



15th-17th
September 2026

NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

MACHINERY & LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION

Screggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN



BLUE ROUTE

BLUE ROUTE - Traffic from Cork / Munster

- Traffic travelling Northbound on the M8 will exit at Junction 6 (Horse & Jockey) and proceed towards Thurles where Gardai will divert traffic along the event route onto Templemore and Roscrea along the N62. At Birr traffic will join the N52 travelling northbound via Kilcormac and Blueball and onto the event site at Screggan, Tullamore.

Parking:

- Patrons on this route will park in the designated **BLUE car parks** on the left and right hand side beside the event grounds.

GREY ROUTE

GREY ROUTE - Traffic from South East (Kilkenny)

- Traffic travelling from Kilkenny/South East will travel North along the N77 via Durrow and Abbeyleix before arriving at Portlaoise where traffic will be directed left at Junction 17 through Clonminham and onwards to Fairgreen Portlaoise, travelling along the N80 to Mountmellick. At Derryclooney Bridge, Mountmellick traffic will be directed left and onto the R422 through Rosenallis and Clonaslee. At Coolagh Cross traffic will be directed right onto the R421 (Killurin Road). At Killurin Cross traffic will be directed left towards the event site at Screggan, Tullamore and parking beside the event site.

Parking:

- Patrons on this route will park in the designated GREY Car Parks beside the event grounds at Screggan.

YELLOW ROUTE

YELLOW ROUTE - Traffic from the South East (Carlow)

- Traffic travelling from Carlow and the South East will travel on the N80 towards Portlaoise. At Bloomfield Roundabout, Portlaoise traffic will be directed right onto Rathbrennan and onto Junction 16 (M7). Traffic will then turn left to the Heath and left again at the Wheel Inn pub (sign-posted Portarlinton). Traffic will proceed to Kennells Cross and be turned left and travel towards Mountmellick town. All traffic will be directed through Mountmellick town and onto Tullamore via Killeigh. Traffic will then proceed to parking beside the event grounds.

Parking:

- Patrons on this route will park in the designated **YELLOW Car Parks** beside the event grounds at Screggan.

BROWN ROUTE

BROWN ROUTE - Traffic from Limerick, Kerry and Southwest:

- Traffic travelling Northbound on the M7 will exit at Junction 26 (Nenagh South) and will proceed on the N52 towards Borrisokane. In Borrisokane traffic will take the N62 (Signposted Portumna) and after 5km traffic will turn right onto the R438 to Cloghan. In Cloghan traffic will turn onto the R357 before being directed to parking beside the event grounds.

Parking:

- Patrons on this route will park in the designated **BROWN Car Parks** beside the event grounds at Screggan.

PURPLE ROUTE

PURPLE ROUTE - Traffic from Dublin

- Traffic from Dublin to use the M4/M6 Westbound to Junction 5 on the M6 (Kilbeggan) and then onto the N52 towards Tullamore for 4km, where at Durrow turn right onto L2005 (passing GAA Pitch) and travel for 2km, then turn left onto the R420 and travel for 2km to avail of a shuttle service to the site.

Parking:

- Patrons on this route will park in the designated **PURPLE Car Park**.

PINK ROUTE

PINK ROUTE - Traffic from the North

- Traffic travelling from the North will travel via Mullingar and onto the N52 towards Tyrellspass. Traffic will be turned right into Tyrellspass Village and on to Kilbeggan Village via R446 (old N6). Once through Kilbeggan Village turn left for Clara onto the R436. On the approach to Clara traffic will turn left onto the L2009 before joining the R420 Tullamore to Clara Road. Traffic will then turn right at Coolnahiley and be directed to parking beside the event grounds.

Parking:

- Patrons travelling this route will park in the designated **PINK Car Parks** beside the event grounds at Screggan.

GREEN ROUTE

GREEN ROUTE - Traffic from the West

- Traffic travelling from the West will exit M6 motorway at Junction 6 (Horseleap, Clara) and will be directed towards Moate town. Traffic will then be directed left onto the Ballycumber Road. At Ballycumber traffic will join the R436 (Ballycumber to Clara Road) before turning right on towards Rahan Village. At Rahan Village traffic will be directed onto the L2011 towards the event site and parking.

Parking:

- Patrons travelling this route will park in the designated **GREEN Car Parks** on the right hand side of the L2011 just beside the event grounds at Screggan.

ORANGE ROUTE

ORANGE ROUTE - Traffic from the North

- Traffic travelling Westbound along the M7 Motorway will exit at Junction 15 (Cappakeel), turning right over the Motorway and onto the R445 (Old Dublin Road). At New Inn Roundabout traffic will proceed through Emo Village and onto Kennells Cross where it will turn right and be directed to Garryhinch Cross and onto Cloneygowan Village. Traffic will then follow the R420 to the event site.

Parking:

- Patrons travelling this route will park in the designated **ORANGE Car Parks**.

***ALL RELEVANT JUNCTION AND CAR PARK ENTRANCES/EXITS WILL HAVE APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AND WILL BE CONTROLLED BY GARDA PERSONNEL.**

EXHIBITOR FIELD PASS PARKING

Exhibitors displaying FIELD PASS will be directed to the Exhibition up to 8am ONLY. No vehicle movement is permitted off site before 7pm. If you need to leave trade arena before 7pm, do not park on exhibition site or in the indoor exhibitor designated parking zone. These restrictions are a condition set by the emergency services and may be extended at the discretion of Gardai.

EXHIBITOR/OFFICIAL PARKING

BLUE ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will proceed along the **Blue Traffic Route**. Exhibitors will then park on the right hand side of the N52 just after the **Blue Car Park** adjacent to the event site.

GREY ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will proceed along the **Grey Traffic Route** where they will be directed to the Exhibitors Parking Section located in the **Grey Car Park** adjacent to the event site.

YELLOW ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will proceed along **Yellow Traffic Route** where they will be directed to Exhibitors Parking located in the **Yellow Car Park** adjacent to the event site.

GREEN ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will proceed along the **Green Traffic Route**. Just after the **Green Car Parks**, Exhibitors will turn left off the L2011 and be directed to Exhibitor parking adjacent to the event site.

ORANGE ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will proceed along the **Orange Traffic Route** to Kennells Cross where it will merge with the **Yellow Route** and travel on to the designated Exhibitor parking on the **Yellow Route** adjacent to the event site.

BROWN ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will proceed along the **Brown Route**. At Blue Ball Exhibitors will merge onto the **Blue Traffic Route** and be directed to Exhibitor parking located on the right hand side of the N52 adjacent to the event site.

PURPLE ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will proceed along the **Purple Traffic Route**. At Ballyduff, Exhibitors will turn right onto the R420 where they will merge with the **Pink Route** at Coolnahiley. From here Exhibitors will be directed onto the designated Exhibitor parking adjacent to the event site.

PINK ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will proceed along the **Pink Traffic Route**. Exhibitors will be directed to parking situated after the pink car parks adjacent to the event site.

COMPETITORS PARKING

The Ploughing competitors' Assembly Area is located off the L2011 (Claragh Cross) Screggan, Tullamore. This entrance will be clearly marked. The following will apply in relation to Ploughing Competitors:

BLUE ROUTE

Competitors travelling the **Blue Route** (Cork/Munster) will turn off the N52 at Screggan (sign-posted Mucklagh). At Screggan Cross competitors will turn left, travel 300m to Claragh Cross and turn right to the Assembly Yard and parking.

GREY ROUTE

Competitors travelling the **Grey Route** (South East/Kilkenny) route will via Screggan Cross to Claragh Cross and turn right to the Assembly Yard and parking.

YELLOW ROUTE

Competitors travelling the **Yellow Route** (South East/Carlow) will join the N52 at Clonminch, Tullamore where they will travel along the town by-pass towards Mucklagh. At Mucklagh they will proceed through the village, turn right at Screggan Cross, travel 300m to Claragh Cross and turn right to the Assembly Yard and parking.

BROWN ROUTE

Competitors travelling the **Brown Route** (Limerick/Kerry) will turn off the N52 at Screggan (signposted Mucklagh). At Screggan Cross competitors will turn left, travel 300m to Claragh Cross and turn right to the Assembly Yard and parking.

PURPLE ROUTE

Competitors travelling the **Purple Route** (Dublin) will turn right at Ballyduff (R420) onto Clara/Tullamore Road where it will proceed to Coolnahiley. At Coolnahiley competitors will turn left and travel towards Ballinamere. At Ballinamere GAA pitch competitors will turn right on towards Rahan village and join the **Green Route** at Rahan and proceed as per **Green Route** to Claragh Cross, turning left to the Assembly Yard and parking.

GREEN ROUTE

Competitors travelling the **Green Route** (West) will arrive at Rahan and travel the L2011 onwards to Claragh Cross turning left to the Assembly Yard and parking.

PINK ROUTE

Competitors travelling the **Pink Route** (North) will turn right off the R420 Tullamore/Clara Road at Coolnahiley. Competitors will then travel to Ballinamere. At Ballinamere GAA pitch competitors will turn right on towards Rahan village and join the **Green Route** at Rahan and proceed as per **Green Route** to Claragh Cross, turning left to the Assembly Yard and parking.

ORANGE ROUTE

Competitors travelling the **Orange Route** (Kildare / Junction 15, M7) will proceed to Kennells Cross where it will merge with the **Yellow Route**. This traffic will travel as per detailed in the **Yellow Route** above.

HUNT CHASE PARKING

The Grounds for the Hunt Chase are located on the L2011 (Mucklagh/Rahan Road) marked Entrance Gate No. 5 The following will apply in relation to Hunt Chase Competitors:

BLUE ROUTE

Participants from the **Blue Route** (Cork/Munster) will turn off the N52 at Screggan (signposted Mucklagh). At Screggan Cross participants will turn left, travel 200m to Gate No. 5 and enter grounds on the right.

BROWN ROUTE

Participants from the **Brown Route** (Limerick/Kerry) will turn off the N52 at Screggan (signposted Mucklagh). At Screggan Cross participants will turn left, travel 200m to Gate No. 5 and enter grounds on the right.

GREY ROUTE

Participants from the **Grey Route** (South East/Kilkenny) will travel on to Screggan Cross onto the L2011 entering the grounds on the right hand side at Gate 5.

YELLOW ROUTE

Participants from the **Yellow Route** (South East/Carlow) will join the N52 at Clonminch, Tullamore where they will travel along the town by-pass towards Mucklagh. At Mucklagh they will proceed through the village, turn right at Screggan Cross onto the L2011 entering the grounds on the right at Gate 5.

ORANGE ROUTE

Participants from the **Orange Route** (Kildare/Junction 15, M7) will proceed to Kennells Cross where it will merge with the **Yellow Route**. Participants will travel as per detailed in the **Yellow Route** above.

GREEN ROUTE

Participants from the **Green Route** (West) will travel to Rahan Village and onwards to the L2011 entering the grounds on the left hand side at Gate 5.

PURPLE ROUTE

Participants from the **Purple Route** (Dublin) will turn right at Ballyduff R420 onto the Clara/Tullamore Road where it will proceed to Coolnahiley. At Coolnahiley participants will turn left and travel towards Ballinamere. At Ballinamere GAA Pitch participants will turn right towards Rahan Village and join the **Green Route** at Rahan. Participants will then travel the L2011 entering the grounds on the left hand side at Gate 5.

PINK ROUTE

Participants from the **Pink Route** (North) will turn right off the R420 (Tullamore/Clara) Road at Coolnahiley. At Coolnahiley participants will turn left and travel towards Ballinamere. At Ballinamere GAA Pitch participants will turn right towards Rahan Village and join the **Green Route** at Rahan. Participants will then travel the L2011 entering the grounds on the left hand side at Gate 5.

DISABILITY PARKING

- All such traffic from the **PURPLE**, **YELLOW**, **BLUE**, **GREY**, **PINK**, **GREEN** and **BROWN** routes will be directed to the designated disability parking areas within the Exhibitor Car Parks, adjacent to the site.

BUS, TAXI & SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

BUS PARKING:

Bus drivers MUST have the contact information of their passengers to arrange reloading in the evenings.

- All Buses on **Brown** / **Blue** route will be directed into Bus Park 2 following Limerick traffic into the designated hard core quarry area and also following Munster traffic into Bus Park 3 at Mucklagh Soccar club, just off the N52 bypass entering Mucklagh Village.
- All Buses travelling on the **Purple** / **Pink** routes will continue on to the N52 (Mucklagh By-Pass) and park across from the event site in Bus Park 1.
- All Buses travelling on the **Orange**, **Yellow** and **Grey** Routes will travel to Mountmellick where they will proceed to Tullamore via the N.80. They will then be directed to Bus Parking on the N52 (Mucklagh By-Pass) across from the event site in Bus Park 1.
- All Buses travelling on the **Green** Route will exit the M6 at Junction 5 Kilbeggan and proceed on the N52 to Mucklagh By-Pass and park across from the event site in Bus Park 1

BUS EIREANN TRAIN STATION SHUTTLE BUS:

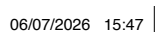
A Shuttle Bus service operated by Bus Eireann will be in operation from Tullamore and Portarlinton Train Stations. The times of this service will operate to suit train times; with pick up times from Tullamore Train Station starting at 7.00am until 12.30pm and from Portarlinton Train Station starting at 6.30am until 12.15pm. The Shuttle Bus service will start return runs from the site to Tullamore Train Station at 13:30pm up until 19.00pm, and to Portarlinton Train Station at 13.30pm up until 19.20pm. The drop off and pick up point is located near the event entrance along the N52. Purchase Shuttle Bus tickets on **expressway.ie** or Combi Rail/Shuttle Bus tickets on **irishrail.ie**

TAXI PARKING:

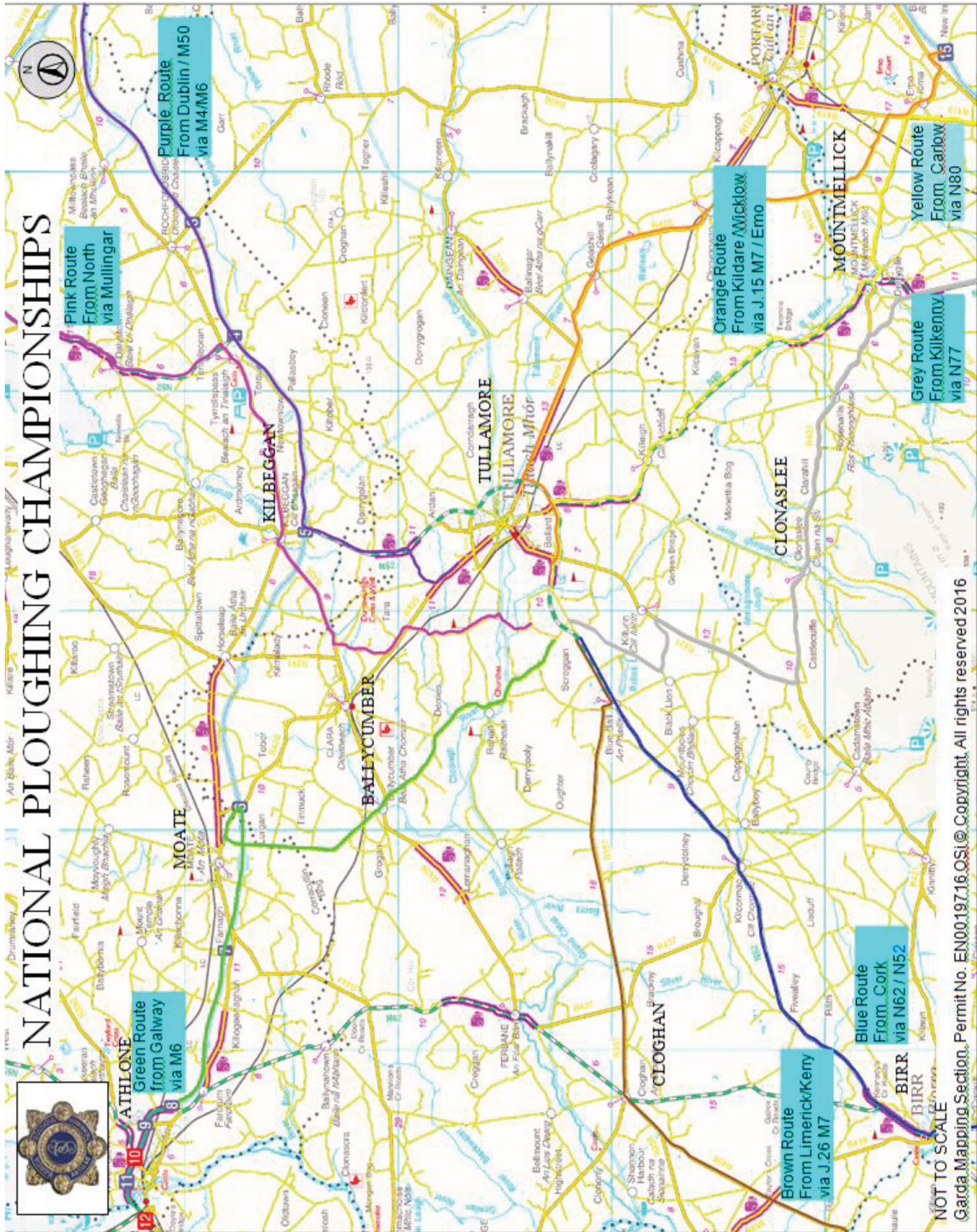
Taxis dropping off patrons will be facilitated as close to the car parks as is possible once there is no interference with the flow of traffic.

There is no designated Taxi pick up area in or around the event site.

CARPARK MAP



NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



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CHECKLIST FOR TRAVELLING TO PLOUGHING 2026

► Event Hours

- The event opens to the public at **9am** and closes at **6pm**.

► Tickets:

- **Pre-purchase tickets online** at www.npa.ie to guarantee entry on your day of choice.
- **Children under 12 are free**, but they must be accompanied by a paying adult.
- **Important!** Visitors are not guaranteed access to site after 3 pm due to heavy traffic leaving the site, and gates will close at 4 pm.
- **Ticket scanning:** Either **print your ticket** or **screenshot** the barcode on your phone for a faster entry.

► Travel Options

- **Take the Train / Bus if possible.**
 - » Bus Éireann are running a Shuttle Bus Service from Tullamore and Portarlington train stations, for a fee. The times of this service will operate to suit train schedules.
 - » Purchase Shuttle Bus tickets on expressway.ie or Combi Rail/Shuttle Bus tickets on irishrail.ie.
 - » 10% discount on shuttle bus tickets purchased online only on www.expressway.ie
 - » A walk-up service will also be available at both stations.

► Driving to the Event

- **Expect delays**—plan for at least **double the normal travel time** due to traffic.
- **Carpool** if you can to reduce traffic congestion.
- Familiarize yourself with the **traffic plan** and know your route.
- Follow the **directional signage** to the venue – **do not use GPS**.
- Bring **snacks and drinks**, especially if traveling with children.
- If you have a **vehicle pass**, make sure it is clearly visible on the **front windscreen**. Cars without visible passes may be directed to outer car parks.
- **Parking tip:** Take note of the number, colour, or animal sign as you enter/exit the car park. If you have a smartphone, **drop a pin** when you park up, or **take a picture** of the sign to easily **locate your car** later.
- **Campervan/Caravan parking** is available but must be pre-booked on www.npa.ie.

► Event Tips

- **Dress for the weather** - it's autumn, it's Ireland and it's outdoors!
- Wear suitable **footwear** for walking on rough terrain.
- **FBD Keeping You Safe wristbands** will be available at all entrances and within the event site.

- **Important contacts for traffic updates:**
 - www.npa.ie – @npaie
 - www.garda.ie – @gardatraffic
 - www.theaa.ie – @aaronroadwatch

Bus Eireann Shuttle Bus Services from Tullamore and Portarlington Stations to National Ploughing Championships Tue 15th, Wed 16th & Thur 17th September

Bus Eireann Shuttle Bus fees:

Adult Return €12 (Tullamore) | Adult Return €15 (Portarlington) | Senior Citizen Return €12 | Child Return (under 16) €12 | Family €30
10% discount on shuttle bus tickets purchased online only on www.expressway.ie

Bus Eireann Shuttle Bus Timetable - FROM TULLAMORE TRAIN STATION												
Tullamore Railway Station to National Ploughing Championships, Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly												
Stop Name:	Tuesday September 15th											
Tullamore Train Station	07:00	07:30	08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
Ploughing Championships	07:30	08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00
Stop Name:	Wednesday September 16th											
Tullamore Train Station	07:00	07:30	08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
Ploughing Championships	07:30	08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00
Stop Name:	Thursday September 17th											
Tullamore Train Station	07:00	07:30	08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
Ploughing Championships	07:30	08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00

Bus Eireann Shuttle Bus Timetable - TO TULLAMORE TRAIN STATION										
National Ploughing Championships, Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly to Tullamore Railway Station										
Stop Name:	Tuesday September 15th									
Ploughing Championships	13:30	14:00	15:00	15:30	16:30	17:00	17:30	18:00	19:00	
Tullamore Train Station	14:00	14:30	15:30	16:00	17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:30	
Stop Name:	Wednesday September 16th									
Ploughing Championships	13:30	14:00	15:00	15:30	16:30	17:00	17:30	18:00	19:00	
Tullamore Train Station	14:00	14:30	15:30	16:00	17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:30	
Stop Name:	Thursday September 17th									
Ploughing Championships	13:30	14:00	15:00	15:30	16:30	17:00	17:30	18:00	19:00	
Tullamore Train Station	14:00	14:30	15:30	16:00	17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:30	

Bus Eireann Shuttle Bus Timetable - FROM PORTARLINGTON TRAIN STATION										
Portarlington Railway Station to National Ploughing Championships, Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly										
Stop Name:	Tuesday September 15th									
Portarlington Train Station	06:30	07:30	08:30	09:30	10:00	11:30	12:15			
Ploughing Championships	07:30	08:30	09:30	10:30	11:00	12:30	13:15			
Stop Name:	Wednesday September 16th									
Portarlington Train Station	06:30	07:30	08:30	09:30	10:00	11:30	12:15			
Ploughing Championships	07:30	08:30	09:30	10:30	11:00	12:30	13:15			
Stop Name:	Thursday September 17th									
Portarlington Train Station	06:30	07:30	08:30	09:30	10:00	11:30	12:15			
Ploughing Championships	07:30	08:30	09:30	10:30	11:00	12:30	13:15			

Bus Eireann Shuttle Bus Timetable - TO PORTARLINGTON TRAIN STATION										
National Ploughing Championships, Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly to Portarlington Railway Station										
Stop Name:	Tuesday September 15th									
Ploughing Championships	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:20	16:20	17:30	18:20	19:20		
Portarlington Train Station	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:20	17:20	18:30	19:20	20:20		
Stop Name:	Wednesday September 16th									
Ploughing Championships	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:20	16:20	17:30	18:20	19:20		
Portarlington Train Station	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:20	17:20	18:30	19:20	20:20		
Stop Name:	Thursday September 17th									
Ploughing Championships	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:20	16:20	17:30	18:20	19:20		
Portarlington Train Station	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:20	17:20	18:30	19:20	20:20		

Book Train/Shuttle Combo ticket: www.irishrail.ie | Book shuttle bus only tickets: www.expressway.ie | Shuttle bus only tickets may be purchased on the day