

Sussex Cattle Society



Herd Competition 2026

Closing Date 30th June 2026

Classes

Entry Fees: £25

- Class 1** For **Herds of 6 to 19 breeding cows**, to include heifers having calved at the time of entry
Judges: Mr MG. Hickman & Mr D. Masters
- Class 2** For **Herds of 20 to 49 breeding cows**, to include heifers having calved at the time of entry
Judges: Mr C. Reed & Mr B. Peters
- Class 3** For **Herds of 50 breeding cows and over**, to include heifers having calved at the time of entry
Judges: Mr S. Wright & Mr D. Spanton

2025 Herd Competition Winners



Champion: Oxendean Herd



Intermediate: Maygate Herd



Small: Rectory Herd

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Awards & Points

Awards

PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUPS

presented to the Best Herd in each Classes 1-4

PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

presented to the overall Champion Herd

ROSETTES

awarded to the owners of the First, Second, Third and Reserve in each class.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

given to the Herdsmen of the First, Second, Third and Reserve herds in each class.

SPECIAL AWARD

for best **Cow or Heifer with Calf at Foot (both to be judged)** in each Class (Entrants must indicate which cow/heifer they wish to be judged on the Entry Form).

Prize Money

Prize Money will be awarded to the Stockperson in charge of the First, Second and Third prize herds respectively in each Class.

Prize Money awarded for the **Best Stock Bull** in each Class. (Entrants must indicate which bull/s they wish to be judged on the Entry Form).

(Prize money TBC)

Points Awarded

a)	General Breeding Character (Cows)	750
b)	General Management	300
c)	In-calf heifers	400
d)	Yearlings (heifers, steers, bulls)	300
e)	Stock bull/s	500

Please return entry forms via email (electronically completed /scanned /photographed) or post to:

Email: enq@sussexcattlesociety.org.uk

or

Post: **The Sussex Cattle Society, Holme House, Dale, Ainstable, CA4 9RH.**

Competition Rules & Conditions of Entry

The Competition is open to all **registered breeders whose Membership and registration fees are paid up to date**. The number of breeding females entered should closely match the Capitation Fees paid for the year (if payment has been made via capitation).

- A Herd is defined as all animals registered under a single Herd Prefix.
- All animals in a Herd must be produced for judging and will be judged as a single herd.
- **Calf registrations should be up to date.**
- If a breeder manages two herds separately, they may enter both herds but they must be clearly defined as two herds by having separate Herd Prefixes.
- Herds engaged in any development programme must have all their breeding females registered with the Sussex Cattle Society inspected, but only those calves sired by either a Registered Sussex Bull or a Bull registered with another Society (whose calves are eligible for registration) will be eligible for inspection and points allocation. All such calves must be Birth Returned with the Society for entry in a supplementary register.
- The **judging of herds will take place during 13-27th July** with judging for the Champion Herd to follow shortly afterwards. Note: In some cases, there will be leeway due to judges' commitments. **Entrants should accept the judging date given.**
- Entries must reach the Secretary by the closing date on the attached entry form and be accompanied by the Entry Fee – Late entries will not be accepted.
- A Class must have a minimum entry of three herds to be judged and prizes to be awarded.
- The Society reserves the right to amend classes according to entries based on the number of breeding cows.
- The Judges reserve the right to make further inspections of any herds if necessary.
- Competitors and their exhibits shall be subject to the general rules of the Sussex Cattle Society and the interpretation of these conditions. The Council reserves the right to refuse any entry or to withhold any Prize without giving a reason.
- The Judge's decision is final.
- Competitors must arrange to show their herds on the day selected and make them as accessible as possible, as the Judges' time is limited. A knowledgeable person must be available to guide the judges during their visit, or the herd will be unplaced.
- In cases where no stock bull is kept the bull seen will be judged, if the bull is not available the judges will allocate marks at their discretion based on the calves seen. If there are no in calf heifers or yearlings, the judges will allocate marks accordingly for that section.

Best Stock Bull in Class

- The bull or bulls entered must be owned by the entrant in that Class and viewed on the day. The bull may be the current sire in use and/or the sire of the current crop of calves.

Entry Form

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 30th June 2026

Owner Telephone Number.....

Address

Class Entered

Total number in herd:

Stock Bulls		Junior Bulls	
Cows			
In-calf Heifers			
Yearling Heifers			
Steers/Beef bulls			
Calves			

Name/s of **Stock Bulls** to be Judged (owned by entrant) to be judged for Special Award.

MUST BE ENTERED ON THIS FORM

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Name of **Cow or Heifer with Calf at Foot (both to be judged)** to be judged for Special Award

MUST BE ENTERED ON THIS FORM

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Name to whom all communications are to be sent, and with who all arrangements for inspection of the herd are to be made if different from above:

Name Telephone Number.....

Address

Name of Farm(s) where Herd is kept

Distance to be covered to see whole Herd

Full Name of Stockperson entitled to receive Certificate of Merit & Prize Money

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The condition of the acceptance of this entry is that each entry form must be accompanied by the amount of the entry fee (cheque/BACS), that each competitor agrees to co-operate with the Judges in arranging a date and time for the inspection, and to have the whole herd as near together as possible for them, and to accept the rules and conditions of entry and competition as set forth in this respect.

Owner's or Agent's SignatureCheque/BACS £ Date

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