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1858 to 2026 ~ 168th Year

Wednesday 30th September 2026



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Competitions start at 10am

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WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2026

Competitions start 10am.
Awards presented between 4pm and 5pm.

The majority of the Classes are open.
Rules and Conditions as printed in this Schedule.

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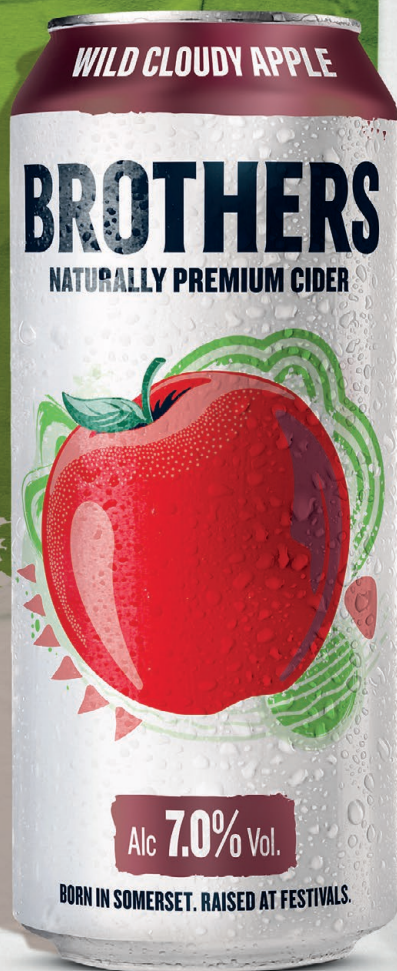


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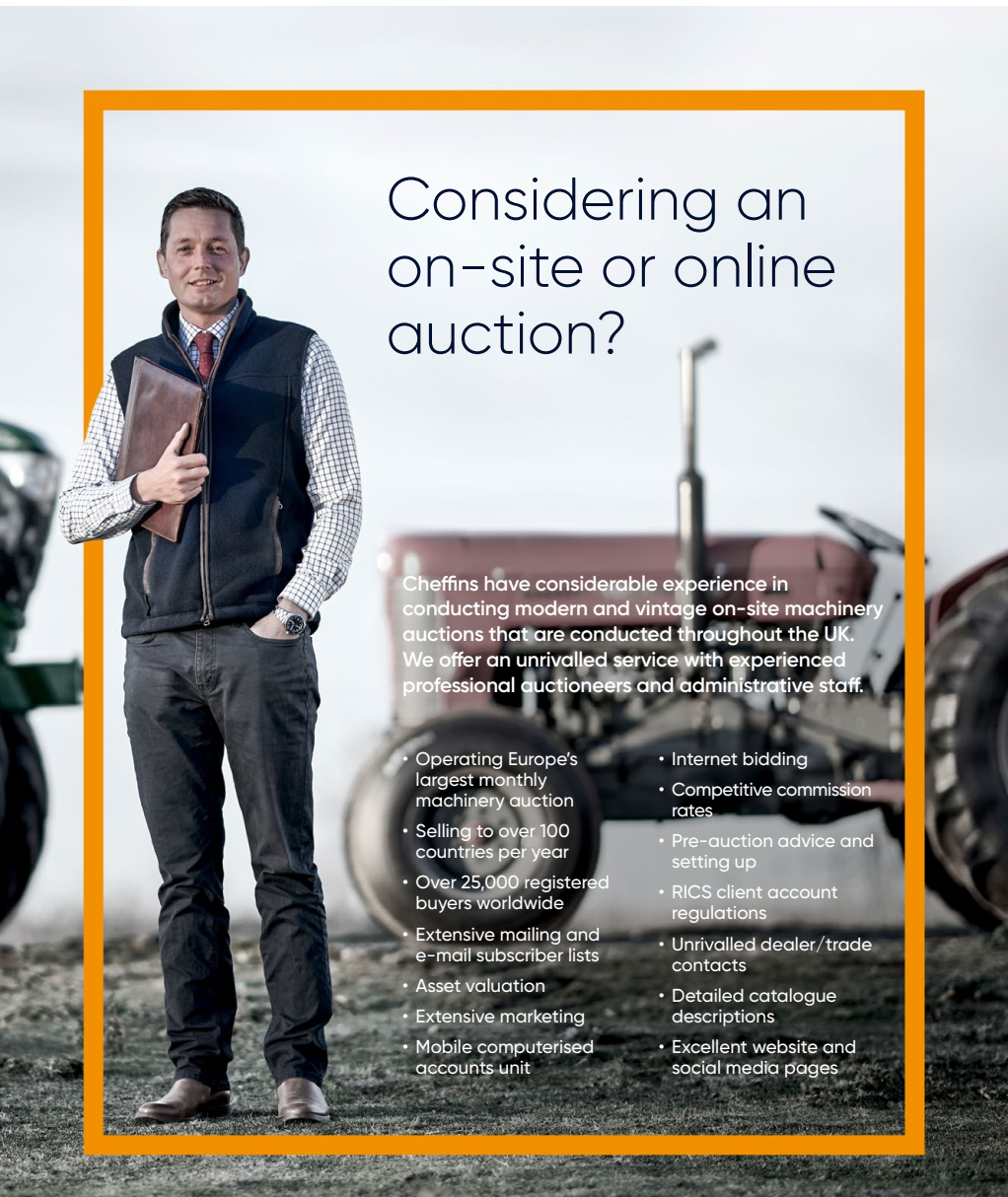
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A Prize won by any Competitor or Exhibitor entered in the wrong class will be withheld.

The Committee will not accept liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be sustained by any competitor, spectator, livestock, machinery or equipment in connection with the Competitions or otherwise.

All Competitors must comply with Health and Safety Regulations.

All competitors in the ploughing competitions should be aged 16 or over and should hold a current driving licence.

All competitors should have Public Liability Insurance and have a copy of it available for inspection.

Entries should be sent to the Judith Ogborne, Chardith, Chilly Hill, Chew Stoke, Bristol. BS40 8UG before Friday 25th September 2026. Email: judith.mps@btinternet.com Mobile – 07783 709619

All competitors to complete the entry form in full. All fees to be paid at the time of entry. No Money = No Plot

To assist us with marking out, if after entering the ploughing, hedging or stone walling you are unable to attend please let the secretary know.

Any Competitor wishing to lodge an objection to any award shall do so in writing, stating his grounds of the objection within one hour of the award being made and shall at the time deposit the sum of £2 with the Secretary.

If the objection be unfounded the sum so deposited shall be added to the funds of the Society, but if the objection is upheld the sum shall be returned.

The Judge's decision shall be final.

All ages as at the date of the Match.

The Committee may at their discretion award prizes other than cash, but such prizes shall not be of less value than the amount stated in the Schedule and purchase of prizes in kind can generally be arranged at the request of the winner.

Additional prize money will be awarded in a ploughing class with large entries at the discretion of the Committee.

Prizes will be presented in cash on the day of the competitions as soon as the results are available.

Prize winners who do not receive their awards in this way will be forwarded cheques by post within fourteen days after the Competitions.

Prize winners in the roots, forage, grain and novelty classes must collect their prize money from the treasurer on the day, small amounts will not be sent by cheques in the post.

A prize draw, tickets available on the day - winners will be announced just before the prize giving.

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All payments by cash only, no card facilities.

No person will be allowed to sell provisions or refreshments on the field unless he has obtained the consent of the Committee.

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GENERAL RULES FOR PLOUGHING

(separate rules for Horse Ploughing and Vintage Ploughing)

Grassland start and the opening will not be judged as we will be ploughing grass.

All Competitors to be on the field by 9.30am to commence work at 10.00am except those in classes 12 & 13 who commence at 11am.

Plot numbers will be allocated in strict rotation according to time of receipt of entry.

Competitors are requested to assemble at the Secretary's tent at 9.30am when their plot numbers and tickets will be issued.

TIME ALLOWED –

5 hours - Classes 1 to 11, 14 & 15 commence at 10am & finish at 3pm

3 hours - Classes 12,13, commence at 11am & finish at 2pm

Ploughs will start on time as indicated by the stewards. The stewards will give competitors a 5minute warning before ploughing ceases and then indicate the end of the ploughing after which all Competitors who are still working will be disqualified. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Remainder of rules as specified by The Society of Ploughmen Official Rule Book (updated 12/2025)

Four ploughs are required to start in every class or one prize will be withheld. Four prizes will be awarded in any class with a large number of entries.

All Competitors to provide their own tractors.

Ploughmen must replace plot numbers in center of ridge after completion of start. Failure to do this may mean disqualification.

Competitors in Classes 9 & 10 must plough all their plot and will be penalised if any land is left unploughed.

All competitors should have Public Liability Insurance and have a copy available for inspection.

As the general public have access to the site all competitors' tractors should be insured under the Road Traffic Act.

All competitors in the ploughing competitions should be aged 16 or over and should hold a current driving license.

The Committee wish to thank all Sponsors and Advertisers for their most generous financial support, without which the Society would not be able to stage the 156th annual competitions in the 168th year.

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HORSE PLOUGHING

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CLASS 1 HORSE PLOUGHING For the best ben of land ploughed by a horse drawn plough.

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

An additional sum of £150 will be given to all Competitors finishing their plot in a workmanlike manner.

Special Cash Prize for the best turnout in the horse ploughing class
(only open to those who finish their ploughing)

HIGH CUT

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CLASS 2 HIGH CUT Width of furrow to be not less than 8" wide, depth to given out on the field.

FIRST PRIZE	£50	SECOND PRIZE	£30
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

There will be a Special Prize for the best ben of High Cut work ploughed by a competitor under 21 years of age on the day of the Match.

VINTAGE CLASSES 3, 4 & 5

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CLASS 3 VINTAGE TRAILER SHORT BOARD For the best ben of land ploughed by any Competitor using a tractor (in production before 31st December 1959) and trailing plough. Mould boards should not exceed 36".

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15



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THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

CLASS 5 VINTAGE HYDRAULIC MOUNTED For the best ben of land ploughed by any competitor using a tractor and mounted plough (plough and tractor to have been in production before 31st December 1959).

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

Special Prize for the best turnout of tractor and plough in classes 3, 4 & 5

Judges: Messrs John Read and Chris Stuckey

FERGUSON CLASSES 6 & 7

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CLASS 6 T20 GREY FERGUSON For the best ben of land ploughed by any competitor using a Ferguson T20 Tractor and Ferguson plough. Flat or screw top link allowed.

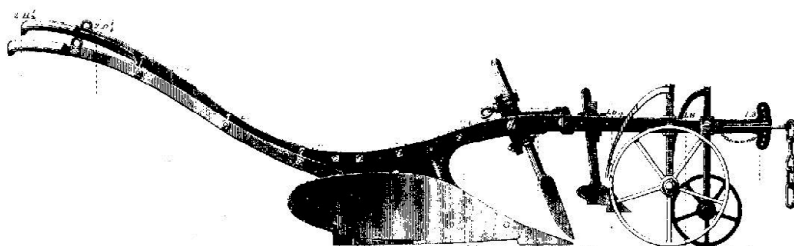
FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

CLASS 7 FERGUSON 100 SERIES 35/65/100 For the best ben of land ploughed by any competitor using a Massey Ferguson 100 series tractor and Ferguson, Massey Harris Ferguson or Massey Ferguson plough. Flat or screw top link allowed.

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

Special Cash Prize for the best turnout in classes 6 and 7

Judges: Messrs John Read and Chris Stuckey





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CLASS 8 CLASSIC For the best ben of land ploughed by any competitor using a tractor produced prior to Q-cab regulations (approx. 1976) and mounted plough in production before 31st December 1976 but excluding Fiskars, Kvernland Hydren and Super Hydren or Ransomes/Bonnings, YCN UCN & SEN bodies not allowed. All other specifications and rules as specified by The Society of Ploughmen Ltd.

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

NOVICE CONVENTIONAL

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CLASS 9 NOVICE CONVENTIONAL For the best ben of land ploughed by a complete **Novice** using any type of plough. Restricted to competitors who have not won 1st prize in this section in any competition. Competitors must specify the number of furrows of their plough on the entry form, so an appropriate size of plot is given. Entries to be approved by the committee.

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

OPEN CONVENTIONAL

CLASS 10 OPEN CONVENTIONAL - 3 furrows or more For the best ben of land ploughed. Competitors must specify the number of furrows of their plough on the entry form.

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

Special prize for the best tractor in its original condition not restored in classes 9 and 10
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SEMI DIGGER

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CLASS 11 SEMI DIGGER For the best ben of land ploughed by any mounted "Semi Digger". All attachments other than skim shares and bob chains barred. Furrow to be not less than 12" wide. Depth to be given out on the field. All grates must be opened up when ploughing on stubble to a minimum depth of 2".

FIRST PRIZE	£50	SECOND PRIZE	£30
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15



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- CLASS 12 NOVICE REVERSIBLE - 3 furrows or more.** For the best ben of land ploughed. Restricted to competitors who have not won 1st prize in this section in any competition. Competitors must specify number of furrows of plough on entry form so appropriate size of plot is given.

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

OPEN REVERSIBLE

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- CLASS 13 OPEN REVERSIBLE - 3 furrows or more** For the best ben of land ploughed. Open/Reversible - 3 furrows or more. Rules as specified by The Society of Ploughmen

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

CLASSIC REVERSIBLE

- CLASS 14 CLASSIC REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING** For the best ben of land ploughed.

FIRST PRIZE	£45	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£20	FOURTH PRIZE	£15

HORTICULTURAL PLOUGHING

- CLASS 15 HORTICULTURAL PLOUGHING**

FIRST PRIZE	£40	SECOND PRIZE	£20
THIRD PRIZE	£15	FOURTH PRIZE	£10



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HEDGING

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JUDGES: Messrs Andy Ford, and Ian Ford

RULES FOR HEDGING

All Competitors to be on the field by 9.30am to commence work at 10.00am and complete their hedge laying by 3pm. The hedge is approx 1 mile from the ploughing on the A39 just past Marksbury Church and will be sign posted. Parking in the field.

Plot numbers will be allocated in strict rotation according to the time of receipt of entry.

Competitors are requested to assemble at the Secretary's Tent at 9.30am when their plot numbers and rules specifying height, width and length of hedge will be issued. Competitors are advised to provide their own stakes.

Any Competitor using a chain saw must use/wear protective clothing.

If a large entry is received in either class further prizes may be awarded.

All competitors who do not receive prize money but who complete their work in a workmanlike manner to specification in the time specified will receive £20.

No entry fee - BUT COMPETITORS MUST COMPLETE AND SEND THEIR ENTRY FORM TO THE SECRETARY BY 25TH SEPTEMBER

CLASS 16 Champion Class

FIRST PRIZE	£70	SECOND PRIZE	£55
THIRD PRIZE	£40	FOURTH PRIZE	£30

CLASS 17 Open Hedging

FIRST PRIZE	£70	SECOND PRIZE	£55
THIRD PRIZE	£40	FOURTH PRIZE	£30

The FIRST PRIZE winner to compete in the champion class the following year.

CLASS 18 Novice class - restricted to beginners, novices and non-professionals.

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STONE WALLING

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RULES FOR STONE WALLING

All competitors to be on the field by 9.30am to commence work at 10am and complete their stone walling by 3pm. Plot numbers will be allocated in strict rotation according to the time of receipt of entry.

Competitors are requested to assemble at the Secretary's tent at 9.30am when plot numbers and rules specifying height, width and length of wall will be issued.

If a large entry is received further prizes may be awarded.

All competitors who do not receive prize money but who complete their work in a workmanlike manner to specification in the time specified will receive £20.

No entry fee - BUT COMPETITORS MUST COMPLETE AND SEND THEIR ENTRY FORM TO THE SECRETARY BY 25TH SEPTEMBER

CLASS 19 Open Stone Walling

FIRST PRIZE £70 SECOND PRIZE £50 THIRD PRIZE £40 FOURTH PRIZE £30

CLASS 20 Restricted to novices, beginners and non-professionals

FIRST PRIZE £70 SECOND PRIZE £50 THIRD PRIZE £40 FOURTH PRIZE £30

If a competitor wins class 20 three times they must move up to the Open class.



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RULES FOR ROOTS, FORAGE, GRAIN AND NOVELTY

All samples to be brought to the Ploughing Match field by 11.00am.

Judging will take place at 12 noon.

No exhibitor will be allowed to take more than one prize in any class.

No person will be allowed to cut or remove any specimen without the consent of the Committee.

A separate sample must be shown where Exhibitors wish to enter in more than one class.

No roots will be cut except for potatoes.

All root crops from which specimens are drawn must be open for inspection by the Committee.

All samples of roots, forage and grain to be grown and harvested by the Exhibitor in 2026

If less than four entries are received in any one class that class may be cancelled.

Please Note - At their **discretion the Stewards may check the weight of any sample.**

ROOTS

Class 21 For the best Six Mangolds or Fodder Beet

Class 22 For the best Six Swedes or Six Turnips

Class 23 For the best Three Brassicas

Class 24 For the best sample of 28lbs unwashed Potatoes – white

Class 25 For the best sample of 28lbs unwashed Potatoes – coloured

Class 26 For the best Collection of Specimen Roots

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- Class 27** Best Ley - comprising a Turf measuring 18" x 12"
- Class 28** Best Herbal Ley - comprising a Turf measuring 18" x 12"
- Class 29** For the best bale of Meadow Hay
- Class 30** For the best bale of Seeds Hay
- Class 31** For the best sample of Big Bale Hay (14lbs or over)
- Class 32** Best sample of 10lbs of Haylage
- Class 33** Best sample of 10lbs of Grass Clamp Silage
- Class 34** Best sample of 10lbs Whole Crop Silage
- Class 35** Best sample of 10lbs of Big Bale Silage
- Class 36** Best collection of 4 items of Winter Feed

GRAIN

- Class 37** For the best sample (20lbs) Wheat
- Class 38** For the best sample (20lbs) Oats
- Class 39** For the best sample (20lbs) Barley
- Class 40** For the best sample (20lbs) Oil Seed Rape
- Class 41** Best sample of any other combinable crop harvested in 2026
- Class 42** Best Six Stalks of Maize
- Class 43** Six Heaviest Cobs of Maize (without leaves)
- Class 44** For the best sample or bale of Barley Straw
- Class 45** For the best sample or bale of Oat Straw
- Class 46** For the best sample or bale of Wheat Straw

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- Class 47** Heaviest Pumpkin
- Class 48** Tallest Sunflower
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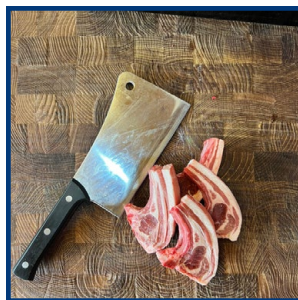
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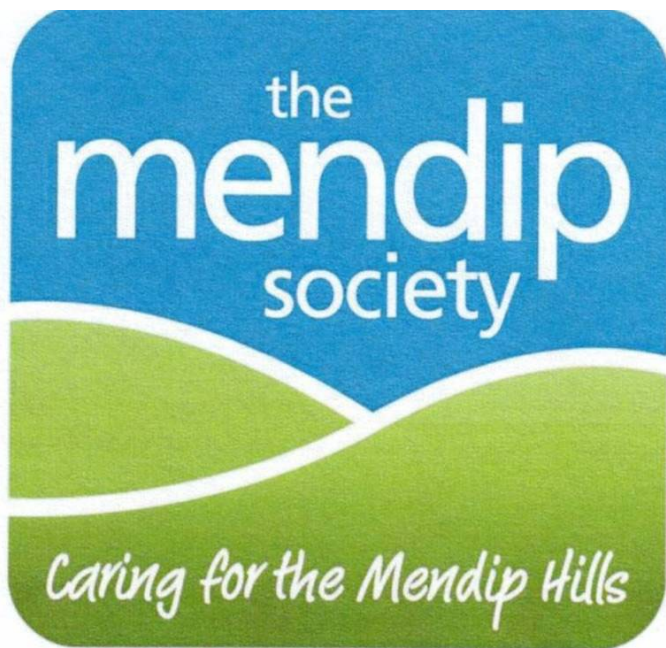
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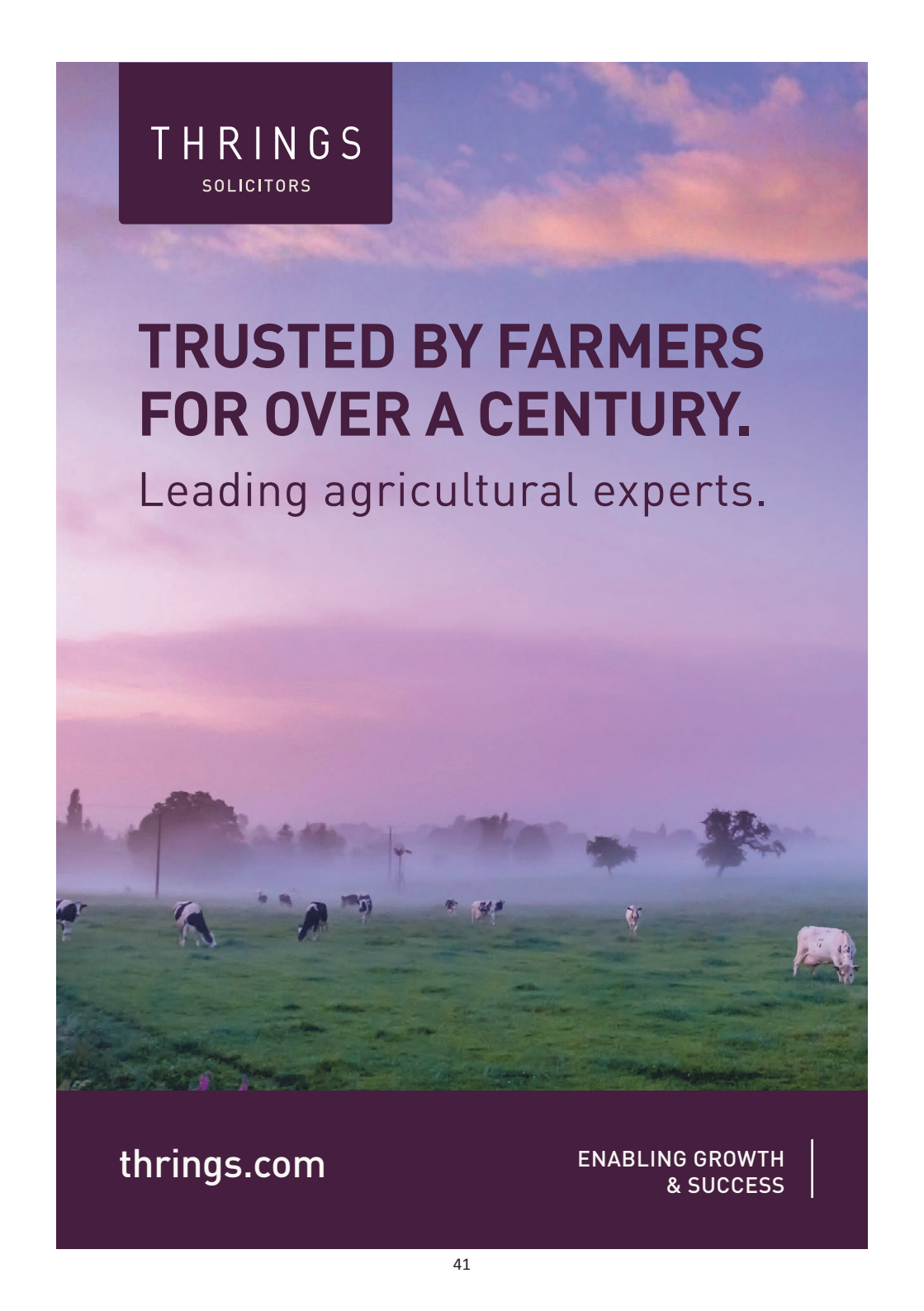


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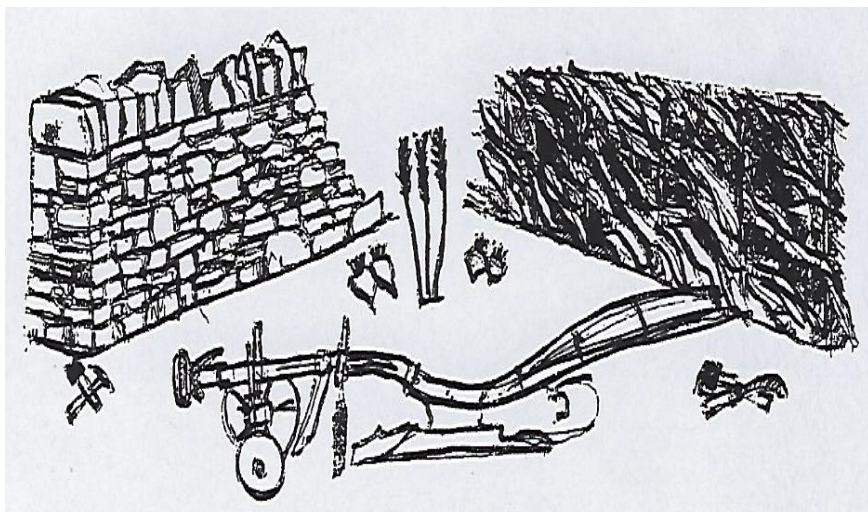


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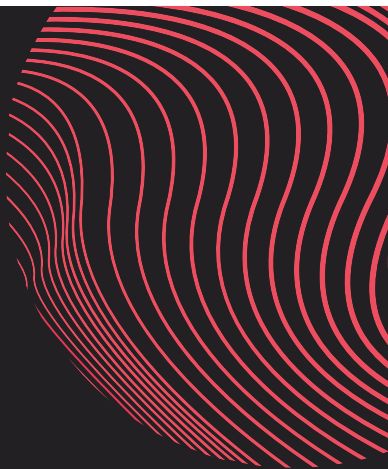
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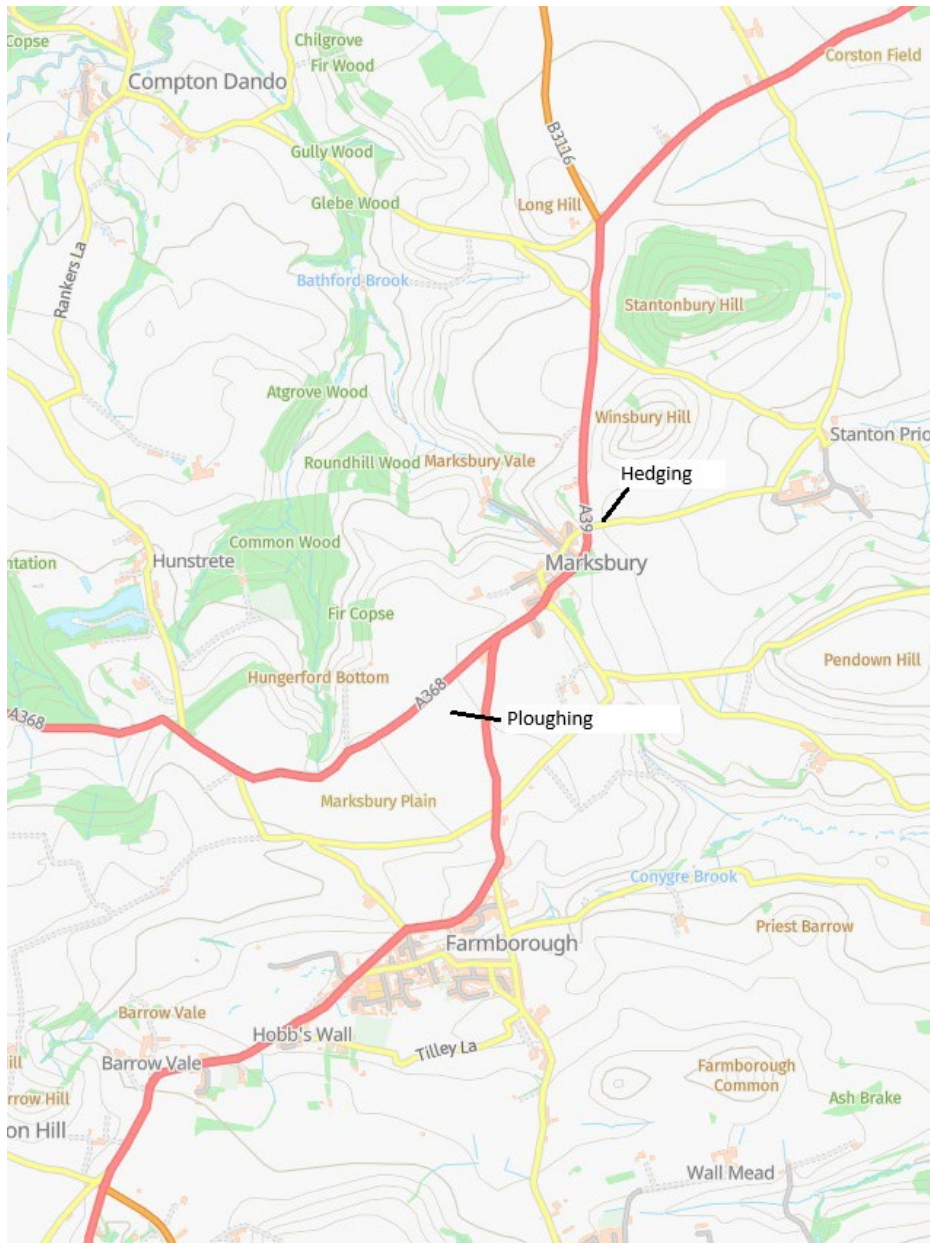
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