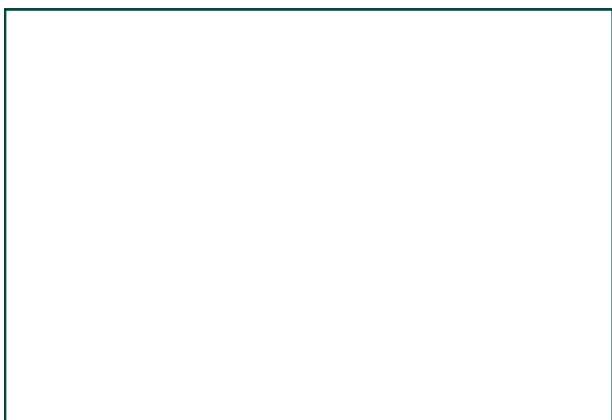
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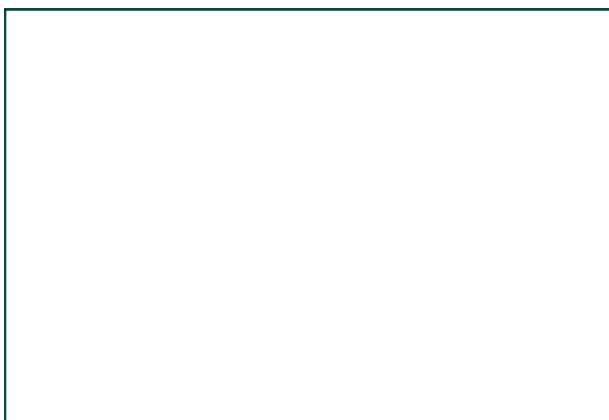












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COMPETITION: Create a Buzzing Bee Poem!

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Write a fun and creative poem all about bees! It can be funny, rhyming or full of facts - anything that shows how important and wonderful bees are!

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

Why bees?

Bees help flowers grow, make honey and keep nature buzzing. Your poem should show why bees are special.

Your Poem Should:

- Be about bees and their busy lives.
- Include at least three bee facts.
- Be no more than 12 lines.

How to Enter:

You can write your poem by hand or email it to us.

A panel of judges will pick the winning storyboard. Please email your entry to show@newarkshowground.com with the subject header 'NCS Bee Poem' 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.



Call: 01636 705796
Email: show@newarkshowground.com

For more
information
scan here:



Become a Member today and enjoy a host of benefits

Whether you're an industry professional, a rural family or a young farmer eager to sow the seeds of your future, we welcome you to embrace the future of farming together with us.

Join us and become a member.
newarkandnotts.com/become-a-member

Proud organiser of:



VIP Show Access

Enjoy free entry and exclusive access to the Members' Pavilion & Marquee, with prime views of the Main Ring at Nottinghamshire County Show. Plus VIP access to other Society shows.



Private Event Perks

Enjoy preferential rates for hiring rooms at the Showground!



Two-for-One Deals

Enjoy 2-for-1 tickets on select events like IACF!



Christmas Pre-Sale

Get priority access to Newark Showground's Christmas Party bookings!



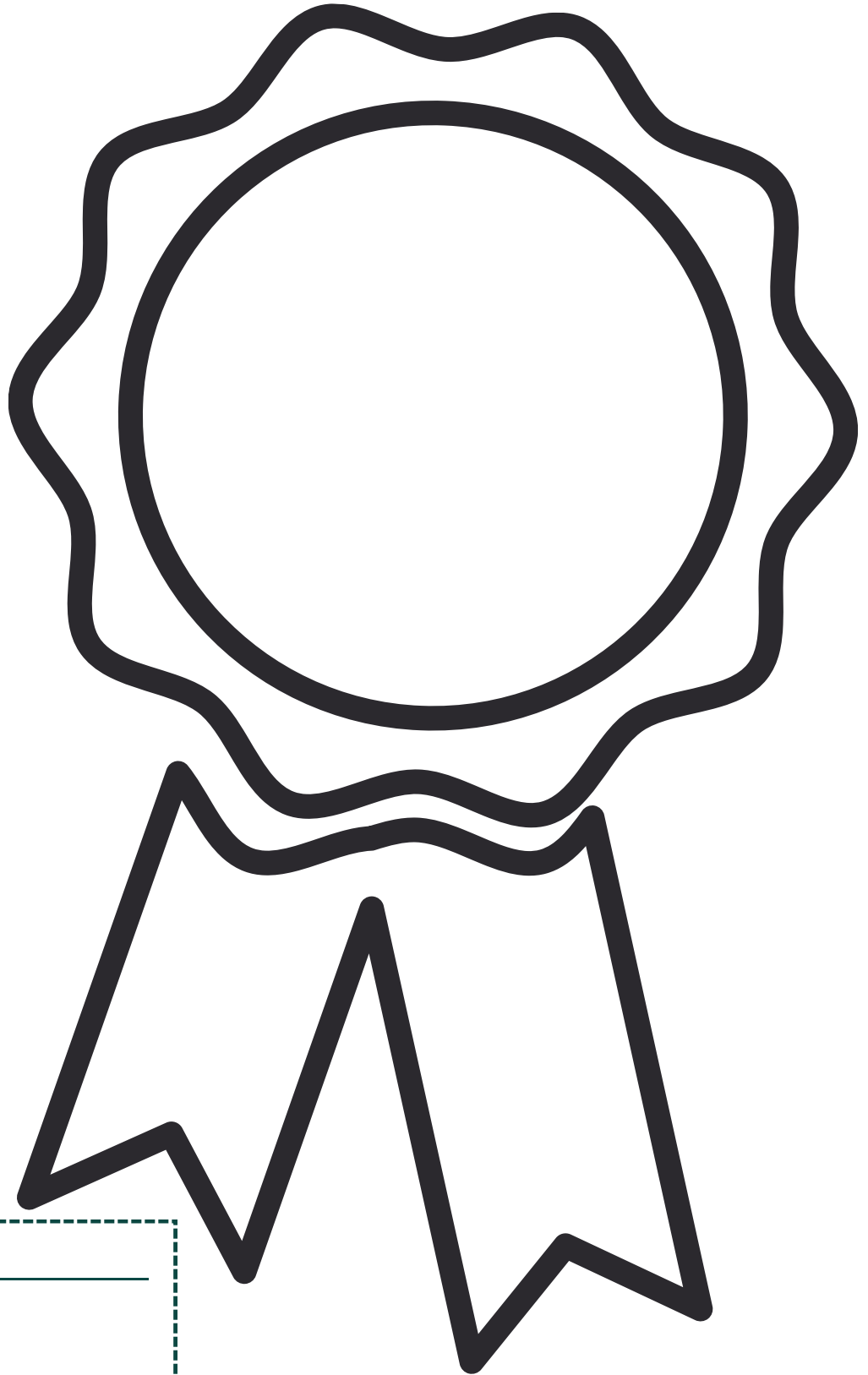
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Design a 1st-place Nottinghamshire County Show rosette

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



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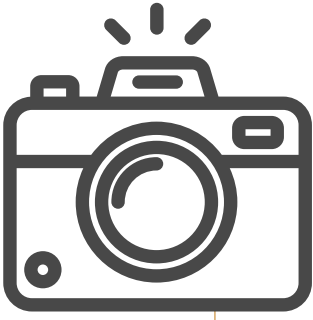
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A panel of judges will pick the winning rosette design. Please email your entry to show@newarkshowground.com with the subject header 'NCS Rosette KS2' or send to: FAO Show [Newark Showground, Lincoln Road, Newark, Nottingham, NG24 2NY](#) (Only one 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!

CLOSING DATE:
31 MARCH 2026



MAJOR
PRIZE TO BE
WON!

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 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.

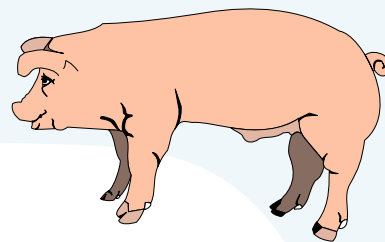
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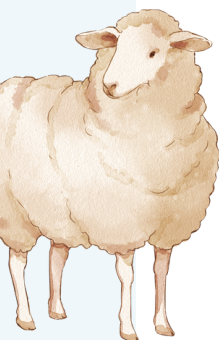
2. What 3 things is the Newark & Notts Agricultural Society dedicated to do?

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

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



PRIZES



KS2 Individual Prizes for each of the competitions:

Notts Adventures: £100 Voucher (2 Adults, 2 Children)

Adventures await at Mill Waters, Kirkby in Ashfield with fun activities for all ages.

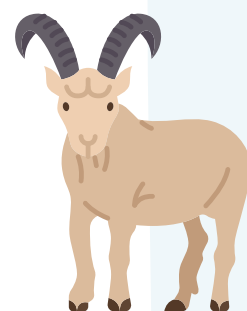
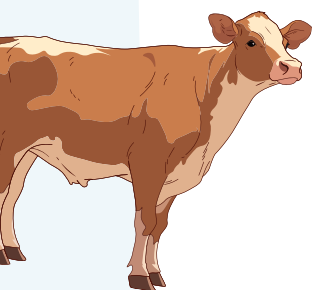
Experience high-flying excitement on the shore of King's Mill Reservoir. Take on a high ropes course with High Trek Plus. Bounce around the Net Park. Brace yourself for the thrill of the 100m Zip Line Experience or take on The Drop into an airbag. Venture out onto the reservoir with new water-based activities including pedalos, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. Great for all skill levels!

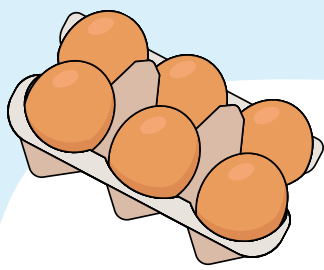
Enjoy unforgettable adventures in the heart of nature.

Schools with most KS2 Entries Prize:

Notts Outdoors: Bring a Climbing Wall to your School

Win an unforgettable prize with a climbing wall brought straight to your school for the day! Students will experience an exciting, confidence-boosting challenge that promotes physical activity, teamwork, and perseverance. A truly memorable reward that inspires and motivates pupils.





MAKE, BAKE & GROW

AT THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

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

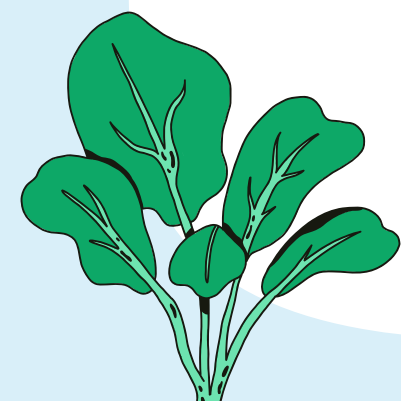
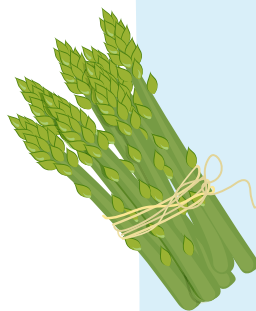
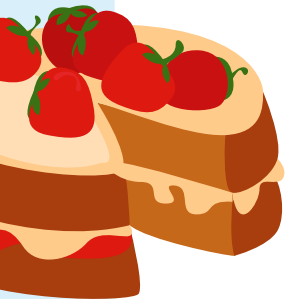
Whether you're a beginner or more experienced, these competitions are open to everyone - Including children's classes.

ENTER NOW

TEST YOUR SKILLS & ENTER NOW:
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ENTRIES CLOSE: 15 APRIL 2026

 **Newark & Notts**
Agricultural Society





**We hope you can join us on 9 May 2026 at
Newark Showground and experience the best of
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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:**

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