



SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY



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SOCIETY OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION

The Secretary will be working from home to allow for various repairs to the office before it is let.

We will advise you of any forthcoming changes to the telephone number, etc. For now the landline will be transferred to a mobile phone. Normal email contacts will remain in place.

As you might imagine there is a considerable amount of items in storage in the office, documents going all the way back to the 1800's.

All the historic documents will be going into storage.

Watch for communications regarding a number of old pictures, prints and photographs that will be available to members in the future.

Unfortunately a lot these items are not suitable for storage and it would also be a shame to lock them away when members might appreciate them on their walls!

HAILSHAM 183RD FATSTOCK SHOW
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2025



SUPREME CHAMPION & CHAMPION STEER

Exhibited by Jon Hobden
Purchased by David Turner 620kg @ 470p per kg, £2914

RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION & CHAMPION HEIFER

Exhibited by David Spanton
Purchased by Jack & Freddie Hutchings 520kg @ 440p per kg, £2288

PETER SZCHENYI CUP

for the highest gross price achieved at auction for any Sussex or Sussex sired animal at the 2025 Fatstock Shows and Sales.

At the time of writing the winner is Jon Hobden with his Champion Steer sold at Hailsham for £2,914.

SUSSEX BREED ON LINE SALE
18/19th MARCH 2026
ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 6th FEBRUARY

Official Auctioneers S.E. Marts and Marteye.

We are working on making the information flashing up against each lot more useful so that it is easier to identify whether an animal is sold at the shown price. Also to have the Reserve clearly shown.

We hope as many of you as possible will support the Sale, not just with bulls but also with breeding females, especially heifers. This sale is a great window to promote our breed.

MEMBERSHIP 2026

Subscriptions are due on 1st January and forms will be sent out shortly. Please make sure you complete the form in full and return it, even if there is not change, as we need to have our records fully update before the handover to Pedigree Livestock Services. Please complete the Gift Aid Form section if it is applicable to you as this gains a good additional income for the Society which enables us to keep subscriptions lower.

CAPITATION 2026

Forms will be sent out early in the New Year. Please complete the form and return it to the Office by 31st March.

SOCIETY FEES 2026

Your Council have decided that there will be no increase in Fees for 2026.

SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY – FEES From 1st January 2026

Note: all fees apart from subscriptions (zero rate) are plus VAT

SUBSCRIPTION

Full Breeder Membership	£ 100.00
Associate Membership	£ 25.00

CAPITATION

Full Rate 1-74 cows	£ 26.00
Full Rate 75+ cows	£ 13.00
Payment by 31 st March 1-74 cows	£ 13.00
75+ cows	£ 6.50

BULL REGISTRATION	£ 50.00
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REGISTRATION FEMALES

Late/Individual Registrations Up to 12 months old	£ 40.00
(No Birth Return received Up to 18 months	£ 80.00
or Capitation Fees paid) Up to 24 months	£ 110.00
Over 24 months	£ 150.00

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP	£ 20.00
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Prefix Registration	£ 10.00
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Duplicate Registration Certificate	£ 5.00
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Extended Pedigree 5 Generation	£ 20.00
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Herd Book Opening Inspection Visit	£ 25.00
Registration each	£ 5.00

AGM 2026

The AGM will be held on Thursday, 23rd April at the Sussex Ox.

By kind invitation of Mr. Stephen Carr. A “Sussex Dinner” is also going to be arranged following after the AGM. We hope as many of you as possible will attend. More information will be sent out nearer the date.

CHANGE TO REGISTRATION RULES GRADE A Breed Development.

Council have become aware that over time due to various factors the Breed Percentages in some Development Grades have become reduced. Due to the ability of the new database programme to calculate Breed Percentages with some accuracy the decision has been made to improve the Breed Percentage across all Grades and the Full Herd Book status. This will involve staged amendments to the rules to allow breeders to make informed decisions prior to bull selection for their females and in replacement heifer selection. We hope that you will understand that these new rules are for the benefit of the breed as a whole and to give greater clarity in breeding programmes.

From 1st January 2027 Grade A registrations must have a Breed Percentage of a minimum 50% or above to be accepted for entry in the Herd Book. Those below 50% would be held in a sub-category and their offspring may become eligible in the future on achieving 50% Breed Percentage.

HERD BOOK VOLUME 129

This covers registrations of births in 2024 and other earlier registration years for bulls and late registrations. There are a few spare copies and these are free to breeders on request.

The Herd Book has been sent out to all who requested a copy. The print format has been changed this year as with such a limited number of copies being required costs had spiralled. We hope you will all understand the reason why Council made this decision.

PAINTING

The Painting sold successfully at the auction on 15th October for £5,500 well above the reserve and guide price.

We do not know who made the purchase.



TIDY UP YOUR HERD RECORDS

We would very much like to keep the Database information up to date, especially before the hand over to Pedigree Livestock Services next year.

This is very simple to do by logging into the Society's Database and you can then opt to look at the list of animals in your herd. You will see a list of animals allocated to your ownership. You can then mark as sold or dead, whichever applies. The removed animals will remain on the Society's Database but be removed from your herd information.

If you would like any help on how to do this, please contact the Office and I will talk you through the procedure and give you log-in information if you do not have it.

DIARY DATES

1st January	Membership Subscriptions Due
6th February	ENTRIES CLOSE SUSSEX BREED ON LINE SALE
18/19th March	SUSSEX BREED ON LINE SALE
31st March	Capitation Fees Due [to receive discounted fees]
23rd April	AGM & DINNER
23rd May	Heathfield Show
27/28 May	Suffolk Show
5/6/7th June	South of England Show
24/25th June	Royal Norfolk Show
3/4/5th July	Kent County Show
30/31st August	Edenbridge Show
TBA	Farm Walk & Annual Prize Giving



SUSSEX FOR SALE

HARDRES WELLINGTON 4th 17-1387

UK 266571/10106 DoB: 26/02/2017

Sire: Petworth Wellington 9th 12-1068
Dam: Boxted Finch 73rd 08-0675
Pat.GS: Petworth Poll Wellington 5th 09-1155-P
Mat.GS: Boxted Premier 1st 16612
Pat.GD: Eastbridge Gipsy 42nd 89389
Mat.GD: Boxted Finch 40th 88029

A good stamp of bull, proven and throwing quality calves. Will be coming back onto his daughters in the herd. TB4.

He can be fertility tested, etc. if required.

Contact: Gee Hickman 07710346803



TROTTENDEN REGENT 4th 18-0986

UK 260343/300574 DoB: 18/04/2018

Sire: Petworth Regent 11th 13-1263
Pat.GS: Regent 4th of Goldstone 09-1025
Pat.GD: Petworth Snowdrop 11th 90163
Dam: Trottenden Terpsichore 132nd 12-0232
Mat.GS: Wellington 3rd of Goldstone 05-0037-P
Mat.GD: Trottenden Terpsichore 85th 90794

Well bred, easy to handle bull with a lovely temperament. We've had him since he was 3 years old, a great worker producing lovely calves. Offspring can be seen. Only moving on due to having too many of his daughters running in the herd. Closed herd. He has never travelled outside of our farm. TB interval 4 years. Located near Bramley, Surrey. £3,500 ono.

Contact: 01483 208542 / 07789 881965

TROTTENDEN HERD

Bulls for sale sired by Boxted Astronomer 1st and Petworth Regent 11th
Born January to April 2024. Signet Recorded. Biobest Health Scheme
Contact: Vanessa 07765 950944 or 01580 211201

Due to somewhat reluctant retirement we have the following cattle for sale:

Four Sussex dams between 100 – 112 months with calves at foot (3 – 4 months).
Five Sussex dams between 70 – 80 months with calves at foot (3 – 4 months)

All good mothers, natural calving with no problems. Recently TB tested ready to go to new home.

Contact David Gower 07836 602875 Or Elisabeth Dancey 0711 009483

SUSSEX CATTLE NEXT GENERATION

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

There will be various events over the winter, if you want to be involved let the office know.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your list of animals in your herd is available to view in the Society's Database accessed through our Website. You can use this list to advise the Society of any animals that have died or been sold. This helps to keep the Database up to date.

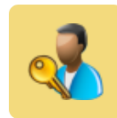


Welcome to the Sussex Cattle Society Online Database

All visitors can search for animals registered with the society.
Society members can access the members only area too, which includes functionality such as electronically registering animals directly to the society.



Cattle
Search



Members
Area

Click on Members Area

Login : Society can give your log in details

Click on the box you wish to use

Members Area



Birth
Return



Herd
List



Pending
Submissions



Member
Search



Logout

Herd List : Change animals as sold or dead if it applies.

They will not be deleted from the Database just have their status updated.

They will be removed from your herd list.

Let's work together to have the Society's Database as up to date as possible.

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Lot 1706

TYDDESLEY R DAVIS (BRITISH, FL. 1825-1857) (3)

The Sussex Bred Ox
signed and dated 'T R Davis 1826' (lower right)
oil on canvas
63.5 x 76cm

Auction date:	15 October 2025
Estimate:	£2,000 - £4,000
Starting Bid:	£2,000

[You are not logged in. In order to bid, please \[click here\]\(#\) to login or register.](#)

together with the ox's horns, with silver adornments and each with a plaque engraved "This horn is of the Wonderful Sussex bred Ox exhibited at the Chichester Xmas cattle Show of fat Stock in 1826 and also in Brighton, he was bred by Mr. DENMAN of Wilmington, fattened by HIS GRACE the DUKE OF RICHMOND and Slaughtered by Mr. HARMER of East Street Brighton, his age was 7 years his Weight 271st 2lbs (3)

Provenance
The Sussex Cattle Society

Footnote
Sussex Cattle, the breed that is native to the South East of England, became very popular in the early 1800's as an early maturing beef breed, and so numerous were the herds that the most progressive breeders felt the time had come to found a Breed Society and to publish a Herd Book.

Thus, on 18th November, 1878, a public meeting, was held at The King's Head, Horsham, for the purpose of considering and promoting the future management of the Sussex Herd and The Sussex Herd Book Society was formed for promoting the breed of Sussex Cattle.

In June 1879, the first volume of the Herd Book was published, containing entries of Sussex Cattle from 1855 to 1875. It contained the names of breeders and the pedigrees of their animals and the prizes they had won. Almost 150 years later the annual herd book is still published by The Sussex Cattle Society and the breed continues to be very popular in the South East.

With thanks to The Sussex Cattle Society for their assistance with the catalogue note for this work.

[I have a question](#) →

As part of the restructuring of how the Society is moving forward the current office will be either sold or let.

Council deliberated on what was the best thing to do with the painting that hangs in the office and it was decided that rather than it go into storage it should be sold to someone that will really appreciate it. As a charity we have to obtain the best price possible and the painting will be going up for auction on 15th October at Bellmans in West Sussex. Attached is the catalogue page with all the information on the painting and the horns that come with it.

We really hope that one of our members is the successful bidder!

Link to the website catalogue: [15 October | Old Master, British and European Art](#)

Bellmans Auctioneers
Newpound
Wisborough Green
Billingshurst
RH14 0AZ
01403 700858
sussex@bellmans.co.uk

REGISTRATIONS

In January you were 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 2024 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.

BIRTH RETURNS

ARE YOUR BIRTH RETURNS OVERDUE?

Please send in your Birth Returns now!

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

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

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

PLEASE NOTE CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE SENT OUT

UNTIL EITHER

CAPITATION FEES OR REGISTRATION FEES HAVE BEEN PAID

SUSSEX FOR SALE

**DETAILED PEDIGREE INFORMATION ON ANIMALS FOR SALE
IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
PLEASE KEEP THE OFFICE UPDATED
LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT & WHEN ANIMALS ARE SOLD**