

# Wanted 200 HAND SHEARERS

Organisers of the Connacht Spring Show 2016 are looking for 200 hand shearers to help set a new Irish Record for the largest number of people to shear a sheep in the same place at the same time.

Setting a record of 154 shearers in 2013 the organisers feel that there are more shearers in the Connacht region and further afield that still possess this old and traditional method of shearing sheep.

Speaking to press at a recent gathering of shearers Paddy Rock has even gone one step further and is now looking to find the largest family of hand shearers that are able to shear together:

‘This is a tradition that has been handed down over the years from Father to sons and daughters’ he said ‘and to date I have located two families with 5 members who can hand shear.’

He went on to say that he would hope to surpass this number and is now looking for families and extended families to join as a group and help set this new record.

So if you are a Diskin / Joyce/ Malone/ Kerrigan/Halloran/ Jennings /Mc Namara/Mc Donagh/ or O'Brien we would ask you to gather the clan and head for the Spring Show.

We are also looking to find the oldest and youngest shearer on the day as well

Funds raised in the process of setting this new record will go to Western Alzheimer in Ballindine.

Check in time on Sunday 15th is between 12 noon and 1-30pm at the Clipex Arena in the lower end of the showgrounds.

The record attempt will take place at 2-15pm and each person taking part will receive a complimentary shearing singlet form Burgan & Ball who are supporting this event

Further info from Paddy Rock on 087 2439760

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