

## PRESS RELEASE

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It is with much regret that we inform you of the decision to cancel this year's Ashbourne Show.

We had held off making a decision for as long as possible in the hope that the effects of the dreadful disease that is sweeping the country may have abated sufficiently for the Government to ease the restrictions in place, and that holding a Show may have been possible. Unfortunately, the proposed path from lockdown published last week provides little hope that large gatherings such as Ashbourne Show will be possible anytime soon.

The Ashbourne Shire Horse Society is fortunate to have sufficient contingency set aside to allow it to move forward positively. We are now looking towards 2021 and being able to celebrate local agriculture and horticulture and to bring together the general public and the agricultural community once again.

The 2021 Ashbourne Show will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August and we look forward to welcoming you on the showground.

Our thoughts and hearts are with all those that have lost loved ones and with those whose lives are being disrupted by the coronavirus and we hope that everyone stays safe and stays well.

