

COVID-19 Statement

Clearly the COVID-19 pandemic has had a great impact on the Show, necessitating the 2020 Show being held online rather than in-person and we will continue to offer live streaming of some lectures.

The decision has been taken that, in the light of increased medical knowledge and the progress with the vaccination programme, the 2021 Show can go ahead but with the following additional precautions against the spread of infection:-

- Hand-sanitiser freely available throughout the Show
- Spare disposable face coverings available at reception desk
- Additional space and improved layout of trade hall, workshops and lectures to facilitate social distancing
- Appropriate ventilation in all locations
- Membership and day delegates' paperwork, badges and wristbands distributed in advance to avoid queuing
- Some lectures live streamed free to Members with a small charge for non-Members
- Additional card machines
- Messages shown on in-house display
- Late entries not accepted
- Minimal cash-handling and any cash given out will be enveloped in advance, with little paperwork

All attending the show are asked to:

- Bring a suitable face covering and wear it whilst indoors
- Maintain social distancing
- Sanitise hands frequently
- Use Lateral Flow Tests before attending the Show (freely available from pharmacies), to confirm their non-COVID-19 status
- Have been vaccinated unless there are valid medical reason for not doing so
- Use cashless purchase payment systems (Sandown Park is cash-free at catering)

Anyone suffering from COVID-19 related symptoms or with a positive test result is asked not to attend the Show. Those of a vulnerable disposition may also consider it unwise to attend bearing in mind that some lectures will be available online after the event.

Traders are asked to have hand-sanitiser available on their stalls, wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

Any legal requirements imposed by the Government must be adhered to but it is noted that from the 19th July 2021 the Government ended all COVID-19 specific regulations in England. It is no longer mandatory for face coverings to be worn in public places. However, the regulations may change at short notice in response to an increase in infection rate or the evolution of any new variant of the virus.

The Jockey Club, proprietors and managers of the venue at Sandown Park, have kindly made additional resources available, and we are working closely together in planning the Show.