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SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OF HORSEPOWER AT THE EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND

Come and see the magnificent spectacle of over 200 Shire Horses on display at the Shire Horse Spring Show – the largest Shire Horse show in the world - to be held on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th March 2007 at the East of England Showground in Peterborough.

The two-day spectacular, organised by the Shire Horse Society, a registered charity, helps raise much needed funds to support the threatened breed and secure its future, especially among the younger generation.

Visitors to the Show, which attracts thousands of crowds from across the country, as well as overseas, will be able to see hundreds of Shire Horses expertly presented and dressed in their traditional glory. There will be a range of demonstrations and classes featuring in-hand, harness, turnout, ridden, with implements and cross-country driving.

Plenty of main ring entertainment is scheduled over the two days, culminating in a grand parade in the afternoon each day. You can also take the opportunity to visit the horses in their stables enjoying a well-earned rest!

There is fun for all the family, including vintage tractors and farm machinery, a dog agility show, a Victorian funfair and a heritage farmyard, where a selection of traditional farm animals will be on show. You can also see farriers at work, as the Show hosts the largest farriery competition of heavy horses in England, with over 50 competitors. And if that's not enough, there is also the chance to do a bit of retail therapy with over 200 trade stands, a craft fair and food hall.



Andrew Mercer, Chief Executive said, “It is vital that as a nation we continue to support this breed before it becomes too late and the Shire Horse Spring Show is a fantastic way of doing exactly that, offering a superb display of heritage for the whole family to enjoy.”

Advanced tickets (subject to a booking fee of £1) are priced at Family (2+2) £13, Adult £6.50, Senior (65+) £4.50 and Children (5-16 years) £3.50 and may be booked by telephone – 0845 450 6425 or by downloading an advanced ticket booking form from the website – www.shire-horse.org.uk. *On-the-gate-admission:* Family (2+2) £16, Adult £7.50, Senior (65+) £5.50 and Children (5-16 years) £4.50. Gates open from 8.00am – 5pm with judging to commence from 8.30am. Car Parking is FREE and the Showground has a network of level tarmac roads for ease of access for the disabled. NB: Dogs are permitted but must be kept on the lead at all times and children under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

The East of England Showground, situated in Alwalton, Peterborough, is easily accessible by car from all major routes and is well sign-posted. Rail passengers should travel to Peterborough Station located approximately 6 miles from the Showground and there is a taxi rank directly outside the Station. The Peterborough Bus Station is located opposite the railway station in the Queensgate Shopping Centre.

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