British Homing World Show of the Year

Gala Evening

including the

Presentation of the 2025 Annual RPRA Awards

Saturday 17th January 2026

Welcome

Good evening, everyone.

Welcome to the 2026 Gala Evening at the British Homing World Show of the Year. Thank you all for your continued support - it is your commitment that makes this event so special year after year.

As many of you will know, the RPRA has been invited to host the 2028 Pigeon Olympiad. We are hopeful that this prestigious event will take place right here in Blackpool, incorporated within our very own British Homing World Show of the Year.

Our RPRA team, led by our CEO, Mr Chris Sutton, has been working tirelessly with DEFRA and APHA to secure the permissions required to welcome pigeons from across the world to compete. Their dedication to this effort has been exceptional.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our Show Committee, expertly led by Chairman Mr David Trippett. Their hard work, attention to detail, and unwavering dedication ensure the success and smooth running of this show each and every year.

My gratitude also goes to all our staff - both RPRA and BHW - whose professionalism and commitment help this great event continue to thrive.

Congratulations to all our successful fanciers this year. It is heart-warming to see young fanciers stepping forward with such enthusiasm, and equally inspiring to witness our seasoned competitors continue to set new standards and raise the bar even higher.

Thank you all for being here this evening, and I hope you thoroughly enjoy the celebrations.

Wishing you the very best for 2026.

Cormac O'Hare
RPRA President

Schedule for this Evening

8.00pm Introduction by Jim Tait

8.05pm Stevie Dodds (first set)

8.15pm The McRaes (first set)

8.40pm Jim/Stevie to introduce Presentation Video

Followed by Presentation of RPRA Awards

Comfort Break

9.40pm Stevie Dodds (second set)

9.45pm The McRaes (second set)

10.10pm Tyler's Desire

11.05pm Disco until 1.00am

Return coaches for RPRA Village Hotel guests leave Viva at 11:00pm, 11:30pm, 12.00am & 12:30am

TONIGHT!

Our very own!

JIM TAIT

British Homing World Awards 2025

British Homing World Trophy

251 – 450 Miles

Alan Parker, Downham

The Shy Lass Trophy

451 Miles and over

Angus Orr & Son, Brightons

The Gillian Scott Memorial Trophy

Best Performance by a Hen Flying Over 400 Miles

Mr D Jamiseon, Bathgate

Royal Pigeon Racing Association Awards 2025

The RPRA receives nominations for awards in three categories: short, middle and long distance. Certain awards are decided on a coefficient, based on the bird's placings compared to the number of birds in the race and the distance. Others are decided on a vote by the RPRA Council*.

We are delighted to celebrate the 2025 winners:

Young Fanciers – 8 to 15 years old

Young Fanciers - Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Ethan Nightingale** of Dover
GB24V65485, coefficient score 126.9134
Ethan receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Intermediate Young Fanciers – 16 to 21 years old

Intermediate - Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Keelie Wright** of Craigavon
GB24A07783, coefficient score 83.4329
Keelie receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Bamford's Top Flight Schools Championship Trophy

(best performance by a single pigeon)

The 2025 winner is **Beech Grove School,** Kent
GB25N36239, coefficient score of 17.3913
The school receives the trophy, a medallion and cheque for £50

Guy Barrett Trophy

This trophy is awarded to a young fancier for recognition as the most outstanding overall, based on performance, their attitude to the sport and service to the club. For 2025 the Guy Barrett Trophy is awarded to **Karl Greer** of Carlisle.
Karl receives the trophy and a medallion.

Beehive FC submitted the nomination, saying:
"In his first season Karl has proved to be a real asset to the club. He is very hard working and no job is too hard; he assists in all activities and is well liked by all the members. He has also had some excellent results:
Old Birds – Carnforth 8th of 153 birds, Charnock Richard 6th of 129;Lymm 8th of 156: Stratford 1 9th of 201; Stratford 2 6th of 85: Young Birds - Carnforth 7th of 261 birds."

Adult Awards

The adult awards are also based on short, middle and long distance categories. In addition, the Tony Cornwell Memorial Trophy is awarded for the best all round performance by a single pigeon over the season, and the Louis Massarella Trophy for the best performance by a young bird.

Short Distance 0 – 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Crehan & O'Connor** of Salford
BE24-4184305, coefficient score of 12.3929
They receive the Selby Thomas Memorial Trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **Mr & Mrs D Kingswood** of Alford
GB23X03290, coefficient score of 12.9068
They receive a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Andrew Sharp** of Oldham
GB24V45297, coefficient score of 15.1933
Andrew receives a medallion and a cheque for £40

Middle Distance 251 – 450 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Jamie Langrish** of Coppull
GB21V71549, coefficient score of 5.2831
Jamie receives the Preston Trophy, a medallion and cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **Mark Gilbert** of Windsor
GB23N40069, coefficient score of 6.2965
Mark receives a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Nigel Dennett** of Mansfield
GB23N17437, coefficient score of 7.6609
Nigel receives a medallion and a cheque for £40

Long Distance 451 miles and over*

1st Prize is awarded to **Mark Gilbert** of Windsor
GB23B08167, 1st of 962 birds, 570m 37y, 858ypm
Mark receives the Queen's Coronation Cup, a medallion and £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **John Murtagh** of Newry
GB23S72990, 1st of 2367 birds, 459m 189y, 875ypm
John receives a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Frank Kay** of Bolton
GB24N06607, 1st of 239 birds, 728m 348y, 592ypm
Frank receives a medallion and a cheque for £40

Tony Cornwell Memorial Trophy

(best all round performance by a single pigeon)

1st Prize is awarded to **Mark Gilbert** of Windsor
GB23N40069, coefficient score of 7.3683
Mark receives the trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **R & C O'Shea** of Worksop
GB24N35543, coefficient score of 60.3157
They receive a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Mr & Mrs B Garnham** of Boston
GB21X00633, coefficient score of 100.1189
They receive a medallion and a cheque for £40

Louis Massarella Trophy

(best performance by a young bird)

1st Prize is awarded to **Stanley Mason** of Pontefract
GB25A06786, coefficient score of 3.9188
Stanley receives the trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **Stanley Mason** of Pontefract
GB25A06774, coefficient score of 6.6169
Stanley receives a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Paul Graham** of Preston
GB25D20329, coefficient score of 6.6957
Paul receives a medallion and a cheque for £40

2025 Show Proceeds Charity Donations

BPFL Medical Research Team	£2,000
SHINE	£2,000
UK Olympiad Bid	£5,000
Prostate Cancer	£1,000
Guide Dogs	£1,000

We are very proud to say that since our first show in 1973 a total of

£2,743,080

has been donated to charities

The BHW Show of the Year Committee records its grateful thanks to our class sponsors for their generosity

BHW Show Stewards – Class 19

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Mr Roy Musto – Class 30

Family of Ron & Kath Trippett – Classes 24 and 25

Versele-Laga NV – Class 28

Many Thanks…

to **ALL** of our show sponsors, donors of raffle prizes, and donors of pigeons for the charity auction for their support and generosity, in particular

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VERSELE-LAGA
The choice of Champions

The next BHW Show of the Year takes place on 16th-17th January 2027.
We hope to see you there!