



Full Programme of Events

Tuesday – 19th August

The Showgrounds (Free Entry Today)

Demonstration by Connemara Therapeutic Riding CLG - 11.00am

Discover how Connemara ponies support well-being in a live therapeutic riding demo for all abilities. Free entry.

Loose Jumping Competitions - 2.00pm

A unique opportunity to see young Connemara ponies evaluated for natural jumping prowess – all without a rider. Free entry.

100th Show Welcome Reception - 6.00pm

Join us at the Show Marquee for drinks & nibbles. ALL welcome - locals and pony community alike. Free entry.

Station House Courtyard

Get on the Pony Carousel - All Week!

Close to The Showgrounds, enjoy on spin on the Pony Carousel at the Station House Courtyard. Tuesday to Sunday



Clifden Town & Market Square

Best Window Displays

Have a ramble through the town to see all the themed entries for the Window Display Competition.

Station House Museum

'In a field, Dreaming' – Exhibition & Soundscape

From 10.00 - Open daily. A digital photography exhibition and soundscape exploring the habitat, history and gentle nature of our indigenous pony. Free entry.

Station House Theatre

'Connemara and its Ponies' – Screening Daily

- 12.00pm - All Week. 'Connemara and its Ponies' (1971) by David Shaw Smith is rare archival documentary 30 mins in length. Free entry.

'Into the West' Film Screening - 7.00pm

A special screening of the film 'Into the West' (1992) – a much-loved film (1 hour 37 minutes) featuring the Connemara pony and stunning footage of Connemara. Free entry.

Wednesday – 20th August

The Showgrounds

The Traditional 'In-Hand Classes' Pony Competitions -

From 8.00am – The traditional and day long series of Connemara ponies being judged on conformation, breed characteristics, and overall presentation while led by a handler.

Official Show Opening by Nina Carberry MEP

Domestic Arts, Crafts & Produce Show

Celebrate local creativity with home produce, handcrafted items, and garden produce competitions. Pre-entry only – all entries must be on display no later than 10:15am.

The Dog Show – 2.00pm

The always popular competition for various breeds of dogs. Entries welcome on the day from 12 noon, competition commences at 2.00pm.

Best & Most Appropriately Dressed Competitions - 1pm

Dress to impress! Fabulous prizes await those who stand out for elegance, creativity and flair. Register at the Marquee between 12.30pm and 1.00pm. Judging from 1.00pm.

Irish Dancing Competition – 2.00pm

Enjoy the tradition of local Irish dancers as they perform and compete. Entries accepted on the day.

The All-New Show Marquee

- Enjoy some food & beverages in the all-new Show Marquee!
- Also... be sure to visit our stand here at the marquee for the limited edition 100th Show assorted merchandise 🍷

Clifden Town & Market Square

Street Traders & Family Fun! – All Day

See the stalls with crafts, local produce, and artisanal delights along with fabulous face painting for kids (and kids at heart!)

Clifden Station House Hotel

The Showdown – 8.00pm

Get together for music, drinks, and a relaxed evening.

Thursday – 21st August

The Showgrounds

Ridden and Working Hunter Classes - From 7.30am.

Exciting ridden & working hunter competitions, including the Champion Ridden Pony & Irish Green Hunter Final.

Clifden Town & Market Square

Facepainting - 6.00pm

Fabulous face painting for the kids & big kids at heart!

Sing-Along Social - 6.00pm

Join the Sing Along Social Craic Mechanics for an equestrian themed sing along street party at the Gig Rig!

CLADA - Band on the Gig Rig - From 8.00pm

Soak up the show atmosphere and Live Finale on the Big Screen of the 'Win A Home in Clifden' Draw & Afterparty with our very own 'CLADA' on the Gig Rig.

Station House Theatre

Grand Finale of 'Win A Home in Clifden' - Doors 8pm

Join the in-person excitement of someone winning a luxury apartment in Clifden worth €360k! - Live Draw (to be live streamed on Facebook) commencing at 9pm.

Tickets are €100 and are for sale up until 7.00pm 21st August 2025

at the Win A Home sales office on Market Square and @ www.winahomeinclifden.com

Abbeyleen Castle Hotel

International Societies Reception – 7.30pm

A warm welcome for International Societies to meet breeders, judges, and fellow pony enthusiasts. Screen presentation of show champions of the last 100 years taken from the photographic publication by Phyllis Jones. Note: Limited parking.

Connemara Pony Publication Book Launch - 8.15pm

Official Launch of a '100 Champions' – a photographic publication by Phyllis Jones. All proceeds to Connemara Therapeutic Riding CLG.

Clifden Town Hall

Pony Bingo – 8.00pm. Try your luck at Pony Bingo!

Friday – 22nd August

The Showgrounds

Working Hunter Classes - From 8.00am

Connemara ponies jump fences and show good manners, testing their ability and suitability as a safe, reliable hunter.

Clifden High Performance Competition

Elite ponies demonstrate jumping ability, movement, and breed excellence.

Puissance (High Jump) Competition

A thrilling showjumping spectacle where Connemara ponies attempt to clear increasingly high jumps.

Clifden Town & Market Square

Trad on the Gig Rig - 5.30pm

Enjoy local live trad music, song & dance.

The Parade of Champions - 6.00pm (approx.)

Grand showcase through the streets of Clifden of The Show's top Connemara ponies, celebrating their success.

AMP'D – Live on the Gig Rig – 8.00pm

Enjoy the near end of the 100th Connemara Pony Show with a lively local band 'AMP'D' in Market Square on Clifden's Gig Rig.

Connemara Pony Sales @ Clifden Mart

Day 1 of Connemara Pony Sales – From 9.30am

Visit the Connemara Pony Sales in Clifden running for 3 days (Friday to Sunday) 22-24 August, with over 650 lots, top-class ponies for every discipline, and global buyers.

Mullarkey's Bar

Barn Dance - From 9.30pm

Enjoy a Barn Dance at Mullarkey's Bar featuring foot stomping bluegrass and country classics from some of Connemara's finest talent. Fancy Dress Welcome!

Saturday – 23rd August

Station House Courtyard

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Clifden Town Hall

Connemara/Ukrainian Market – 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Celebrating Connemara and Ukrainian culture with a pony-themed market, local crafts, live music, kids' activities, and free tea and coffee – a fun, family-friendly event!

Connemara Pony Sales @ Clifden Mart

Day 2 of Connemara Pony Sales – From 9.30am

Day 2 of Ireland's leading & largest sale of Connemara ponies & horses continues.

🎵 Enjoy Live Music in Great Clifden's Pubs

Sunday – 24th August

Connemara Pony Sales @ Clifden Mart

Day 3 of Connemara Pony Sales – From 9.30am

Day 3 and final day of the Connemara Pony Sales.



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Limited Edition 100th Show Merchandise
@ [ConnemaraPonyShow.ie/Shop](https://www.ConnemaraPonyShow.ie/Shop)
& at the Showgrounds Marquee 🍷

