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# Longhorn News

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Dear Members

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019. So far we've had a pretty easy winter and signs of Spring are already appearing.

The dates of the Society's sales for 2019 have been finalised and are listed in the newsletter, along with more detailed information about what is required for the Spring and Autumn Show & Sales.

The location and format for the AGM have been confirmed and the booking form will be available soon. There's a slight change to the usual Sunday format which we hope will be popular with members.

The 2019 Herdbook of 2018 births will close at the end of March so if you haven't yet done your 2018 registrations or reviewed your herd online to bring your animal numbers up to date then you have around three weeks to do so.

A new online forum has been set up where anyone can ask questions about all aspects of Longhorn cattle - the address is on page 7. You can read the threads without having to register, but a quick registration process will then mean you can post and answer questions. Have a look!

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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

It's still early in the year but it won't be long until the year's events will be upon us starting with the Worcester sale. As you probably realise Council have been working hard on improving the sales format & venues. We are trying to raise the profile of the breed with the aim of attracting new buyers and members. The Spring Sale is staying at Worcester where this year we are having a standalone sale, all animals to be bedded on straw and individually penned. There is also prize money for the best turned out animal.

The Autumn sale will move to Newark in the hope it will attract both Northern sellers & buyers. This sale is in conjunction with the Lincoln Reds. Both sales will only accept cattle that have had all relevant TB and clear blood tests. These two sales along with the additional store sales at Worcester should provide all members with the opportunity to sell all types of stock. Please come along to support these sales whether buying, selling or spectating.

If logistics are a concern there is nothing to stop any member disposing of their cattle in their local Auction Mart, or regional groups could set up their own specific store sales.

Council have met twice this year and several projects are on-going including recruitment for Type Classification which is a good bench mark for the general herd. This will also be valuable when marketing breeding offspring from high scoring parentage. Some members are busy working on ET and IVF programmes from high scored cattle.

The Friday feature on the web page and social media is proving popular; please keep these coming in to Debbie. A new idea should be up and running shortly, although not directly linked to the Society - an English Longhorn online forum. This will enable people to ask questions/ advice and anyone can answer the question online.

This year's National Show and AGM are promising to be events worth supporting. The second day of the AGM will be a technical day, which will be informative on various aspects of the breed and management.

There will be several places on Council this year so if you have an interest or think you have something to offer as a Council member, please get in touch. If you have any thoughts or ideas about the Society and it's activities then please get in touch with me or another Council member - their details are on the Contacts page of the website.

Dave Blockley, Chairman

## **SOCIETY SALES 2019**

Sale dates are subject to change and DEFRA animal gathering regulations  
Further details and entry forms available on the Society website.

**Saturday 13 April 2019**

**Society Spring Store Sale**

The Livestock Market, Worcester WR4 0SQ  
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770  
Entries close Wednesday 3 April

**Saturday 11 May 2019**

**Society Northern Sale**

Beeston Castle, Cheshire, CW6 9NZ  
Auctioneers: Wright Marshall. Tel 01829 262100  
Entries close Friday 12 April

**Saturday 25 May 2019**

**Society Spring Show & Sale**

The Livestock Market, Worcester WR4 0SQ  
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770  
Entries close Friday 19 April

**Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September 2019**

**Traditional Native Breeds Show & Sale,**

Melton Mowbray Market, LE13 1JY  
Auctioneers: Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers, Tel: 01664 562971  
Entries close Sun 4 August (paper), Sun 11 August (online)

**Saturday 21 September 2019**

**Society Show & Sale in conjunction with the  
Show and Sale of Rare, Traditional and Minority Cattle**

Borderway Mart, Carlisle, CA1 2RS  
Auctioneers: Harrison & Hetherington

**Saturday 26 October 2019**

**Society Premier Autumn Show & Sale**

Newark Livestock Market, Newark, NG24 1BY  
Auctioneers: Harrison & Hetherington in partnership with Newark Livestock Sales

# SALES NEWS

## SOCIETY SPRING SHOW & SALE

### Worcester Market ,Saturday 25 May 2019

There will be a Show section, where all cattle must be led, and a Sale Only section where females do not have to be led. All bulls, irrespective of if they are being shown or not, must be led.

All cattle over 42 day must be TB tested, irrespective of TB testing interval area.

In line with all the other major cattle breeds the Society will introduce compulsory health testing for all cattle entered. The matter was discussed at the AGM and there was enthusiastic support for this move, which will give more confidence to buyers.

**Blood test:** All animals that are **NOT** from a CHeCS approved health scheme accredited for BVD, IBR, Lepto and Johne's Level 1 need to have been blood tested **no more than 60 days** prior to the Sale. For vaccinated animals, it is recommended that vendors provide the date and the batch number of the vaccine used. Blood test results should be submitted prior to the sale.

**BVD:** Both Antibody and Antigen required. If vaccinated, test for Antigen required

**IBR:** gB and gE Antibody for animals not vaccinated. If vaccinated, must be with a marker vaccine and tested for gE Antibody

**Lepto:** If vaccinated no test required

**Johne's:** Required. Faecal test would be permitted if blood test timing is not compatible with TB test timing

**Neospora:** Recommended for all females.

Please speak to your vet or Health Scheme provider in plenty of time for more information. The relevant forms to be completed will be forwarded to members in plenty of time, and will be available on the website.

### **CHeCS approved health schemes:**

Vendors are encouraged to belong to a CHeCS approved health scheme. Members wishing to be exempt from blood testing must apply to their Health Scheme Provider for an animal health declaration card prior to the closing date of the sale and send a copy to the Society office for verification and for the details to be listed in the catalogue.

Interested buyers and sellers are encouraged to discuss the health status of the seller's herd. To that effect sellers should have a copy of the blood test results with them at the sale.

### **SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW & SALE**

**Newark Livestock Centre, Saturday 26 October 2019**

The Trustees are appreciative of the feedback that was received from members at the AGM, other events and one-to-one discussions regarding the Society sales. Having listened to members' comments, they are pleased to announce the following...

New for 2019, the Autumn Show & Sale will be at Newark Livestock Market, Newark on Saturday 26 October. This will be a led only Show & Sale; and the same health testing and TB testing rules as the Spring Show & Sale will apply to all animals entered.

As well as show classes for bulls, cows and heifers there will also be a suckled calf Show & Sale, so bear that in mind over the summer when you are thinking about which cattle to enter.

The Lincoln Red Cattle Society will be holding their regular Autumn Show & Sale on the same day. They also require all cattle entered to be either in a Health Scheme or animals to be individually tested so all cattle at the market will be of the same status.

This is a new sale at a new venue for the Society, and we are excited to be working with both the staff at Newark and also the staff at Harrison & Hetherington from Carlisle, who will be selling all pedigree stock at Newark Livestock Centre.

# SALES NEWS

## PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!

To support the Spring and Autumn Shows & Sales the Society will be taking colour display adverts in the Farmers Guardian, as well as keeping a flow of information coming out on social media. This is where you come in!

Firstly do you have a stunning photo of a Longhorn that you think would make the ideal picture for an advert in the farming press? For £150, your photo could be the one used for the Society's advertising and social media campaign to promote either the Spring or Autumn Show & Sale. Send your pictures in! Closing date for photos for the Spring sale must be submitted by 31 March to be considered and then the advert will be in the Friday 17 May issue of the Farmers Guardian.

Secondly, in order for us to promote the sale as far and wide as we can, early notice of entries would be appreciated. Let Debbie know what cattle you are entering, along with good photos of the cattle (clean and well presented) and they will get featured on the Society's Facebook and Twitter pages.

**THESE ARE YOUR SALES, MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE THEM AND YOUR CATTLE TO PURCHASERS!**





## MEMBERS' NEWS

The Society was saddened to hear of the passing of Mike Pope from Rugeley, Staffordshire in January. He and Susan had the Parchfields herd of Longhorns and were active members of the Midlands Group. When they retired from keeping cattle they continued their contact with the Society as Associate members and often came to events and the AGM weekend. Our condolences go to Susan, and their friends and family.

Congratulations to Robert Tedbury of the Southdown herd, Sussex, who was the sole Longhorn representative at the South Eastern Primestock Winter Fayre in November 2018. His steer stood first in it's class and his heifer was second in her class, against Shorthorn, Murray Grey and Angus cattle.

### **GOT A STORY TO SHARE?**

If you've got some news, events or anything Longhorn related you'd like the Society to share please get in touch.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### **EMBRYO TRANSFER REGULATIONS**

The Society's Embryo Transfer (ET) rules have been updated to reflect current practices and DEFRA regulations. The updated rules are in the Knowledgebase on the website and will be printed in the 2019 Herdbook.

### **LONGHORN FORUM**

A new online forum has been set up to answer questions that anyone has about all aspects of Longhorn cattle keeping. If you have a burning question to ask other members, or you think you can answer someone else's query please go to the forum and register to post. <http://longhorncattle.boards.net/>

## SOCIETY NEWS

### ACCESS TO THE ONLINE HERDBOOK

Grassroots are undergoing a major rewrite of the Pedeweb programme which is how members do their online registrations and access pedigree information for the Longhorn breed. As part of this rewrite the <https://> address for Pedeweb has changed. If you access Pedeweb directly from the Society website you shouldn't have a problem. However, if you have saved the link as a favourite in your browser or you rely on the cookie address to go to the log-in page then you may get diverted to the Grassroots website.

We suggest you access Pedeweb from the Society website <https://www.longhorncattlesociety.com/herd-book/> or copy/paste the address below into your browser and save it as a new favourite

<https://www.grassroots.co.uk/cgi-bin/start.cgi/pedeweb/pedeweb.html?id=longhorn2>

## SHOWS NEWS

### Bull, Cow and Heifer of the Year Awards - 2019 onwards

The calculation of points for the Bull, Cow and Heifer of the Year Awards has been reviewed and Council have agreed the following changes starting in 2019.

The aim of the changes is to give more competitive element to the competition and have a more level playing field for people with less time and resources.

\* The heifer class will be split into Junior & Senior Heifers (Juniors will be heifers born in 2018, Seniors will be heifers born in 2017). Charles Sutcliffe of the Tetford herd has kindly donated a new Award for the Junior Heifers and the Lesley Hutton Award will then be for the Senior Heifers.

\* Many shows only have 'bull any age' classes so the Bull of the Year will remain one Award

\* Where a bull is Champion or Reserve Champion he picks up points from the number of bulls below him in both classes (if applicable) plus 1 [representing himself]

\* Breed Champion/Reserve and Interbreed Champion/Reserve points will be increased to three points for Champion and two points for Reserve.

\* The points will be calculated from the five best scoring shows for that animal.

\* In the event of a tie, the homebred animal will be deemed the winner.

### NATIONAL SHOW 2019

The National Show this year will be at the Great Yorkshire Show on 9-11 July. Put the date in your diaries! Contact the Show [amandaw@yas.co.uk](mailto:amandaw@yas.co.uk) to go on the mailing list for a schedule. The Society has a limit of 75 stalls so please get your entries in very promptly!

#### *Other shows news...*

The **Royal Welsh Smallholding and Countryside Festival (18 & 19 May)** is holding Longhorn classes for the first time this year. With a wide range of classes this is a great way to get your show season up and running. The judge this year is well known Hereford judge and breeder Gerald Blandford, who is judging all the cattle classes at the Show. He is not on the Society panel so the show won't qualify for the Bull, Cow & Heifer of the Year Awards but if the classes are well supported then a Longhorn judge may be appointed next year. Go to <http://www.rwas.wales/> to register for a schedule and entry forms.

**Kent County Show, Maidstone, Kent (5,6 & 7 July)** is reinstating Longhorn classes this year. Go to <https://kentshowground.co.uk/> for more information

**Royal Lancashire Show, Lancs (19-21 July)** is holding Longhorn classes for the first time this year, on Saturday 20 July.

Go to <http://www.royallancashireshow.co.uk/> to register for a schedule and entry forms

**Ashover Show, Derbyshire (14 August)** is holding Longhorn classes for the first time this year. Go to <http://www.ashovershow.co.uk/index.html> for more information.

### SHOW COATS

One of the Society's panel judges has raised the matter of show coats with herd name on them. Whilst this sort of 'advertising' is fine for Interbreeds they feel that in Longhorn breed classes plain white coats with no herd names or other forms of advertising should be worn.

# SOCIETY NEWS

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTS

From January 2019 there will be a charge for adverts in the 'For Sale & Wanted' section of the website. The following charges will apply:

£10 plus VAT per animal with no picture.

£25 plus VAT per animal with a picture, the listing will also be posted on Facebook and Twitter for added exposure.

£30 plus VAT for herds or groups of animals with no picture.

£50 plus VAT for herds or groups of animals with a picture, the listing will also be posted on Facebook and Twitter for added exposure.

All adverts will be on the website for up to three months, or until the animal is sold.

There is now a dedicated 'stores for sale' page on the website which will make it easier for buyers to find store cattle for sale.

## NEW MEMBERS

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\* *We should like to welcome the following new members to the* \*  
\* *Society:* \*  
\* *Mrs B Dykstra, Macclesfield.* \*  
\* *Mr W Randall, Tasmania* \*  
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## YEAR LETTER

The year letter for 2019 is

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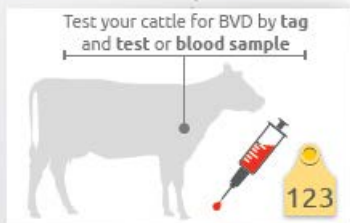
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## AGM WEEKEND, 12 & 13 October 2019

### **SOCIETY AGM WEEKEND**

John & Pat Stanley of the Blackbrook Herd have kindly invited the Society to visit their herd on Saturday 12 October. We will hold the formal AGM business and Saturday dinner at a local hotel and then on Sunday 13 October, we will return to the Blackbrook herd for a technical day with talks and demonstrations from professionals such as a vet, an IVF practitioner and a Type Classifier.

The Blackbrook Gallery, with its unique 19th Century Naïve paintings will also be open, including the opportunity to see probably the most comprehensive collection of Longhorn cattle depicted in art.

Details of the weekend and a booking form will be available soon. This promises to be an excellent weekend so please come and join us.



# SOCIETY JOURNAL

## LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY JOURNAL VOLUME 11

The next Society Journal will be published and distributed in Spring 2020.

Production of the Society Journal relies on the support of members - please consider taking an advert to ensure the future of this publication, or if you think you have a story to share that would make good content please get in touch...

### *Display adverts*

*Full colour, artwork supplied by the advertiser or a limited design service is available from the Society*

Full Page	£250 +VAT
Half Page	£150 +VAT
Double facing page	£450 + VAT



### COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019

*The following Council members represent you in 2019*

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*Please contact any one of them if you have any queries regarding Society or Council matters*

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates of the Council meetings in 2019 are:

Tuesday 26 March, Tuesday 4 June, Tuesday 30 July, Tuesday 24 September, Tuesday 26 November.

### COUNCIL CORNER

At recent meetings Trustees discussed the following matters:

A strategic review of the Society, it's activities and governance should be undertaken. This could be a project for a PhD student.

The Type Classification Scheme was reviewed.

The regulations for Embryo Transfer were updated to reflect the current environment and DEFRA regulations.

The format, advertising and promotion of the Society's sales was discussed.

The location and content for the AGM weekend was finalised.

## **SOCIETY NEWS**

### **SLAUGHTER WEIGHTS NEEDED**

As always the Society is real need of information to provide to potential members, butchers, finishers and consumers. If you take animals through to finishing can you think about the Society and drop the office an email with the eartag number of the animal, it's date of birth and it's slaughter weight. Even better still, notify the death using the online Herdbook and put the slaughter weight in the 'details' field. If you have a EUROP grid grade that would also be really helpful. Thank you!

*Thank you to everyone who has sent in slaughter weights so far - I've now got some more meaningful information to work with, but more is needed so keep sending them in!*

### **CATTLE HANDLING SYSTEMS - CAN YOU HELP?**

The office gets quite a number of enquiries from potential, new and established members about the best manufacturers of crushes and how members set up their handling systems.

Members will have many different experiences and set-ups and your input would be invaluable for me to be able to help others, especially potential members who may think that containing and handling Longhorns for TB testing and routine management is 'too hard'.

Email the office with photos of your crush, race or handling system, with an explanation if necessary, and I can build up a portfolio of systems to use as suggestions for handling Longhorns.

### **BEEF CERTIFICATES**

Beef certificates are £6. They are proof that your finishing animal is a pure-bred Longhorn should you need to offer such proof to a butcher, finisher, meat marketing scheme or restaurant. You can buy them when you notify your male calves by clicking on the 'with beef cert' option or if you decide you need one when your animal is finished then just contact the office.

**REGISTRATION FEES 2019**

From **1 January 2016** the following fees apply

**Female registrations**

Online reg up to 3 months	£20.00 + VAT	<b>£24.00</b>
Paper reg up to 3 months	£25.00 + VAT	<b>£30.00</b>
Late reg 3-12m	£40.00 + VAT	<b>£48.00</b>
Late reg 12-24m	£80.00 + VAT	<b>£96.00</b>
Late reg 24 +m	£100.00 + VAT	<b>£120.00</b>

**Male registrations**

Bulls up to 500 days old	£100 plus VAT	<b>£120.00</b>
Bulls 501-650 days old	£150 plus VAT	<b>£180.00</b>
Bulls 651-800 days old	£250 plus VAT	<b>£300.00</b>
Beef Certificate	£5.00 + VAT	<b>£6.00</b>

Transfer fees	£15.00 + VAT	<b>£18.00</b>
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Transfer fees are payable on breeding females and registered bulls by both buyer and seller unless an alternative arrangement is made between both parties

**BULL REGISTRATIONS**

Those members wishing to register bulls can download a registration form from the website or ring the office for one - in any case please get in touch as you will need a hair sample bag for each bull being registered. The registration form, photographs and sample bag must be signed by a vet and these, along with the payment for registration must be received before the registration will be processed. Allow yourself plenty of time, especially if you are thinking of entering your bull for a show or sale and never assume the office has received the documentation!

Emailed registration forms or photos can be accepted as long as you contact the office first - the Society has pretty strong spam filters on the computer which sometimes does not allow big photo files through. Hair samples must be posted.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM 1 JANUARY 2016 BULL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN ONE CALENDAR MONTH FROM THE TIME THE ANIMAL WAS WEIGHED, OR RE-WEIGHING WILL BE REQUIRED.**

## TYPE CLASSIFICATION

In common with many other breeds the Longhorn Cattle Society offers Type Classification to its members.

Longhorn breeders have made huge strides in the last 20 or so years to improve their cattle through careful and selective breeding. Type classification provides an independent assessment of members' cattle in order to identify strengths and weaknesses within the herd and speed up breed improvement.

Type classification is also an excellent independent guide for new members who will be able to select cattle that have been assessed when establishing a herd if they wish.

Cattle are assessed by classifiers from NBDC who have been specially trained to classify beef cattle. Assessed on 14 different linear traits that make up four composite traits, a final score results in a grade from 'poor' to 'excellent'.

This grade is then appended to the animal's pedigree so anyone can see how an animal has been independently assessed. As the scheme develops multiple generations of cattle will be inspected and the results will inform members which cattle they should retain in their herd to improve the quality of both their herd and the national population.

The breeders that have had their animals classified so far have all reported that the process has been straightforward and very positive. These members, and a list of the cattle that have graded VG (Very Good) and EX (Excellent) are in the Knowledgebase on the website.

Ewan Mackintosh from the Little Oakley herd had his cattle classified last year - you can read about his reasons for joining the scheme and how his classification visit went on the opposite page.

If you think this is something you would like to participate in please contact the office for more information or go to the link below. If you'd like to talk to a member who has had their cattle classified please contact any of the members listed in the link.

Members who sign up to Type Classification in 2019 will receive a £5 credit on their account with the Society for each cow classified, provided all animals eligible for classification are put forward.

The current booklet is in the Knowledgebase of the website or call the office for a copy.

<https://www.longhorncattlesociety.com/knowledge-base/article/type-classification/>

## TYPE CLASSIFICATION

The decision to have our Little Oakley herd of English Longhorns classified was a straightforward one. My day job is as a nutritionist within the dairy sector and many of my, admittedly more progressive, dairy clients have their cows scored on an on-going basis. Whilst I haven't asked them directly, I believe they do this help them make breeding decisions and to provide confirmation that their direction of travel is the right one. The use of classifying with the UK pedigree dairy sector is commonplace.

I have had a connection with cattle for over 40 years and, as such, I think I have a reasonable ability to differentiate a group of cattle. However, this is my view and, as is the case with most things it may not actually be the case. It had been over 12 years since we bought our six foundation Longhorn heifers from a couple of herds in Wiltshire. Since then we've only used a small number of bulls on the herd, four in fact, and their impact has been quite noticeable especially those which have had a negative influence. During the early years in an effort to grow the herd we kept most daughters. In more recent times we have culled harder and sold some heifers; we've been in position to be more selective. It was good time to confirm, either way, whether our breeding/culling decisions had been the right ones.

There is genetic variation within every breed and the degree to which this exists obviously varies considerably. Whilst on paper it doesn't appear that the English Longhorn breed has as much scope and variation as most other breeds, in reality it is quite clear that this is not the case. One only has to visit one of the Breed Society sales to witness this for oneself.

Therefore, given all of these factors the opportunity to have our herd classified was one that I felt was a valid one. A call was made to Debbie and from there an appointment was made for a classifier to meet at a field in rural Northamptonshire in early July last year. Debbie did mention the cost, it can't have been too steep as I can't actually remember what this was. Once on site it did occur to me that it might be a complete waste of time. Our cows don't get the human contact that some herds get so I began to think that we were going to be chasing the cattle around without getting anywhere near. However, the classifier was very relaxed and confident that within a few minutes the herd would calm down and she would be able to get down to business. Sure enough within half an hour or so the job was done, our herd had been scored. The classifier uses a handheld device and simply punches in numbers which all go together to provide a final score. During the process various comments/observations are made, some positive some negative, a few of which I wasn't aware of. Having the classifier visit also focuses one's eye on one's cattle, it's a bit like not seeing the wood for the trees? One can often become blind the most obvious things that are right in front of us but are noticeable to others, especially trained others.

In conclusion, I would strongly recommend that breeders take advantage of this service. I am confident that they will find it very useful and I strongly recommend being present when the classifier visits. They will definitely learn something from the process whilst also receiving confirmation as to quality of their herd. We have had it confirmed what we need to focus on when choosing our next bull and when selecting those heifers to keep as replacements.

Ewan Mackintosh, Little Oakley Longhorns

## TB COMPENSATION

Whilst the eradication of Bovine TB should be at the forefront of APHA's minds, it's inexorable creep across the country means more and more members are being affected. A quick look at the difference between the compensation you will receive for a registered pedigree animal and a non pedigree animal might make registration of all your calves a consideration. Retrospective pedigree registration of TB reactors is not permitted and APHA will usually check the online database when a reactor is confirmed to check it's status.

The table shows compensation for February 2019. It is updated each month on the DEFRA website and is applicable for all breeds.

The table is applicable to England only - Wales and Northern Ireland are on individual valuation and Scotland is TB free.

Further explanation and the most recent compensation table is available on the DEFRA website, and the website [www.tbhub.co.uk](http://www.tbhub.co.uk) also has current information.

Age	Non pedigree male	Pedigree registered male
Up to 6 months	£205-£361	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£700-£834	Individual valuation
12 to 20 months	£943-£1018	12—24m £4422
20+ months	£1080	24+ m £1913
Age	Non ped female	Pedigree registered female
Up to 6 months	£150-£308	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£558-£665	£1903
12 to 16 months	£825	12-24m £1678
16-20 months	£936	24+ m not calved £1565
20+ months not calved	£1007	24-36m calved £898
20+ months calved	£823	36m+ calved £1078



# Are you a cattle keeper in the High Risk or Edge Area of England?

If so, you can now access tailored advice to reduce the risk and impact of TB on your farm.

Experienced farm consultants are available to give advice by telephone or during an on-farm advisory visit.

The service is funded by Defra through Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), so there is no cost to eligible farmers.

To find out more please contact us:

E [info@tbas.org.uk](mailto:info@tbas.org.uk)

W [tbas.org.uk](http://tbas.org.uk)

T 01306 779410

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# SOCIETY NEWS

## SOCIAL MEDIA

As you may have read in recent newsletters that the Society is offering members a fantastic opportunity to promote their herds and the breed via the Society website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Once a week over the winter I am posting a short profile of a Society member describing, in their own words, what their Longhorn herd means to them. Every member is different and keeps their cattle for different reasons so each week there's a new insight into the versatility of the breed and the broad range of Society members.

All you need to do is answer the questions below (a maximum of 50 words per answer please!), attach up to four photos that best illustrate your herd, include your social media links (if you use them) and then you'll be in with a chance of being one of our Friday Feature herds. If you are not involved with social media it doesn't matter, your story will still be of interest to other people and it will help promote the breed.

Have a look at the Blog page of the Society website or our Facebook page to see the herds profiled so far.

**Who are you (name and herd name) (max 50 words)**

**Where are you (nearest town and county) (max 50 words)**

**How did you find out about Longhorn cattle and decide they were the breed for you: (max 50 words)**

**When did you start keeping Longhorn cattle: (max 50 words)**

**Why did you start keeping Longhorn cattle: (max 50 words)**

**What are you trying to achieve with your herd: (max 50 words)**

**Are you doing with your cattle that is unique and different? (max 50 words)**

**How would you sum up the Longhorn breed: (max 50 words)**

Website:

Facebook:

Twitter:

Instagram:

Other social media links:

## REGIONAL GROUPS

The regional groups operate independently of the Society and organise herd visits, social events and herd competitions. Enthusiastic group members are always welcome. Do get in touch with your local breeders group co-ordinator and get involved in group activities

### Mid West Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge,  
Hamnish, Leominster, Herefordshire  
HR6 0QN Tel: 01568 760251.  
Email: colabalonghorns@aol.com**

### Welsh Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg  
Cennen Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed,  
SA19 6UA Tel: 01558 822291  
E: carregcennencastle@btinternet.com**

### South East Breeders Group

No contact details at present

### Midland Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Rachael Heard, Hill House,  
Welford, Northamptonshire, NN6 6JQ  
Tel: 01858 575 280  
Email: rheard@live.co.uk**

### Northern Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Graham Walker, Newton Farm  
Cottage, Huby, York, YO61 1HQ  
Tel: 07957 208021  
Email: walkergraham93@gmail.com**

## MERCHANDISE

The Society offers a comprehensive range of merchandise. Ties, caps and mugs are available from the office, clothing such as hoodies, polo shirts, sweatshirts etc are available to order with a two - three week lead time. Items of clothing have the Society logo and can have your herd name embroidered on them.

The full range and the order form are in the 'Knowledgebase' section of the Society website or from the office.

## BULLS FOR SALE

*Please check the website for up-to-date listings of cattle for sale, photos and extra information*

**Peter Close, J Close & Sons Ltd, Fishwick Mains, Fishwick, Berwick on Tweed, Berwickshire, TD15 1XQ**

**Tel: 01289 386181, 07779 937217**

**Email: peterclose@hotmail.com**

**FISHWICK REBEL ROUSER 33210/R00087**

Born: 25/04/2017

Sire: Fishwick Lord of the Rings 23577/L00087

Dam: Fishwick Molly 23462/M00087

Lord of the Rings was Bull of the Year in 2012 & 2013.

Fishwick Molly was Best Senior & Best Homebred cow in NLBC (North) 2018 herd competition.

SAC PCHS Health Scheme (R1) and BVD accredited. BVD & Lepto vaccinated. Four year test area.

*Please check the website for up-to-date listings of cattle for sale, photos and extra information*

**Tom Taberner, 86 Britannia Drive, Stretton, Burton on Trent, Staffs, DE13 0FB**

**Tel: 07762 586916**

**Email: tommytab@btinternet.com**

**BULLS FOR HIRE**

Pedigree bulls available for hire. Please contact for more details, hire rates, availability etc.

**David & Graham Walker, Newton Farm, Main St, Huby, N Yorkshire, YO61 1HQ**

**Tel: 01347 810809, 07957 208021**

**Email: walkergraham93@gmail.com**

**NEWTON BOOMSHAKALAKA 32758/R00890**

Born: 30/03/2017

Sire: Stoke Juniper 20422/J0021

Dam: Newton Whoopee Do 22982/M0890

Was shown in 2018. Sire & dam can be seen. Used successfully on two crossbred heifers in October 2018

BVD, Lepto & IBR vaccinated. Four year TB testing area.

**NEWTON BILABONG 32757/R00890**

Born: 21/03/2017

Sire: Stoke Juniper 20422/J0021

Dam: Fishwick Garnet 15016/G0087

Not shown, but halter trained. Ran out last summer successfully covering 10 crossbred cows

BVD, Lepto & IBR vaccinated. Four year TB testing area.

## FEMALES FOR SALE

*Please check the website for up-to-date listings of cattle for sale, photos and extra information*

**C&B Hughes, Thornhill, Glyn Road, Selattyn, Shropshire, SY10 7NP**  
**Tel: 01691 718882**  
**Email: cherylhughes2015@gmail.com**

### **HOW CAPLE LINE 21827/L0734**

Born: 04/05/2011  
Sire: Colaba Zodiac 13782/E0097  
Dam: Long Ash Dulcie 11658/D0241  
Running with Blackden Lynx 23639/L00943 since 22/04/2018.  
TB tested clear 27.11.18, 12 month TB test area.  
For sale due to ill health.

**K Trembath, Sunset Farm, St Just, Penzance, Cornwall, TR10 7QB**  
**Tel: 01736 788698, 07717 056736**  
**Email: Kenny@sunsetproperties.co.uk**

### **STORE OR BREEDING HEIFERS**

12-14 pedigree registered heifers for sale, ranging from 12-22 months. Ideal for breeding or feeding.

**Nancy Young, 2 Farm Cottages, Gills Lane, Rooksbridge, Somerset, BS26 2TY**  
**Tel: 01937 750252, 07818 263514**  
**Email: nancedave@hotmail.com**

### **ROOKSBRIDGE BLOSSOM 31261/R00428**

Born: 09/04/2017  
Sire: Slough Merlin 25022/M01023  
Dam: Rooksbridge Independence 27132/O00428

### **ROOKSBRIDGE CALUSA 30846/R00428**

Born: 20/07/2017  
Sire: Slough Merlin 25022/M01023  
Dam: Piggingswood Lady 21974/L01027  
Two heifers reluctantly for sale. Other youngstock may be available.

*Please check the website for up-to-date listings of cattle for sale, photos and extra information*

**Rachel Datlen, 12 Station Road, Stottesdon, Shropshire, DY14 8TT**  
**Tel: 01746 718753**  
**Email: rachel.datlen@btinternet.com**

### **WELLHEAD Q-BID 29588/Q00168**

Born: 20/03/2016  
Sire: Wellhead Orwell 28373/O00268  
Dam: Wellhead N-dless 25155/N00268  
AI'd to Raby Gladiator, PD'd in calf to calve early July 2019.  
1 year TB test area, last whole herd test 12 July 2018.

### **WELLHEAD OLANTHE 26729/O00268**

Born: 28/02/2014  
Sire: Wellhead Lohengrin 23766/L00268  
Dam: Wellhead Inca 17399/I0268  
Very attentive mother.  
1 year TB test area, last whole herd test 12 July 2018.

**Harry Hodgson, Piercebridge Farm, Piercebridge, Darlington, Co Durham, DL2 3SE**  
**Tel: 01325 374251, 07718 278838**  
**Email: admin@piercebridgefarm.co.uk**

### **FEMALES FOR SALE**

Small selection of cows and heifers for sale. Spring calving cows plus Autumn calved cows with bull & heifer calves at foot. Only for sale as a lot of heifers are coming into the herd.

PCHS members, accredited for Johnes, Lepto, IBR & BVD

## CATTLE WANTED

**Charles Ashbridge, Thirsk, N Yorkshire,  
YO7 2HL**  
Tel: 01845 525330 or 07790 016823  
Email: [charles@tastetradition.co.uk](mailto:charles@tastetradition.co.uk)  
All types of cattle wanted for finishing

**Sam Barker, Shrewsbury, Shropshire,  
SY4 3HS. Tel: 07793 365517**  
Email: [sam@longhornbeef.co.uk](mailto:sam@longhornbeef.co.uk)  
Organic steers and heifers wanted for finishing.

**Mr P Grabham, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 7AN**  
Tel: 07875 464424  
Email: [tintin11@btconnect.com](mailto:tintin11@btconnect.com)  
Steers wanted for finishing

**Ben and Tori Stanley, Derbyshire, DE73 8AB**  
Mobile: 0788 4112812,  
Email: [info@toriandbensfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@toriandbensfarm.co.uk)  
Steers and heifers wanted for finishing

**Tom Mowles, Nailsworth, Glos, GL6 0SJ**  
Tel: 07545 562984  
Email: [tom.mowles@mowlesfarms.co.uk](mailto:tom.mowles@mowlesfarms.co.uk)  
Yearling and two year old steers and heifers wanted for finishing.

**Richard Vaughan, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire  
HR9 6JN Tel: 01600 890296**  
Well grown store cattle male or females required for finishing.

**A Goodman, Great Witley, Worcestershire, WR6  
6JJ Tel: 01299 896590, mob: 07980271173**  
Steers wanted for finishing

**Mike & Yvonne Smith, Ashbourne, Derbyshire,  
DE6 5JF Mobile: 07860 467877**  
Email: [michael@hennisfieldfarm.co.uk](mailto:michael@hennisfieldfarm.co.uk)  
Strong stores wanted immediately

## SEMEN FOR SALE

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The following bulls are available from the Society:

Cosby Archer, Eyebrook Richard, Fishwick Oarsman , Grove House Baron,  
Honeywood Callicles, Honeywood Edmund, Leebarn Isambard, Llantrothy Kestrel,  
Long Ash Lancelot , Plaitford Orlando, Rousham Goliath, Rousham Monty,  
Shugborough Benbow , Tregonhayne Startrek

The following bulls are available direct from the breeders

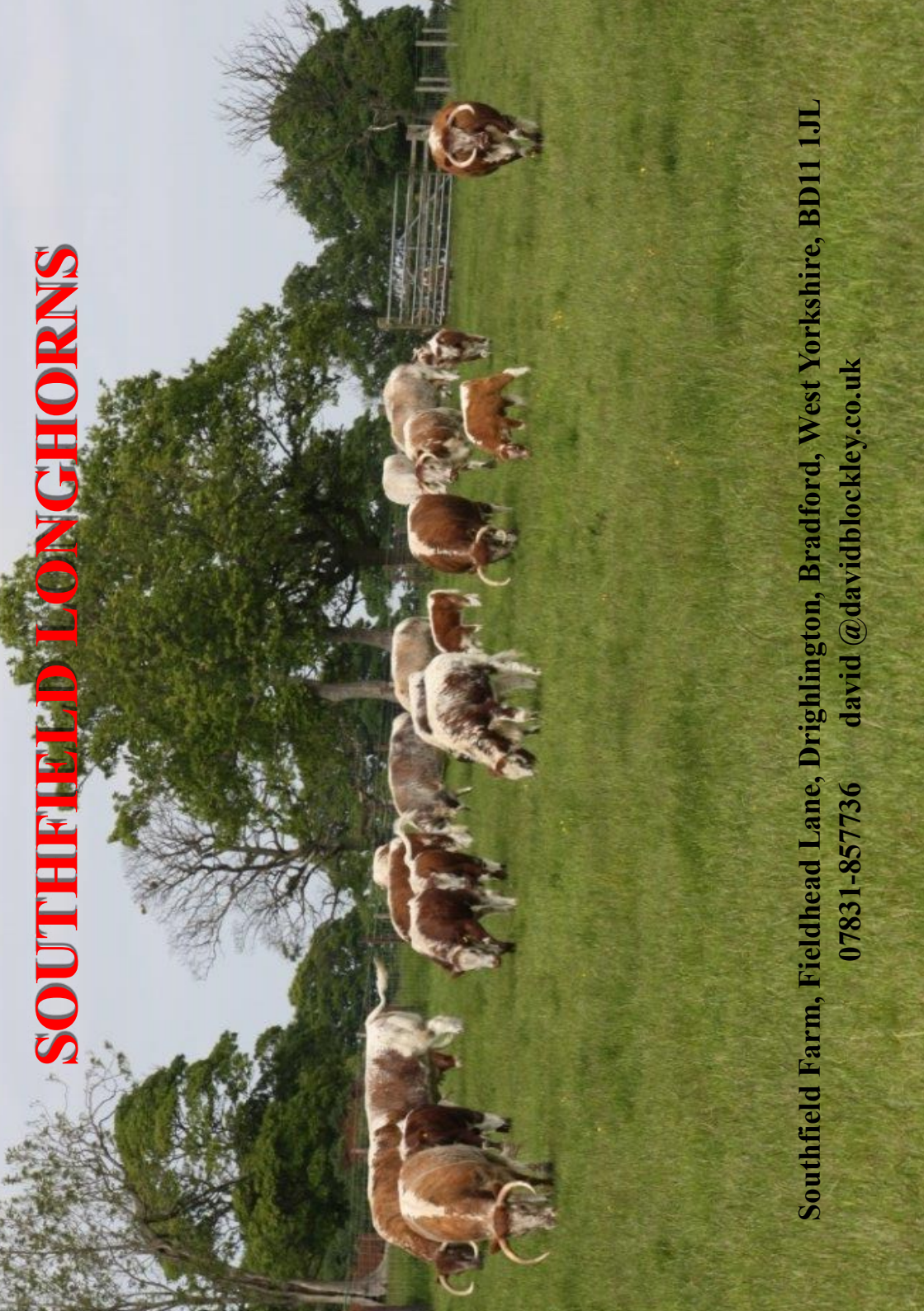
**Blackbrook Rebel 16819/H0380, Blackbrook Touchstone 19955/J0380**  
**Blackbrook Sabre 18015/I0380,** (Pat Stanley 01509 503276)

**Fishwick Lord of the Rings 23577/L00087,** (Peter Close 07779 937217)

**Gupworthy Onzlo 28002/O00873** (George & Jackie Woollatt 01291 645116)

**Gentons 007 James Bond 27966/O01168** (Bertie Facon, 07785 221961 or  
Ben Bellew 07710 054792)

# **SOUTHFIELD LONGHORNS**



**Southfield Farm, Fieldhead Lane, Drighlington, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD11 1JL  
07831-857736    david @davidblockley.co.uk**

# Fishwick Longhorns



## *Fishwick Lord of the Rings*

**Bull of the Year 2012 and 2013 - Semen for Sale**

**The  
Tweed Valley  
Norham Castle  
in the trees and  
The Cheviot  
behind**



**Young bulls by Lord of the  
Rings for sale - born 2017:  
Fishwick Rendezvous  
Fishwick Rebel Rouser  
Fishwick Rustler  
Tel. 01289 386 181**