

KIRRIEMUIR SHOW – SATURDAY 15th JUL 2017

Mr Alex Hogg from Haddington was the judge for the driving classes at this years Kirriemuir Show.

Kirriemuir Show is a traditional local agricultural show with good cattle, sheep and heavy horse classes as well as light horse classes. The driving classes take part in the large main ring for the public to watch.

Unfortunately the weather was very wet as competitors arrived at this years Kirriemuir Show, however once the turnouts were put to and ready for the ring the rain eased off considerably and by the time the driving classes took place it was more or less dry and the ground was very good considering how much rain they had just had, and the rain stayed off enough to allow everything to be packed up and put away dry, so I am sure all competitors were glad to not be going home with soaking wet harness to try and dry out and clean.

Four turnouts were entered, two in the private driving class and two in the exercise but unfortunately one of the exercise turnouts was not forward so three turnouts were forward on the day for the judging, two single ponies to country vehicles and a pair of coloured cobs to a four wheel exercise vehicle.

All three turnouts came in to the ring together with the commentator giving some information to the watching public about the various turnouts as they went round. After a few laps of the ring on each rein, Mr Hogg called the three turnouts into the centre of the ring to inspect each in turn. After inspecting each of the turnouts harness for fit, correctness and cleanliness and carriages for correctness and fit and balance and inspecting the ponies they were each asked to give him an individual display including a halt and rein back and changes of pace before being sent out again on a final few laps to give them a last chance to show Mr Hogg their ponies paces.

Caroline Watson and her Welsh Cob, Llanarth Tango driven to an Original Dogcart dating from 1890 by Mulliners of Birmingham was Mr Hogg's choice for first place in the Private Driving class with Kim Pearson driving her Welsh X Stallion JD's El Dorado put to a 1902 Beaufort Cart in second place.

Fred Stegeman driving his pair of coloured cobs, Begger & Puzzle to a four wheel exercise vehicle was called in first place in the Exercise Vehicle class.

The Championship was then presented to Caroline and Llanarth Tango with the Reserve Championship going to Kim and JD's El Dorado

Judge : Mr Alex Hogg

Class 300 : Private Driving Class

1 = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango

2 = Kim Pearson driving JD's El Dorado

Class 300 : Exercise Vehicle Class

1 = Fred Stegeman driving Begger & Puzzle

CHAMPION = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango

RESERVE CHAMPION = Kim Pearson driving JD's El Dorado