

Wool Cup Lady Aldington Memorial Trophy Aileen Kennedy Trophy

The judging for the **Wool Cup**, the **Lady Aldington Memorial Trophy** and the **Aileen Kennedy Trophy** will commence at 5.00 pm on the evening of Saturday April 25th 2026 at the Jacob Sheep Society Annual General Meeting at the Crathorne Hall Hotel, Crathorne, Yarm, North Yorkshire, TS15 0AR

Any JSS member or group of members may enter one or more items (or matched sets of items) which demonstrate skilful and imaginative use of Jacob fleece. This means that the outstanding feature of the item must be, or be made from, Jacob fleece.

Any skill can be used to transform the Jacob fleece – knitting, crochet, weaving, spinning, tapestry, felt, embroidery, macramé, fleecy sculptures, fleecy pictures – whatever you chose.

Following the changes in the rules three years ago, entries for the Wool Cup do not have to be crafted by a JSS member. Any member can submit items made by a non-member using fleece from the member's flock.



The **Wool Cup** event will be divided into two sections. The first section will be for the award of the Wool Cup to the best group of three or fewer items (a matched set counts as one item), selected to represent the Region. Your Regional Council Member will be able to tell you how the Regional group will be selected.



When the winning group for the Wool Cup has been chosen, the remaining Regional items crafted by a JSS member will be judged alongside the items submitted by individual JSS members. The winner will be presented with the **Dutch Cup**, and rosettes will be awarded to the highest placed runners-up.



All the Regional and individual entries for the Wool Cup crafted by a JSS member will be judged together for the **Lady Aldington Memorial Trophy**. This trophy will be awarded to the item that has the most novel, quirky or unusual design.



The **Aileen Kennedy Trophy** will be awarded for the best skein of Jacob yarn that has been hand spun by a JSS member using fleece from their own flock. The yarn can be any natural Jacob colour, or mix of natural colours, and must be plied – the type of ply is your choice. Up to 10% by weight of another fibre, for example silk, can be included. Additional fibre can be dyed, but the Jacob must be its natural colour.

The event is not only an opportunity to show skill and imagination in transforming Jacob fleece into a decorative or practical item, it's also an opportunity to get a financial reward. Any item can be offered for sale; as is usual at Society sponsored events, a 10% commission will be deducted from the proceeds of sale.

An entry form is printed on the reverse of this flyer. Please complete a separate form for each crafted item, set of items or skein of yarn, and send to Barley Gould, 17 Lugley Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5HD or by email to barley110@aol.com

The closing date for entries is **April 1, 2026**, and early notification will be appreciated. Please email (barley110@aol.com) or call Barley (01983 530770) if you want more information.

The 2026 JSS Annual Craft Competition Entry Form

All members of the Jacob Sheep Society may submit one or more entries for the competition that will commence at 5.00 pm on **Saturday April 25th 2026** at the Annual General Meeting Weekend in Crathorn. **Please make sure Barley has your entry by 10.00 am on Saturday morning.**

Please use a separate form for each item or skein of yarn and return to Barley Gould, 17 Lugley Street, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5HD, before **April 1, 2026** (early notification will be appreciated). For more information call Barley on 01983 530770 or e-mail barley110@aol.com

The item is entered for (tick one option)		The Regional Wool Cup Group (crafted by a member)	Region
		The Regional Wool Cup Group (crafted by a non-member)	
		Dutch Cup and Lady A Cup (crafted by a member)	
		The Aileen Kennedy Trophy (crafted by a member)	

Member's Name and Address If the item is submitted by a group of JSS members (Wool Cup, Dutch Cup, Lady Aldington Trophy) please list other participants on a separate sheet.	Flock Name	
	Flock Number	
	Telephone No	
	Email Address	

To assist the judge, a written description will be given of each item. These descriptions are also used when labelling the item for display. For example, a Wool Cup item could be described as follows:

Mr & Mrs Jacob, their flock and sheepdog. Hand knitted in hand and mill spun yarn using fleece from the HEORTHYLL flock.

For entries for the Aileen Kennedy Trophy (a hand spun skein of yarn) the description must include the fibre content (e.g. Jacob, Jacob with 5% silk) and the approximate weight and/or length. You may also include additional information such as the age or gender of the sheep or any special preparation or process used to produce the yarn.

If the item is for sale, please enter the price (A 10% commission will be deducted by the Jacob Sheep Society from the proceeds of sale)	
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Conditions of Entry (Wool Cup, Dutch Cup, Lady Aldington Memorial Trophy and Aileen Kennedy Trophy)

The judging will commence at 5pm on the EVENING of Saturday April 25th 2026 at the AGM in Crathorne. It is the member's responsibility to arrange safe transport of the item(s) to and from the AGM.

Photographs of the entries may be used by the Jacob Sheep Society for breed promotion purposes and in articles for external publications.

It is the responsibility of the owner of the item(s) to arrange appropriate insurance cover. The Jacob Sheep Society accepts no responsibility for items that are lost, stolen or damaged.

The item must be submitted by a JSS member or a group of JSS members and be made from fleece from one or more JSS members' flocks.

Conditions of Entry (Wool Cup, Dutch Cup and Lady Aldington Memorial Trophy)

The outstanding feature of the item must be, or be made from, Jacob fleece; any other material can only be used as an accessory to the fleece.

It is not necessary for every part of an item to have been hand-crafted, but the craftsperson(s) must have had substantial input. For example, the use of mill spun yarn, a commercial pattern or a manufactured accessory (such as a frame) is acceptable, providing that the finished item manifestly demonstrates skilful and imaginative use of Jacob fleece.

An entry may comprise more than one item, for example an ensemble of hat, scarf and gloves. However, in such cases, it should be clearly apparent from the design and construction that the articles form a set.

Items submitted for inclusion in a Regional Wool Cup Group can be crafted by a non-member. Only items crafted by a JSS member will be eligible to be judged for the award of the Dutch Cup and Lady Aldington Memorial Trophy.

Conditions of Entry (Aileen Kennedy Trophy)

The skein must be spun and submitted by a JSS member.

The Jacob fibre content of the skein must be in its natural colour. It cannot be dyed.

Up to 10% by weight of another fibre (e.g. silk) may be used. Fibres other than Jacob can be dyed.

It is acceptable to use commercially carded fibre.