



**ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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## ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Presidents since 1947

1947	Mrs Charles Round	1988	The Lady Butler of Saffron Walden
1948	Col Sir Francis Whitmore KCB CMG DSO TD	1989	JHM Norris Esq CBE DL
1949	The Rt Hon Lord Braybrooke	1990	The Lord Braybrooke JP
1950	The Rt Hon Lord Braintree	1991	LA Jordan Esq DL
1951	Lt Col EN Buxton MC DL JP	1992	The Rt Revd Thomas McMahon
1952	JJ Tufnell Esq JP	1993	The Lord Dixon-Smith DL
1953	Col Sir Francis Whitmore KCB CMG DSO TD	1994	EJC Speakman Esq JP
1954	CMD Gooch Esq	1995	CG Gooch Esq DL
1955	Lt Col Sir John Ruggles-Brise Bart OBE TD DL	1996	DA Nutting Esq DL
1956	Col Sir Francis Whitmore Bart KCB CMG DSO TD	1997	GL Lyster Esq DL
1957	JR Tinney Esq MBE	1998	Prof MD Alder
1958	Mrs Gerald Strutt	1999	HDP Rankin Esq JP
1959	J Oxley Parker Esq TD JP DL	2000	R F Erith, Esq TD DL
1960	Alec Steele Esq JP	2001	R G Newman Esq DL
1961	The Rt Hon RA Butler CH MP	2002	R G. Newman Esq DL
1962	Lt Col Guy Blewitt DSO MC DL	2003	Mrs C Cottrell DL
1963	Mrs ML Griffith OBE JP	2004	C Pertwee Esq DL
1964	Sir Hubert Ashton KBE MC DL MP	2005	J E Fowler Esq
1965	Major G Nigel Capel-Cure TD JP DL	2006	P Fairs Esq
1966	CH Gosling Esq MC TD JP DL	2007	T Howie Esq
1967	SR Allsopp Esq CBE	2008	J Macaulay Esq
1968	JG Eve Esq MA	2009	R Simons Esq
1969	Lt Col Sir John Ruggles-Brise Bart CB OBE TD JP	2010	R Matthews Esq
1970	MS Gosling Esq	2011	J Tinney Esq
1971	Sir Leonard Crossland	2012	D Squier Esq DL
1972	Sir Nigel Strutt TD DL FRAGS	2013	M Hodge Esq
1973	Col JF Cramphorn CdeG TD DL	2014	C Butler Esq DL
1974	Lt Col JG Round OBE JP DL	2015	S Marriage Esq
1975	PB Lake Esq TD DL	2016	M Ritchie Esq
1976	CWO Parker Esq JP DL	2017	Mrs C Hutley DL
1977	RH Courage Esq JP DL	2018	Mrs J Philpot
1978	Sir Richard Butler DL	2019	N Charrington Esq
1979	HR Ritchie Esq DL	2020	C Gooch Esq
1980	T Hunnable Esq		
1981	Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis KCB JP		
1982	JH Radbourne Esq JP DL		
1983	Col GR Judd TD DL		
1984	J Tabor Esq OBE DL		
1985	PB Frost Esq		
1986	D Keddie Esq JP DL		
1987	Capt RP Laurie OBE JP DL		

## ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Registered Office:** Writtle University College  
Lordship Road  
Writtle  
Essex CM1 3RR

**Principal Office:** Writtle University College  
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*A Company limited by guarantee – registered in England*

**Certificate of Incorporation:** 2768733

**Registered Charity:** 1015875

**Bankers:** Barclays Bank Plc  
Barclays Business Centre  
Witham Branch  
P O Box 3692  
Witham  
Essex CM8 2AT

**Investment Managers:** Investec Wealth & Investment  
2 Gresham Street  
London EC2V 7QN

**Treasurer:** Miss Prudence Helen McTurk  
Spinney Cottage  
School Lane  
Abbess Roding  
CM5 ONY

**Independent Examiner:** Graham Page  
Ensors Accountants LLP  
Saxon House  
Moseley's Farm Business Centre  
Fornham All Saints  
Bury St Edmunds  
IP28 6JY



## **ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Members of the above limited company will be held on 25th November 2020 at 6pm as a Virtual meeting in line with Covid 19 restrictions in place at that time.

H C Tarrant  
Company Secretary

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's Welcome**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Receive and, if approved, adopt Chairman's Report** (including minutes of the AGM held on 20th November 2019 and Accounts for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020.
- 4. Election of Officers for 2020-21**
  - President
  - President Elect
  - Members of Council
- 5. Presentation**
- 6. Vote of Thanks**
- 7. Time and Date of Next Meeting**

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting will be entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his place. A proxy need not be a member.

## ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

<b>Patron:</b>	Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst LL
<b>President:</b>	Charles Gooch
<b>President Elect:</b>	Nicholas Cottrell
<b>Chairman:</b>	James Marriage
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Vacant

## COUNCIL

### Elected Members

#### Retire 2020

Rosemary Alexander  
Rosemary Padfield

#### Retire 2021

Annabelle Rout  
Julie Rogers  
James Marriage

#### Retire 2022

David Bradshaw

### Co-opted Members\*

Fiona Ashworth, R Burroughs, Nicholas Charrington, Keri Constantou, Tim Cooper, Catharine Hutley, Kayleigh Mackness, Willoughby Mason, Prudence Helen McTurk, Tim Middleton, James Rea, Adrian Rilstone, Lynne Squier, , Joanna Tubbs, Karen Watson, Edward Worthy, Charles Willett

\*Co opted members retire after one year unless reappointed

### Co-opted Representatives of Other Organisations

None

By the powers invested in it by the Articles of Association dated 27 September 1992, the Society is administered by the Council. The Council of the Society consists of the President, President Elect, the Members elected at an Annual General Meeting, co-opted Members and co-opted Representatives of other organisations, provided that no Council Member has been absent from four consecutive meetings without the knowledge and approval of the Council.

## **ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

The Directors present their annual report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and of the profit or loss for the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The directors are responsible for:

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.
- Safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **ACTIVITIES**

The principal activities of the Company as outlined in the Memorandum of Association of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 are:

- The objects for which the Society is established are to promote and advance agriculture for the benefit of the public and to such end generally to improve and publicise it in all its branches and to encourage skill and industry in it and in all trades, crafts and professions connected with it.
- To hold in pursuance of its main objects an annual agricultural show provided that the Society shall not be obliged to hold a show in any year in relation to which the council of the society shall resolve that the holding of such a show shall be impracticable or not in the interests of the Society.

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities elsewhere in this booklet.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Society enjoyed a strong programme of events until March, after which it was prevented from normal activities by the restrictions surrounding Covid-19.

In October 2019, we held an afternoon at The Reid Rooms by kind permission of Martin Ritchie. The speaker was Dr Peter Moore, the Curator of Collections and Interiors of English Heritage at Audley End House. Thanks to Karen Watson and Hilary Hicks at Chelmsford Catering College for the delicious food, and generous sponsors Reeman Dansie Auctioneers and Valuers.

In November, members were treated to an entertaining evening with Leigh Milner, BBC broadcast journalist. This was kindly sponsored by Fram Farmers at Essex Young Farmers Clubs centre.

In February, we enjoyed a brilliant talk from Lt Col (Retd) Giles Stibbe OBE, the Director of the Household Cavalry Foundation, in Writtle College's Northumberland Theatre. The Society is grateful to sponsors Gepp Solicitors and Strutt & Parker.

The most disappointing cancellations were that of the Essex Schools Food and Farming Day, the key annual event for the Society, and the President's Garden Party, at which the President's and long service awards are given.

The membership at the end of August was split as follows:

	2019	2020
Corporate Premier	18	18
Corporate Standard	1	3
Individual	123	125
Joint Life Member	5	5
Joint Member	110	109
Life Member	67	67
Under 30	8	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>336</b>

I would like to thank all Council for their help throughout the year, especially Rosemary Alexander for organising events and Heather Tarrant for coordinating the Society.

Due to the Society's enforced hibernation throughout much of the year, President Charles Gooch will serve a second year in office and President Elect Nicholas Cottrell will defer for a year.

Joanna Tubbs has stepped down from the role of ESFFD Coordinator. I wish her successor Rebecca Halls and Annabelle Rout the best of luck for 2021. We are currently preparing both for a 2021 ESFFD on the ground and for something online or recorded, in the case that Covid-19 continues in the same way.



We plan to hold an event at Ingatestone Hall in March, a quiz night in April, an auction in September and Rural Question Time in November 2021.

## ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of held on  
20th November 2019 6pm**

**In SSC Room 1, Writtle University College**

Edward Worthy presiding

Attended: Annabelle Rout (ARo), Rob Stacey (RS), David Bradshaw (DB), Karen Watson (KW), Rosemary Padfield (RP), Rosemary Alexander (RA), Helen McTurk (HM), Adrian Rilstone (AR), James Marriage (JM), Anthony Lyster (AL), Gillian Lyster (GL), Nicholas Charrington (NC), Charles Gooch, Nicholas Cottrell(NCo)

Apologies: C Stewart, E Halls, S Fletcher, J Fosh, F Ashworth, C Metcalf, C Hutley, W Mason, Lord Petre, Chris Newenham, Kayleigh Mackness, Sarah Parsons, Keri Constantatou, Jenny Tolhurst, R Burroughs

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>Action</b>
EAS19/1	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</b></p> <p>The Chairman read the notice convening the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Essex Agricultural Society and welcomed members to the meeting. The Chairman called for a minutes silence to remember <b>Bernard Towns, Tim Sell, Kate Howie and John Sheaf</b> who have passed away in the last year.</p>	
EAS19/2	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from the people listed above</p>	
EAS19/3	<p><b>ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 were agreed and signed.</p> <p>The accounts were called upon to be adopted and this was agreed with A Lyster dissenting.</p>	
EAS19/4	<p><b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honorary President – Charles Gooch proposed by E Worthy seconded by N Charrington</li> <li>• President Elect – Nicholas Cottrell proposed by N Charrington seconded by E Worthy</li> <li>• Members of Council Rob Stacey retires by rotation leaving Rosemary Padfield, Rosemary Alexander, Annabelle Rout and Julie Rogers as elected members for 2018-19. The Chairman proposes that David Bradshaw is an elected member for the next 3 years until 2022</li> <li>• Co-opted members the Vice Chairman proposed Roger Burroughs, Karen Watson, Tim Middleton, Helen McTurk, Fiona Ashworth, Tim Cooper, James Rea,</li> </ul>	

	Adrian Rilstone, Keri Constantatou, ,Kayleigh Mackness and Jo Tubbs, Catharine Hutley, Willoughby Mason, Nicholas Charrington agreed by Council	
EAS19/5	<p><b>PRESENTATION</b></p> <p>The Chair thanked Nicholas Charrington for his very active role as President of the Society and the time he gave.</p> <p>NC then thanked the society for the terrific year he has had as President and EW as Chairman.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mike Porter who has now stood down from Council in his absence. The Chair then presented to RA a bouquet of flowers as token of thanks for all her hard work organising events and speakers.</p>	
EAS19/6	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>25th November 2020 6pm</p>	