

Below are the bullet point notes from the presentation if you have any queries please contact [info@asao.co.uk](mailto:info@asao.co.uk)

#### LIVESTOCK HANDLING

- Physical and mental capacity of handler (should be part of rules and regs)
- Young handlers (particularly cattle) should be supervised by an adult who is not supervising any other animal
- Whilst there is no legal lower or upper age for handling cattle - Awareness of HSE AIS35 which states guidance that children under the age of 13 should not be in cattle housing or handling cattle
- Make sure your controls are documented in your risk assessment
- Also consider risks to those handlers at the latter end of the spectrum – confidence to address any issues.

#### VINTAGE TRACTOR PARADES

- One person – one seat (no riding in cabs without a seat or riding on wheel arch)
- No one under the age of 13 in the cab/riding on any agricultural vehicle (This is a legal requirement)
- Those driving in the parade must be of a legal age for that vehicle and insured
- No riding in link boxes unless fitted with a purpose built seat and seat/lap belt
- No mobile phones to be used when operating a vehicle in the parade.
- Ensure the parade is sufficiently stewarded and the vehicles keep up with each other
- Vehicles must be in good condition and hand brakes must be in working order
- Doors and cab windows should be complete where fitted and not broken or missing
- No one under the influence of alcohol to operate any vehicle or be a passenger in the parade.
- Ensure risk assessment is in place and Stewards are briefed.

#### WEATHER PLANNING

Changes in climate patterns make it more foreseeable that an event will suffer a weather extreme event. In 2022 the UK saw temperatures above 40C for the first time. In that year there were 2803 heat related deaths – it is anticipated that this figure will triple by 2050. A number of the 2022 deaths could have been avoided if simple steps had been taken

Met Office Event Services to assist with weather planning

#### *WET WEATHER PLANNING*

- Written plan could include:
- Towing facilities
- Road sweeping
- Availability of car parking
- Wood chip etc
- Trackway (should also allow for vehicle passing)/Emergency vehicle movements
- Back up/deferment dates/cancellation policy/procedure
- Information for visitors
- Electrical Equipment – correct IP rating – suitable for conditions

### *WIND PLAN*

- At what point do you close marquees
- When are trader gazebos no longer permitted – check with insurance company as some have specified wind speeds.
- Set up “on hold” how would this effect your Show
- Risk of inflatables/Fairground attractions
- When do you commence regular meetings (suggest between 24-30 mph)
- How do you monitor wind speeds – 10m high is ideal however a robust hand held anemometer is also very useful and essential for monitoring
- Competent marquee erectors and communication with them particularly if they are not on site during your event.
- Written plan in place (maybe be part of Event Safety Plan)

### *HOT WEATHER*

- Shade for visitors – stretch tents, somewhere to sit in the shade – not just expecting public to go in the Food/Craft Tent
- Ensure where possible queues are shaded
- If not possible monitor and ensure visitors are not put at risk of heat exhaustion (monitoring)
- Medical Team well prepared
- Access to potable drinking water
- Livestock welfare
- Messages to visitors/stewards (don't forget the people in the car parks)
- Dogs – drinking water – keep off tarmac roads
- Increased fire risk – monitor, signage and prepare

### *ELECTRIC VEHICLES (Motorised mobility scooters, motor scooters, bikes and buggies)*

Whilst these vehicles have a positive environmental impact the consequences of a fire is increased due to the energetic nature of the combustion.

- Recommend not allowing charging in buildings where cattle/straw may be present
- Ideally designated charging area with safe escape to outside and 60 minutes fire resistance
- Don't allow charging in escape routes or areas where there may be sleeping accommodation
- Review fire risk assessment and fire procedures
- Don't allow mobility scooters to be charged if covered with blanket/rug
- Lack of sound – people cant hear them particularly in a crowded environment – can you add sound
- Driver training – make sure you keep a record of familiarisation training for those volunteers/staff who may be using show buggies.
- No one under age to operate buggies (including during set up/breakdown – they will not be insured!!)
- Review risk assessments to take into consideration electric vehicles on your showground.

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Notes from HS update – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024