



SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY



President's Message

Writing the President's message in 2024 we have experienced a change of Government who, in their budget, have incensed farmers with their total lack of understanding of agriculture and rural businesses.

Away from politics we thank all the exhibitors who have taken the time to promote our breed at various shows and events. The actual showing is a small part compared to the preparation at home.

The online sale in March was a step into the unknown for the Society. It was well supported and many breeders were rewarded with some record prices. Building on its success it will be repeated in 2025.

The combination of regenerative farming, pasture for life and native breed schemes has very much worked in our breed's favour and increased demand for the Sussex breed. Not forgetting the solid demand in the commercial market.

I should like to welcome all new members and mention the Next Generation.

I thank Council, and of course, very special thanks to Sue, for all the work throughout the year.

Will Hurley

FEES FOR 2025

Your Council are pleased to tell you that there will be no increase in fees for 2025.

Fees to apply from 1st January 2025

SUBSCRIPTION

[no increase since 2004] Full Breeder £100.00
[no increase since 2011] Associate £25.00
Junior 16-25 years old Free

BULL REGISTRATION £50.00

[previously split between Signet recorded (£35), and non-Signet (£85) and now that Signet membership is free to members there will now be a flat rate fee, this was £40 in 2004]

CAPITATION REGISTRATION FEE

[no increase since 2021] Full Rate 1-74 cows £26.00 each
[no increase since 2021] Full Rate 75th + cows £13.00 each
Discounted for Payment by 31st March
[no increase since 2021] 1-74 cows £13.00 each
[no increase since 2021] 75th + cows £6.50 each

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP £20.00 each

[previously different rates for private (£16) and Society (£10) sales, no increase since 2004]

PREFIX REGISTRATION £10.00

[no change was reduced in 2010]

REGISTRATION FEMALES

Late/Individual Registration. No Capitation Fees paid.

[no increase since 2004, all ages were the same fee £35]

[no change since 2004] Up to 12 months old £40.00 each
[no increase since 2021] Up to 18 months old £80.00 each
[no increase since 2021] Up to 24 months old £110.00 each
[no increase since 2021] Over 24 months old £150.00 each

HERD BOOK OPENING INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION £40.00 each

DUPLICATE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (Printed and Posted) £5.00 each [no change]

EXTENDED PEDIGREE 5 GENERATION (Printed and Posted) £20.00 each [no change]

EXPORT CERTIFICATION Bulls £100.00 each Females £50.00 each [no change]

**PLEASE NOTE CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE SENT OUT
UNTIL
APPROPRIATE FEES OR REGISTRATION FEES HAVE BEEN PAID**



Auctioneers



MartEye

SUSSEX SALE 2025 ONLINE AUCTION

BREEDING BULLS and FEMALES

In conjunction with South East Marts and MartEye

**12th March 2025 5pm sale goes online and open to bidding
13th March 2025 5pm final bidding commences with Lot 1.**

Entries by 24th January 2025

Further Information

Complete Entry forms in full and return to South East Marts

Photographs/Videos

You may request South East Marts to undertake your photography or supply your own photographs and videos. If you are thinking of using a professional photographer perhaps combine costs with other vendors.

Advice: photographs should be from the side square on, a rear view is also good to add. Photographs should be landscape format and sent in with entry.

The Sussex Cattle Society reserves the right to reject photographs/videos if they are deemed to be below standard. Also entries will be approved by the Society.

Reserve/Upset price for bulls under 5 years old will be 3000gns.

We are requesting that "SOLD" "NOT SOLD" "RESERVE MET" be seen against each lot during bidding.

SE Marts will remain available for half an hour after the sale closes to take / forward enquiries about unsold lots and conclude sales if successful.

Catalogue Publication 19th February 2025

**APPLY NOW to REGISTER BULLS
READY FOR THE CATALOGUE**

We look forward to your support for this sale.

CHRISTMAS STOCK SHOW RESULTS

HAILSHAM FATSTOCK SHOW

SUPREME CHAMPION & CHAMPION STEER

Exhibited by Jon Hobden
Purchased by Steve Conisbee 635kg @ 400p per kilo, £2540
Killing out at 60%

PUREBRED NATIVE STEER OR HEIFER First Prize & Supreme Champion Purebred Sussex Steer

STEER SIRED BY A NATIVE BULL

First Prize Exhibited by Jon Hobden, Herstmonceux Purchased by D Harriott
595kg @ 285p per kilo, £1695.75

HEIFER SIRED BY A NATIVE BULL

First Prize Reserve Champion Heifer Exhibited by John Hobden Purchased by T Allman Butchers Ltd
600kg @ 370p per kilo, £2220

As we go to print it looks as though The Peter Szechenyi Trophy for the exhibitor who gains the highest gross price at auction for a Sussex beast, male or female, or a beast sired by a Sussex bull, at any of the Christmas Stock Shows and Sales in 2024 will go to Jon Hobden for his steer that made £2,540 at Hailsham.



MEMBERSHIP 2025

Invoices and forms will be sent out early next year.

Please make sure your details are up to date with us by returning the form.

CAPITATION REGISTRATION FORMS

These will also be sent out to all breeders.

SUSSEX CATTLE NEXT GENERATION

Our younger members and stockpersons have formed the "Next Generation" Group. For age group 16 to 30ish!

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

This is for members between the ages of **13 and 25**

YOUTH ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

Please ask the Office for a form to join or use the form on the website.

THE SUSSEX HERD BOOK 2023

VOLUME 128

This has been sent out to those who requested a copy.

It is free to breeders.

If you did not receive a copy and would like to order one please let the office know.

Farm Walk, Supper & Annual Prize Giving 8th October 2024

We visited the Coopers Herd by kind invitation of Jane Howard, followed by a supper and the prizegiving at the Lakedown Taproom.

It was a pleasant walk around the farm and the rain held off until later.

About 40 members and guests enjoyed a lovely meal followed by our President, Will Hurley presenting the trophies and prizes.



SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY TROPHIES & AWARDS 2024

The Peter Szechenyi Trophy

Exhibitor gaining highest gross price at the Christmas Stock Shows & Sales in 2023:
Mr J Hobden 635kg @ 287p per kilo, £1822.45

The Fish Hall Perpetual Trophy Large Herds Competition: E.H. Holdstock & Son Elbridge Herd

Best Large Herds Stock Bull Goldstone Poll General 2nd at Goldstone Herd

Society Cup for Large Herds Best Cow & Calf Elbridge Belle 152nd at Elbridge Herd

The Harman Hunt Cup Intermediate Herds Competition: D. Spanton & F. Paterson Maygate Herd

Best Intermediate Herds Stock Bull Maygate Poll Duke 1st at Maygate Herd

Society Cup for Intermediate Herds Best Cow & Calf Wadhurst Park Marsh Orchid 1st at Wadhurst Park Herd

The Hales Cup Small Herds Competition: Ms. Jane Howard Coopers Herd

Best Small Herds Stock Bull Coopers Poll Regent 3rd at Coopers Herd

Ralph Sheppard Trophy for the Small Herds Best Cow & Calf Wren's Poll Coronet 2nd at Wren's Herd

Hernevalley Rose Bowl : Novice Herd in the Herd Competition: Hampton Estate Farms

The John Burberry Memorial Trophy

Stockman exhibiting Best Junior at the South of England Show: Brenda Hide

Oxo Silver Bull

Champion Sussex Bull at the Royal Norfolk Show: Ms. J. Howard Coopers Poll Regent 3rd

The Kingswood Farms Challenge Cup

Champion Sussex Female at the Royal Norfolk Show: Chandler & Dunn Ltd. Goldstone Lofty Lily 62nd

The Jack Bowthorpe Challenge Cup Exhibitor's Competition: Mr. J. Hobden

The Ted Barnes Award The Herdsmans Challenge Cup

Stockman exhibiting the winning herd in the Exhibitors Competition: Brenda Hide

The Tom Dinnis Memorial Challenge Cup Novice in the Exhibitors Competition: Mr. J. Hobden

The Roussillon Glow-worm Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Bull of the Year:
Ms. J. Howard Coopers Poll Regent 3rd

The John Marchant Memorial Trophy Breeder of the Bull of the Year: Ms. J. Howard

The Scalands Perpetual Trophy Female of the Year: Buchanan Family Black Ven Koskimo 80th

The Poplars Award Yearling of the Year: Montreal Estate Montreal Duke 7th

The Mayfield Perpetual Polled Trophy Polled Animal of the Year: Ms. J. Howard Coopers Poll Regent 3rd

The South Africa Cup

Interbreed classes & Championships:
Ms. J. Howard Coopers Poll Regent 3rd & Mr. J. Hobden Nunningham Terpsichore 1st

Montie Sillars Perpetual Challenge Trophy: Exhibitor of Pairs: Mr J Hobden

The Chelsfield Perpetual Challenge Trophy Exhibitor of Groups: Chandler & Dunn Ltd.

The Andrew Walter Memorial Trophy

Best Young Bull registered during 2024:
Montreal Estate Montreal Duke 7th

The David Innes Perpetual Challenge Cup

Champion Herd in the Herd Competition: D. Spanton & F. Paterson Maygate Herd

SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY

Judges Panel Criteria Applicable from 1st January 2025

JUDGES CLASSIFICATIONS/SELECTION

All entries/classifications on the Judges List will be made and approved by the Sussex Cattle Society Council.

The Council will recommend to shows a judge for the Sussex Classes but it is noted that shows may select their own judge from the Society List or from outside the breed. The Society reserves the right to remove Judges from the panel if they are no longer involved with the breed.

SENIOR/INTERBREED JUDGES

To have already judged at higher county shows on more than one occasion, Sussex and/or Interbreed classes [historical appointments applied].

To have judged at least 3 shows and the Herd Competition on at least 4 occasions.

EMERITUS [PAST] JUDGES

The Society introduced a ruling that Judges should retire from the Judges Panel at 75 years of age. There is a waiver for Council to appoint an Emeritus Judge at their discretion.

Emeritus Judges may retire from the panel at their own request.

TRAINEE JUDGES

Trainees should achieve the following prior to being considered and assess for listing on the Judges Panel.

Accompany Herd Competition Judges for at least two years covering at least five days of judging of different competition classes.

Attend events hosted by the Society where cattle are assessed for breeding standards.

Attend events arranged by the Society when judging assessments of Trainees are made.

PROBATIONARY JUDGES

Probationary Judges are newly qualified Judges that will undergo a probationary period of 2 years before Council consider them for the Judges Panel. During this time they will be invited to Judge the Herd Competition and other appointments as selected by Council.

It is advised that Probationary Judges continue to attend Trainee and other Judging events organised by the Society, also to accompany Herd Judges.

HERD COMPETITION JUDGES

All judges listed are eligible for selection by Council for judging the Herd Competition.

Note: Some Judges have elected to only judge the Herd Competition.

Two members of the panel will judge each class.

The primary judge will make the judging arrangements.

The secondary judge will become the primary judge the following year.

Judges will not be selected from the same family/herd to judge a class.

Championship Class: Council will endeavour to select a judge from outside the breed although they may be on the Society's Judges Panel.

BULL INSPECTORS

Council will select Inspectors from the Judges Panel.

Inspectors should be selected from the Senior Judges list.

Inspections must not take place if both Inspectors are from the same family/herd.

A member of the Inspection Panel will be selected by Council and made co-ordinator to arrange inspections.

SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY PANEL OF JUDGES 2025

Mr. B.J. Baker	Senior/Interbreed	
Mr. R. Dunn	Senior/Interbreed	Bull Inspector
Mr. J. Harmer	Senior/Interbreed	Bull Inspector
Mr. M.G. Hickman	Senior/Interbreed	Bull Inspector
Mrs. B. Hide	Senior/Interbreed	Bull Inspector
Mr. P.J. Holdstock	Senior/Interbreed	Bull Inspector
Mr. W. Hurley	Senior/Interbreed	
Mr. S. Jenner	Senior/Interbreed	
Mr. A. Mummery	Senior/Interbreed	
Mr. W. Peters	Senior/Interbreed	Bull Inspector
Mr. David Stevens	Senior/Interbreed	Bull Inspector
Mr. M. Stoker	Senior/Interbreed	
Mr. Laurence Angus		
Mrs. V. Garrett		
Mr. E. Harmer		
Mrs. S. Harmer		
Mr. J.D. Hickman		
Mrs. J. Howard		
Mr. P. Masters		
Miss Ruth Perry		
Mr. T. Peters		
Mr. Chris Reed		
Mr. Leighton Snelgrove		
Mr. David Spanton		
Mr. J. Thompson		
Mr. A. Hoad [Herd Comp only]		
Mr. S. Wright [Herd Comp only]		
Mr. J.R. Giffin	Emeritus	
Mr. P. Goldsmith	Emeritus	
Mr. M. Hickman	Emeritus	
Mr. J.C. Lewis	Emeritus	
Mr. D. Masters	Emeritus	Bull Inspector
Mr. C.B. Noakes	Emeritus	
Mr. G. Pearson	Emeritus	
Mr. D.A. Wells	Emeritus	

Trainees

Mr. Will Hoad (Salehurst)
Miss Sarah Dykes
Mr. Andrew Flake (Coombes)
Miss Hannah Jenner
Miss Skye Lindsay (Farthingdown)
Mr. Martin Russell (Elbridge)
Mr. George Wright (Bosney)
Miss Louise Lincoln (Augustinian)

REGISTRATIONS

In January you will all be sent Herd Registration Capitation Forms. Please complete them and return to the Office by 31st March. We will then issue an invoice which will cover all female calf registration fees for the year and enter male calves on the database. This is important if you plan to register a young bull.

Birth Returns should be sent in at the end of each month through the online database accessed through our website. (Easiest to do it as you do your BCMS.) All calves male and female should be entered.

REGISTERING BULLS

Updated Rules and Regulations apply from 1st October so please use the correct forms from the website of apply to the Office to have them sent by email or post. We will not be accepting incorrect out of date forms.

DNA PARENTAGE TESTING

From 1st January 2021 all young bulls will be required to have DNA sampling taken, we advise that this be done by the vet when the veterinary inspection is being undertaken, if not samples will be taken by the Bull Inspectors, a DNA sample will also be taken from the Sire and Dam. The purpose of this is to establish the parentage of all bulls. This is a progressive plan and will eventually result in all bulls having their parentage proven. The Society will be paying for the Sire and Dam DNA sampling but it will be the breeder/owner of the young bull who will pay for that DNA sample and sire verification.

Note: It is requirement for all bulls that are selected for semen collection to have their parentage proven through DNA testing.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Offspring are not eligible for registration if the sire and/or dam have not been transferred to your herd.

2024 BIRTH RETURNS

These are now late, please send in through the online system.
(We do still accept paper birth returns at present but if you can do it online please do.)

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Will be sent by email unless a request for posted paper copies is marked on Capitation Forms

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WINDS OF CHANGE

I will be retiring as Secretary in 2026 after 40 years with the Society.

Obviously this will lead to major changes.

Your Council are looking at a number of options on how the Society can move forward and give the members an ongoing and efficient service.

The changes will mean that records, registrations, information, etc. need to be fully up to date for a handover.

Council will also be looking at the various Society Rules and Regulations to ensure that they are up to date, easily understood and relevant.

During the year ahead we will be asking you to help us with this and forms being sent out will reflect this.

Please make sure to return forms promptly and if you have any changes, especially contact information to keep us fully updated.

I know this may seem like a very advance notice but there is a lot of information to be collated, updated, etc. to hand over to my replacement.

Council will keep you all updated on their decisions and plans.

Sue Kennedy

DIARY DATES 2025

The Office will be closed from 23rd December to 3rd January, the telephone will be diverted [hopefully as currently the mobile mast is down] and emails will be checked during this time. Apologies for the problems with the telephone recently but the new system has been problematic, possibly due to the constant quick powercuts messing with all electronics!

JANUARY	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION DUE Invoices will be sent out.
MARCH	REGISTRATION CAPITATION FORMS DUE Forms will be sent out early next year.
12/13th March	Sussex Sale with SE Marts & MartEye
April	Annual General Meeting [by Zoom]
May	Spring Farm Walk
24th May	Heathfield Show
28-29th May	Suffolk Show
6-8th June	South of England Show
25-26th June	Royal Norfolk Show
4-6th July	Kent County Show
24-25th August	Edenbridge & Oxted Show
September	Society Farm Walk



**Wishing you all a
Very Happy Christmas
And a
Prosperous & Successful
New Year**