



**ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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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 DL
1979	HR Ritchie Esq DL	2020	C Gooch Esq
1980	T Hunnable Esq	2021	C Gooch 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 Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the above limited company will be held on 24th November 2021 at 6pm, Room 1, Sports Science Centre, Writtle University College

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 25th November 2020 and Accounts for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021.
- 4. Election of Officers for 2021-22**
  - 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>	Christopher Philpot

## COUNCIL

### Elected Members

#### Retire 2021

Rosemary Alexander  
Rosemary Padfield

#### Retire 2022

Annabelle Rout  
Julie Rogers  
James Marriage

#### Retire 2023

David Bradshaw  
Christopher Philpot

### 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 2021**

The Directors present their annual report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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 has gradually returned to life over the last 12 months, following the lockdowns and widespread confusion of 2020.

We held our first online event in March, when Henry Barringer of Savills presented 'rewilding' to around 50 members. He talked us through the process and there was lively interest in considering the various opportunities and challenges of such a project. In April, we were still online but on more familiar ground: a gardening tutorial from local broadcaster Ken Crowther. This was an interactive hour packed full of humour and handy tips.

In June, we Zoomed in on Spain's Hall Estate in Finchingfield and the conservation work of Archie Ruggles-Brise. 'Leaky' dams, both man-made and built by the beavers he introduced, have benefited the farm and the village, by distributing the river's floodwaters in a manageable way.

The Essex Schools Food and Farming Day returned in a new, Covid-safe form in 2021. Rebecca Halls and Annabelle Rout designed a day on which EAS members delivered an educational package to participating schools. There was virtual and interactive content, complete with seeds and local produce to allow the schools to experience food and farming in their own bubble. The Society is grateful to all the sponsors, donors and volunteers that made the new-look day such a success. Given that we head into the winter unsure of how the world will look in 2022, the organising committee has decided to use the 'in school' format again next year. We will make every effort to return to a large event in 2023, although the main challenge will be gaining sufficient County Council funding.

In September, the County Harvest Festival and Ploughing Match went ahead and it was great to see members gathered in person. Unfortunately, the President's Garden Party and Essex Farms Competition were cancelled for a second year running. Events planned for Spring 2021 will happen in Autumn or mostly in Spring 2022.

An evening with Essex Search & Rescue in October will be a welcome return to live events. It will take place in the newly renovated medieval Black Barn at Layer Marney Tower and will also feature a display of members' photographs, taken for a competition during the summer and blown up in fabulous technicolour. The entries were judged by The Sun's royal photographer Arthur Edwards MBE and the Society's President Charles Gooch, with the winners being recognised at the event. Thanks go to sponsors Gepp Solicitors, Hawkspur and Hamilton Carpets and organisers Rosemary Alexander and Spencer Davis.

I would like to thank everyone involved for their help throughout the year and wish the new Council all the best. I trust the Society will now make up in style for the relative inactivity of the last 18 months. Along with the delivery of educational and social events, it will also be crucial to encourage new members and a generation of leaders for Essex Agricultural Society.

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

	2020	2021
Corporate Premier	18	17
Corporate Standard	3	3
Individual	125	116
Joint Life Member	5	5
Joint Member	109	101
Life Member	67	67
Under 30	3	9
TOTAL	336	318



**ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of held on  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 6pm**

**Zoom Meeting**

James Marriage presiding

Attended: Jennifer Tolhurst (JT), Chris Philpot (CP), Nicholas Cottrell (NC), Charles Gooch (CG), Kayleigh Mackness (KM), Karen Watson (KW), Anthony Lyster (AL), Catharine Hutley (CH), Edward Worthy (EW), Helen McTurk (HMCT) Willoughby Mason (WM), Annabelle Rout (AR), Rebecca Halls (RH), Rosemary Padfield (RP), Julie Fosh (JF), Rosemary Alexander (RA)  
Apologies: Keri Constantou, S Fletcher, M Porter, Mrs G Lyster

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>Action</b>
EAS20/1	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</b></p> <p>The Chairman read the notice convening the 27<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>Chris House, Michael Davies, Peter Tarrant</b> in the last year.</p>	
EAS21/2	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from the people listed above</p>	
EAS22/3	<p><b>ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were agreed and signed.</p> <p>The accounts were called upon to be adopted and this was agreed..</p>	
EAS23/4	<p><b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>Due to the Coronavirus in 2020 all officers were asked to stand for a further year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honorary President – Charles Gooch proposed by J Marriage agreed by Council</li> <li>• President Elect – Nicholas Cottrell proposed J Marriage agreed by Council</li> <li>• Members of Council Rosemary Alexander and Rosemary Padfield should by rotation stand down as elected members leaving Annabelle Rout, Julie Rogers and David Bradshaw as elected members for 2020-2021. However due to Covid all elected council members will stay on for a further year</li> <li>• Co-opted members the Vice Chairman proposed Roger Burroughs, Karen Watson, Tim Middleton, Helen McTurk, Fiona Ashworth, Tim Cooper, James Rea, Adrian Rilstone, Keri Constantatou, ,Kayleigh</li> </ul>	

	Mackness and Jo Tubbs, Catharine Hutley, Willoughby Mason, Nicholas Charrington, Lynne Squier, Charlie Willett, Rebecca Halls agreed by Council	
EAS24/6	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 6pm	