

Information for  
Competitors, Coaches and Officials  
**63rd World Ploughing Contest**



**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**Crockey Hill, near York,**  
**North Yorkshire, YO19 4SR, England**



Hosted by The Society of Ploughmen



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## Location

Very briefly, York is a walled city located in North Yorkshire in the north east of England and has a population of almost 200,000.

The city was founded by the Romans in 71 AD, becoming the capital of the province. It became a major wool trading centre and later a religious centre. York Minster is one of the world's largest cathedrals, and took 250 years to build. Along with St. Peter's, it is one of only two churches in the world with its own police force.

York has over 365 pubs, one (or more) for each day of the year. York was a hub for rail travel during the 19th century and the station is an architectural masterpiece. The nearby National Railway Museum has the world's largest collection of historic trains.

**Distance:** York is approximately 35 km from Leeds and 280 km from London. A train journey from London will take just over 2 hours.

The site for the World Ploughing Contest is approximately 10km from York City Centre.



## Soil, Ploughing Depth, Plot Sizes, Time

### Stubble Ploughing

#### Type of Land

- Barley stubble. Level

#### Description of Soil:

- Sandy loam
- Deep topsoil of 25-30 cm in depth
- Black topsoil
- Well drained
- Not Sticky when damp

#### Analysis of Soil

- 8 % Clay, 75% sand, 2 % silt, 5% Humus

### Grassland Ploughing

#### Type of Land

- One year ley. Level

#### Description of Soil:

- Sandy loam
- Deep topsoil of 25-30 cm in depth
- Black topsoil
- Well drained
- Not sticky when damp

#### Analysis of Soil

- 8 % Clay, 75% sand, 2 % silt, 5% Humus

**Ploughing Depth:**

Normal ploughing depth is 25 to 30 cm. During Contest the proposed ploughing depth is 20 to 24 cm, to be confirmed by WPO Head Stewards at first briefing.

**Size of Plots:**

2000 m<sup>2</sup>, Conventional 20 m X 100 m.

Reversible 16/24 m X 100m. Headland 15m.

**Practice Plots:**

Per country one plot on stubble, one on grassland. Size is approximately 40 m wide X 50 m long.

**Time:**

Opening split/Opening furrow: maximum 20 minutes + 60 minutes stop time for judging + a maximum of 160 minutes for ploughing.

## Preparations before arriving to England

**Passport & Visas:** Most countries and EU Nationals only require a passport to visit the UK. However, please note that some countries require a visa to visit the UK, depending on your citizenship. For up-to-date details on visa requirements, check on [www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa](http://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa)

**Travel documents:** Transport companies, such as airlines, must make sure you have proper, valid travel documents to enter the UK. If you do not have the proper documents, you may be delayed or not be able to board the plane.

**Insurance:** Competitors, Coaches, Judges and Board members are required to insure themselves against personal accident, personal liability, sickness, and loss of baggage for the duration leaving home until returning home. Tractors also need to have liability insurance.

**Currency:** Britain's unit of currency is the Great British Pound sterling (GBP). The symbol for the pound sterling is £. There are 100 pence to each pound and coins have the value of 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2. Notes have the values of £5, £10, £20 and £50. Please note that some smaller shops will not accept £50 notes.

Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks, post offices and Bureau de Change kiosks which are found at international airports and most city centres. Banks are generally open from 09.30 to 16.30 Monday to Friday, but opening hours can differ considerably from branch to branch. If you need British currency when the banks are closed, you can usually obtain it from larger high street travel agents or Bureau de Change.

ATMs (cash machines) are available at most banks, high streets and shopping centres. You can use international credit cards, debit cards and bank cards at ATMs providing they have a four digit PIN code.

All credit cards that bear the Visa, Mastercard or American Express logo are widely accepted. If your card does not bear one of these logos, you should ask the retailer in advance if you can use it.

No money exchange facilities or ATM machines at Askham Bryan college or ploughing site.

**Vaccinations:** Not required, not necessary.

**Stone for the Cairn of Peace:** Size is 16 X 8 X 2 cm with the Country Name engraved in your language. If you have not already done so please courier your stone to Sue Frith at the Society of Ploughmen as soon as possible but not later than 31st March 2016.

**Driving License:** A valid driving licence is required for driving tractors or cars. In England, we drive on the right-hand side of the road. To drive safely, it is important to know all of the road signs and rules. To check if your licence is valid in the UK, see [www.gov.uk/driving-nongb-licence](http://www.gov.uk/driving-nongb-licence).

**Electricity:** The voltage used in Britain is 230 volts AC at 50 HZ. Power sockets are designed for standard 3-pin square plugs.

**Clean Equipment:** All equipment and tools brought to England must be clean. If you rent or borrow any equipment or tools please make sure it is cleaned before you return the items.

## Arrivals and Departures

### Arrivals:

Saturday 3rd September 2016 – WPO Executive Committee

Sunday 4th September 2016 – WPO Head Stewards

Monday 5th September 2016 (all participants and visitors on full visitors package)

Friday 9th September 2016 (visitors on short visitors package)

**Arrival Airport:** Leeds/Bradford Airport  
Transport will be provided to and from the airport on the above days only. You must send arrival and departure information to [sue@ploughmen.co.uk](mailto:sue@ploughmen.co.uk)

### Departure:

All participants and visitors will leave on Monday 12th September 2016

### Registration

Via Email: [sue@ploughmen.co.uk](mailto:sue@ploughmen.co.uk)  
Sue Frith, Society of Ploughmen,  
Quarry Farm, Loversall,  
Doncaster, South Yorkshire,  
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**Unloading and Marshalling Yard** Unloading and storage of all equipment will be on site in the Marshalling Yard. The supervisor in charge will liaise with an appointed member of the Head Stewards Team.

The Society of Ploughmen Safety Policy must be obeyed at all times on the site.

Should you require any help with the shipment of containers (you will have to pay for their services), please contact:

Joel Higgins - Business Development Manager - UK  
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## Practice

**Supervision:** Please do not start any practice before your plots have been pointed out to you by the Practice Marshall in charge! No practice is allowed outside the designated hours or plots unless allowed by the Head Stewards.

**Sighting Poles:** Each competitor will be issued 3 official sighting poles. No other sighting poles are allowed. The sighting poles will be distributed at the start of the official practice.

**Draw for Practice Plots:** The draw for practice plots will take place on Monday 5th September at 20.30 hrs at the Conference Centre, Askham Bryan College.

**Briefing of Competitors:** After the draw for practice plots the competitors will be briefed with information regarding the practice fields, rules and infringements. The responsible teams for the Marshalling Yard, Practice Marshalls, Plough Inspection team and Head Stewards will be introduced. Competitors **MUST** attend. Coaches, Judges and Board Members are advised to attend.

**Safety:** The prevention of all accidents, particularly those involving personal injury or damage to equipment and property is paramount. The Society of Ploughmen Safety Policy must be obeyed at all times. The WPO commits itself to the implementation and enforcement of the host country's policy statement and the Head Stewards will ensure that the following basic procedures are strictly enforced:

- No passengers will be allowed to ride on tractors or ploughs.
- Tractors should preferably be fitted with safety cabs or roll-over bars.
- Eye-protection goggles and gloves must be worn when using cutting/sharpening/grinding machines.
- Eye-protection shields and/or preferably welding booths should be used when electrical welding, to minimize the risk of glare to all.
- Electrical equipment should be properly fitted and installed. Particular care should be taken to ensure that electrical extension cables are not run-over by tractors and other vehicles.
- The sharp edges of spare upstanding disc coulters must be guarded. These should be taken to ensure that electrical extension cables are not run-over by tractors and other vehicles.
- All ploughs must have a support when a competitor is working underneath.
- Extra tractor wheels not mounted on the tractor must be laid flat down on headland.

The instructions of the Marshalling Yard Supervisor and Parade Directors **MUST BE OBEYED!** Competitors will be penalized if they do not comply with safety rules during practice and contest days.

**TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS! THE SAFETY CODE MUST BE OBEYED. ACCIDENTS DON'T HAPPEN! THEY ARE ALWAYS CAUSED!**

**Marshalling yard:** The marshalling yard and workshop are located on the site.

**Practice Fields:** The practice fields are located very close to the marshalling yard.

**Pre Practice Land:** The host organising committee is assisting to arrange pre practice land for interested countries. For more information please contact: [info@ploughmen.co.uk](mailto:info@ploughmen.co.uk)

**Prepare for return shipment:** Monday 12th September

### Visitors' Package

Full details of visitors packages are available from:

Sue Frith, Society of Ploughmen,  
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Doncaster, South Yorkshire,  
DN11 9DH, England

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[info@ploughmen.co.uk](mailto:info@ploughmen.co.uk)

<b>Full Visitors Package – if paid before 30th April</b>	<b>Full Visitors Package – if paid AFTER 30th April</b>
Monday 5th September – Monday 12th September	Monday 5th September – Monday 12th September
College accommodation	College accommodation
Single bed, ensuite room £769	Single bed, ensuite room £845
Single bed, standard room £669	Single bed, standard room £745

<b>Short Visitors Package – if paid before 30th April</b>	<b>Short Visitors Package – if paid AFTER 30th April</b>
Friday 9th September – Monday 12th September	Monday 5th September – Monday 12th September
College accommodation	College accommodation
Single bed, standard room only available £339	Single bed, standard room £375

**Early accommodation:** Is available at the college prior to official check in. Please contact Sue Frith (details above). Should you wish to arrange your own early accommodation in the York area, go to [www.visityork.org](http://www.visityork.org).

## The Contest

**Opening Ceremony:** At the opening ceremony all team members (competitors, coaches, judges and board members are requested to be present in the field at the flagpole with their country flag. After a few speeches, the national flags will be raised while the British National Anthem is played. The Cairn of Peace will also be unveiled. The Opening Ceremony will take place on Friday 9th September at 16.30 hrs.

**Closing Ceremony:** The Closing Ceremony and flag lowering will take place at 17.00 on Sunday 11th September.

**Plough Banquet:** The Plough Banquet (Gala Evening) will be held at York Racecourse on Sunday 11th September at 19.30 hrs.

**Church Service:** The Church Service will take place at York Minster on Wednesday 7th September at 17.15 hrs.

**Plots:** The Head Stewards will inspect the contest fields and set the plan with numbers before the draw for plots takes place.

**Draw for Plots:** Draws for plots will be on Friday evening, 9th September (stubble ploughing) and Saturday evening, 10th September (grassland ploughing) at the Conference Centre, Askham Bryan College.

**Competitors' Plot Numbers:** Each plot will be numbered and each competitor will have a plot number to wear.

**Name Signs:** Each competitor's tractor will be fitted with signs showing the name of the competitor and his/her nationality.

**Tractor Parade:** Before the contest starts all competitors will be lined up for a parade. The order will be decided by the Parade Marshalls. The competitors will be asked by the Parade Marshalls to line up.

**Briefing of Competitors:** After the draw for plots, the competitors will be briefed about specifics around the contest, the parade, as well as answer questions. Competitors **MUST** attend; coaches, judges and board members are advised to attend.

**Stubble Ploughing:** The stubble ploughing will be on Saturday 10th September 2016.

**Grassland Ploughing:** The grassland ploughing will be on Sunday 11th September 2016.

## Practical Information During Your Stay

**Weather in York (early September):** It can be sunny, windy, cloudy, fine or rainy! As is typical of the British weather. Average daily temperatures are between 12°C and 18°C. Check the weather forecast on [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)

**Water:** The water in the UK is safe to drink from the tap.

**Internet:** Internet access is only available in some public areas in Askham Bryan College.

**Population:** The population of the UK is over 65 million. Yorkshire is the biggest county with a population of 5.3 million. Yorkshire is split into four – North, West, South and East and York is situated in North Yorkshire.



**Tippling:** Tips are usually included in hotels, restaurants, taxis, etc. But if you receive very good services, you are always welcome to tip separately, usually 10 – 15%.

**Measurements:** In the UK, road signs are in miles. Petrol (gas) is sold by the litre, temperature is measured in Celsius, and the electrical current is 230 volts.

**What to Pack?:** Dress in layers as the weather is changeable. Most restaurants, other than some formal restaurants welcome casual attire. Bring a raincoat (and wellingtons for the site) just in case. Dress is formal for the Church Service and Plough Banquet.

**Driving in the UK:** Seat belt use is mandatory for all drivers and passengers in the UK. Drivers are prohibited from talking, texting or emailing on mobile phones or other devices while behind the wheel. Travel and road safety advice can be found on [www.think.direct.gov.uk](http://www.think.direct.gov.uk) A valid driving license is required for driving tractors or cars. To check if your license is valid in the UK, see [www.gov.uk/driving-nongb-license](http://www.gov.uk/driving-nongb-license). In England, we drive on the right-hand side of the road. Built up areas (towns and villages) have a standard 30 miles per hour (mph) speed limit, although in some areas (ie. near schools) it may drop to 20 mph. In areas with less immediate danger it rises to 40 mph or even 50 mph. The speed limit on motorways is 70 mph. A very good website with details of speed limits, road signs and lots of tips for driving is [www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Travel-g186216-c9626/United-Kingdom:Driving.Tips.For.Visitors.html](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Travel-g186216-c9626/United-Kingdom:Driving.Tips.For.Visitors.html)

## The Official Program

### Saturday 3rd September

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- ◆ Arrival of WPO Executive Committee and Meeting

### Sunday 4th September

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- ◆ Arrival of WPO Head Stewards and Meeting

### Monday 5th September

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- ◆ Arrival of all delegates on full package and registration.
- ◆ All day Check in at Askham Bryan College  
Pick up at Leeds/Bradford Airport by prior booking
- ◆ 17:00 Dinner
- ◆ 20:30 Draw for Practice Plots in the Conference Centre  
Competitor Briefing

### Tuesday 6th September

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- ◆ from 06.30 Breakfast
- ◆ 07.00 Shuttle buses to Marshalling Yard
- ◆ 07.30 Breakfast for visitors
- ◆ 07.30 Official Practice begins
- ◆ 12.30 WPO Governing Board Lunch at Askham Bryan College
- ◆ 13.00 WPO Governing Board Meeting
- ◆ 17.30 Practice ends  
Shuttle buses to college
- ◆ 19.00 Dinner
- ◆ 20.30 Presentation by Kenya (hosts for 2017)  
(Briefing of Competitors if necessary).

### Wednesday 7th September

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- ◆ from 06.30 Breakfast
- ◆ 07.00 Shuttle buses to Marshalling Yard
- ◆ 07.30 Breakfast for visitors
- ◆ 07.30 Official Practice begins
- ◆ 09.00 WPO Governing Board Meeting at Askham Bryan College
- ◆ 14.30 Practice ends  
Shuttle buses to college
- ◆ 16.30 Depart college to Church Service
- ◆ 17.15 Church Service at York Minster
- ◆ 18.45 Coaches depart for college
- ◆ 19.00 Barbecue  
(Competitors briefing if required).

### Thursday 8th September

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- ◆ from 06.30 Breakfast
- ◆ 07.00 Shuttle buses to Marshalling Yard
- ◆ 07.30 Breakfast for visitors
- ◆ 07.30 Official Practice begins
- ◆ 09.00 Judges meet at Askham Bryan College
- ◆ 17.30 Practice ends  
Shuttle buses to college
- ◆ 19.00 Depart with hosts for English Pub meal  
(competitors briefing if required).

### Friday 9th September

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- ◆ from 06.30 Breakfast
- ◆ 07.00 Shuttle buses to Marshalling Yard

- ◆ 07.30 Breakfast for visitors
- ◆ 07.30 Official Practice begins
- ◆ 09.00 Judges meet on field
- ◆ 12.00 Measuring Stewards meet on field
- ◆ 13.00 Plot Stewards meet on field
- ◆ 16.00 Practice ends
- ◆ 16.30 Opening Ceremony & Raising of Flags
- ◆ 17.30 Shuttle buses to college
- ◆ 19.00 Dinner
- ◆ 20.30 Draw for 2016 World Contest stubble plots and briefing of competitors in Conference Centre

### Saturday 10th September

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- ◆ from 06.00 Breakfast
- ◆ 06.45 Shuttle bus to Marshalling Yard
- ◆ 07.00 Marshalling Yard Opens
- ◆ 08.30 World Competitors Parade of Tractors to Stubble Plots
- ◆ 09.15 Plot Stewards Meet at Stubble Plots
- ◆ 09.30 Judges Meet at Scrutineers Office
- ◆ 09.45 Depth Measuring Stewards meet at Scrutineers Office
- ◆ 09.55 Flashing Yellow & Red, Get Ready
- ◆ 10:00 Flashing Green, Start Opening Split
- ◆ 10.15 Flashing Yellow & Green, 5 more minutes
- ◆ 10.20 Flashing Red, Time out, Judges inspect Opening Split  
Lunchtime
- ◆ 11:15 Flashing Yellow & Red, Get Ready
- ◆ 11:20 Flashing Green, Start Ploughing

- ◆ 13.55 Flashing Yellow & Green, 5 more minutes
- ◆ 14:00 Flashing Red, Finish
- ◆ 17.00 Shuttle buses to college
- ◆ 19.00 Dinner at College
- ◆ 20.30 Draw for 2016 World Contest grassland plots and briefing of competitors in Conference Centre

### Sunday 11th September

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- ◆ from 06.00 Breakfast
- ◆ 06.45 Shuttle bus to Marshalling Yard
- ◆ 07.00 Marshalling Yard Opens
- ◆ 08.30 World Competitors Parade of Tractors to Grass Plots
- ◆ 09.15 Plot Stewards Meet at Grassland Plots
- ◆ 09.30 Judges Meet at Scrutineers Office
- ◆ 09.45 Depth Measuring Stewards meet at Scrutineers Office
- ◆ 09.55 Flashing Yellow & Red, Get Ready
- ◆ 10:00 Flashing Green, Start Opening Split
- ◆ 10.15 Flashing Yellow & Green, 5 more minutes
- ◆ 10.20 Flashing Red, Time out, Judges inspect Opening Split Lunchtime
- ◆ 11:15 Flashing Yellow & Red, Get Ready
- ◆ 11:20 Flashing Green, Start Ploughing
- ◆ 13.55 Flashing Yellow & Green, 5 more minutes
- ◆ 14:00 Flashing Red, Finish
- ◆ 17.00 Closing Ceremony and lowering of flags
- ◆ 17.30 Shuttle buses to college

- ◆ 19.00 Coaches depart for Plough Banquet and Prize Giving Ceremony
- ◆ 19.30 Plough Banquet & Prize Giving Ceremony
- ◆ 23.00 Coaches return to College

### Monday 12th September

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- ◆ 07.00 Breakfast - everyone
- ◆ 09.00 WPO Governing Board Meeting at Askham Bryan College Shuttle buses to site to clean equipment and visit plots
- ◆ 13.00 Shuttle buses to college  
Return to homelands, transport to Leeds/Bradford Airport

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