

## LONGHORN AMBASSADOR'S AWARD 2023

Vicki Hopkinson of the Briar Mead herd has won the Carreg Ambassador's Award in 2023

She was nominated by Lee Wood who cited that;

'Over the past year Vicki has been pushing and advocating for the Longhorn breed in many ways. She has taken her own time to champion for Longhorn classes to be held at the Stokesley show in North Yorkshire and also keep the classes at Heckington Show.

'She has had a great season out in the show ring, she has been winning championships like many other breeders, and also going on to win Interbreed championships; this is a fantastic thing for the breed and she shares her success as a success for the breed, not just her herd.

'No matter how busy she is herself, Vicki goes out of her way to help other breeders where possible. She's approachable all of the time, has a smile and is always in the lines shouting about how good the Longhorn breed is, no matter what stage the breeder or stock person is at. I find this really refreshing as having been to some shows and not been received or treated very nicely, her approach has often left me thinking 'is this something I want to be a part of'. Vicki does a great job of sharing the values and beliefs of many breeders everywhere I've seen her and I think that makes a great ambassador.

'In recent years she and Julian have had to move house from Derbyshire to Yorkshire and her cattle have had multiple moves to different farms, but she always puts their welfare before her own situation.

'She considers her breeding choices carefully and this has resulted in quality stock that are a credit to her and the breed'

