

# SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY HERDS COMPETITION 2024

## LARGE HERDS

**JUDGES: Mrs. S. Harmer & Mr. W. Hurley**

1st	E.H Holdstock & Son	Elbridge Herd
2nd	Chandler & Dunn Ltd.	Goldstone Herd
3rd	S & F Carr & Daughters	Oxendean Herd
4th=	Bowes Lyon Estate	Walden Herd
4th=	Mr. G.A. Innes	Titsey Herd

**Best Stock Bull in Class:** Goldstone Poll General 2nd at the Goldstone Herd

**Best Cow/Heifer and Calf in Class:** Elbridge Belle 152nd at the Elbridge Herd

### Judges' General Comment

Will and I would like to thank all the exhibitors for taking the time to show us round their cows and their generous hospitality. We enjoyed our judging and saw some very impressive cattle.

All five herds were managed to a very high standard and the cattle reflected that level of care and enthusiasm. The wet year has caused problems delaying turn out for most herds but the extra forage has meant the cattle were generally in much better condition than last year.

The display of breeding bulls, young and old, was an excellent showing of quality and an improvement on last year. The cattle were doing the job that their breeders required, some on poor pasture at which Sussex cattle excel.

Two herds displayed true Sussex character; the other three herds showed strong influences throughout from upgrading with or from other breeds.

## INTERMEDIATE HERDS

**JUDGES: Mr. M.G. Hickman & Mr. L. Angus**

1st	D Spanton & F Paterson	Maygate Herd
2nd	L Stevens and Sons	Boxted Herd
3rd	Hampton Estate Farms	Hampton Herd
4th	Broadlands Estates	Broadlands Herd

**Best Stock Bull in Class:** Maygate Poll Duke 1st at the Maygate Herd

**Best Cow/Heifer and Calf in Class:** Wadhurst Park Marsh Orchid 1<sup>st</sup> at the Wadhurst Park Herd

### Judges' General Comment

Thank you everyone who showed me around there herds, twelve in total over five counties.

It was a hard decision to make in the final results. Lot of thinking was done driving on M25. Various management systems were used but the cattle were amazing in whatever system there were used in. Even grazing common land. Have to say the females outshone the males this year.

Very pleased to see some new herds entering competition.

Thanks again for your time and support

## **SMALL HERDS**

**JUDGES: Mrs. B. Hide & Mr. L. Snelgrove**

1st	Ms. J. Howard	Coopers Herd
2nd	Virginia Deradour	Wren's Herd
3rd	Mrs. S. Watts	Montgomery's Herd
4th	Mr. H. Spence	Cranesden Herd

**Best Stock Bull in Class:** Coopers Poll Regent 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Coopers Herd

**Best Cow/Heifer and Calf in Class:** Wren's Poll Coronet 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wren's Herd

### **Judges' General Comment**

Firstly, we would like to thank everybody for their time and hospitality if it was a cuppa, slice of cake, lunch or just a glass of water all very much appreciated.

We saw a very varied mix of systems from chalk downland to heavy clay and very thing in between all the cattle looked very well which ever system they were being farmed under.

The enthusiasm for the breed was shown in all herds and for their cattle working for them in very different systems.

## **HIGHEST PLACE NOVICE ENTRANT : Hampton Herd**

**CHAMPIONSHIP** Judge Rhys Grenham **Results to be announced at the Farm Walk.**

It was a pleasure and a privilege to be asked by the Society to judge this championship. Each herd demonstrated the very best characteristics of the breed within its setting, showing the versatility of the Sussex and what they can offer to farmers in different grazing environments.

On my champion. They have established a strong, balanced, correct and consistent type that should make any Sussex breeder very proud. I also saw outstanding youngstock that inspire confidence in the next generation not only continuing but further improving the herd.

My thanks to the finalists for their warm welcome and time. Each of the finalists showed a true dedication to the breed.

