

Epsom Bookmakers Liasson Meeting 2026

Attendees

Jim Allan – Epsom racecourse

Steve Clare – Epsom racecourse

Neil Pateman - Racecourse Betting Compliance

Bookmakers - Joe O’Gorman, Jamie Peckham, Richard Liles

Apologies – Andrew Boardley

Bookmakers’ Trading Review – 2025

Bookmakers reported poor trading performance throughout 2025. Derby Day saw a significant decline in both turnover and tickets in most areas. It was noted the weather was particularly poor on Derby Day. While attendances were ok at some of Epsom’s off meetings, turnover remained poor.

Betfred Epsom Derby Festival

JCR are implementing measures to enhance the Derby Festival experience. This is a 5-year project.

Betfred Derby prize money is 2 million – Coolmore Coronation Cup prize money increased to 1 million

Main enclosure capacity - 16,000 (12,000 Grandstand and 4,000 Queens Stand)

Presales are ahead of last year for both grandstand admission and hospitality.

Upper Tattenham estimated attendance 5000 – 8000 (30 coaches are booked in for each day with the possibility of further bookings)

20 coaches will be in the Walton Enclosure on both days.

Ocean Beach – capacity between 2,000-3,000 and will host an after-racing party.

No parking charges on the Hill. Community Zone attendance estimated 3,000 – 5,000. 20 coaches at Tattenham Corner on both days. Entertainment includes a food and drink festival and craft fair.

Festival zone (promoted by Queensbury Events) – Total attendance estimated between 10,000 and 20,000. Free entry with email registration required. Entertainment includes Sophie Ellis-Bextor and Diversity

The Fun Fair and Market will be in the same location as previous years.

Betfred local betting shops arranging between 20-30 coaches for both days for their betting shop customers.

SC and NP will be at Epsom on the Wednesday and Thursday before the Festival to organise the betting areas on the Hill.

Bookmaker Arrangements

Gates Open at 11:00am on both days to the general public. Bookmakers' can gain access from 9am via the bookmakers gate. First race is 1:30pm on both days. Both days have 8 races. The Oaks and Derby will be run at 4:00pm. The last will be 5:55pm.

Online ticket purchasing for bookmakers is now open. AMF charges set at 2x public admission price for the Oaks Day.

Bookmakers designated car par is number 10. Please show your Bookmaker ID.

Pitches 24 – 32 will not be available in Tatts.

Pitching up times

Tatts and Rails 10:15am both days

Upper Tattenham and Lonsdale

Friday 10:00am

Saturday 9:00am

	Oaks	Derby
Hill Betting Square	9:45	9:30
Rubbing House	10:30	10:30
Car Park 28 (now CP 24)	N/A	10:30
Community Zone	10:15	9:45
Hill Coach Park	N/A	10:45
Derby Fest	10:00	9:30

The Hill Ring Lists are now available on the RBC website.

Bookmakers' nameplates and wraparounds must stay in place until 10 mins after the conclusion of the final race.

Bookmakers were reminded that any counterfeit notes must be reported to the BRM immediately.

Bookmakers betting where no anchorage points are available - please bring 'corkscrews' for securing your joint.

Enhanced security measures planned for 2026, particularly on the Hill, due to the increased capacity.

Date of next BLC – Spring 2027