



**TINAHEI**

AGRICULTURAL SHOW  
SINCE 1935

Annual Show  
August Monday  
Wicklow County Show

*Tinahely Agricultural Show Society Co Ltd*  
*Est. 1935*

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To: Siobhan O' Brien Wicklow County Council County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow  
Date: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

RE: Tinahely Agricultural Show, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Fairwood Park, Tinahely, Co Wicklow

To whom it may concern, Tinahely Agricultural Show Society Ltd wishes to make an application, for a licence in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) to hold an Agricultural Show. We are submitting with the application the following details:

- (a) APPLICIANT DETAILS: Name & Address: Tinahely Agricultural Show, Unit 16, Riverside Business Park, Tinahely, Co Wicklow. Contact Details: Joe Hayden, email: [joehayden60@gmail.com](mailto:joehayden60@gmail.com) phone : 087 6867805
- (b) (c) ANTICIPATED AUDIENCE: approximatly 15,000
- (c) (d) PROPOSED DATES AND TIMES: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 from 7.30am to 6.30pm
- (d) NEWSPAPER NOTICE Copies of the public notices, published in the Irish Independent on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and the Wicklow People on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 are included as part of this application.
- (e) (g) DRAFT EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN We have attached 6 copies of the Draft Event Management Plan.
- (f) (f) LETTER OF CONSENT Attached are letters of consent from land/venue owners.

g) Application fee: As the Chairperson of our organization, I am reaching out to request the waiver of the application fee for the required annual event license application.

The Tinahely Agricultural Show holds a special place in the hearts of our community, attracting approximately 15,000 visitors, 4,000 entries, and 400 trade stands each year. It stands as one of the largest agricultural shows in Ireland, embodying the spirit and essence of rural life with its diverse range of entertainment, livestock and equestrian competitions, arts and crafts, family activities, and showcases of community service and Irish food produce.

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Tinahely Agricultural Show Society Company Ltd. is a Company limited by guarantee without a share capital with a registered office at Unit 16, Riverside Business Centre, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow.

Directors: Jonathan Williams, George Steacy, Margaret Healy, Seamus Dempsey Joe Hayden, Graham Boyd, Pat Walsh, Dorothy Lazenby, Tom McDonald, Diarmuid O'Connor, Anne Haskins, Joyce Kearney & Wesley Dagge

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As a community-based and voluntary organization with charitable status, we operate under the constraints of limited resources. Like many similar organizations, we grapple with the challenges posed by escalating costs, particularly in areas such as insurance and equipment hire. Furthermore, the unpredictability of weather conditions poses a significant financial risk to our show, emphasizing the importance of prudent financial management to ensure its continuity and success in the years to come.

In light of these considerations, we respectfully appeal to you to consider our request for the waiver of the application fee for our event license. We are committed to upholding the traditions and values that the Tinahely Agricultural Show represents, and we believe that your support in this matter would greatly contribute to our ability to continue serving our community and preserving this beloved event.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find Ministerial guidance that underscores the significance of events such as ours and encourages local authorities to exercise discretion in waiving fees for community-oriented initiatives like the Tinahely Agricultural Show.

We sincerely hope that you will view our request favourably and grant the waiver of the application fee. Your support would not only alleviate financial strain but also reaffirm the invaluable role that community events play in fostering social cohesion and celebrating our shared heritage.

Thank you for considering our appeal. We remain at your disposal should you require any further information or clarification please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Margaret Healy  
Chairman Tinahely Agricultural Show

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