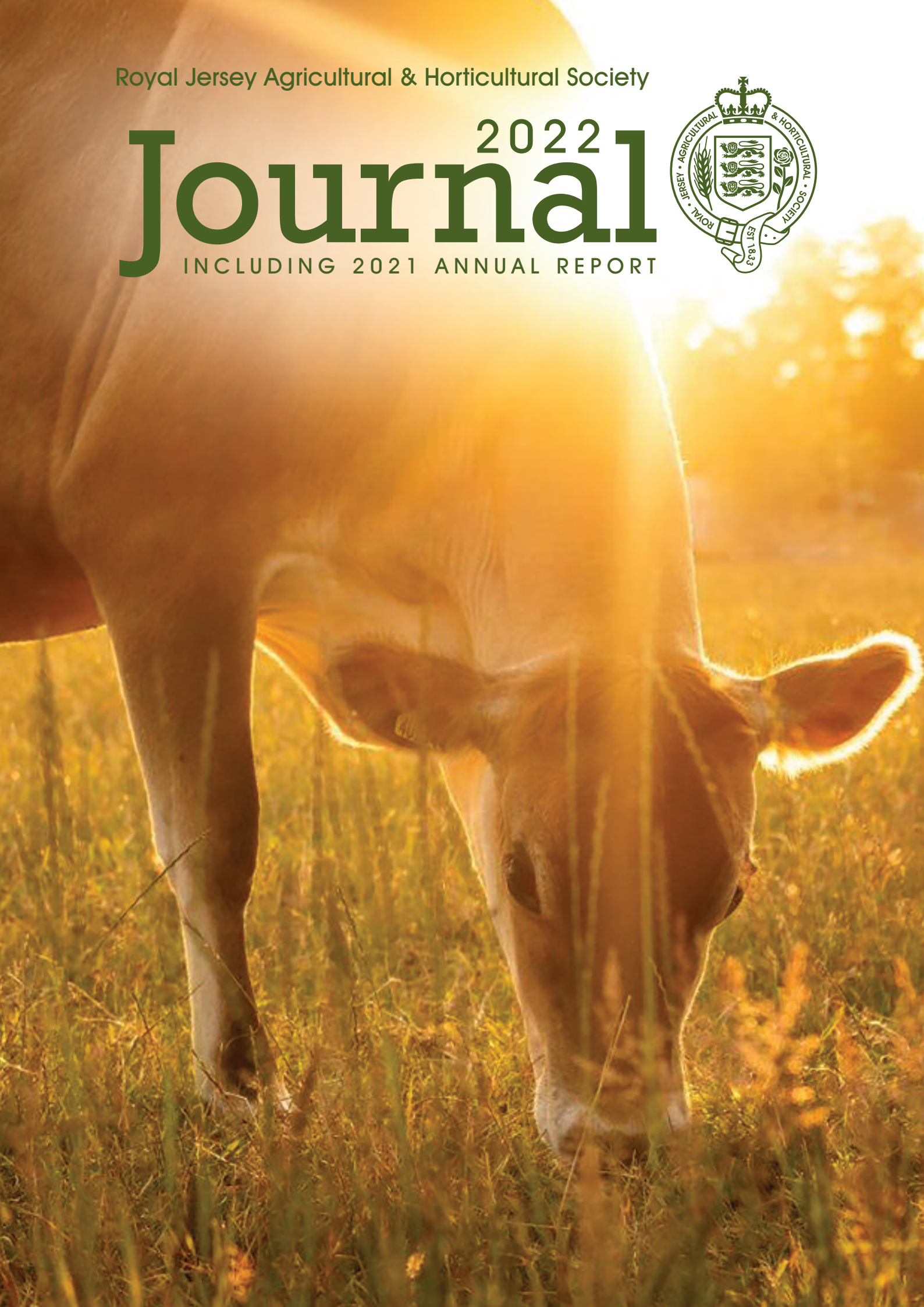


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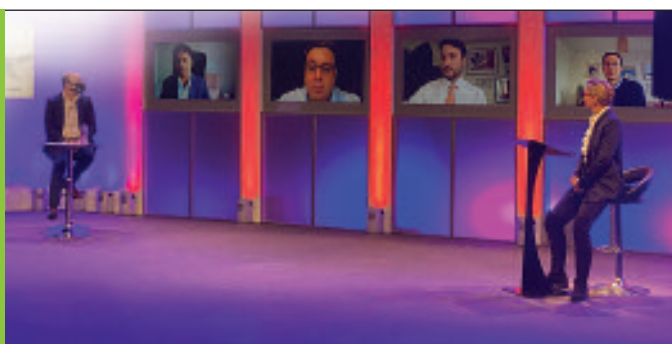
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President's Report

Happily, as we move towards the summer of 2022, we are able to contemplate a return to normality, or something close; a post-Covid future without the worst of the challenges and frustrations of the last couple of years. A future where we can once again come together as a community, sharing the core values of this Society, namely to celebrate Jersey's rural heritage and showcase the richness of its local produce.

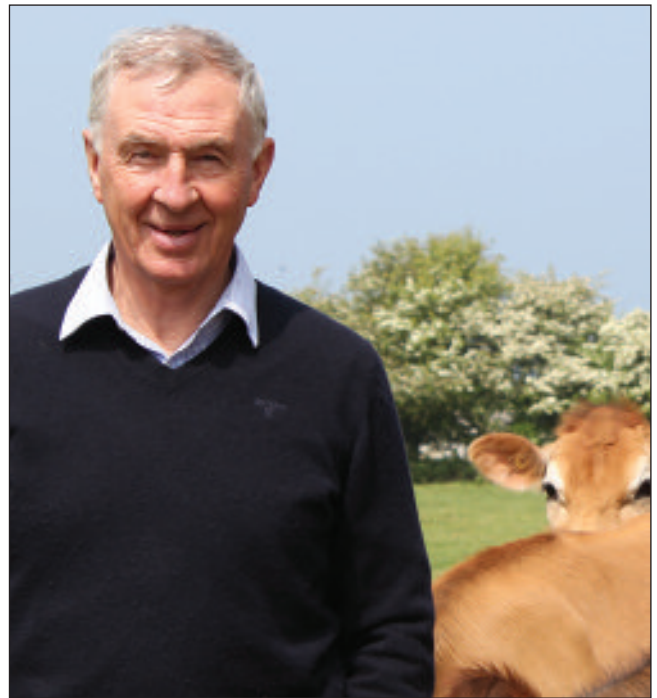
I am very pleased to report that the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society has remained resilient throughout this miserable period and emerges well positioned to continue meeting the needs of its members and the people of Jersey - by the provision of high quality services and excellent facilities for events at the Royal Jersey Showground. In short, to maintain its position as the natural home and beating heart that underpins Jersey's unique rural character and traditional values. A home that always has its doors open to its members and the public of Jersey alike.

In many ways the pandemic brought out the best in our Society. Our staff responded wonderfully, the different sections rising to meet every challenge that was thrown at them. An empty events calendar at the Royal Jersey Showground was seized on as an opportunity to carry out vital maintenance work, as well as making major improvements to the infrastructure of the facilities. We are grateful to the Government of Jersey's Fiscal Stimulus Fund for the financial support the Society has received to enable this investment to take place. Amongst other improvements, users of the Showground arena will enjoy greater comfort due to the new air conditioning system and better wifi coverage.

During the year the Society continued to carry out essential Herd Book functions to support the integrity of the Jersey breed on the island. It also continued to provide contracted services on behalf of government to assist the rural economy. These responsibilities come under the remit of the Dairy Services team which was delighted to be joined by Mariano Fernandes, on a permanent basis, in the role of milk recorder. He takes over this position from Jacey Copple who, now a mum, has decided to step down from that role. We offer Jacey and Steve our congratulations on the birth of young Aisling and thank Jacey for her excellent service as milk recorder.

The various committees, which make this Society tick, were glad to begin meeting in person once again – although it has to be said that Zoom proved to be a very useful stopgap. And, after missing a year, we were able to conduct the AGM with real people in the room! Speaking personally, it was an honour and delight for me to be appointed for a second term as President. After the usual AGM business had been transacted, the occasion was marked by a special presentation of a silver milk can to James Godfrey, a well deserved award in recognition of James' 25 years of truly outstanding service to this organisation. The meeting also conferred Honorary Life Membership on Steve Le Feuvre, acknowledging the significant contribution he has made over many years, and continues to make. Not only is Steve a hugely keen and successful exhibitor but, as Treasurer of the Agriculture Department, his experience and judgement are invaluable to the Officer team.

2021 saw our "Dairy for Development" team (or "D4D") make good progress in its important work as the delivery arm of Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA) projects, mainly in Africa, harnessing the



advantages of the Jersey when used in cross-breeding programmes with the country's indigenous cattle. Despite David Hambrook and Sam Thomson not being able to travel off island to monitor the various projects this was a busy and exciting year for the D4D team. Of particular note was the very successful African Jersey Forum ("AJF") online conference held last November, based jointly in Jersey and Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, which attracted over one thousand virtual attendees over the two days of the conference. Sharing knowledge and best practice to a wide audience, the conference was able to demonstrate measurable positive outcomes arising from these projects. These were backed up by moving testimonials from smallholder farmers whose families have benefitted directly from the JOA / D4D partnership. With a growing workload, which included scoping new projects, in Africa and also Asia, the D4D team was pleased to enlist the help of Louise Agnes (former Horticulture Secretary) who made a welcome return to the office.

It was an immense joy to be able to hold our country shows once again! Despite the success of our virtual and online events, the welcome return of the Summer Flower Show, held at the earliest opportunity last August, signalled a move back towards normality. This was followed by the Autumn Fair in October – and what a showpiece event it was, undoubtedly the highlight of the Society's year. It was great to see beautiful cattle once again gracing the Showground. An eager public turned out in great numbers to marvel at these, and the magnificent floral and horticultural displays and impressive entries of prize vegetables, cakes and so much more. No Covid after-effects evident there, if anything the enforced suspension had only served to reinvigorate member participation and public engagement. And as I write, hot on the heels of the 2022 Spring Flower Show, the first for two years, the feel-good atmosphere of that event still lingers in the air. It too was a great success, showcasing as it did the very best the island has to offer in springtime.

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who helps make our shows such a success, for indeed it needs a super team effort to put them on. Thanks to the exhibitors of course, who continue to bring out top class entries in all sections. But I must not overlook the dynamic team of committee members and the wonderful band of volunteers who willingly pitch in and share the workload, before, during and after the event. Without their ongoing commitment we would see the shows fall into decline – whereas they are actually growing and getting better every year.

This year sees the Platinum Jubilee of our Patron, HM Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty has always taken a keen interest in the work of this Society and of course we had the honour of having Her officially open the Showground in 2001. To mark this important Anniversary the Society planted an English Oak tree at the Showground in April. Later in the year we are planning to add to this a planted area of 70 trees, on the slope towards the southern part of the Showground, to mark the 70 years of Her reign. We hope this will form part of the Queen's Green Canopy project and members will be invited to participate.

An undoubted strength of the Society is our excellent team of staff, so ably led by James Godfrey. With such a varied and busy workload it is a credit to the team at the Showground office that they achieve this in such an effective way, while at the same time keeping our headquarters and the facilities at Trinity so pristine

and welcoming. I have mentioned some during this report but space does not allow me to mention them all, suffice to say that everyone makes a valuable contribution and is only too happy to support one another at busy times.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to my fellow officers, the Council and all committee members for their valued support and continued commitment to our Society. As I have said before, we are fortunate in having people of such ability and experience offering their time and input, as the Society moves forward in line with its guiding principles, upholding Jersey's core values and rural traditions.

R J Perchard
President

Island Plan 2022-25

Earlier this year and after a lengthy period of consultation, and with over 100 amendments tabled, a new Bridging Island Plan (BIP) was finally agreed by the States Assembly. The Plan is intended to set planning policy to cover the years 2022-2025, with the stated aim of "setting out how, as a community, we will create homes, strengthen our economy, protect and improve our environment, provide for a good quality of life and enhance what's special about our island".

As was to be expected, many parts of the Plan proved controversial and were hotly debated. Naturally enough given the need for the Island to balance, on the one hand, the desire to maintain a vibrant economy which offers full and meaningful employment to its citizens whilst satisfying an ever increasing housing need and, on the other, still protecting and retaining Jersey's unique countryside, coastline and open spaces.



industry to take, but qualified by the principle that only land of low farming value should be taken. Of paramount importance for the dairy farming sector was the preservation of specific fields that are of strategic importance to dairy farms. What makes these fields so critical to the farms concerned, apart from their good agricultural quality, is their location either adjacent to the dairy unit or forming an essential part of a wider block of grazing.

It is doubtful whether the BIP achieved what it set out to in terms of meeting the need for more housing stock and time will tell how this complex need will be addressed. For instance, although there was much 'chopping and changing' of green field sites, the States also agreed that the height of developments in the built up area may not be so rigidly restricted. So, whilst it seems that the immediate problem is not solved, perhaps there is acceptance that simply rezoning green fields is not a sustainable answer either. Undoubtedly the need to preserve agricultural land was a major consideration amongst States members,

and often the determining factor. And, importantly for the future viability of the local dairy industry, rezoning was denied to those fields whose removal would have impacted so badly on those dairy farms under threat.

Homes for Islanders?

First and foremost in the minds of politicians and those setting public policy was the urgent need to address the lack of affordable housing, and to find suitable sites for development. With an identified target for some 3,750 new homes, and a limited land resource to draw from, the issue was always going to be contentious. That said the majority of this target would be met from sites other than green fields.

The stance of the agricultural industry has always been to protect and conserve farming land where possible, for obvious reasons - food security, maintaining a mixed economy and preservation of the island's farming heritage and rural countryside which to a large extent is a product of its agricultural use.

Nevertheless the industry's representatives, which includes this organisation, recognised that there were growing pressures in terms of housing supply in the island and that some rezoning of land was required although they contended that the emphasis should be on brown field sites and underutilised sites in the public sector portfolio before sacrificing green fields. Therefore, given the urgency of the situation, it was accepted that some 70 verges of land would need to be lost for demand to be met. This was a pragmatic, not dogmatic, stance for the

"Coastal Protected Area" or "Park"?

At the outset it should be stated that, without doubt, Jersey's Coastal National Park, as it presently exists, is a wonderful resource and a great asset to the island, admired and appreciated by everyone. It occupies 16% of the island's land mass and embraces all those coastal parts of the island of highly sensitive and most valuable landscape quality.

That said, when it was suggested that further areas, with landscapes deemed to be deserving of the highest level of protection, should be merged into the "Park", roughly doubling its size to 30% of Jersey's land area, the move was seen as a cause for concern for many islanders. This applied particularly to those people who owned land and property in the proposed extended Park, which covered over half of the parishes of St. Ouen and St. Martin and large swathes of the northern parishes in between.

The proposed new boundaries of the Park were seen as arbitrary and unjustified, given that areas of high landscape quality are not confined to these coastal fringes but extend well into the interior of the island. Furthermore, and this applied equally to farmers and growers as much as owners of private dwellings, there was concern that the new planning designation would set a much higher bar for planning permissions to be granted. This was seen as unfair and was perceived to have been put forward without proper consultation with landowners and those who would be affected by the proposed changes. The result, it was argued, would be that plans to grow or diversify a rural business, or make changes to a property of any sort, might be unreasonably refused on the grounds that they contravened what was seen as an artificial “chocolate box” designation.

The matter was further complicated by concerns that giving the newly “protected” landscapes the title of “Park” could mislead the general public into believing it gave them free licence to ‘ramble’ at will across private property and through farmyards, fields and gardens, with all the potential safety hazards that could follow, not to mention the invasion of privacy that persons wandering onto private property could cause.

Furthermore, there was a problem with tagging a new “protected zone” onto the existing Coastal National Park. To do so would create a confusion of purpose, because, although the park is designated as an area requiring the “highest level of protection” in planning terms, it also has two other quite different stated purposes, namely: (a) “conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the park” and (b) “public understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities”. These are quite separate from, and go well beyond, any planning designation and, as such, should not be confused with any rezoning of land for greater protection of its outstanding landscape character. Unfortunately this confusion (or conflict, one might say) between “planning status” and what might be termed “usage, management and access”, was intrinsically bound up in the proposal to extend the Coastal National Park when it was first announced in the draft Bridging Island Plan early in 2021.

The consultation period prior to the BIP debate allowed a light to be shone on this issue, and brought about a volte-face from the Planning Minister when he withdrew, at the last minute, the original proposal to extend the boundaries of the Park in favour of creating a new planning zone, called the “Protected Coastal Area”. The new Protected Coastal Area will, according to the Minister, provide the “highest level of protection” for the island’s “best” landscape and seascape character areas. It will include the full extent of the present Coastal National Park plus the areas in the proposed extension, accounting for some 30% of the island’s land area, as previously stated. The Minister’s view is that the higher standards within the new Protected Coastal Area should balance the release of greenfield land for the development of affordable homes. The States Assembly was persuaded by this argument, and the creation of new planning designation, the Protected Coastal Area, was approved.

The Assembly also took on board the need to clarify the status and role of the Park in law, rather than just by planning designation, as it is now. The Economic Development Minister was therefore charged to establish a Coastal National Park as a legal entity with appropriate provisions and mechanisms to:

- define the purposes of a national park in Jersey
- determine its appropriate governance, in order to secure the purposes of the park
- determine the spatial extent of the park
- manage land and activities within the park in accord with its purposes
- ensure public and stakeholder engagement and consultation on all matters associated with the national park.

I am pleased that the Society has an ongoing opportunity to help with this process by becoming a member of Jersey National Park Limited, the vehicle currently established to carry out the objectives of the Park. In addition, our Chief Executive, James Godfrey, has been appointed as a director of that company, to represent the interests of the agricultural industry.

R J Perchard

President

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Former Champion cow immortalised on canvas

It's not every day that a Jersey cow, even a show champion, finds herself the subject of an oil painting. But that's exactly what happened last year when RJAHS president Rob Perchard and his son Tom, who jointly run the Ansom pedigree herd at La Ferme, St Martin, asked UK-based artist Doreen de Gruchy Cox to undertake just such a commission, namely to capture the essence of their great cow and multiple show winner Ansom May Anemone on canvas.

Speaking of the artist Rob said: "We knew what a talented artist Doreen is and really admired her work and she was the natural choice for making a painting of May Anemone. The animal was more to us than a show winner, although she was twice judged Island Champion, she was a wonderful cow in so many ways. Probably the best all round animal that we have bred on this farm. Such an outstanding cow deserves to be celebrated in a special way."



Painting of Ansom May Anemone

Although Doreen now lives in rural North Devon, she hails from Jersey and grew up on a mixed farm in St Ouen with a small herd of cattle. Working mainly in oils and watercolour she specialises in painting livestock and in particular Jersey cows. She has painted cows for farmers in the Island as well as America and Australia. Her compositions include other cattle breeds, horses and dogs as well as studies of chickens, domestic pets and different rural scenes. She has had several of her cow and country paintings printed into greeting cards. She is a member of the Society of Equestrian Artists and has exhibited at the Mall Galleries in London. Speaking about the artist's method, Rob said: "Doreen's preferred approach is to work from photographs, although she does like to see the subject in the flesh if possible. In the case of May Anemone Doreen was able to get up close and handle her on one of her visits to the island when the idea of a painting was first mooted.

This is not the first time Doreen has painted a cow from the Ansom herd; for back in 1978 when Tom's grandmother Anne was running the farm, she made a painting of Ansom Designette, a cow selected as a gift from the Island to join Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's herd of pedigree Jerseys at Windsor.

Remembering May Anemone, Rob recalled: "She had all the attributes of a modern dairy cow – looks-wise, her body conformation was excellent and she had a great udder. She was a terrific milk producer, year after year giving large yields of top quality milk with high levels of protein and butterfat. Her temperament was just sublime, so gentle and docile, a real class act".

Tom said: "It is gratifying to see how May Anemone has passed on her fine breeding and many of her best qualities to her offspring, with daughters, granddaughters and sons making their mark both on the Island and overseas. One of her sons, called Ansom Animate-P, went to stud at the UK Sire Services centre in Devon where semen was drawn and frozen for export – this is now being used by discerning pedigree breeders in their Jersey herds in several countries".

"We are extremely proud as he is the first Island-bred bull to have semen commercially marketed globally for a very long time. It is great to think that there will be Anemone grand-daughters in places like Australia and New Zealand. The same bull has also provided many thousands of straws of semen which are being used in Jersey Overseas Aid cross-breeding programmes in Africa and it is wonderful to see pictures of the calves that are being born – calves that will grow to become quality dairy cows that can help raise the milk production in those smallholders' herds, along with all the associated benefits that are leading to higher living standards and the eradication of poverty". Rob added: "The painting of May Anemone takes pride of place on my office wall, amongst many other farming pictures. It is heart-warming to think that Anemone's legacy will indeed be a global one, both within the pedigree world and through the imaginative cross breeding programmes that the Island of Jersey is driving, thanks to the collaboration between RJAHS and Jersey Overseas Aid".



Doreen with Tom & Rob and the painting

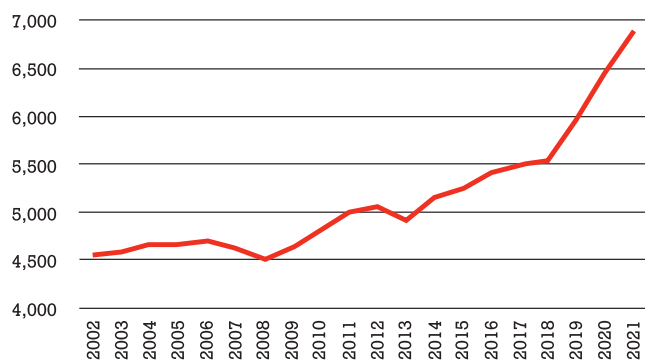
Secretary's Opinion Piece

This year represents some ten years since the first crop of heifers bred by imported bulls completed their lactations, and real results of the historic decision in 2008 to allow the importation into Jersey of bovine semen could be seen on the ground. This decision enabled cattle breeders in the island access to the best pedigree Jersey genetics from around the world to blend with the unique population of pedigree Jersey cattle in their island home.

A decade on and the effect becomes more apparent as each year passes due to the cumulative and compounding effect of genetic gain. The graph below, of average yield per cow per year across the island population, shows an impressive gain in yield of 46%, and rising, when comparing 2021 against the three year average up to 2008.

Dairy farmers in the island should be applauded for having successfully deployed genetics along with enhanced management techniques to significantly improve production efficiency on farm. By way of illustration, the industry is producing a similar volume of milk today as ten years ago, but with one third fewer cattle.

Yield per Cow



Source: CIS Breed Averages

Cattle breeding is a long term business and the development of the Jersey breed, under the guidance of this Society over the last 190 years, is a testament to the dedication and investment of generations of dairy farmers. Breed development is based on information, and the Jersey Herd Book, established in 1866, is the foundation upon which enormous amounts of data are collected, analysed and interpreted for cattle breeders to use in their breeding decisions.

One would think that with such gains in productivity all must be well down on the dairy farm? Unfortunately, however, a succession of turbulent events over the last decade which have rolled in like a series of Atlantic storms; Brexit, Covid and now the war in the Ukraine are taking their toll. Whilst this dreadful conflict is raging 3,000 kilometres away, the disruption to agricultural supply chains affects us here and now.

As I write this in May 2022, agricultural input cost inflation is running at 30% in the UK, and locally some costs are up by as much as 50% in a matter of months. This will inevitably lead to unwelcome increases in food prices for consumers at a time of rising inflation. Those who have espoused the view that we can always buy cheap food from abroad will be disappointed to learn that in these difficult times a number of countries are starting to impose export bans as they look to divert food supplies to their domestic populations in an attempt to curb food price inflation at home, and avoid the civil unrest seen during the 'Arab spring' in 2011.



Although a relatively small proportion of global agricultural production is traded internationally, it only takes a small percentage disruption in supply to have a large effect on global prices, which in turn influence domestic prices, and this multiplier effect creates further volatility. For example, around the time we were first importing international genetics world dairy prices doubled in a year as a result of a shortfall in supply of just 0.3%.

Food shortages are not something that we, in Europe, have had to think about too much in many years, but Emergency Planning Officers talk of the breakdown of civil society after the loss of nine meals, in other words when there is no food for three days. Supply chains are finely balanced as we know only too well living on an island. Talk of self-sufficiency is not the answer, but we must seek greater self-reliance and resilience.

Looking a decade ahead, hopefully beyond the current difficulties, we must not forget that the next generation of farmers need to be encouraged into the industry. I have no doubt that there are many able young people who would relish a career in agriculture, but the entry barriers are daunting.

In the dairy industry, currently, we are fortunate to have a cadre of young farmers who are well trained, highly professional and very motivated, but most have entered into established family businesses. We need to be considering now, both how to enable new entrants and facilitate the transfer of businesses between generations.

President Eisenhower famously said "farming looks mighty easy when your plough is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field." Farming is facing some extraordinary challenges, and it will take such wisdom, vision and collaboration on the part of industry leaders and government to ensure that agriculture in Jersey thrives long into the future.

James Godfrey
RJA&HS Secretary & CEO



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The programme covers three main strands; reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving soil health and carbon sequestration, and enhancing biodiversity.

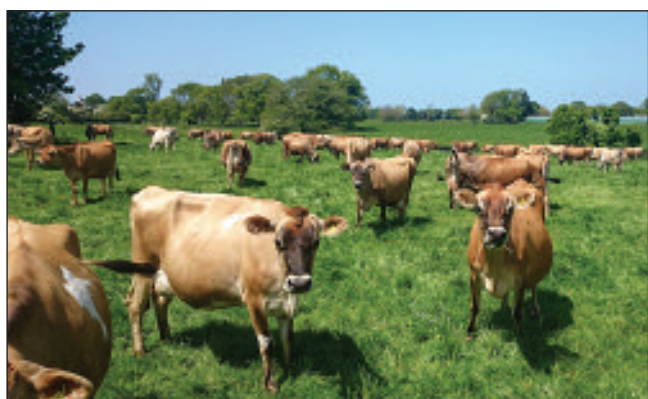
Greenhouse gas emissions:

The States of Jersey adopted the Carbon Neutral Roadmap in May 2022, which covers actions to be taken up to 2026, with a pathway to becoming 'net zero' by 2050. The dairy industry is committed to playing its part in this process, with three work streams aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Firstly, a study was undertaken by Nigel Penlington, to provide an industrywide assessment of manure management, and application, to minimize losses to the atmosphere and make the most effective use of the nutrient value of cattle manures. As a result, a series of practical recommendations are being implemented by the industry. The more effective use we can make of natural manures the more we can substitute artificial fertilizers.



Euan Nisbet and Andrew Le Gallais



Brown cows grazing green fields

Secondly, Professor Euan Nisbet of Royal Holloway University, has embarked on a study of methane emissions in the island to obtain accurate data about our Jersey cows. Widely publicised figures are normally calculated on standardized data from Holstein cattle in a different management regime. It is becoming clear that there are a range of emissions from farms, depending on how the cattle are managed. In addition, there are opportunities to draw off methane and neutralize its effect with resultant environmental benefits.

Thirdly the dairy industry, along with the potato sector, has engaged with a UK based company, Trinity AgTech, to undertake an assessment of the carbon footprint of our farming operations. This includes milk production, both on farm and at the dairy. Significant reductions in greenhouse gasses have already been achieved through the increased productivity of the cattle as a result of the RJA&HS breeding programme, as it now takes fewer cattle to produce the same amount of milk. Trinity AgTech, with their scientific advisory panel made up of 35 independent leading experts in their respective fields, will provide authentic credible information based on a bespoke analysis of the Jersey situation and importantly, can provide reliable predictions of potential changes in management practices.

Soil health:

The second work stream involves an analysis of something that is well known in farming circles, that the best land is land that has been 'rested' in grass leys and benefitted from integration with livestock farming. This will provide real data on the quality of dairy farmed land, how soil carbon levels benefit from dairy farming, and how this can be used to improve soil quality across the island. Soil sample analysis and carbon measurement are well advanced and unsurprisingly to some perhaps, our dairy farm soils are in 'good heart' with the potential to further increase soil carbon over time.

Biodiversity enhancement:

The third work stream has been developed with local expertise through Sangan Island Conservation. Piers Sangan has provided invaluable assistance to dairy farmers as they develop action plans as part of the LEAF (Linking the Environment and Farming) audit process. LEAF is an independent accreditation scheme focused on environmental sustainability and Jersey Dairy is the only dairy to achieve this accreditation, with support from the States of Jersey Rural Economy Strategy.

Surveys of dairy farm land have focused on field margins, areas that are so important for wildlife, and graded them based on quality highlighting options for further improvement. This could range from simple changes in management practices through to re-planting. Over the last winter, over a kilometer of hedging has been regenerated with an ongoing programme of improvement increasing the benefit to biodiversity. Agriculture in Jersey, with our small fields with mixed boundaries of hedges and banks, provides a rich environment for wildlife.



A well maintained hedgerow on a dairy farm

An annual farmland bird count is carried out in February which shows the incredible variety of birdlife found on our farms which contributes to the information held at the Jersey Biodiversity Centre. The Dairy has also recently invested in bat detecting equipment to map transects on each dairy farm to monitor bat populations during the autumn months.

All these strands come together to show how a dairy farmed environment can be effective at protecting the climate and supporting biodiversity, whilst at the same time providing nutritious food for people.

Andrew Le Gallais

Chairman, Jersey Milk Marketing Board

Spring Flower Show comes to Town

26th, 27th & 28th March 2021

An idea from our Chief Executive James Godfrey was put to the RJA&HS Horticultural Committee in 2020 to incorporate the Spring Flower Show with displays in town shop windows. It was agreed that this is a fantastic idea which will not only help to promote the Society, but will also help foot fall in town from people viewing the shops and give pleasure to everyone on Island to see and enjoy something different to celebrate Spring.



Gelaires Nail Spa (Phyllis Gouedart)



Jacks Clothing (Stephen Le Feuvre)



Cooper Coffee Shop (Graham Queree)

Delish Café, Le Salon, Meat & Eat, Roseville Pharmacy, Gelairs Nair Spa Jersey, Red Triangle/Naturally Jersey, Jacks Clothing and the Fountain in the Central Market.

We promoted the event via our Facebook page, to our members and also on our new website which provided a link on the front page to all the details plus a list of all the shops participating. We also put-up posters in all the shops with a QR code on them so that the public could see the list of shops so they could visit them and we also asked the public to vote for the best-looking window.

The displays were put up in the 17 shop windows in town from the week commencing 22nd March and went through until the weekend of 27th and 28th March to coincide with our Spring Flower Virtual Show but we were happy for the shops to keep the displays up for longer.



Superdrug (Kate Le Ruez)



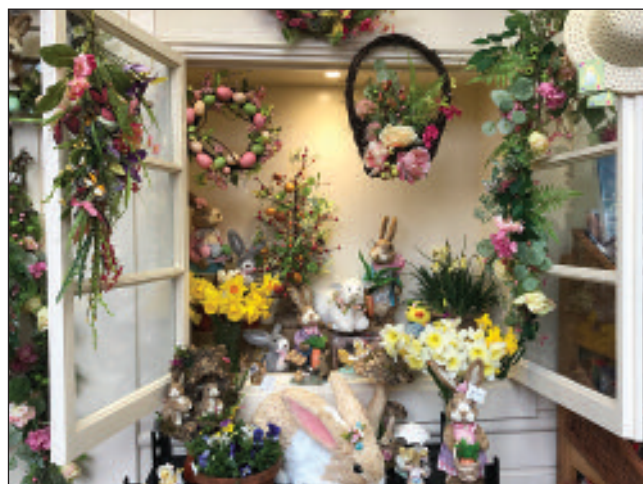
Maison De Jersey (Shannon Le Seilleur).

This idea was open to everyone including members and non-members to provide displays and we received a fantastic response from 17 town shops who were very keen to participate as they too thought it was a fantastic idea during the hard times, we were all experiencing. A list of all the shops taking part were:



Collins (Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society)

Chordz Coffee Shop, Cooper Coffee Shop, La Mare Wine Estate (Maison De Jersey), Yogolicious, Mind Jersey Nearly New Shop, Autism Jersey Boutique, Collins, Superdrug,



Naturally Jersey (Neil Fauvel & Alex Livesey)



Fountain Central Market (St Helier Parks & Gardens)

All the displays were created by RJA&HS Members, St Martins Flower Club, St Martins WI, St Helier Parks & Gardens, Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society and Bella Fiori Florist and looked absolutely fantastic and certainly brightened up the town.

Following a public vote for the best-looking window on our Facebook page where people voted for the best picture, the votes were counted and the winners announced, Winner: Jacks Clothing, Halkett Place with 30 votes – Display by Member Stephen Le Feuvre Runner Up: Gelaires Nail Spa, Conway Street with 24 votes – Display by Member Phyllis Gouedart Runner Up: Superdrug, King Street with 24 votes – Display by Member Kate Le Ruez Very well done to the winner and two runners up and thank you very much to all the shops that took part, the displays helped to brighten up town and it was a fantastic way to celebrate the start of Spring.

Thank you very much to all our members, John Cunningham, Graham Queree, Colin & Paulette De La Haye, Phyllis Gouedart, Stephen Le Feuvre, Shannon & John Le Seilleur, Ivy Le Troquer, Kevin Roberts, Martin Preisig, Neil Fauvel, Alex Livesey, Kate Le



Chordz Coffee Shop (St Martin's Flower Club)



Roseville Pharmacy (Bella Fiori Florist)



Mind Jersey Nearly New Shop (St Martins WI)

Ruez, Louise Noel and Rachelle & Tom Robinson that took part and also to St Martins Flower Club, St Martins WI, St Helier Parks & Gardens, Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society and Bella Fiori Florist and for providing fantastic displays for all to enjoy.

Overall, this was a resounded success and we were delighted we could be part of celebrating Spring, brightening up Jersey's town centre and taking our minds off the continuing pandemic.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Spring Flower Virtual Show

27th & 29th March 2021

Even though the Island was enjoying getting back to some normality following a year of Covid-19 restrictions, the Horticultural Department felt it was not possible to hold a "normal" Spring Flower Show so a Virtual Show was held instead.

Following the success of the three Virtual Shows held in 2020, a Schedule was put together with 192 classes to enter including Daffodils, Pot Plants, Cacti & Succulents, Cut Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables plus Adult and Children's Photographic, Floral Arranging and Cakes. As per 2020, exhibitors were asked to send a photo of their exhibit to the Horticultural Secretary Rachelle by email or post and with a total of 270 entries received, these were sorted into class order for judging. Judges were picked to judge the classes virtually and asked to pick a winner for each class with all the entries placed in Children's classes.

Johnny Walkers from the UK, who judged the Spring Flower Show in 2019, was delighted to be able to judge virtually for us albeit this was completely new to him. From the 84 entries received, he found his Cut Flower Best in Section winner in a beautiful vase of 5 stems of Cyclamineus Narcissi exhibited by Kate Le Ruez. Johnny's Narcissi Best in Section went to a lovely Container of Division 10 Narcissi grown by Richard & Louise Noel. Although he said it was not the same as judging them at the Show and being able to touch, see and smell the exhibits, he enjoyed the task and is looking forward to coming to Jersey again to judge the Spring Flower Show in 2022.



Cut Flower Best in Section 5
Cyclamineus Narcissi - Kate Le Ruez



Narcissi Best in Section - Richard & Louise Noel

Kate Le Ruez's winning streak did not stop there as she also won the Camellia Best in Section with her lovely Anemone or Peony Form Camellia which was kindly judged by Maxine Fergusson who is a member of the International Camellia Society. Maxine enjoyed judging the 16 entries put forward across the 8 classes. Kate also won the Fruit & Vegetable Best in Section with her 3 heads of purple sprouting broccoli which was judged by Tom Robinson – sadly there were not many entries in the Fruit & Vegetable nor Other Cut Flower classes for Tom to judge. To top off Kate's winnings, she was delighted to be awarded Reserve

Best in Show for her beautiful 5 Stems of Cyclamineus Narcissi, having the second-best score awarded by judges Johnny, Nigel, Maxine and Tom.



Kate Le Ruez - Reserve Best in Show

Nigel Bishop, also from the UK and a Guild of Horticultural Judge, kindly judged the Pot Plant and Cacti & Succulent classes. With 34 and 26 entries respectively, Nigel found his winner of the Pot Plants as a lovely looking Pot of Foliage exhibited by Stephen Le Feuvre. Stephen's amazing Group of



Best in Section Pot Plants - 1 Pot Foliage (Tradescantia Nanouk) - Stephen Le Feuvre

Cacti also caught the judge's eye and was awarded Cacti & Succulent Best in Section and then went on to win Best in Show, gaining the most points from the judges, for a very delighted Stephen who has won all four Virtual Shows held over the last year – a fantastic achievement.



Stephen Le Feuvre - Best in Show - Group of Cacti

Alan Michel, who is a member of the Jersey Camcorder Club locally, was very pleased to judge 21 the entries received in the four Photographic classes. The classes were split into adults and children and Jessica McGovern was thrilled to win the class for "a single bloom spring flower" with her stunning picture of a Hellebore. Alan also chose this picture as his winner for The

Jersey Camcorder Club Shield for the Overall Best Photo kindly donated by the Club. The other class winners were Linda Mollet for a Group of Spring Flowers, Lucy Collard, Children's A Single Spring Flower Bloom and Olivia Harvey, Children's Group of Spring Flowers.

The Children's classes are always well supported with 49 and 16 entries received in the Floral Art and Cake sections respectively. Local lady Jennifer Carneigie was delighted to be asked to judge these classes which was not very easy with 18 and 17 fantastic entries in the Painting and Collage classes for 7- to 11-year-olds. All the children who entered these classes were placed and



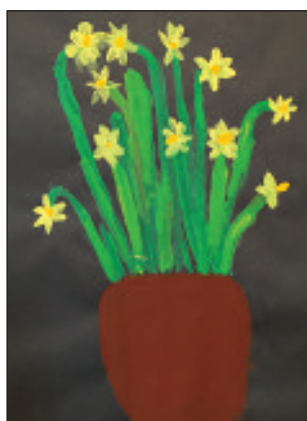
Winner Single Bloom Spring Flower
Photo Jessica McGovern

Jennifer also judged the Adult Floral Arranging and Cake classes which had 6 and 11 entries and from all the entries, her winner of the Best in Section Floral Arranging went to the very talented 80-year-old Phyllis Gouedart for her beautiful Spring Flower Arrangement in a Container and new competitor Millie Purdom was absolutely delighted to win the Adult Cake Best in Section for her yummy decorated "Easter" Biscuits.



Phyllis Gouedart - Best in Section Adult Floral Arranging

Well done to all the winners and exhibitors for entering their amazing exhibits into our first Show of 2021 and the Society is hoping that the next Show being the Early Summer Flower Show will be a "normal" Show. Thank you also to all the judges who gave up their time to judge our Show.



Best in Section Children's Art - Spring Flowers Painting by Flori Lofthouse



Charlie Wakeham - Best in Section Children's Cakes



Adult Cake Best in Section 3 Best Decorated Easter Biscuits - Millie Purdom



Best in Section Children's Floral Art - Fruit and or Veg Easter Bunny - Ashleigh Eder

Jennifer decided her Best in Section Floral Art winner as 9-year-old Flori Lofthouse with his beautiful painting of Spring Flowers – Flori won both the Painting and Collage classes for 7 to 11 years Jennifer's winner from the Cake classes was 3-year-old Charlie Wakeham for his delicious looking "Spring" Cup Cakes who was very happy to receive his Rosette and Certificate. Ashleigh Eder, who is 7, was very pleased to win

the Floral Art Best in Section for her great looking Fruit & Vegetable "Easter Bunny" which caught Jennifer's eye. Ashleigh's younger sister, 4-year-old Jessica was so excited to be awarded the Denis Shaw Memorial Shield for the Most Humorous Fruit & Vegetable Creation for her "Easter Bunny", this was judged by Linda Mollet who is the daughter of the late Denis Shaw.



Jessica Eder - Winner of the Dennis Shaw Memorial Shield with Linda Mollet

Results

Award	Awarded to
Best In Show	Stephen Le Feuvre – Group of Cacti
Reserve Best in Show	Kate Le Ruez – 5 Stems Cyclamineus Narcissi
Best in Section Cacti & Succulents	Stephen Le Feuvre – Group of Cacti
Best in Section Cut Flowers	Kate Le Ruez – 5 Stems Cyclamineus Narcissi
Best in Section Pot Plants	Stephen Le Feuvre – Pot of Foliage
Best in Section Fruit & Vegetables	Kate Le Ruez – 3 of any Vegetable
Best in Section Camellias	Kate Le Ruez – One Anemone or Paeony Form
Best in Section Narcissi	Richard & Louise Noel – Container of Narcissi
Best in Section Children's Cakes	Charlie Wakeham – 3 Decorated 'Spring' Cup Cakes
Best in Section Children's Floral Art	Ashleigh Eder – Fruit & Vegetable 'Easter Bunny'
Best in Section Children's Art	Flori Lofthouse – 'Spring Flowers' Painting
Best in Section Adult Floral Arranging	Phyllis Gouedart – Spring Flower Arrangement in a Container
Best in Section Adult Cakes	Millie Purdom – 3 Decorated 'Easter' Biscuits
Jersey Camcorder Club Shield for the Best Photograph	Jessica McGovern
Denis Shaw Memorial Shield for the Most Humorous Fruit or Vegetable Creation	Jessica Eder

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Keeping our Island's water clean and safe



Handois - fresh water is a precious resource

Across the globe, water availability is increasingly becoming a large political issue between countries, especially in sub-Saharan Africa with increasing populations and the demands for food and water.

It has not yet reached such political levels in Jersey. However, we do not have a convenient river to call upon and the only water sources we have are from the rain, and an expensive to run desalination plant! We also share the challenges of an increasing population, a greater intensity of land use by everyone, climate change and consequential droughts.

We therefore also need to plan to safeguard that precious resource coming out of our tap. This has long been recognised by everyone involved. Jersey Water publish a 25-year water resource plan, which, without action, shows a future island water deficit. The Government have also produced a 'Water Management Plan for Jersey' which sets out measures to tackle water quality. The general premise is that we must capture and use that limited rainfall and protect it from pollutants. Put simply, we cannot afford to let water become polluted and run out to sea as waste.

Island farmers are also making good progress in this area and are achieving sustainability targets. The LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) accreditation scheme has now been running for almost five years and all Jersey farms are signed up and in receipt of the LEAF accreditation mark. Under the Government's Rural Support Scheme, farmers who have LEAF Marque Certification now receive payments for the environmental and social goods they offer. This is an initiative that the island has led and which is now being replicated across the UK. As part of the LEAF marque accreditation, businesses must have a written Water Management Plan detailing water usage figures and water saving initiatives, such as rainwater harvesting and recycling.

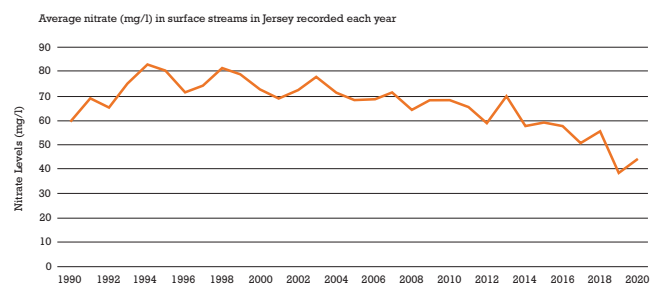


Precision fertilizer placement

Tackling water pollution has been the focus for many years of a group, jointly made up of Government, Jersey Water and the farming industry, both potato and dairy sectors. This is aptly named the 'Action for Cleaner Water Group' and meets every quarter to openly share thoughts and agree on solutions to better protect our water quality.

Historically, one of our island's main water quality issues has been nitrates. We held the unenviable title of being the worst in Europe! The group have worked hard to bring down levels in line with EU and local water drinking limits. Solutions have included accounting for nutrient inputs, for example organic manures are accounted for when calculating the nutrient requirements for the growing crop. Farmers also take multitudes of soil samples to test for nutrients and then target fertiliser types to the needs of the soil and crop. The major win however, is using placement fertiliser application when planting potatoes. Fertiliser is placed directly next to the growing tuber, rather than the traditional broadcast methods. This saves cost for the farmer and reduces the quantity of nitrates put to land.

These measures have produced real improvements with the average nitrate levels in streams and groundwater continuing to reduce year on year. The highest level recorded was 83 mg/l in



1994 and this has now fallen to below the EU limit of 50mg/l. Pesticides are a further issue. The Action for Cleaner Water Group have developed a voluntary system, whereby all pesticides used are risk assessed and only those that have limited leaching and a small residence time in water are permitted by the group. As a further safeguard, only certain pesticides are permitted to be used in certain catchments. This has also achieved an improvement in water quality. This year very few currently used pesticides have been detected in our island's water.

The agricultural industry is also investing in modern machinery, such as sprayers and slurry tankers and are increasing accuracy of farming operations by using GPS and electronic mapping. With extra money in the Government's Rural Initiative Scheme, it is hoped that all growers will be able to invest in more modern equipment, which helps water quality and saves money.



GPS guided technology in the tractor cab

To monitor these changes, our island's water quality is continually assessed through regular sampling of streams and reservoirs undertaken by Jersey Water and the Natural Environment Department. Moving forward, Government's newly appointed catchment officer will provide closer liaison with farmers and landowners to tackle issues as and when they occur.

We need to remember, that we all have our role to play in safeguarding our island's water. There are plenty of houses with large gardens and the use of lawn care products and pesticides can all pollute. This is especially the case when one considers the tight controls and training required both for operators, record keeping and machinery maintenance that our farmers and landscape/contract workers need to legally adhere to. This is set against perhaps an untrained member of the public going to the garden centre and using these products!

It is vital that we use the products only when needed, ensuring it is the correct product and use it according to the label instructions, and that when we spray that we avoid any drains,

water sources or chance of run-off. This is critical, for example glyphosate used on a drive or road for weeds is still present and able to wash down the road and into a stream some six months after use!

The second responsibility we have is targeted at the 3,200 households that use private boreholes and wells for drinking water. Jersey Water are able to keep our public water supply safe through rigorous testing, treatment and blending of sources. A borehole owner simply cannot do this. It is therefore important that people get their borehole water tested through the States Analyst at Pier Road or Jersey Water at least once a year and fit, and maintain, appropriate water treatment.

Our island's water quality is improving thanks to the Action for Cleaner Water Group and the power of differing sectors coming together to solve and deliver joint goals. There are still challenges and the work will continue.

Tim du Feu
Director of Environmental Protection - Government of Jersey

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of our Patron

Society committee members and volunteers gathered at the President's Reception on 4th April to plant an English Oak tree (Quercus Robur) in front of the Showground Headquarters building to mark the Platinum Jubilee of our Patron HM The Queen.

The Council is also planning to invite members to help plant a copse of 70 trees at the southern end of the Showground in the autumn as part of the Queens Green Canopy project.



Planting Team

Early Summer Flower Show

26th & 27th June 2021

After having to cancel all four Shows in 2020 plus the first Show of 2021 and hold Virtual Shows instead, thanks to the relaxation of Covid 19 restrictions, the Horticultural Department were delighted to be able to hold their first 'normal' show being the Early Summer Flower Show on 26th & 27th June.

The Summer Country Fair is normally the Society's largest Show each year and hosts the Cattle Show but sadly could not go ahead this year but the Horticultural Show featuring the usual stunning displays of flowers, plants, fruit & vegetable and children's creations was still held in the Main Exhibition Hall. Adhering to all the Government guidelines, the Show proved to be a fantastic return to some form of normality with over 1000 people visiting over the two days.

The judges picked for the Horticultural section of the Show were Mark Berresford and Derek Noble (Pot Plants), Pierre Le Miere and Stuart Simon (Cut Flowers) and Graeme Le Marquand and Steve Vibert (Fruit & Vegetables).

Best in Show and Best in Section in the Cacti & Succulents for the fifth time in succession was Stephen Le Feuvre with his amazing Group of Cacti, this includes the June Show for the past three years although the June show last year was judged virtually. With an overall tally of 12 Best in Show awards since Stephen made his debut in the Horticultural Shows must certainly be a record for any local exhibitor.



Stephen Le Feuvre - Best in Show

Reserve Best in Show and Best in Section in the Pot Plants went to a beautiful Begonia Hanging Basket from new exhibitors Ian & Beverley Le Marquand. To ensure that the flowers were not damaged by the weather, they had kept it in their garage beforehand and had to cut the pipes to their automatic watering system!



Ian & Beverley Le Marquand - Reserve Best in Show

It was also a very successful weekend for Graham Queree who collected seven awards including Best in Section for Cut Flowers and the Worshipful Company of Gardeners 'Diploma of Excellence in Horticulture'. This latter award was a very welcome achievement for Graham who said "I was showing Roses for the late Earl and Countess of Jersey in 1995 at the Early Summer Flower Show held at Howard Davis Park and they were awarded the Diploma of Excellence of Horticulture for Floribunda Roses and I have been trying to win for myself since then so I am delighted to finally get it." The bowl of Floribunda Roses that won are called Sexy Rexy and the flowers were taken from two plants over 30 years old.



Graham Queree - Best in Section Cut Flowers & Diploma of Excellence in Horticulture

In the Fruit & Vegetable classes, a delighted Tom Robinson gained his first Best in Section win at a real show, although he secured this award at two of the virtual shows in 2020. The produce for his basket of vegetables was all lovingly grown from seed in his garden at home and his two small plots at the F J Ahier Country Gardens at Mont Cochon.



Tom Robinson - Best in Section Fruit & Vegetables

Mike Wright and Celia Smith took on the task of judging all the delicious looking entries in the Adult and Children's cake classes and after sampling all of them, they found Beverley Le Marquand's fruit cake as their winner of Best in Section for adults.



Best in Section Adult Cakes - Beverley Le Marquand

In the children's classes, it was 7-year-old Maverick Bull's healthy packed lunch box that caught the judges' eyes, he grew the basil, radish and carrots he included himself, baked the banana bread and complemented them with whole meal pasta, tomato and mozzarella yum!



Maverick Bull - Best in Section Children's Cakes

Rachel Vibert kindly judged the Adult and Children's Flower Arranging and Floral Art classes and in the adult section, the Best in Section for Amateurs went to regular entrant Ivy Le Troquer for her beautiful arrangement to celebrate "Welcome back to our Shows".



Ivy Le Troquer - Best in Section Amateur Flower Arranging

In the Professional classes, the Best in Section award went to another regular competitor Betty Quenault with her lovely "Arrangement of Flowers and Greenery from your Garden".



Betty Quenault - Best in Section Professional Flower Arranging

Phyllis Goudart's beautiful Pedestal Arrangement to celebrate the "Royal Family" earned her the Worshipful Company of Gardeners 'Certificate of Merit in Floral Art'

Rachel also had the envious task of judging the well supported children's classes for floral art entered by children's aged from 3 to 14 years old. The RHS Award of Merit Certificate was awarded to Melissa Dean for her innovative creation of a Pet Animal from fruit and vegetables. Melissa, who is 10, also won the De La Mare cup for her fabulous "Wimbledon" arrangement of fruit, mixed flowers and foliage.



Melissa Dean - RHS Award of Merit & De La Mare Cup winner

In conjunction with the Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society, a class for the Best Pint-Sized Pea was held from children 16 years and under. This proved to also be a very popular class with lots of entries and judges Graeme and Steve found their joint winners in Albie Rice from St Martins School and Dylan Eder



Children with their Pint-Sized Peas

The show included over 25 local trade stands who were located in the New Arena next to the Main Hall, this was a fantastic number of trade stands attending selling their products ranging from art, jewellery, jams and sweets to charities, wellness and health plus dairy and honey products. Harpers Catering provided delicious refreshments with King of the Castle's bouncy castles outside proving lots for fun for the children.



Trade Stands in West Hall

On the Sunday evening after packing up for the Show, our Horticultural Chairman Martin Preisig presented Martin Rouault with a gift as a thank you for his time on the Horticultural Committee – we are very grateful if all the work Martin has done and continues to do for us.



Gift for Martin Rouault

Award	Awarded For	Winner
OVERALL BEST IN SHOW - THE 3rd BLYTHWOOD BOWL Re-presented in 2010 by Miss Gill Simon	Best in Show	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
RESERVE OVERALL BEST IN SHOW	2nd Best in Show	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Hanging Basket of mixed plants in bloom & foliage
THE A F A MATHEWS TROPHY donated by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Best Bowl of Hybrid Tea or Floribundas	Graham Queree Bowl of Floribunda Roses
PARKER ROSARIAN'S TROPHY	for Best Box of 6 roses (Hybrid Tea or Mminiature)	Richard & Louise Noel Box 6 Miniature Rose Blooms
SWEET PEA CHALLENGE CUP 1972 Given by the late Mr. HE Le Ruez	Best Vase of Sweet Peas	Tom Robinson 12 Blooms Mixed Sweet Peas
DIPLOMA FOR EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE (Worshipful Company of Gardeners)	Excellence in Horticulture	Graham Queree Bowl of Floribunda Roses
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT IN FLORAL ART (Worshipful Company of Gardeners)	Merit in Floral Art	Phyllis Gouedart "Royal Family" Pedestal Arrangement
RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS AWARD OF MERIT CERTIFICATE	Merit in the Junior Flower Arranging	Melissa Dean Fruit & Vegetable Pet Animal
ROSE SOCIETY UK BRONZE MEDAL	Best Exhibit in the Rose Classes	Graham Queree Bowl of Floribunda Roses
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY BLUE ROSETTE	Best Fuchsia Exhibit	Carole Mourant Quarter Standard Fuchsia
PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Gold Certificate:	For the Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium Classes	Graham Queree 3 Regal Pelargoniums
PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Silver Certificate:	For the Second-Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium Classes	Graham Queree 1 Zonal Double Pelargonium
BEST IN SECTION CUT FLOWERS	Best in the Cut Flowers Classes	Graham Queree Bowl of Floribunda Roses
BEST IN SECTION POT PLANTS	Best in the Pot Plants classes (excluding cacti and succulents)	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Hanging Basket
BEST IN SECTION CACTI & SUCCULENTS	Best in the Cacti and Succulent Classes	Steve Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
BEST IN SECTION FRUIT & VEGETABLES	Best in the Fruit & Vegetable Classes	Tom Robinson Large Vegetable Basket
BEST IN SECTION FLORAL ARRANGING (PROF)	Best in the Professional Floral Arranging Classes	Betty Quenault Arrangement Flowers & Greenery from your Garden
BEST IN SECTION FLORAL ARRANGING (AMATEUR)	Best in the Amateur Floral Arranging Classes	Ivy Le Troquer "Welcome back to our Shows" Arrangement
BEST IN SECTION CAKES (SENIORS)	Best in the Senior Cake Classes	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Fruit Cake
BEST IN SECTION CAKES (JUNIORS)	Best in the Junior Cake Classes	Maverick Bull Healthy Packed Lunch
PERPETUAL ROSE CUP Given by the late Miss H de la Taste in memory of her sister	Most points in the Rose Classes	Graham Queree 38 points
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY CRESTED SPOON	Most points in the Fuchsia Classes	Richard & Louise Noel 30 points
NATIONAL SWEET PEA SOCIETY MEDAL	Awarded to the Best Exhibit in class for 3 vases, 3 varieties	Tom Robinson
H.E. LE RUEZ MEMORIAL SWEET PEA CUP Donated by his brothers, sisters and their families	Most points in the Sweet Pea Classes	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand & Tom Robinson 10 points
DE LA MARE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP	First Prize Winner in the Children's Flower Arrangement class 10-12 yrs	Melissa Dean
MOST FRAGRANT ROSE	Most Votes in the Class	Graham Queree 71 Votes
BEST CHILDREN'S PINT SIZED PEAS		Joint Winners Albie Rice from St Martins School and Dylan Eder

The Show was a fantastic success and was one of the first large events to be held following the easing of restrictions and we hope that it helped us all to move on and learn to live safely with Covid 19.

The Showground is set in the middle of rural Trinity and offers families a chance to spend time together away from everyday life, see the best in Horticultural excellence, buy gifts for family and friends and to relax, enjoy the fresh air and eat lovely homemade food.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

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Rural Matters!

Over the centuries, the island's corn growers, tomato growers, wool exporters, cider makers, dairy farmers, potato farmers, horticulturalists and all other stewards of the land who have represented profitable enterprises over the centuries, would most likely be flabbergasted that an article titled "Rural Matters!", is even needed to be written for the RJA&HS annual report. With Jersey's agricultural history dating back to neolithic times; with Jersey's advantageous climatic position; with Jersey's ambitious and passionate bloodlines of farmers and growers past and present; with the island's population well over 100,000 people, an island whose food security has been threatened on numerous occasions by natural and human events in the last few years alone. With all these factors taken into consideration, you might assume that 'Rural Matters' today concern pioneering government-led initiatives, aimed at future-proofing the island by providing the next generation with opportunities to learn about food provenance, horticulture, soil health and conservation. Or perhaps you might think about skills development to encourage entrants into the rural industry, thereby expanding the critical local knowledge base on all things 'Rural'. I am afraid to say, this is not the case. But I am very hopeful and excited to say, that with vision, priority and investment, it could be.



Family of tomato growers

Today, 53% of the island is worked and cared for by the farmers and growers who strive, not only to make a living, but also to protect the environment. In the words of Derrick Frigot from his book called 'Jersey's Rural Heritage: A farming way of life', Derrick writes:

"The Jersey farmer and grower have, for generations, faced challenges, usually from forces outside their influence, and these have not only affected their ability to farm and grow, but have affected changes in the countryside. In the past it more often than not was a tactical change in crops prompted by competition from another source; today this is still the case, but the influence is far more global, both geographically and industrially. Many of the granite farmhouses and extensive outbuildings are now fine residential properties. The surrounding fields are still farmed, but by farmers who have embraced the challenge of contemporary growing and marketing by expanding their land base, using modern technology".

In addition to challenges that are far more global, the newest challenge, one that farmers have traditionally not had to face, is that of a growing skills gap within the local rural industry. Despite the highly significant contribution to the local economy, local culture and to a sense of place amongst Islanders and tourists, the agricultural and horticultural industries are both facing a critical watershed moment in their workforce succession planning, skills needs and related growth opportunities. This needs to be responded to and quickly. Skills development has been recognised as a key factor to bridge the gap and address the lack of uptake in the rural industry. There is a notable gap in the age group of current agriculturalists and horticulturalists,

Cultivate programme

with the average age of those in the industry at 55. This is not to say there is a lack of interest amongst the younger generation to enter the industry: the blockages historically have been the absence of educational courses on-Island to encourage those wanting to enter or continue to work in the industry. A vision for skills development in the agri-food sector is critical in order to encourage new entrants into the industry, thereby building on the knowledge base on-Island. In this article, I would like to expand upon this vision.



Happy community of farm helpers

Notwithstanding skills development in the rural sector, there remains a gap of knowledge and understanding about where our food comes from in general terms, a trend that our forebearers would also be confused by in an island like Jersey. It was only when I began my role here at the RJA&HS and listened to the stories from the wonderful communities who grow, catch and rear our local food, that I truly became connected to where my food comes from. The ripple effects of connecting to where our food comes from are astounding. An awareness of food provenance has opened up my eyes and prompted curiosity towards seasonality, to the soil, to the rhythms of nature, and to the notion of stewardship and food waste, which in turn all contribute to a wonderful sense of place of where I call home. What is truly motivating and hopeful is that I have also noticed through various Cultivate related events and conversations, that there is a real desire and sense of curiosity also from people eagerly wanting to learn more. Islanders of all ages are missing out on not only feeling connected to two dynamic and vital land-based industries but to a deeper sense of 'place' because there are simply very limited pathways and opportunities for curious citizens of all ages to learn more. This needs to change: and



Local students admiring a Jersey cow at Cultivate Young Minds 2019

quickly. We have a critical knowledge base on-Island that requires a platform that facilitates this knowledge and passion to be passed down to the next generation.



Dairy farmer, Tom Perchard teaching to local students at Cultivate Young Minds 2019

In the last few months alone, I have had five different individuals aged between 20 – 45 contact me to explain that in the last few years, with COVID19 prompting them to reassess their career direction and purpose, they have developed a passion for horticulture, and that they are highly motivated to pursue a career in this industry. They all describe to me feeling ‘muddled’ as there does not seem to be anywhere on island where they can get information, or train in horticulture, or anything land based for that matter. “Am I missing something?” they ask me. “No, I tell them, I am afraid you are not”. As someone who studied criminology at university, I am very happy to note that there are excellent horticultural facilities and training on offer at La Moye Prison as an effective and life changing approach to rehabilitation that builds lifelong skills for when people have served their sentence. Apart from bespoke apprenticeships, there are currently no coordinated centralised land-based pathways available on the notoriously agriculturally and horticulturally affiliated island of Jersey, nor has there been since the closure of the Phillip Mourant Centre some 15 years ago.



President, Robert Perchard and local students at Cultivate Young Minds 2019

In my role as Head of Education and Development at the RJA&HS, I have had many discussions regarding raising the profile of ‘Horticulture’ and ‘Agriculture’ in Jersey and the importance of creating essential pathways into both these industries. I think it would be helpful to share with you some of the clear findings from these crucial conversations.

Discussions with employers within the agricultural and horticultural industries during 2019-2022 indicate the following:

-Skills and labour issues are of key concern for the entire sector in the current, in both the short and medium term.

- Difficulties recruiting people with the right skills and/or attitudes.

- A relatively high proportion of vacancies in skilled trades, professional and technical occupations and supervisory positions including a low number of apprentices in the sector.

- The number of jobs in skilled trades and supervisory roles re predicted to rise.

- With regards to horticulture, impacts from the Philip Mourant Training Centre closing are a reduction in locally trained horticulturalists, thus an ageing full-time, part-time and trainee workforce within the horticulture sector.

- The low number of apprentices in the sector combined with evidence of 100+ application responses to the Trinity Manor Apprenticeship (advertised October 2020) indicate that a) there is a demand amongst 18-25 year olds; and b) talent pipelines into the sector needs to be improved. This is elaborated on further in this article.

- Other relevant evidence that supports the development of a Land Based Apprenticeship Programme are:

- 88% of 100 teenagers at an RJA&HS Cultivate event responded YES to the question ‘Would you like to learn more about agriculture and horticulture’?
- Apart from an Royal Horticultural Society qualification on offer to inmates at La Moye Prison, there are no land-based studies available on Island for those interested to pursue a land-based career.
- The RJA&HS Cultivate Pathways event October 2021 events were fully attended, attracting a total of 20 students expressing an interest in a land-based career.
- Over 100 applicants aged between 18-25 for the Trinity Manor Apprenticeship 2020

The community of people working in the agricultural and horticultural industries in Jersey feel passionately about the importance of inspiring and educating young people. One of these people is David Room (Estate Manager of Trinity Manor Estate). In September 2020, David Room and the Trinity Manor Gardening team asked for my input in the launch and the selection process of the Trinity Manor Gardening Apprenticeship. Those aged between 18-25 years old could apply. Not only did Trinity Manor Estate receive an overwhelming response to the ‘Apprenticeship’ offering (over 100 applicants), the final shortlist of candidates were outstanding, each in their own way. The successful candidate was Wills Baker, now aged 21. Wills is currently studying for the RHS Level 2 Qualification during his apprenticeship. He presented at our Cultivate Pathway event in October 2021 to a group of interested teenagers who had voluntarily signed up to attend the land-based career event in the evening after their school day. Here is an insight into what the audience of curious teenagers heard from gardening apprentice Wills, who by this point was a year into immersing himself into learning horticulture at Trinity Manor Gardens. Firstly, Wills explained what horticulture was and the benefits of choosing a path in horticulture.



Trinity Manor Gardening Apprentice Wills Baker

'Horticulture, like gardening, is the process of cultivating plants ie. growing and looking after said plants. It is an art as well as a science. Gardening normally refers to hobbyists or home gardeners while horticulture is usually applied to professionals who earn a living from their work. Taking on horticulture, as opposed to just gardening, is like going from making amateur rockets in your back garden to working on rockets that go to space. They're equally as fun, but the quality and development of knowledge can take you just that bit further. A horticulturalist gets to do all the same aspects/roles as a gardener but can also pursue more specific roles in what he or she finds most interesting; be it plant propagation, medicinal research/practices, designing of gardens, landscaping, forestry (tree surgery); to mention a few. In pursuing gardening or horticulture, the benefits to self and other selves are astounding. In doing a service to the world by just caring for and growing plants, you develop a love of the world and of yourself. You help nature, nature helps you. It's a beautiful symbiotic relationship with many benefits. In a time when people need love and care both physically and mentally, it's so important to embrace the love of nature and accept it for what it is. After all - we are nature and nature is us, it comes and goes but always remains''.

The apprenticeship structure of the Trinity Manor Apprenticeship is highly effective and one that, in my opinion, should act as blueprint going forward for future apprenticeships. Wills Baker is currently studying virtually for the RHS Level 2, with the exams undertaken at Highlands College. Training costs for the RHS total approximately £800. Skills Jersey Trackers also support Wills Baker through an outstanding mentoring service. The training cost was covered by Trackers who are part of Skills Jersey and who support people aged 16 and over in their chosen apprenticeships by providing mentoring and funding or part-funding for training fees. However, this financial support is no longer available going forward for future apprentices. I would consider this more than just an 'apprenticeship' but an essential positive step in opening the door to our young people to consider a career in Horticulture. A similar apprenticeship structure could be replicated for agriculture, soil health, arboriculture and other land-based apprenticeships. On behalf of the RJA&HS, we would like to thank Trinity Manor Estate for offering such a life changing opportunity and to Skills Jersey and Trackers for their support to the Apprentice.



Jess McGovern in the garden of Max and Dot De La Haye

In my role of Head of Education and Development I am aware that the responsibility rests with us all, and Government in particular, to ensure that sufficient resources are allocated within our educational system. This is especially important for those young people who might be considering making their careers in this sector, and those wanting to change careers, and for whom, sadly, there are currently very few opportunities on island to gain qualifications and training. The most logical next steps forward are for industry, education and government to collaborate to provide pioneering and exciting pathway into these industries, to capitalise on the invaluable knowledge base available and to inspire the next generation of pioneering regenerative farmers, growers and horticulturalists.



Cultivate Young Minds 2019

I propose that the Government of Jersey co-ordinates with the sectors to part fund and develop a stimulating and dynamic Land Based Apprenticeship programme in order to improve local access to relevant training and provide a sustainable talent pipeline. However, I understand that this proposal needs to be presented in an evidence-based manner. So, I have set out to achieve this through research. By engaging and listening to those in the industry, in education, and in government, my research aims to explore locally the skills in the horticultural and agricultural industries, for example the numbers employed, staff shortages, skills gaps and recruitment success. Qualitative and quantitative evidence will be collated and presented in a report. Please get in touch should you feel you can add value to this report. The report hopes to present clearly the specific pathway opportunities that require investment by the Industry and Government partners and other interested funding sponsors. The overall aim of the report is hopefully firstly to inform, and then subsequently provide the basis for politicians and stakeholders to take targeted action.

Globally, we are facing a collective challenge including climate change and conflict causing rising energy, food and fuel costs. Locally, we have the opportunity to engage people to want to be a part of an industry who are at the forefront of making positive change to the land, the environment and to food security. The tone of this article is, I hope galvanising as immediate action is required. "Time is of the essence" one farmer said to me recently; and I agree. I also hope that this article is read with a manner of optimism, hope and excitement. Jersey needs to respond to challenges once again in a pioneering way by capitalising on our food and farming heritage. Jersey has the opportunity to be a world leading centre of land-based innovation and excellence and a protector of the planet. The small island in the Channel with big ideas, a legacy that our forebears would be proud of.

Jess McGovern
Head of Education & Development

Dairy for Development

African Jersey Forum

Established in 2019, the African Jersey Forum (AJF) is a platform for stakeholders in Africa with an interest in the Jersey breed, to share knowledge, learn and to network with others.

The AJF website was launched mid-2021 and was produced by the RJA&HS, designed by Image Matters and funded by Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA). The website hosts a variety of educational, scientific and video resources for a range of audiences. It can be viewed at www.africanjerseyforum.com.

2021 saw the inaugural AJF Conference being held in November. Originally intended to be held in Ethiopia, COVID restrictions meant an online Virtual Conference instead.

Nearly 1,000 online attendances across the world were recorded for the two-day event. Viewers in at least 35 countries across the world, watched the Conference virtually, with more than half viewing from African countries. A small invited audience gathered in both Jersey and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Day one focused specifically on the impact that the Jersey breed and the Island's support is having in three JOA-funded 'dairy for development' projects in Ethiopia. Three short films were shown from the charities implementing the projects; Project Mercy, Send a Cow, and SCIAF (the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund). Later, expert speakers gave presentations on a range of topics and were able to answer questions through a virtual Q&A function.

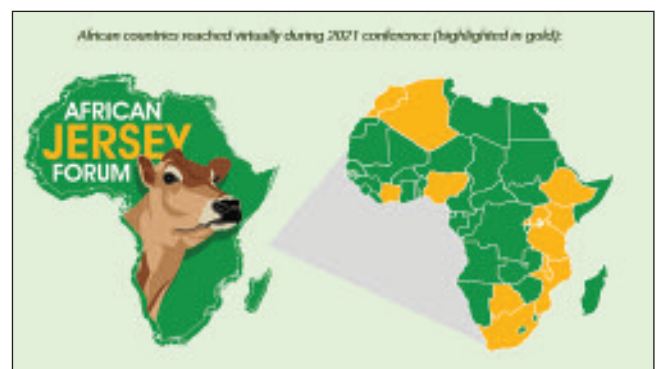
All the videos and presentations from the Conference can be viewed on the AJF website, or on Youtube, by googling 'African Jersey Forum Youtube Channel'.

David Hambrook, Head of Dairy for Development at the RJA&HS said: "We were delighted to welcome so many expert speakers to the 2021 Conference. The primary function of the African Jersey

Forum is to share knowledge and this is exactly what the Conference ensured." He added: "The RJA&HS are very grateful to Jersey Overseas Aid and Deputy Carolyn Labey, Minister for International Development, for supporting the African Jersey Forum, and the other Dairy for Development Projects that we manage in Rwanda, Malawi and Ethiopia."



David Hambrook, Simon Boas, Steve Le Feuvre, Rob Perchard



Conference views

Familiar face takes on a new role

In August 2021, I was pleased to be invited back to work at the RJA&HS to support the Dairy for Development (D4D) team at the RJA&HS. Having previously worked at the Society as the Horticultural Secretary some years before, I knew what a great place it was to work and had no hesitation in saying yes.



Louise Agnes

Somewhat different to the Flower Shows and Gardening Competitions I had previously worked on, I have learnt a great deal about the difference that D4D is making around the globe in the short time I have been there.

I support David Hambrook and Sam Thomson on a range of D4D projects in different countries, mostly in Africa. Each of the projects are making significant impacts to the lives of people involved.

Another article in this Journal will give you the details of what the D4D team is working on, but in very simple terms – we are changing people's lives by teaching them how to improve the efficiency of their dairy cow. One example of this is by breeding the local indigenous cattle with a Jersey bull (using artificial insemination). The calf that is born can exhibit some of the

characteristics of the Jersey and have increased milk production as well as a whole host of other benefits. By increasing the milk production of the one cow that a family owns, this increases their nutrition, improves the health of their family and means they have less days of feeling hungry. It also allows the family to sell the surplus milk which increases their income, and may make the difference between their children going to school or not.

For me, this is the best part of the job. Learning about the families whose lives have improved so much, as a direct result of producing more milk from their cow, by using Jersey genetics. It's humbling.



Louise Agnes, David Hambrook, Sam Thomson

Louise Agnès

Dairy for Development Programmes:

The Dairy for Development team have had a busy 2021, with projects in Rwanda, Malawi and Ethiopia and further projects on the way next year, all supported by Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA).

Rwanda - Jersey Inka Nziza - Phase II (2019 - 2022)

Partners: Send a Cow, Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB), Pan Livestock Services (University of Reading), Centre for Tropical Livestock Genetics and Health (CTLGH)

Project overview: Supporting around 12,000 farmers with dairy cattle management training and Artificial Insemination (AI). The project has also rolled out an electronic cattle database to over 1 million farmers nationally with the support of Pan Livestock.

Rwanda - RAB Songa Station (2021 - 2023)

Partners: RAB

Overview: This new project works towards creating a Jersey breed focussed research, breeding, and training centre at RAB Songa Station – a Rwandan government research farm. These initial two years will focus on research and budgeting exercises to determine a long-term staffing and funding model for Songa, with potential for the Society to be engaged on this project for the next decade or more pending results of this pilot phase.

Malawi Dairy Growth Project - Phase II (2021 - 2024)

Partners: Shire Highlands Milk Producers Association (SHMPA), Pan Livestock, Udderwise

Overview: Working with SHMPA and their approximately 12,000 farmers, providing training and AI. Data collection will also be key to the project and will provide valuable insights on dairy cattle management and breeding, to benefit smallholder farmers across the wider region.

Ethiopia Dairy Project (2020 - 2023)

Partners: Project Mercy, Pan Livestock, Udderwise

Overview: Supporting farmers in central Ethiopia with AI and training, and training new AI technicians. Progress against planned targets has been hampered significantly by conflict as well as the COVID situation but will hopefully improve in 2022.

African Jersey Forum (AJF)

Significant work has been completed in 2021 with the launch of a website (www.africanjerseyforum.com) and the first AJF conference held in November. The online conference hosted small in-person audiences in Jersey and Ethiopia and also attracted nearly 1,000 online attendances.

New staff member

In August, Louise Agnès joined the Dairy for Development team. Although previously the Horticultural Secretary for the Society several years ago, Louise has now joined David Hambrook and Sam Thomson working on the increasing number of dairy development projects supported in Africa.

Next year

The team have been exploring the opportunities for new projects in both Zambia and Nepal in the coming year – watch this space!

Sam Thomson

Dairy for Development Project Officer



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'25 years at the helm'

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society in July 2021 the President made a special presentation of a suitably engraved silver Jersey milk can to Mr James Godfrey in recognition of his 25 years of service as Chief Executive.

Mr Perchard spoke of how, in reality, James had been 'the captain of the ship' diligently and successfully steering the development of the Society over the last quarter of a century. He remarked that when updating the history of the RJA&HS, James' name will sit well alongside the likes of Colonel Le Couteur, Lt. Colonel Le Cornu and Harold Sheppard in being instrumental to the success of the Society.

Mr Godfrey thanked the President for the gift and remarked that the achievements of the Society are a result of a combination of a highly motivated and professional staff, an enthusiastic and dedicated membership, both led by a series of inspiring Presidents and Committees. He was touched that all of the Presidents under which he had served were present at the meeting and thanked them, remarking that, in his view, the Society was the epitome of all that is good about Jersey.



Rob Perchard presents a silver milk can to James Godfrey

Honorary Life Members



Honorary Life Membership is the highest honour the Society can bestow on an individual in recognition of outstanding service or achievement. Recipients of the modern award are:

1996 Sir Peter Crill	2013 Derrick Frigot MBE
1999 Francis Le Ruez	2014 Max de la Haye
2001 Jack Rondel	2015 Charles Le Cornu
2005 Ernest Le Conte	2017 Collette Bisson
2008 John Le Feuvre	2018 Lewis Rondel
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2011 John Hidrio	2020 Graham de Gruchy
2012 Muriel Le Gresley	2021 Steve Le Feuvre



Rob Perchard presents Honorary Life Membership Certificate to Steve Le Feuvre at the AGM

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All Island Garden Competition

13th, 14th & 15th July 2021

This year's All-Island Garden Competition saw beauty, fantastic design and a respect for the wonders of nature. With 58 entries received, 11 more than last year, the three days of judging were jam packed with all types of gardens, allotments and vegetable gardens as well as a new enthusiastic young gardener. Visits took place over three long but enjoyable days with Society Member Kevin Roberts and Trinity Manor Head Gardener David Room judging, both of whom are very experienced in all aspects of gardens and growing. Both judges commented on the high standard of entries and the fact that more people were spending time in their gardens, allotments and vegetable gardens. We were blessed with beautiful weather each day, with Rachele putting together tight schedules and providing the judges with a picnic lunch plus homemade cake from our entrants during the coffee breaks.



Judges David Room & Kevin Roberts

Tuesday was the east of the Island, Wednesday the west and Thursday town and central and the judges were unanimous with their choice for the overall winner being Derrick and Jenny Frigot's beautiful and interesting garden set in the heart of St Lawrence which was close to perfection with 97.75 points, also winning the Large Garden class.



Overall Winner - Derrick & Jenny Frigot

Not far behind with 97.25 points were Jersey Hospice Care winning the class for Gardens attached to a Care or Residential Home. Their gardens at Mont Cochon were described as beautiful and in keeping with their work being peaceful, respectful and thoughtful with stunning views of St Aubin's Bay. They were also awarded the Judges Award for Garden Design – a credit to their team of volunteers. We were delighted to have received four entries in the Care or Resident Home class which was fantastic.



Judges Award for Best Design - Jersey Hospice Care

First time entrant, Marti Rault's lovely wildlife haven and natural garden caught the judges' eye and won the Jersey Beekeepers Association Shield for the Best Pollinator Friendly Garden. A new award for this year was the Judges Award for the Best Use of Recycling Material and this went to Kay Lowe's small allotment in St Clement – her use of recycled materials for her propagators and potting benches was fantastic.



Best Pollinator Friendly Garden - Marti Rault



Best Use of Recycling Material - Kay Lowe

Ransoms Garden Centre very kindly sponsored the competition again this year with vouchers for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place plus a discount voucher for every entrant. Ransoms Marketing Assistant Evita joined Rachelle and the judges on Tuesday to see some of the wonderful gardens entered which she described as an amazing experience to see all the beautiful gardens.

There was also an additional sponsorship this year of £500 for the Family Garden class donated by member, regular entrant and previous winner Artur Bobak. He believes that we can create a place to unwind in our gardens and to spend time with our family. He also sees gardens as very important in the enhancement of people's wellbeing and were the key to making our planet a more peaceful and greener place. £350 in total was set aside for the Family class which was won by Edd de Loynes' fun packed child friendly garden in Grouville with Catherine Toudic's charming and fun garden created by her grand-children in 2nd place. Both were delighted to receive the additional prize to help them enhance their gardens even more for the children.



Family Garden Winner Edd de Loynes

From the £500, it was agreed that £150 would be dedicated to the New Young Gardener class created this year. Eight-year-old Hanna Schuldt, a keen plant grower impressed the judges with her amazing little garden and all that she had grown including strawberries, rosemary, lettuce and sweetcorn – it was a pleasure to see a young person so enthusiastic about her garden and showing it to the judges. It is hoped that the new class will encourage more young people to enter next year.



Young Gardener Winner - Hanna Schuldt

The two largest classes were the New Competitors - Gardens and the Best Floral Parish Hall classes with seven entrants in each. Matt Bartlett's well designed and interesting garden won top spot with St Helier Parish Hall winning the Best Floral Parish Hall class with their well maintained and simple but effective colour and design schemes.



New Competitor Winner - Matt Bartlett



Best Floral Parish Hall - St Helier

Overall, the standard was extremely high and it was an absolute pleasure to see all the beautiful gardens and allotments entered which showed how much time, effort and work people put into their havens.

Thank you very much to our two judges for giving up their time to judge all the gardens and also thank you very much to all the competitors for entering and we look forward to seeing their gardens and allotments next year. Also, a big thank you to Ransoms Garden Centre for continuing to sponsor the competition, we are extremely grateful for their ongoing support and also to Artur Bobak for his very generous sponsorship of the Family and Young Gardener classes which was a wonderful surprise.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary



Patio Garden Winner - Louise Bamber



Beautiful Gardens at Clifton Care Home



Best Vegetable Garden Winner Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye



Community Garden Winner - Pomme D'Or Farm Residents

Results

Class 1 - Small Garden (less than 100 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Bryan Swain	85.5	1st
Dave & Jean Le Lievre	84	2nd

La Chasserie Cup awarded to Winner of Class 1: Bryan Swain

Class 2 - Medium Garden (100 - 250 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
John Cunningham	76.25	1st
Jessica McGovern	72	2nd

Vautier Challenge Rose Bowl awarded to Winner of Class 2: John Cunningham

Class 3 - Large Garden (250 - 500 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Derrick & Jenny Frigot	97.75	1st
Artur Bobak & Przemyslaw Poznanski	93.25	2nd
Janine Ross	90.25	3rd
Ian & Beverley Le Marquand	90	4th
Fay & Douglas Huelin	85	5th
Maureen Long	82.5	6th

Barry Sylvester Memorial Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 3: Derrick & Jenny Frigot

Class 4 - Patio Garden excluding a lawn (less than 100 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Louise Bamber	87.75	1st
Helen Barnes	85.5	2nd

Pewter Tankard awarded to Winner of Class 4: Louise Bamber



Informal Garden Winner - Tim & Stephanie Du Feu

Class 5 - Courtyard Garden excluding a lawn (100-250 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Derek Vivian	89.75	1st
Mary Conery	77	2nd

J. Lindsey Perpetual Shield awarded to Winner of Class 5: Derek Vivian

Class 6 - Best Kept Allotment - Small (less than 100 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Kay Lowe	78.25	1st

Graham Daghorn Perpetual Shield awarded to Winner of Class 6: Kay Lowe

Class 7 - Best Kept Allotment - Medium (between 100 - 250 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Martin Preisig	87.25	1st
Janet Seymour	86.25	2nd
Suzanne Jackson	82.75	3rd
Susan Coombes	82.25	4th

Selwyn Hamon Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 7: Martin Preisig

Class 8 - Best Kept Allotment - Large (more than 250 square metres)

JFTU Town & Country Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 8: Not Awarded/No Entries

Albert Bartlett & Sons Ltd Trophy awarded to the Overall Winner of Classes 6, 7 & 8: Martin Preisig

Class 9 - Best Kept Vegetable Garden at Home (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye	81	1st
Colin & Paulette De La Haye	79.5	2nd
John Luce	78	3rd

Prior Cup awarded to Winner of Class 9: Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye

Class 10 - Formal Garden (any size)

Norman Ltd Challenge Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 10: Not Awarded/No Entries

Quenault Trophy awarded for the Overall Winner of Classes 2, 3 & 10: Derrick & Jenny Frigot

Alternate Challenge Cup awarded for the next highest points in Classes 1, 2, 3 & 10: Artur Bobak & Przemyslaw Poznanski

Class 11 - Informal Garden (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Tim & Stephanie Du Feu	91	1st
Julie Howard	89.25	2nd
Alethea Steven	84.5	3rd
Marti Rault	82.75	4th
Sue Ingram	79.25	5th
Rozane Hayward	49.5	6th

Channel Island Decks Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 11: Tim & Stephanie Du Feu

Class 12 - Family Garden, a garden to celebrate Family Life, not manicured (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Edd de Loynes	80.5	1st
Catherine Toudic	74	2nd

Ransoms Garden Centre Trophy awarded to the Winner of Class 12: Edd de Loynes

Class 13 - Community Gardens, a garden cared for by a community of people (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Judy Beaumont & Cassie Young (Pomme D'Or Farm Residents)	87.5	1st
Elaine Millar, Paul & Hazel Bish, Pat & Hugh Gibson and Kate & Marcus Ferbrache	80.25	2nd

Tourism Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 13: Judy Beaumont & Cassie Young

Class 14 - Farm Gardens attached to either a working or non-working farm (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Colin & Paulette De La Haye	82.5	1st
Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye	78	2nd

Second La Chasserie Shield awarded to Winner of Class 14: Colin & Paulette De La Haye

Channel Industries Ltd Trophy awarded to next highest points in Class 14: Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye

Class 15 - Gardens of any size (professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Tony Guiton	73.5	1st

E W Machon Challenge Cup awarded to Winner of Class 15: Tony Guiton

Class 16 - New Competitors (gardens only - any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Matt Bartlett	91	1st
Richard & Jayne Le Maistre	90.5	2nd
Deborah Taylor	89.25	3rd
Michele Woodcock-Birch	86.25	4th
John & Marion Andre	85	5th
Richard & Vivienne Day	84.25	6th
Mark Oliver	76.75	7th

Coronation Challenge Cup awarded to the Winner of Class 16: Matt Bartlett

Class 17 - New Competitors (allotments & vegetable gardens only - any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Richard Le Maistre	84.5	1st

New Competitor's Rose Bowl awarded to the Winner of Class 17: Richard Le Maistre

Class 18 - Gardens attached to a Hotel or Guest House (any size - professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
St Brelade's Bay Hotel	88.25	1st
Hotel De France	86	2nd

John Le Sueur Rose Bowl awarded to the Winner of Class 18: St Brelade's Bay Hotel

Class 19 - Gardens attached to a Restaurant, Pub or Tourist Attraction (any size, professional assistance allowed)

Mr & Mrs MR De La Haye Cup awarded to the Winner of Class 19: Not Awarded/No Entries

Class 20 - Gardens attached to a Care or Residential Home (any size, professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Jersey Hospice Care	97.25	1st
Jersey Cheshire Home	78.75	2nd
Les Houmets Care Home	78	3rd
Clifton Care Home	76.5	4th

The Grainger Challenge Cup awarded to Winner of Class 20: Jersey Hospice Care

Class 21 - The Best Floral Parish Hall on the Island
(professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
St Helier Parish Hall	87.75	6th
Grouville Parish Hall	85.5	2nd
St Saviour's Parish Hall	82.75	4th
Trinity Parish Hall	78.25	7th
St John's Parish Hall	77.5	1st
St Martin's Parish Hall	76.25	5th
St Clement's Parish Hall	70.5	3rd

A & L Ahier Shield awarded to Winner of Class 21: St Helier Parish Hall

Children's Class
(Fruit, Vegetables and/or Flowers - any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Hanna Schuldt	71.5	1st

Overall Awards

Andre Ruellan Memorial Rose Bowl awarded to the Overall Winner of the Competition with the most points: Derrick & Jenny Frigot

Judges Award for Garden Design awarded to: Jersey Hospice Care

Jersey Beekeepers Association Shield for Best Pollinator Friendly Garden: Marti Rault

Judges Award for Best Use of Recycling Material: Kay Lowe



All Island Garden Competition Presentation

Wednesday 4th August 2021

It was once again decided by Ransoms Garden Centre and ourselves that, due to the social distancing regulations still in place, the Presentation Evening for the All-Island Garden Competition would be held at the RJA&HS Royal Jersey Showground in the new West Arena.

This was held on Wednesday 4th August from 6.30pm with all entrants and their families invited to attend. With approximately 40 people attending, it was a lovely evening with coffee, tea, soft drinks and biscuits being served before the presentation. Kevin Roberts, who judged the competition kindly presented all the trophies, certificates and Ransoms Garden Centre vouchers to winners and all entrants with Chairman Martin Preisig, reading out all the results. Evita from Ransoms kindly put together a fantastic power point presentation of all the gardens entered to show on the big screen for all to enjoy during the evening - a big thank you to Evita and Ransoms for kindly sponsoring the Garden Competition again this year.

Martin thanked everyone who entered this year and that we were delighted to have so many entries and it was fantastic to see all the work, time and effort everyone has put into their gardens and allotments during the last year. We really hope that everyone would enter the competition again next year.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary



Derrick & Jenny Frigot - overall Winners, with Kevin Roberts



Artur Bobak - Winner of the Alternate Challenge Cup for the highest points in classes 1, 2, 3 & 10



Colin & Paulette De La Haye - Winners of the Farm Garden Class



John Cunningham - Winner of the Medium Garden Class



Hanna Schuldt - Winner of the new Children's Class

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The Channel Islands Exhibition 1871

The idea of holding a Channel Island Exhibition was that of C P Le Cornu, President from 1870 to 1872. He proposed it to the Society on the 4th June 1870 and a deputation visited Guernsey in January 1871 to seek their involvement. As time went on, and there was a favourable response from the public, it was decided to add "natural products and native art and industry" to the classes, as well as the traditional animals and produce exhibited in previous shows. Victoria College and its grounds were chosen for the Exhibition, standing as it does on a spot "unrivalled for scenic beauty".

It was hoped that a member of the Royal Family might open the ceremonies, however that did not transpire and the Queen, "being unable to send anyone, sent instead a marble bust of the late Prince Consort, together with a case of East Indian small arms and a sword (belonging to Christopher Columbus), from her own private collection". On 28th June 1871 the show was opened by the Lt -Governor Major General Guy, remained open for 3 weeks and was attended by 30,000 visitors of whom 10,000 came on the first "shilling-day" when there was such a crush to get in that some people were able to sneak in without paying.

Agriculture

The Agricultural section was held on the cricket field. Cattle, horses and pigs were shown. "The high standard attained by our native breeds of cattle is a satisfactory proof of the importance farmers should attach to the progressive improvement of their stock. From the year 1833 we trace the gradual improvement of the breed, as well as the care taken to prevent any foreign crossing." The number of cattle entered into some classes must have led to considerable difficulties for the judges. In Class XV, Heifers in Calf, there were 57 entries either Commended or Highly Commended. The total number of bulls, either Commended or with medals, was 45. Guernsey cattle were brought over by boat and shown in separate classes; there was no interbreed judging, presumably in the interests of diplomacy! The butter was also judged separately, with Mr H le Rougetel of St Saviour winning the Jersey class and Mr Allez the Guernsey class.

For the pigs, there were classes specifically for the dark-skinned Berkshires, while others were for no specified breeds. There were no classes for sheep, but along with the horses and agricultural implements "...never had there been so grand a display in a Jersey Show yard. It is the duty of the Agricultural Societies to make the Meetings attractive, to draw not only Farmers, but the general public towards them, and thus to create a more insular or national interest in the great source of our Island's prosperity – Agriculture."

Of the Machinery and Implements there were scarifiers, ploughs, harrows, reaping machines, cattle- food preparing machines, steam engines, threshers. "Little of native manufacture", except by Mr T Le Cappelain of St Peter's Iron Works – "to whom great praise is due for the energy he has shown and the work he has done". Indeed, Thomas Le Cappelain exhibited a Jersey Plough and a Big Plough, a Scarifier, a Portable Threshing Machine, a Chaff-cutter and a Double-Action Disc Pulper and Slicer. The machinery was all tested, at Bagatelle, Le Moie and La Davisonnerie before medals were awarded.

Horticulture

Maybe the Horticultural members were not quite so keen on the idea of a grand exhibition. It was thought that the end of June would be too late to exhibit in many of the classes but, "like everything else connected with this Exhibition, no obstacles were allowed to stand in the way". In spite of this, and inclement weather before the show, there were classes for Plants, Roses, Bouquets, Fruit and Vegetables and a Silver Medal for Mr G Le Feuvre for an 'Improved arrangement for opening and shutting greenhouses'. Extra Prizes were also presented for Orange Tree in a Pot, Grape in a Pot, Lemons, and Kidney Potatoes (won by Col. Le Couteur).

Poultry and Dogs

In the Poultry section the breeds were quite different from modern-day ones and there was a new invention on show - an "Incubator" or Bird-Hatcher as well as a large variety of different birds. Dogs were also well represented with many breeds being shown and the winning greyhound and setter being particularly noted - although the winning retriever was thought to have not a very intelligent head!

Natural Products, Art & Industry

Messrs W Godfray and G Bertram were tasked with making the arrangements for this section. They were obviously frustrated by "the carelessness of the majority of Exhibitors" who, it seems, sent in their Entry Sheets well past the entry date and did not fill them in properly, giving these two gentlemen many headaches in compiling the catalogue. The list is endless but, in the end, there was an interesting and extensive collection of locally manufactured items, displaying the various skills that were present in those days. Notable, perhaps, is Hamon & Son, "Highly Commended for Underclothing", or Le Sueur & Le Scelleur, "Highly Commended for a Waistcoat Life-Preserver".

As well as all this, and the usual bread, cakes, preserves, there was an exhibition of items loaned by just under 200 members of the public: Treasures of the Land and Deep, Works of Old Masters and Modern Artists, Costumes of Bygone Ages and Curiosities from Around the Globe. And to round the whole thing off, the Jersey Musical and Philharmonic Societies provided entertainment and "in spite of weather most unfavourable for open air performances, made a brilliant display of musical talent at the inauguration ceremony and on other occasions." There was a slight sting in the tail of this praise, however, as the report states "Your Committee is not ignorant of the generous spirit with which these Societies have set aside all rivalry and forgotten all separate interests to unite their labours for one grand effort."

Quotes taken from the Official General Report of the Channel Islands' Exhibition, published August 1871.



Col Le Cornu



1871 medal

F J Ahier Country Garden Anniversary Day & Plot Competition

Saturday 18th July

Following the postponement of the annual Plot Competition in July, celebrations and competitions were held in conjunction with the anniversary day on Sunday 5th September to celebrate the opening of the FJ Ahier Country Gardens 12 years ago with plot holders, members, their families and friends invited to attend.



Plot Holders, Family & Friends Gathering for the Anniversary Day

Colin & Paulette De La Haye kindly judged for us but sadly there were only three entries in the annual Plot Competition this year, one in the Small Plot, one in the Double Plot and one in the Newcomer class. Following an inspection of the three plots, they found their overall winner as Kevin Roberts double plots (51 & 52) gaining the most points and winning the Team St Lawrence trophy.



Overall Plot Competition Winner Kevin Roberts

Ernie Le Feuvre Ltd very kindly sponsored the competition again this year with vouchers to all the class winners - well done to Kevin who won the Double Plot class, Richard Prouten who won the Small Plot class and Don Le Clercq and Dina Zviedre who won the Newcomer class.



Newcomer Plot Winner Don Le Clercq & Dina Zviedre

Colin & Paulette also measured the sunflowers entered into the tallest and widest head and with five entries in each it was a fun task measuring them all with a ladder having to be used for a couple of the tallest ones! Tony & Carla Maia from Plot 53 won both classes with their fantastic sunflowers grown on their plot with the tallest 98 inches and widest head 15 inches.



Carla Maia Tallest & Widest Head Sunflower Winner

Lastly Colin & Paulette judged the Mini Produce competition which is a fun competition for plot holders to put forward what they have grown on their plots and are judged on their own merit and not against other entries. Gold, silver and bronze certificates were given and once the certificates were awarded and following deliberation, the judges decided their overall winner, winning the John Brennan Memorial Trophy was Tom Robinson's amazing leek. Tom was at home recovering from an operation so his wife, our Secretary Rachelle was presented with his certificate and trophy



Rachelle Robinson Mini Produce Competition Winner with Rob Perchard & Martin Preisig

After a presentation to all competitors, our Chairman Martin Preisig presented our President Rob Perchard and his wife JoAnn a card to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a ruby wedding rose to follow. Martin also wished Martin & Marguerite Rouault and Graham & Phyllis de Gruchy best wishes as they too were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries.



Graham & Phyllis De Gruchy, Rob & Jo Ann Perchard and Martin & Marguerite Rouault

It was then time for everyone to enjoy a sandwich lunch with lots of homemade cakes!

A wonderful day was had by everyone and a big thank you to our judges Colin & Paulette, to our sponsor Ernie's and to all the plot holders that entered the competitions.



Judging deliberation!



Judges Colin & Paulette De La Haye measuring the tallest sunflower

Small Plot Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
20	Richard Prouten	79	1st

Double Plot Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
51 & 52	Kevin Roberts	90	1st

Newcomer Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
13	Don Le Clercq & Dina Zviedre	84	1st

Overall Winner of the Team St Lawrence Shield

Kevin Roberts, Plts 51 & 52 - 90 points

Tallest Sun Flower Class			
Plot No.	Name	Measurement	Placing
53	Tony & Carla Maia	98 inches	1st
51	Kevin Roberts	89 inches	2nd
50	Johanna Svensson	79 inches	3rd
17	Jeanette Collas	74½ inches	4th
3	Cathy Eglington	74 inches	5th

Widest Sun Flower Class			
Plot No.	Name	Measurement	Placing
53	Tony & Carla Maia	15 inches	1st
50	Johanna Svensson	14½ inches	2nd
17	Jeanette Collas	12½ inches	3rd
3	Cathy Eglington	12 inches	4th
51	Kevin Roberts	11 inches	5th

Overall Produce Winner + the John Brennan Memorial Trophy

Tom Robinson with his Leek

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Taking the long view with PETER LE MAISTRE- President of the Jersey Farmers' Union



Peter Le Maistre with Rob Perchard promoting the agricultural industry to politicians

Peter Le Maistre was born in 1954 and has witnessed seismic shifts in Jersey's agricultural industry to the present day.

The eldest of 4 sons, Peter and his brothers grew up on the family farm which originated in Grouville, and which has grown and expanded along an impressive timeline dating back to 1841 when cider orchards were the predominant enterprise.

The Le Maistre family descend from a longline of Jersey farming folk and innovators. Their history and example have undoubtedly inspired and fueled Peter's passion for rural business, especially crop growing, combining technical and horticultural skills with his entrepreneurial drive.

Peter progressed from an education at Victoria College to Queen Elizabeth College in London studying Maths and Management. Soon after, Peter decided to deploy these business studies into a farming career, which he has devoted himself to ever since.

Speaking to Peter, it is clear that farming is as much a vocation as a career, and his devotion has had a hugely beneficial multiplier effect for Jersey Agriculture since Peter joined the family farming business in 1974. Both in terms of encouraging and nurturing future generations of the Le Maistre family, and also for the wider farming community.

A member for 47 years and counting, Peter joined the Jersey Farmers' Union in 1975. He has been a hardworking JFU servant from day one, working on the Outdoor Tomato and Lettuce Committee, the Estate and Finance Committee, and was elected as Treasurer in 2011. Today Peter continues to serve in the office of President of the Jersey Farmers' Union, a position he was appointed to in 2017.

I asked Peter to take me back to the start of his farming career and to create a picture of the farming canvas he worked on then and to overlay the changes.

"My own father", Peter explained, "was particularly fond of, and worked with, heavy horses on the land. That was in the late 1950's. The horses would do much of the work and he preferred the Welsh Cobs and Normandy Cobs to other heavy horse breeds owing to their smaller size which meant working between the narrow rows of crops was more practical. He was very entrepreneurial, and as well as milking Jerseys, growing potatoes and tomatoes, we also grew gladiolus."



"Growing up, we were all involved in the farm work to one extent or another. We were expected to help get the cows in, to pack the tomatoes and it was a busy traditional family farm".

Peter was especially involved in the growing of the outdoor tomatoes in his early career and like his father looked ahead for new opportunities. In the 1960's along with other Jersey farmers, Peter and his family began to grow courgettes. Peter explained, "Jersey farmers were the first farmers in the UK to grow this new and popular vegetable and the 1960's also saw a similar expansion with the cultivation of broccoli on the island".

These were cash crops which owing to their storage and keeping qualities could be exported easily. With hindsight, and foresight, Peter is a careful navigator and stresses the importance of being market driven, not production led. "You have to keep an eye in the rear view mirror as well as looking to the open road. History has taught us that usually, within some 5-10 years of a sought after new crop becoming established in Jersey, the competition starts to catch up and overtake." This was the case with spray carnations, a good export for Jersey supplying the fresh flower market in the late 1980's, but which became overshadowed and undercut by the march of the carnations from Turkey.

Today Peter farms with his wife, brother Philip, and their sons Matthew and Philip Junior. The business operates under the name of Master Farms and owns Jersey Quality Produce, the marketing side of the company.

A theme that is beginning to emerge for me listening to Peter is his enthusiasm for new ideas and an ability to embrace change and adapt to meet the challenges and opportunities which face the business and Jersey farming in what is a new and unprecedented era.

"Society is living in a completely different way today" comments Peter, "Trends and priorities have shifted and we have to respond and keep focused on the consumers' needs and values. Whilst this requires a modern approach using all the IT, technological advances, and tools in the box, many of the old knowledge and ways still hold good."

Essentially, Master Farms is still a mixed family farm. Peter and his family clearly value their traditional heritage and there is as much hands-on activity today as when Peter was a child. Activity of a similar kind and very different too.

"We still grow potatoes, courgettes, broad beans and cauliflowers, but now mostly organically" explains Peter. "We also still milk Jersey cows. The cows play an important part in the organic production cycle".

"In addition to the growing, harvesting, packing and marketing of produce, I fully recognise the importance of communication. We have a social media presence and are proud to show and share our day to day running of Master Farms and the ways in which we are enhancing the environment as well as growing fresh local produce."

During Covid, when many people normally confined to office working environments were taking a break in more rural surroundings, Peter and his family met many new faces. "This was one of the few good things resulting from the lockdown. Walkers and passers by stopped and studied our operations and we were pleased to be able to engage in many exchanges and conversations that build awareness of what the countryside means to us all and what it can deliver agriculturally, environmentally, and emotionally too", he explained

So, what does the countryside and your farming environment mean to you Peter?

"It's a wonderful office! For me, getting up in the morning and seeing things that have grown, that you planted. Nurturing them and harvesting the crops gives me a huge sense of achievement and pleasure. Long hours and inclement weather are all part of the package but bringing the harvest in at 9pm at night overlooking Grouville bay on a warm evening as the sun goes down and the stars come out, is more than a perk. "

As someone who has grown up and loves the countryside and had the opportunity and dedication to build a successful business with this family, Peter counts his lucky stars.

As president of the Jersey Farmers' Union, and as a businessman he is also very well aware of the need to attract new blood and young people into Jerseys farming community. The average age of a Jersey farmer is nearly 60. Not an easy or quick fix, and Peter points out the challenges.

"The long working hours weigh in the balance against the reward, and how farming fortunes compare with other job remuneration. Generally, however, it is not a lack of enthusiasts and potential startups, the biggest difficulty is the shortage of starter farms. Whereas in the 1970's and before, you could rent a small farm, and leases were widely available, there are probably only 3 or 4 such small holdings available today and opportunities for entry into farming are few and far between."

Land as a resource is also shrinking in Jersey, where the march of development and even the threat of solar panel coverage is competing with land needs for recreation and biodiversity. At a time when we have become focused on food supply issues arising from climate change, Covid and the war in Ukraine, the need and importance to protect Jersey produced food supplies, the land and the healthy soils they depend on, has perhaps never before been more important.

Peter Le Maistre works hard as President of the JFU to communicate these important messages. He reflects on how farming has changed so much and the need to respond to the many challenges.

In particular matters relating to water quality, and the reduction of nitrates and pesticides.

One of Peter's greatest satisfactions is that he has encouraged other growers and the dairy farmers to join LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) to make Jersey into a whole island LEAF Accreditation, a unique island recognition from a global farm assurance system that shows food has been grown sustainably and with care for the environment through Integrated Farm Management.

Drawing on his farming experience and grounded business wisdom, Peter brings much to Jersey's bountiful table. His guidance and support to many in the field and also those in the corridors of power is of huge value in helping them plough a good furrow for the future of farming in Jersey.

Philippa Evans Bevan

New Book features Anne Perchard

"Champion of the Jersey Cow"

There have been so many great Jersey women through history who have achieved extraordinary things.

A new book, 'Inspiring Women of Jersey', by local author Penny Byrne, features 16 of these and takes readers to China with our first female doctor Lilian Grandin, to America with risqué writer Elinor Glyn and through our own wonderful wild places here in Jersey with conservationist Frances Le Sueur. Also featuring prominently is Anne Perchard MBE, a past Vice-President of this Society, who is described as "Champion of the Jersey Cow - Farmer & President of the World Jersey Cattle Bureau".



We are told about Anne's early life - her love of farming from the start and how, having excelled at school, she was expected to go to university to study agriculture and dairy. However, with her father's ill health and the family having little money, Anne chose to stay at home and work the family farm instead. She never felt deprived, she loved the work and the farming life.

The book outlines Anne's many achievements and the impact of these, both locally and on a world stage. It recounts her successful career in agriculture, which saw the business eventually pass over to her sons. This meant that Anne was then able to devote her energies in other directions. It describes her first foray into the international Jersey cattle scene with the World Jersey Cattle Bureau in 1982 in Canada, and how she was immediately hooked.

She loved travelling, meeting dairy farmers from other countries, discussing farming and working in different environments. The WJCB provided those opportunities in abundance. She became the WJCB Council chairman in 1989 at a difficult time for the organisation which was suffering from internal tensions. Anne acted as a mediator and her diplomacy and leadership won the respect of all sides. Three years later she was elected as the President of the WJCB, a position she held with distinction for 10 years, until 2002, when she was made Patron of that global organisation. She was known and admired internationally and was a great ambassador for her island and its famous breed of cattle. In recognition of her service to the Jersey breed worldwide she was made an MBE in 2001. She was also decorated by the American Jersey Cattle Association and awarded the "International Person of the Year Award" in 2011.

'Inspiring Women of Jersey' was commissioned by Soroptimist International Jersey to celebrate 70 years as a club supporting women and girls locally, nationally and internationally. It also showcases the work of around 30 students who entered a competition to help illustrate this visually vibrant book. All the money raised from book sales (£9.99 each) will go to Jersey Women's Refuge and Brightly. The book is available to buy from outlets across the Island.

Summer Flower & Produce Show

21st & 22nd August 2021

With further easing of pandemic restrictions, our second Show of 2021, the Summer Flower & Produce Show went ahead with more than 1400 people visiting to see everything from displays of flowers, fruit, vegetables, classic cars, rabbits and poultry. The judging took place on Friday evening with 10 Judges giving up their time to judge all the classes across the different sections for Pot Plants, Cut Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables, Cakes and Flower Arranging.

After deliberation by the Pot Plant, Cut Flower and Fruit & Vegetable judges, it was a very close contest for the top spot with Kevin Roberts display having the edge, having been awarded the Winter De Gruchy Memorial Trophy and Special Class Winner. Kevin was absolutely delighted and shocked to win Best in Show with his stunning display of produce grown on his plots at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens including fruit, vegetables, flowers, herbs and preserves - a well-deserved win especially as the last time he won this prize was at the August Show in 2013. Kevin took on his first plot in 2009 and another one in 2012 and put in lots of hours working and looking after them. The judges Nora Treanor & Ian Scott said the display was excellent quality considering all grown outside, good presentation and really good produce. Kevin was also totally surprised to win the Worshipful Company of Gardeners Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture – a prize he has never won before.



Kevin Roberts Best in Show

Reserve spot went to Stephen Le Feuvre's stunning display of a Group of Cacti who was delighted with the result, the display has won Best in Show for the last five consecutive shows, including four virtual ones. The display, which was awarded Best in Section by Judges Martin Bourke and Brian Hamon, was

described as stunning, fantastic effective layout with some cacti coming into flower - Steve puts in a lot of work to keep them looking fantastic and well cared for. Stephen also secured the Pelargonium & Geranium Society Gold and Silver Certificates for Best and Second-Best Pelargonium exhibits.



Stephen Le Feuvre Reserve Best in Show

The Cut Flower classes were judged by experienced growers Mo Le Mottee and Ken Renouard and they found their Best in Section winner as Colin & Paulette De La Haye's 5 Stems of Alstroemeria – described as a vibrant colour, excellent quality and flawless. Colin & Paulette also won the National Dahlia Society Bronze Medal for their 3 beautiful medium decorative Dahlias.



Colin & Paulette De La Haye Best in Section Cut Flowers

Richard & Louise Noel had a fantastic weekend winning lots of awards, the first being the Best in Section for Pot Plants for their 3 pots of Large Coleus, judges Martin and Brian described it has a fantastic display with excellent variety of collar and quality of foliage. They also secured the British Fuchsia Society Crested Spoon for the most points in the Fuchsia classes as well as the Blue Rosette for the Best Fuchsia Exhibit being a lovely Standard Fuchsia. To top off their winnings, they also won the Rosarian's Miners Lamp for the Best Miniature Rose in a Picture Frame and the RHS Banksian Medal given for the largest total amount of prize money in all the Horticultural classes at the August Show - very impressive!



Richard & Louise Noel with Enid De Gruchy

There was an impressive entry of Dahlias from Max & Dot De La Haye securing them the Dahlia Cup and National Dahlia Society Silver Medal for the Best Dahlia Exhibit. Graham Queree won the Rosarian Society Rose Bowl for the Best Rose Exhibit of 3 Vases of Floribunda Roses.



Steve Vibert Best in Section Vegetables



David Pope Best in Section Fruit

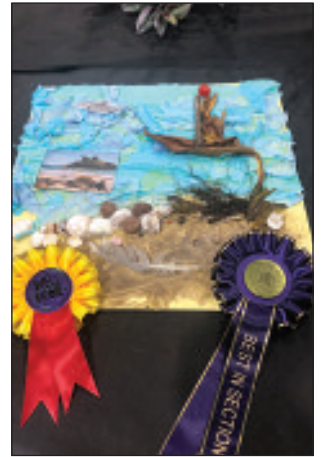
All the children's classes were well attended in the different sections for Cakes, Floral Art and Fruit and Vegetables. Sue Russell and Cathy Le Feuvre had the envious task of judging all the Floral Art classes and they found 9-year-old Poppy Brady, who was entering for the first time, as their winner of the RHS Merit in Junior Floral Art for her fantastic 'Durrell Zoo' painting. Regular entrant, 4-year-old Charlie Wakeham was delighted to win the Best in Section Floral Art rosette for his fantastic 'Beach Day' Collage.



Max & Dot De La Haye Best Dahlia Exhibit



Poppy Brady



Charlie Wakeham's Best in Section Beach Day Collage



Graham Queree's winning 3 Vases of Floribunda Roses

Sue Russell also judged the Adult Flower Arranging classes and regular competitor 81-year-old Phyllis Gouedart was delighted to win both the Best in Section for Amateur Adult Flower Arranging and the Worshipful Company of Gardeners Certificate of Merit in Floral Art for her beautiful Basket of Summer Flowers & Foliage. Betty Quenault won the Best in Section Rosette in the Professional Adult classes with her lovely Basket of Summer Flowers & Foliage.



Phyllis Gouedart Best in Section Adult Amateur Flower Arranging

The Fruit and Vegetable Judges awarded the Best in Section for Vegetables to Steve Vibert's 3 Summer Squash described as uniform examples of unusual squash well grown and excellent quality. They found their Fruit Best in Section winner in David Pope's bunch of 'very fresh and healthy excellent quality' White Grapes.

As usual, there were lots of yummy looking entries from both Adults and Children in the Cake Classes giving judges Victoria Channing-Turner and Ceri Le Vannais the difficult task of judging them all. In the Adult Section, their Best in Section Rosette winner was new entrant Catherine Baudains for her amazing Lemon Drizzle Cake – Catherine was shocked and delighted to win. 5-year-old regular competitor Jessica Eder was delighted to win the Best in Cake Section Rosette in the Children’s Section for her very delicious looking 3 Decorated Cup Cakes.



Catherine Baudains Best in Section Adult Cake



Jessica Eder Childrens Cakes Best in Section

It was lovely to have the Poultry & Ornithological Society back with their own Show and also the Fun Carrot Competition organised by The Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society and Graeme Le Marquand which once again proved very popular with a fantastic number of entries received. First prize in the Fun Carrot Competition was awarded to Dennis Le Breton for his three perfect looking carrots.



Dennis Le Breton - Fun Carrot Competition Winner

On the Sunday, The Jersey Classic Vehicle Club came with a fabulous display of vintage cars and a competition was held for the top three best cars. This was kindly judged by Graham & Phyliss De Gruchy and their Gold Certificate winner was John Robinson’s lovely Jaguar XJ6 Sovereign 4.2. The Silver and Bronze Certificates were awarded to Pam Pallot’s Wolseley 1500 and Tim Pallot’s Austin Mini Cooper S respectively.



John Robinson & his Jaguar XJ6 Sovereign 4.2

A special thank you to all our committee and volunteers who helped at the Show and also to Enid De Gruchy for presenting the trophies for us on the Sunday afternoon. After the presentation the famous Cake Auction was held and all the cakes, vegetables and flowers were sold with the fantastic sum of £312 raising for local charity CRY Jersey.



Relaxing in the Sunshine

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Award	Awarded For	Winner
H.G. SHEPARD MEMORIAL TROPHY	Awarded for the Most Meritorious Exhibit at the Summer Show (excluding flower arrangements & cakes)	Kevin Roberts Display of Produce from FJ Ahier Country Garden Allotment
RESERVE OVERALL WINNER	Second Best Exhibit at the Summer Show (excluding flower arrangements & cakes)	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
THE DAHLIA CUP	Awarded to the Best Dahlia Exhibit	Max & Dot De La Haye Group of Dahlias
NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY Silver Medal	Awarded to the Best Dahlia Exhibit (excluding trade exhibits)	Max & Dot De La Haye Group of Dahlias
NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY Bronze Medal	Awarded to the Second-Best Dahlia Exhibit (excluding trade exhibits)	Colin & Paulette De La Haye 3 Medium Decorative Dahlias
ROSARIAN SOCIETY ROSE BOWL	Best Rose Exhibit	Graham Queree 3 Vases Floribunda Roses
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY BLUE ROSETTE	Best Fuchsia Exhibit	Richard & Louise Noel 1 Standard Fuchsia
PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Gold Certificate	Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium classes	Stephen Le Feuvre 1 Pot Zonal Single Pelargonium
PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Silver Certificate	Second Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium classes	Stephen Le Feuvre 3 Pots Zonal Single Pelargoniums
RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS AWARD OF MERIT CERTIFICATE	Merit in Junior Floral Art	Poppy Brady Durrell Zoo Painting (7 – 11 years)
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Excellence in Horticulture	Kevin Roberts Display of Produce from FJ Ahier Country Garden Allotment
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS Certificate of Merit in Floral Art	Merit in Floral Art	Phyllis Gouedart Basket of Summer Flowers & Foliage
BEST IN SECTION CUT FLOWERS	Best in the Cut Flower Classes	Colin & Paulette De La Haye 5 Stems Alstroemeria
BEST IN SECTION POT PLANTS	Best in the Pot Plant Classes	Richard & Louise Noel 3 Pots Large Coleus
BEST IN SECTION CACTI & SUCCULENTS	Best in the Cacti & Succulent Classes	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
BEST IN SECTION FRUIT	Best in the Fruit Classes	David Pope Bunch of White Grapes
BEST IN SECTION VEGETABLES	Best in the Vegetable Classes	Steve Vibert 3 Summer Squash
BEST IN SECTION ADULT FLORAL ARRANGING (PROFESSIONAL)	BEST IN SECTION ADULT FLORAL ARRANGING (PROFESSIONAL)	Betty Quenault Basket of Summer Flowers & Foliage
BEST IN SECTION ADULT FLORAL ARRANGING (AMATEUR)	Best in the Adult Floral Arranging Amateur Classes	Phyllis Gouedart Basket of Summer Flowers & Foliage
BEST IN SECTION CHILDREN'S FLORAL ART	Best in the Children's Floral Art Classes	Charlie Wakeham Beach Day Collage (3 – 5 years)
BEST IN SECTION ADULT CAKES	Best in the Adult Cake Classes	Catherine Baudains Lemon Drizzle Cake
BEST IN SECTION CHILDREN'S CAKES	Best in the Children's Cake Classes	Jessica Eder 3 Decorated Cup Cakes (3 – 5 years)
STEPHENS PERPETUAL ROSE TROPHY	Winner of Class 150 Best Specimen Rose	No Entries
HARRY DUNN PERPETUAL ROSE TROPHY	Winner of Class 152 Best Bi-Colour Hybrid Tea Rose	Graham Queree
ROSARIAN'S MINER'S LAMP	Winner of Class 159 Best Miniature Rose in a Picture Frame	Richard & Louise Noel
WINTER DE GRUCHY MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY	Winner of the class - Display of Produce from FJ Ahier Country Garden Allotment	Kevin Roberts
JANET LE QUESNE MEMORIAL TROPHY	Winner of the Amateur Pedestal Arrangement Class	Ivy Le Troquer
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY CRESTED SPOON	Most points in the Fuchsia classes	Richard & Louise Noel 25 points
E.E. LE MOINE MEMORIAL CHRYSANTHEMUM TROPHY	Most points in all the Chrysanthemum classes	Stephen Le Feuvre 4 points
BANKSIAN MEDAL Kindly offered by the Royal Horticultural Society	Winner of the largest total amount of prize money in all of the horticultural classes, except artistic, at the August show. Two years previous winners being ineligible to compete. Should two competitors be equal, the first in alphabetical order will receive the medal unless he or she had previously won a Banksian Medal and the other not Winner 2018: Carole Mourant Winner 2019: Stephen Le Feuvre	Richard & Louise Noel 44 points/£34 prize money

Wednesday Club



Glorious coastal views from Woodlands Farm

The summer brings with it an evening tradition in the form of 'Wednesday Club' a gathering of our local dairy community to enjoy a stroll round the hosting farm, followed by a meal at a local pub.

The first visit was on the 23rd June at Woodlands Farm in St Helier, one of the highest producing herds on the island. Many thanks to the Le Boutillier family and also the farm team for presenting the cows so well, this herd visit was enjoyed by over 25 local breeders and enthusiasts. There were many fine old cows on display, as well as some exciting two year olds that are clearly going to make great cows.

The second Wednesday Club farm visit for 2021 was on held on the 28th July with a visit to the Roseland herd of Andrew and Loraine Le Gallais in St Saviour. This year the herd is celebrating its Centenary Anniversary, having been established in 1921 by Andrew's grandfather, Carlyle Le Gallais. The cows were in two groups in adjacent fields in the wonderful lush pastures that have been brought on by the recent hot weather and generous rainfall, and the 220 cows were in great working condition and clearly giving a lot of milk for this time of year.



The green pastures of Cowley Farm

On Farm Challenge 2021

Replicating a similar successful format in 2020, our 2021 On Farm Challenge, kindly sponsored by 'Islands' was again judged virtually. Presiding over the task were respected Jersey breeders and husband and wife team, Ryan and Freynie Lancaster, owners of the Royalty Ridge herd, based in Oregon, USA.

There were 67 entries in total across the 5 classes. The judges were provided with four photos and a video of each cow entered, and this enabled them to judge the classes on-line. In this particular competition animals cannot be shown prepared (clipped, etc) or paraded for photos and videos.

All photos and videos were taken Steve le Feuvre, with team support from Derrick Frigot and Ricky Leith. It was of course important to get good and consistent photos and videos of each entrant, which took a tremendous amount of time to achieve.

Individual Class Results

Class 1 - Heifers in Milk

There were sixteen heifers entered in this very strong class. Ryan's first placed heifer was described as having **'great style and balance and having a definite advantage for her feet and legs'** giving her the edge over the second placed heifer who showed **'stronger body capacity, taller at the front end and deeper in the fore-rib'** than his 3rd placed heifer, which he liked for her excellent mammary system.

The results:

- 1st: **Elite Comercia Poppy** (Owned by: J F Le Feuvre), sired by *Bridon Remake Comercia ET CJCCn*
- 2nd: **Ansom DR Animate Sybil** (Owned by: D Russell), sired by *Ansom Animate ET*
- 3rd: **Westlands Chrome Fledgling 3** (Owned by: P F Le Maistre) sired by *River Valley CECE Chrome ET*

Class 2 - Three Year Olds

Twelve, second calvers, presented in class 2, which Ryan described as a really nice group of cows. Leading this class was a cow from the Woodlands herd, having **'strong fore udder attachment, tremendous veining in her mammary system and much more dairy strength'** verses his second placed 3 year old, her rear udder height and width had the advantage over the stylish animal he placed third.

The results:

- 1st: **Woodlands Regal Colton Vail** (Owned by: R H Le Boutillier), sired by *Chilli Action Colton ET*
- 2nd: **Elite Colton Primrose** (Owned by: J F Le Feuvre), sired by *Chilli Action Colton ET*
- 3rd: **Itaskas Fillpail Astoria** (Owned by: J F Le Feuvre), sired by *Ansom May Malibu*

Class 3 - Young Cows

Describing this class as a **'beautiful class of cows'** Ryan's third lactation winner, owned by D Hambrook, and housed at Vicky Huelin's Cottage Farm, took the top spot for being the **'best uddered cow in the class, with a mammary system which blew the class out the water'**. The second placed **'highly styled'** young cow had the advantage of the third placed cow which was noted for being **'an extremely dairy cow, sharp,**

clean with a youthful udder'.

The results:

- 1st: **Swans Cresta Chrome Lady** (Owned by: D B Hambrook), sired by *River Valley CECE Chrome ET*
- 2nd: **Elite Joel Noblesse** (Owned by: J F Le Feuvre), sired by *Guimo Joel CJCC ET*
- 3rd: **Day Dream 321** (Owned by: J F Le Feuvre), sired by *Chilli Action Colton ET*

Class 4 - Mature Cows

There were 13 cows forward in this class of 6-8 year olds. The first placed cow, described as an **'extreme dairy cow, with strong dairy quality throughout'** had the advantage over the Roseland animal in second place, noted for being the **'best framed cow in the class'**. A strong third placed cow was liked for her **'depth of both fore and rear rib'**.

The results:

- 1st: **Capable Allstar Angelica** (Owned by: G Hambrook), sired by *Sunset Canyon Anthems Allstar ET*
- 2nd: **Roseland May Star** (Owned by: A Le Gallais), sired by *DJ May*
- 3rd: **Cottage Lix Keeper** (Owned by: V E Huelin), sired by *DJ Lix*

Class 5 - Senior Cows

Ryan concluded the judging with **'definitely a class that defines longevity'**, placing the worthy winner Lassies Pathfinder Flower, owned by Sarah Le Feuvre, ahead of her herd mate Elite Action Noblesse taking second place. Taking nothing away from the **'extreme dairy cow'** placed in third La Caroline latola Joy 2.

The results:

- 1st: **Lassies Pathfinder Flower** (Owned by: Mrs S J Le Feuvre), sired by *Elite Primroses Pathfinder ET*
- 2nd: **Elite Action Noblesse** (Owned by: J F Le Feuvre), sired by *Forest Glen Avery Action ET*
- 3rd: **La Caroline latola Joy 2** (Owned by: C R Lee), sired by *SC Gold Dust Paramount latola ET*

The CHAMPIONSHIP Line up....

The Championship winner of the 2021 RJA&HS Virtual On-Farm Challenge was the young first calver from Class 1 **Elite Comerica Poppy**, bred and owned by John F Le Feuvre.

In Reserve spot was **Swans Cresta Chrome Lady**, owned by David B Hambrook.

Not forgetting the Honourable Mention going to **Woodlands Regal Colton Vail**, bred and owned by R H Le Boutillier.



Thank you to Islands for generously sponsoring the On Farm Challenge



Class 1 Winner: Elite Comercia Poppy -Championship Winner



Class 4 Winner: Capable Allstar Angelica



Class 2 Winner: Woodlands Regal Colton Vail



Class 5 Winner: Lassies Pathfinder Flower



Class 3 Winner: Swans Cresta Chrome Lady



John Le Feuvre, breeder of Championship Winner receiving the Island's Trophy from Jim Purkiss

Nursery & Primary Schools Garden Competition

3rd & 4th July 2021

Despite the continuing restrictions of the pandemic and not being able to hold the Competition last year, six schools were represented in the Nursery & Primary School Garden Competition this year.

Our Judges, Horticultural Chairman Martin Preisig and Horticultural Committee Member Steve Falle, enjoyed spending the two days judging all the fantastic gardens the children had created and were extremely impressed by the high standard of all the gardens entered.

The highest overall mark of 93 was awarded to St Martin's School which won the Les Greffes Landscapes Shield for Vegetable Gardens of any size at a Primary School. Budding gardener Dylan Eder showed the judges around the growing area and was very knowledgeable about what was growing. The Vegetable Garden was very well laid out, good use of space, excellent and healthy produce and a fantastic learning space for all to participate.



Dylan Eder at St Martins School

St Clement's School won the Belles Fleurs Shield for Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden – the judges were extremely impressed with their great educational space catering for all age groups in the school and the enthusiasm of the three teachers really shone through with information about all activities that go on in the area over the week including a nature garden, growing garden and 'forest school skills' area.



St Clements School Garden Area

St Luke's Nursery School won the Jacobarca Prize for Patio or Courtyard Type Garden – their garden area was only created in the Spring of 2021. The area is excellent for all the children with imaginative use of recycled items for growing plants (fruit, vegetables and herbs). Old pallets were used to great effect for growing herbs as part of the sensory area. The judges decided that this fantastic area should also be awarded with the Graham & Phyllis De Gruchy Trophy for the Overall Garden Using Recycled Materials.



St Lukes School Garden

St Georges Preparatory School entered two classes – for their Patio or Courtyard type garden, the judges stating what a great educational space the former walled kitchen garden was with great potential, healthy plants including runner beans, sweetcorn, courgettes, herbs and lettuce all used by the kitchen for school lunches. They also had a wonderful Orchard area entered for the Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden winning them the RJA&HS Horticultural Department Prize – a great educational resource to establish the triangular ecosystem i.e. fruit tree, fruit bush and herb with all plants being native to Jersey. A fantastic area with pollinator plants, bug hotel and a hedgehog house.



Judge Steve Falle at St Georges School Wildlife Area

St John's School entered all the three classes in the Primary School section - three fantastic areas around the school for the judges to see. The Patio or Courtyard Garden is a newly refurbished area and a great outdoor space with a pond, raised beds containing lavender to attract bees creating a very relaxing space for wellbeing. For this lovely area, they were awarded the Jacobarca Shield. Their Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden provided an excellent variety of wild flowers and grasses which gave a great visual impact with the children excitedly telling the judges about the different plants, insects and wildlife they had found. Finally for their Vegetable Garden, they were awarded the Les Greffes Landscapes Prize – the judging stating what a great layout it was with tomatoes, lettuce and rhubarb with an area for recently planted Jersey Royal potatoes that had been sold through the school honesty box. One of the children Lucas told the judges that they chose tomatoes and lettuce as they liked to eat these items!



Judge Martin Preisig at St John's School with the children

Class Results

Class 1 - Nursery School - Patio or Courtyard type garden of any size

School	Score (out of 100)	Placing
St Luke's School	80.5	1st

Class 2 - Nursery School - Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden of any size

School	Score (out of 100)	Placing
NO ENTRIES		

Class 3 - Nursery School - A Vegetable Garden of any size

School	Score (out of 100)	Placing
NO ENTRIES		

Class 4 - Primary School - Patio or Courtyard type garden of any size

School	Score (out of 100)	Placing
St Johns School	82	1st
St Georges Preparatory School	80	2nd

Class 5 - Primary School - Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden of any size

School	Score (out of 100)	Placing
St Clements School	87	1st
St Georges Preparatory School	82.5	2nd
St Johns School	82	3rd
d'Auvergne School	74	4th

Class 6 - Primary School - A Vegetable Garden of any size

School	Score (out of 100)	Placing
St Martins School	93	1st
St Johns School	82	2nd
d'Auvergne School	65	3rd

Trophy Results

Award	Awarded for	Awarded to	Points
Jacobarca Shield	For the highest points in the Patio or Courtyard type garden	St John's School	82
Jacobarca Prize	For the second highest points in the Patio or Courtyard type garden	St Luke's School	80.5
Belles Fleurs Shield	For the highest points in the Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden	St Clements School	87
RJA&HS Horticultural Department Prize	For the second highest points in the Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden	St Georges Preparatory School	82.5
Les Greffes Landscapes Shield	For the highest points in the Vegetable Garden	St Martins School	93
Les Greffes Landscapes Prize	For the second highest points in the Vegetable Garden	St John's School	82
Graham & Phyllis De Gruchy Trophy	Judges Award for the Overall Garden Using Recycling Materials	St Luke's School	



D'Auvergne School Vegetable Area

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Life at the Showground

The start of 2021 was very similar to the end of 2020. The events industry was still governed by COVID restrictions and any hope of a large function was a distant memory. At the start of the year, the Royal Courts proposed a move to the RJA&HS to enable "socially distanced" court hearings. On the 4th January 2021 the Royal Court moved in. Very quickly the west arena was made into a court room, the main hall had four marquees in it, the members room became the jury room and the council room was the Bailiffs' Chambers. It was originally intended the courts would be with us until end of March. In fact, they ended up being with us until the end of May.

In between the court sessions and running late into the year we were able to accommodate Jersey Finance. Again, due to the pandemic Jersey Finance were unable to hold conferences in public. Thankfully, the main hall came to the rescue. With the assistance of Delta Events and the showgrounds amazing new WiFi, Jersey Finance were able to hold many virtual conferences throughout 2021.

On Tuesday 15th June the showground came alive once again. The British & Irish Lions were on Jersey for their pre tour camp getting ready for the tour of South Africa. The showground hosted some 500 lucky people for an evening with the British & Irish Lions hosted by David FLATS Flatman. The night was a huge success even with tighter restrictions due to the pandemic.

Not long after the Gala dinner the island went backwards with covid restrictions and events of any considerable size cancelled. However, what a last quarter of the year! We welcomed back the Jersey Funds Awards, Brighter Futures White Collar Darts. The Kennel Club were able to start showing again. In October the RJA&HS held it's first cattle show in over two years. Jersey Rally was back as was the Construction awards, multiple white collar boxing events, wedding fayres and many corporate Christmas parties

As we welcomed back many of our regular customer, we were pleased to also welcome new ones too. With the unfortunate closure of the Opera House the production companies have been left to find new venues. With the cancellation of a few larger events at the tail end of 2021 we were able to accommodate The Jersey Green Room Club with their production of Ghost the musical. The show opened to the public on Friday 3rd December and ran for 7 shows. Every show was a sell out of 500 people per show. The Green Room were very happy with the venue and have now paved the way for many more theatre bookings coming for the years ahead.

Fingers crossed for a very busy 2022!

Dave Cottrell
Events & Facilities' Manager



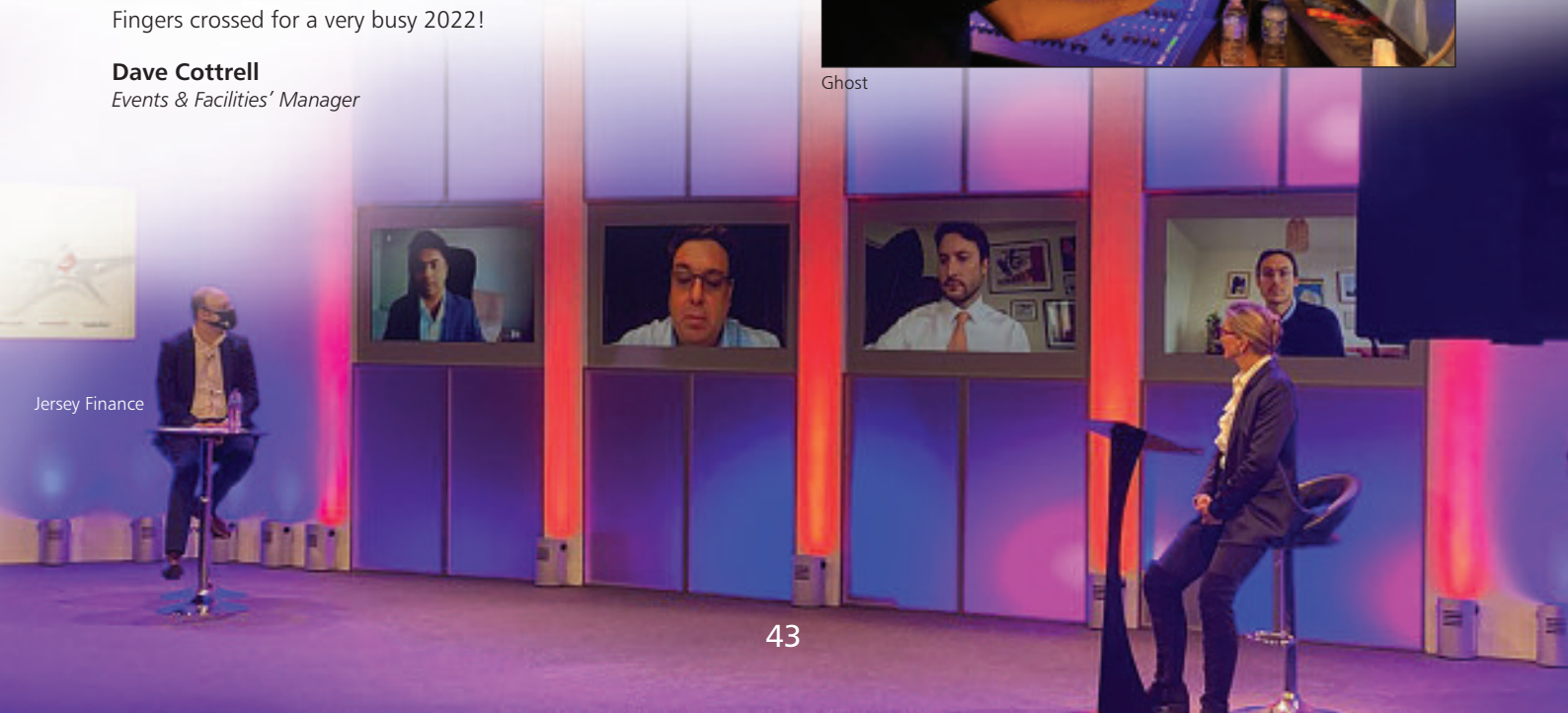
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Autumn Fair - Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show

1st & 2nd October 2021

With over 900 entries and more than 2300 people attending, this year's Autumn Fair was one of the busiest in recent years and a huge success. It was a long time coming but finally we were able to hold the Cattle Show again after two years (the last time being the Autumn Fair in 2019). The Horticultural Show was held in the Main Hall and with 922 entries, the judges had an envious task of judging all the fantastic entries received across all the sections, the Hall looked absolutely fantastic.



Main Hall October Show

Kevin Roberts and Peter Le Cuirot judged all the Vegetable classes, with 184 entries plus 34 entries in the Children's classes and 13 in the Egg classes – this kept them busy for a while! From all the entries received, they found their Best in Section Vegetable winner in a Collection of Vegetables in a Wheelbarrow entered by the States of Jersey Prison Service. The judges commented that it was of excellent quality, well balanced and presented display of clean and very colourful vegetables. After deliberation of the Vegetable, Fruit, Pot Plant and Cut Flower judges, the Wheelbarrow of Vegetables also took top prize of Best in Show. Tom Robinson's wonderful display of produce from his allotment and vegetable garden on a card table won top prize in the class.



States of Jersey Prison Service - Best in Show



Tom Robinson's winning Growers Choice Table

With 77 and 51 entries in the Pot Plant and Cacti & Succulent classes respectively, judges Alan Derrien and Dale Hector enjoyed the task of judging all the amazing entries. From all the pot plants, they found their Best in Section winner in Richard & Louise Noel's lovely Dwarf Coleus describing it as a well-balanced with no blemishes and an excellent house plant. The judges also had

to pick a Cacti & Succulent Best in Section winner which went to Stephen Le Feuvre's fantastic Group of Cacti and his winning streak of Best and Reserve Best in Shows awarded continued as his Group of Cacti were also awarded with the Reserve Best in Show Rosette and Certificate - a fantastic achievement and being described as a well balanced display and well thought out presentation to give maximum effect.



Richard & Louise Noel Best in Section Pot Plant



Stephen Le Feuvre - Reserve Best in Show

Ashley Pinel and John L'Amey were our Cut Flower judges and we were delighted to receive 86 entries across the Dahlia, Chrysanthemum, Rose and other sections. Both judges really enjoyed seeing all the beautiful and colourful entries and their Best of Section winner went to Ian & Beverley Le Marquand's stunning Vase of Alstroemeria – they judges commented on its vibrant colour, excellent quality and very even flowers and that it really stood out. This beautiful vase of Alstroemeria also gave Ian & Beverley the coveted award of Excellence in Horticulture awarded by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners.



Ian & Beverley Le Marquand - Best in Section Cut Flowers

Lots of well-presented apples, pears and other fruit were entering giving judges Robert Le Gresley and Hans Van Oordt the pleasure of judging all of them. The most entries were received in the Apple classes with over 65 entries in and they decided that a Collection of Cider Apples deserved the Best in Section Rosette - these were grown and exhibited by Neil & Carole Mourant and described as excellent quality, uniform with skill in growing to this size.



Neil & Carole Mourant - Best in Section Fruit

The Autumn Fair is traditionally the time of year when the Heaviest and Longest Vegetables are judged including giant pumpkins. Sadly, there was only one entry this year from Richard Le Sueur, who set the record in 2018 with a specimen of 979lbs and this year his pumpkin was not quite so gigantic, tipping the scales at 337lb 12oz which also won the Best in Section rosette. Most of the wins in the Heaviest and Longest classes were achieved by the States of Jersey Prison Service who also set the only new record with a 19lb 10oz Swede. Two new classes were added this year being the Heaviest Truss of Tomatoes which was won by Claire De Gruchy & Isabelle d'Authreau and the Longest Leek grown by Tom Robinson.



Richard Le Sueur & Grandsons - Best in Section Heaviest & Longest



Longest Vegetables

Best in Section in the Preserve classes went to Jennie Le Sueur's pot of orange marmalade which was expertly judged by Lesley Garton. There were only 11 entries in the Adult Flower Arranging classes but all were fantastic and the attention to detail in the displays was duly noted by judge Dawn Fleury. Carole Mourant secured the Best in Section Amateur award for her beautiful Arrangement of Flowers and Greenery from her garden. The Professional Best in Section Rosette went to regular competitor Betty Quenault for her lovely Autumn Pumpkin Arrangement.



Jennie Le Sueur - Best in Section Preserves



Carole Mourant - Best in Section Amateur Flower Arranging

As ever, the Children's classes were extremely popular and well supported by local children with 127 entries received across the classes in Floral Art. The judges given the envious task of judging them all were Dawn Fleury ably assisted by Graham De Gruchy, our former Horticultural Chairman. From everything from paintings, collages, flower arrangements and 'forest creations' made from fruit or vegetables, they found their worthy Best in Section winner in 10-year-old Lilly O'Connor's beautiful 'From my Garden' flower arrangement which also won her the Dorothy De La Haye Cup. The RHS Junior Competitors Award of Merit went to St Luke's Early Years class for their lovely Autumn Pumpkin flower arrangement. Two further trophies were presented for the children's classes with Lydia Brown, who is 8, winning the VC Bertram Memorial Trophy for her Forest Animal fruit or vegetable creation and 4-year-old Charlie Wakeham won the Plant Protection Cup for his amazing 'Halloween' flower arrangement in a box. Medals for 1st (gold), 2nd (silver) and 3rd (bronze) were awarded in all the children's classes on the Sunday afternoon - thank you very much for C I Engravers Ltd for kindly sponsoring all the medals.



Lilly O'Conner with her twin sister - Best in Section Children's Floral Art

62 and 96 entries were received in the popular Adult and Children's Cakes classes respectively giving our two judges Vicki Hudson and Sue Le Gallais the task of tasting all the wonderful entries received. Following tasting and deliberation, the judges decided to award new competitor Chanel Brady the Adult Best in Section Rosette for her very yummy cake entered into the 'Any Other Kind of Cake' class who was delighted with her win. In the Children's classes it was Thomas North, aged 9, whose fantastic looking 'Bonfire Night' decorated cake that caught the judges' eye and taste



Charlie Wakeham's winning Halloween Flower Garden

in a large trolley. Steve Vibert's Savoy Cabbage secured him the David Tucker Glass Vase and 3 Leeks growing by Richard Le Sueur were awarded the Francis John Ahier Memorial Prize. Ann Neill won the Jersey Festival Rose Show Bowl for the Best Rose Exhibit. Lots of other trophies were also up for grabs which are all based on points at the October or all the Shows this year and these were all presented at the Horticultural Prize Giving and Christmas Lunch in December (see separate report).



Steve Vibert's winning Cabbage



Children's Paintings

to win the Children's Best in Section Cake rosette – a well-deserved win. All the cakes were auctioned on Sunday afternoon with a fantastic amount of £427 raised for Diabetes Jersey, one cake tipping the scale with a record bid of £50!



Vincent Obbard - Winner of the Linda La Seelleur Memorial Trophy



Chanel Brady - Best in Section Adult Cakes



Thomas North - Best in Section Children's Cakes



Beautiful Group of Pot Plants

There were lots of other trophies and awards given during the Friday evening judging with Colin & Paulette De La Haye scooping the British Fuchsia Society Blue Rosette for the Best Fuchsia and the Francis John Ahier Memorial Prize for the most meritorious exhibit in the Dahlia classes while apple growing expert Vincent Obbard won the Linda Le Seelleur Memorial Trophy for the Best Pear exhibit. Tom Robinson was delighted to win the JR Hollard Memorial and Jersey Produce Marketing Organisation trophies for his 12 and 8 kinds of vegetables and the Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society once again won the Robin Hood Cup for their amazing Collection of Vegetables which was displayed

Awards - October Show

Award	Awarded For	Winner
EASTERN GARDEN MACHINERY CUP Best in Show	Overall Winner of the Fruit, Flower & Vegetable show	States of Jersey Prison Service Collection of Vegetables in a Wheelbarrow
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW	2nd Best Overall of the Fruit, Flower & Vegetable show	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
MISS LINDA LE SEELLEUR MEMORIAL TROPHY	Awarded to the Best Exhibit in the Pear classes at this show	Vincent Obbard 5 Pitmaston Duchess Pears
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY BLUE ROSETTE	Best Fuchsia Exhibit at this Show	Colin & Paulette De La Haye 7 Fuchsia Blooms in an Artist's Palette
FRANCIS JOHN AHIER MEMORIAL PRIZE Silver Spoon	Awarded to members for the most meritorious exhibit in the DAHLIA classes at this Show	Colin & Paulette De La Haye 3 Miniature Decorative Dahlia
FRANCIS JOHN AHIER MEMORIAL PRIZE Silver Spoon	Awarded to members for the most meritorious exhibit in the VEGETABLE classes at this S	Richard Le Sueur 3 Normal Type Leeks
DAVID TUCKER GLASS VASE	Awarded to the Judge's Choice of the Best Individual Exhibit in the Fruit or Vegetable classes at the Autumn Show (excluding collections, baskets, barrows, longest and heaviest classes)	Steve Vibert 1 Savoy Cabbage
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Awarded to the Judge's Choice for the Excellence in Horticulture	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Vase of Any Other Kind of Cut Flower
JERSEY FESTIVAL ROSE SHOW BOWL	Awarded to the Exhibitor at this Show with the Best Rose Exhibit receiving a First Prize	Ann Neill Rose Specimen Any Colour
CHILDREN'S PLANT PROTECTION CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor of any age exhibiting the Best Garden in a Box in the Children's classes (excluding group entries)	Charlie Wakeham "Halloween" Flower Arrangement in a Box (Aged 3 – 5 years)
CHILDREN'S V C BERTRAM MEMORIAL TROPHY	Awarded to the Best Fruit / Vegetable Creation, in any age group at this Show	Lydia Brown "Forest Animal" Fruit / Vegetable Creation (Aged 7 - 11)
CHILDREN'S RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS AWARD OF MERIT CERTIFICATE	Merit in the Junior Floral Arranging Classes	St Luke's School Early Years "Autumn Pumpkin" Flower Arrangement (Aged 3 – 5)

Best in Section Rosettes - October Show

Award	Awarded For	Winner
BEST IN SECTION	Cut Flower Classes	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Any Other Kind of Cut Flower
BEST IN SECTION	Pot Plant Classes	Richard & Louise Noel 1 Dwarf Coleus
BEST IN SECTION	Cacti & Succulent Classes	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
BEST IN SECTION	Fruit Classes	Neil & Carole Maurant Collection of Cide Apples
BEST IN SECTION	Vegetable Classes	State of Jersey Prison Service Collection of Vegetables in a Wheelbarrow
BEST IN SECTION	Heaviest & Longest Classes	Richard Le Sueur Heaviest Pumpkin
BEST IN SECTION	Preserve Classes	Jennie Le Sueur Pot of Orange Marmalade
BEST IN SECTION	Adult Floral Arranging Classes (Professional)	Betty Quenault "Autumn Pumpkin" Arrangement
BEST IN SECTION	Adult Floral Arranging Classes (Amateur)	Neil & Carole Maurant Arrangement of Flowered & Greenery from your Garden or Allotment
BEST IN SECTION	Children's Floral Art Classes	Lilly O'Connor "From my Garden" Flower Arrangement (age10-14)
BEST IN SECTION	Adult Cake Classes	Chanel Brady Any Other Kind of Cake
BEST IN SECTION	Children's Cake Classes	Thomas North "Bonfire Night" Decorated Cake (age 7 - 11)

Class Winners Awards - October Show

Award	Awarded For	Winner
ROBIN HOOD CUP	Awarded to the Winner of Class 163 A Collection of Vegetables, not less than 12 kinds, to be awarded for arrangement and variety - Open to CLUBS, SOCIETIES, INSTITUTIONS, COMMERCIAL ENTITIES OR GROUPS OF PEOPLE	Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society
HAMEL TROPHY	Awarded to the winner of the Pedestal Class 447 - AMATEUR	Entry awarded 2nd
G.L. HODGE ROSE BOWL	Awarded to the winner of the Pedestal Class 443 - PROFESSIONAL	No Entries
CHILDREN'S DOROTHY DE LA HAYE CUP	Winner of Class 457 - Flower Arrangement for Children 10 - 14 years at date of the exhibition	Lilly O'Connor
J R HOLLAND MEMORIAL TROPHY	Awarded to the Winner of Class 85 for the collection of 12 kinds of Vegetables	Tom Robinson
JERSEY PRODUCE MARKETING ORGANISATION TROPHY	Awarded to the Winner of Class 86 for the collection of 8 kinds of Vegetables	Tom Robinson
Chrysanthemum Sponsorship £25 Generously offered by Mrs Angela Alexander & Family in memory of her late husband Mr Ben Alexander	Awarded to the winner of Class 281	No Entries
SOCIETY OF JERSEY GARDENERS' GOBLET	Awarded to the Winner of Class 299 - Group of Chrysanthemums	No Entries
LUCAS BROTHERS PRIZE Christmas Tree Voucher	FOR THE HEAVIEST PUMPKIN in Class 550	Richard Le Sueur 337lb 12oz

Points Awards - October Show

Award	Awarded For	Winner
MARTIN CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded to the Exhibitor obtaining the highest points in the Fruit classes at this Show	Vincent Obbard 70 points
MARTIN CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the highest aggregate of first prizes for the APPLE Classes at this show	Vincent Obbard 48 points
MONT ORGUEIL CUP	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Pear classes at this Show	Vincent Obbard 16 points
C.G. RICKETS CUP	Awarded to any Exhibitor new or old not having their name previously on any of the Fruit Cups	Fred Benest & Alison Ahier 26 points
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY CRESTED SPOON	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Fuchsia classes at this show	Richard & Louise Noel 24 points
FOREST HILL CUP	For the highest aggregate of FIRST PRIZES in the Vegetable classes 95 to 161 at this show	JOINT: Steve Vibert & Richard Le Maistre 7 wins/28 points
MRS E K ROBERT PRESERVE TROPHY	Awarded to the person gaining the most points in the Preserve classes 375 to 441 at this show	Jennie Le Sueur 25 points
CHARLES JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY	Awarded to the Exhibitor with the most points in the Onion & Shallot classes at this Show	Neil & Carole Maurant 11 points
CHILDREN'S DOGS DAY TROPHY	Awarded to the Junior Member gaining the most points at all of this year's "normal" Shows	Melissa Dean 146 points
CHILDREN'S NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS' PRIZE SILVER SPOON	Awarded to the New Junior Member gaining the most points at all of this year's "normal" Shows, given that they became a member for the first time during 2020 or 2021	Melissa Dean 146 points

An absolutely fantastic and extremely successful Show to end the 2021 season – here's to the 2022 Shows.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Autumn Fair - Cattle Show

With unfavourable weather forecast for the weekend an early decision was made to hold the cattle show indoors in the West Hall. Mr Richard Saxby (Saxown Jerseys, UK) a well-known and respected Jersey breeder by many of our dairy farming community, officiated the show and what a show it was! With record visitor numbers through the gate it was evident that our islanders have clearly missed seeing our cows in the show ring.

Kicking off the proceeding on Saturday was the Heifer in Milk class, 10 entries forward for animals under 30 months of age at date of exhibition. Class winner in this age category, exhibited by J F Le Feuvre was *Elite Comerica Poppy*, sired by an American bull *Bridon Remake Comerica*.

Competing in the 3 Year Old Cow class for Paul Houze and winner of the J H N Roberts Memorial Cup for inspection was *Prides Chrome Dusk* (Sire: *River Valley CECE Chrome ET*) which went on to be awarded Junior In-Milk Champion.

The Young Cow class, for which there were 8 put forward for inspection, aged between 4 and 6 years of age at date of exhibition. The class was won by another animal from the Les Augerez herd *Elite Joel Noblesse*, sired by Canadian bull *Guimo Joel CICC ET*, owned and bred by John Le Feuvre.

7 tremendous cows were presented in the Mature Cow class and it was the 8 year old *Woodlands B Winsome Primrose*, owned by Phil Le Maistre that caught the eye of Richard Saxby. However, it was the young cow *Elite Joel Noblesse*, from the previous class, which secured the overall Senior In-Milk championship title.

The Home Bred Group class was won by Lodge Farm and the progeny group class, comprising of three daughters all sired from the same bull, was awarded to the American bull *Jars of Clay Barnabas*.

Izzy Hefford McCutcheon continuing her on-going show success with *Clover Stormy Pixie* retained her Junior Member In-Milk Champion title.

The four class winners were all led out for the Grand Championship classes, Richard Saxby found his Grand Champion in *Elite Joel Noblesse*, also picking up 2nd Meadcrest Cup for Champion Best Udder and the Vernon Cookes Challenge cup for Exhibitor Bred Champion. Not forgetting the worthy Reserve Champion *Woodlands B Winsome Primrose 2*.

Judging of the heifer classes took place on the Sunday and a strong turn out in the first class for Heifers under 12 months. 15 forward for inspection in which Richard Saxby found his class winner *Westlands Casino Lanora*, sired by *Elliotts Regency Casino* and bred and owned by P F Le Maistre. The following class, Heifers 12-18 months, was won by La Ferme Ltd with *Ansom Chrome April Sybil* (Sire: *River Valley CECE Chrome*). In the final class of the morning, Heifers 18 to 27 months, 9 entered the ring with Vicky Huelin's *Cottage Resurrection 7 Iben* being awarded class winner.

But it was the under 12 months heifer *Westlands Casino Lanora* which was the judge's selection for overall heifer champion and also taking the Jack Le Sueur Exhibitor Bred Champion Trophy too.

Well done to the Perchard's junior team, with Eden Hicks winning the JISEX Showmanship award and holding on to her Junior Member heifer championship title, with brother Jack Perchard in reserve place.

Cow Classes	Exhibitor	Animal	Sire
Heifer in Milk	J F Le Feuvre	Elite Comercial Poppy	BRIDON REMAKE COMERICA ET
3yr Old Cows	P M Houze	PRIDES CHROME DUSK	RIVER VALLEY CECE CHROME ET
Young Cows	J F Le Feuvre	ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	GUIMO JOEL CICC ET
Mature Cows	P F Le Maistre	WOODLANDS B WINSOME PRIMROSE 2	GABYS BALLARD ET
Grand Champion	J F Le Feuvre	ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	GUIMO JOEL CICC ET
Res Grand Champion	P F Le Maistre	WOODLANDS B WINSOME PRIMROSE 2	GABYS BALLARD ET
Champion Best Udder	J F Le Feuvre	ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	GUIMO JOEL CICC ET
Exhibitor Bred Champion	J F Le Feuvre	ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	GUIMO JOEL CICC ET
Jnr Member Champion	Miss Isabelle Hefford-McCutcheon	CLOVER STORMY PIXIE	CHASIN RAINBOWS ACT RILEY

Cow Classes	Exhibitor	Animal	Sire
Under 12 months	P F Le Maistre	WESTLANDS CASINO LANORA	ELLIOTTS REGENCY CASINO
12- under 18 months	La Ferme Ltd	ANSOM CHROME APRIL SYBIL	RIVER VALLEY CECE CHROME ET
18 - under 27 months	Miss V E Huelin	COTTAGE RESSURECTION 7 IBEN	RAPID BAY RESSURECTION ET CICC
Jnt Member Champion	Miss Eden Hicks	ANSOM CASINO BAYI ANEMONE	ELLIOTTS REGENCY CASINO
Heifer Champion	P F Le Maistre	WESTLANDS CASINO LANORA	ELLIOTTS REGENCY CASINO
Res Heifer Champion	La Ferme Ltd	ANSOM CHROME APRIL SYBIL	RIVER VALLEY CECE CHROME ET
Exhibitor Bred Champion	P F Le Maistre	WESTLANDS CASINO LANORA	ELLIOTTS REGENCY CASINO



Lt. Governor Sir Stephen Dalton presenting the Championship Prizes



Zak Le Marquand with Elite Video Noblesse



Olivia, Jack & Eden



Eden with Ansom Casino Bayi Anemone



Clover Stormy Pixie & Izzy Hefford-McCutcheon



Phil Le Maistre & Steve Le Feuvre receiving the award from Sadie Le Sueur Rennard



Elite Comerica Poppy - Winner Class 1 Heifer in Milk



Prides Chrome Dusk - Winner Class 2, 3 year old cows



Woodlands B Winsome Primrose - Reserve Grand Champion



Elite Joel Noblesse - Grand Champion 2021



Clover Stormy Pixie - Junior Member Champion



Westlands Casino Lanora - Heifer Champion

Horticultural Prize Giving & Christmas Lunch

12 December 2021

Following the cancellation of the Horticultural Department Prize Giving and Christmas Lunch in 2020 due to Covid, it was fantastic to go ahead this year.

The chosen venue was St Brelade's Bay Hotel in their Private Function Room with its own bar who provided a delicious three course Christmas Lunch including festive crackers which the 50 members and family attending enjoyed.



Enjoying Christmas Lunch



Happy Plot Holders

Following lunch, the Prize Giving took place with 25 of the 29 October Show and Annual Trophies and Prizes presented, all the trophies being presented by our President Robert Perchard. Rachelle calculates the points awarded for some of these trophies and prizes, some being just for the October Show with other being points accumulated over all of the Shows during 2021. The other trophies are awarded by the judges at the Show and some are class winners.



Lots of Trophies to be presented

Vincent Obbard had a very successful October Show and picked up four trophies with Stephen Le Feuvre winning three, one being for the most first prizes are all of the 2021 Shows (excluding March which was virtual). Tom continued his winning streak from 2019 and won three trophies, one for the most points in the Vegetable and Salad Baskets at all three Shows.

New members Ian & Beverley Le Marquand had a great season and won two trophies, one being a special prize for the highest point at all Shows provided they became members in either 2020 or 2021. Richard & Louise Noel also won two trophies for their Fuchsia exhibits with Colin & Paulette De La Haye winning the prize for the most meritorious exhibit in the Dahlias classes at the October Show.

Husband and wife team Richard & Jennie Le Sueur took home a trophy each, Richard for the most meritorious exhibit in the Vegetable classes and Jennie the trophy for the most points in the Preserve classes, both at the October Show.



Jennie Le Sueur with President Robert Perchard

Neil & Carole Mourant also had a successful October Show winning the trophy for the most points in the Onion classes at the October Show and also the Prize for the highest points in the Chrysanthemum classes at both the August and October Shows.

Ann Neill won the Rose Show Bowl for the Best Rose at the October Show, with regular Flower Arranging Exhibitors Betty Quenault winning the trophy for the most points in the Professional Flower Arranging classes at all Shows with Ivy Le Troquer, who could not attend the lunch, winning the Amateur trophy.



Ann Neill with Robert Perchard



Betty Quenault receiving her trophy from Robert Perchard

The States of Jersey Prison Service, who could not attend, won their Best in Show trophy at the October Show and this was collected by Graeme Le Marquand, who also collected on behalf of the Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society, the Robin Hood Cup for their amazing Collection of Vegetables at the October Show.



Graeme Le Marquand from the Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society

Other winners unable to attend were Fred & Alison Ahier, Steve Vibert, Richard Le Maistre and Graham Queree.

Well done to everyone one who won prizes and trophies, a wonderful afternoon was had by all. Special thanks to the staff at the St Brelade's Bay Hotel for making the afternoon pleasurable.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Points Awards - All Shows

Award	Awarded For	Winner
CHRYSANTHEMUM POINTS CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded to the Exhibitor obtaining the highest points in the Chrysanthemum classes (except Pompon & Spray varieties) at both the SUMMER and AUTUMN shows. ENTRIES IN THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE	Max & Dot De La Haye 10 points
POINTS PRIZES FOR POMPON & SPRAY VARIETIES SILVER SPOON	Special Prize to be awarded to the Exhibitor obtaining the highest aggregate of points in the POMPON & SPRAY variety classes at both the SUMMER & AUTUMN shows. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE	Neil & Carole Mourant 4 points
NEW MEMBER'S PRIZE SILVER SPOON	Special Prize to be awarded to the Exhibitor who obtains the highest total of points at all of this year's "normal" shows provided he or she became a member during 2020 or 2021	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand 156 points
WYNNE WALKER CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most FIRST prizes at all of this year's "normal" Shows (excluding Floral Art, Preserve, Cakes and Heaviest Vegetable classes)	Stephen Le Feuvre 236 points
LADY McNIECE CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Pelargonium classes at all of this year's "normal" Shows	Graham Queree 28 points
FISONS CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Hanging Basket classes, EXCLUDING Fuchsias, at all of this year's "normal" Shows	Tom Robinson 24 points
MRS O. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL TROPHY Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Pelargonium classes at all of this year's "normal" Shows	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand 12 points
C.G.A. (JERSEY) LTD CHALLENGE CUP Presented by the Firm	Awarded for the highest points in the Pot Plant classes at all of this year's "normal" Shows	Stephen Le Feuvre 270 points
BRYAN LE MARQUAND CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded for the highest points for Prize Monies in the Horticultural classes at all of this year's "normal" Shows (Floral Art & Cakes excluded)	Stephen Le Feuvre £206
ST. HELIER TRUST FUCHSIA TROPHY	Awarded to the person obtaining the highest points in the Fuchsia classes at all of this year's "normal" Shows	Richard & Louise Noel 79 points
LORT PHILLIPS FUCHSIA CHALLENGE CUP Donated by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the winner gaining the most points at all of this year's "normal" Shows in Flowering Fuchsia Hanging Basket classes	Richard & Louise Noel 8 points
WALKER CHALLENGE CUP	Highest points in the Professional Flower Arranging classes at all of this year's "normal" Shows	Betty Quenault 24 points
P.B.I. CHALLENGE CUP	Highest points in the Amateur Flower Arranging classes at all of this year's "normal" Shows	Ivy Le Troquer 21 points

Society Council Report 2021

The Council has overall responsibility for the policy of the Society and co-ordination of the work of the two departments. This includes specific responsibility for finances, employment and real estate as well as membership and the RJA&HS Trust Fund.

The Annual General Meeting was eventually held in July 2021 as soon as COVID-19 restrictions permitted the gathering of members for an 'in person' event and a series of rule changes were introduced to enable the Society to undertake business 'virtually' should the need arise again. The year was characterised by the lifting of restrictions and the re-starting of events. The enthusiasm of members to stage shows and observe prime specimens of the Jersey breed on display once again was evident by the popularity of the shows programme which goes from strength to strength.

The activities of the Agricultural & Horticultural departments are described in more detail in their respective departmental reports. In the Agricultural Department it is impressive to note the continuing improvement of the Jersey breed resulting from the ongoing efforts and investment by cattle breeders, and also how the positive attributes of the breed continue to contribute globally as the Dairy for Development team expand their work.

In the Horticultural Department the growth of interest is evident by the increasing popularity of the shows and competitions programme.

Terms of Office:

The following list details the Officers and committee members together with their term of office, noting that office is assumed at the AGM in the first year of the term and held until the AGM following the last year of the term.

Council	Responsibilities	Term of Office (COVID extended by 1 year)	Attendance
R Perchard *+~	President	2021 - 2023	2 of 3 meetings
R Leith *~	Vice President	2019-2021 (2022)	2 of 3 meetings
M Preisig *~	Vice President	2019-2021 (2022)	3 of 3 meetings
S Le Feuvre *+~	Treasurer (Ag)	2019-2021 (2022)	2 of 3 meetings
J Neil *+~	Treasurer (Hort)	2019-2021 (2022)	2 of 3 meetings
D Leng		2019-2021 (2022)	2 of 3 meetings
R Houzé		2019-2021 (2022)	0 of 3 meetings
K Roberts		2019-2021 (2022)	3 of 3 meetings

* Members of Officers Committee
 + Members of Finance Sub-committee. Peter Williams is a co-opted member of the Finance Committee
 ~ Members of Employment Sub-committee

Agricultural General Committee	Responsibilities	Term of Office (COVID extended by 1 year)	Attendance
R Perchard	President		2 of 2 meetings
R Leith	Chairman		2 of 2 meetings
S Le Feuvre	Treasurer		2 of 2 meetings
Sarah Le Feuvre		2018-2020 (2021)	2 of 2 meetings
J McMullon		2019-2021 (2022)	2 of 2 meetings
T Perchard		2019-2021 (2022)	1 of 2 meetings
C Le Boutillier		2021 - 2023	0 of 2 meetings
L Agnes		2021 - 2023	2 of 2 meetings
D Leng	Co-opted from Council		
R Houzé	Co-opted from Council		

Horticultural General Committee	Responsibilities	Term of Office (COVID extended by 1 year)	Attendance
R Perchard	President		3 of 8 meetings
M Preisig	Chairman		8 of 8 meetings
J Neil	Treasurer		4 of 8 meetings
S Falle		2018-2020 (2021)	8 of 8 meetings
G Queree		2019-2020 (2021)	8 of 8 meetings
C de la Haye		2019-2021 (2022)	7 of 8 meetings
T Robinson		2019-2021 (2022)	5 of 8 meetings
Jennifer Rendell		2021 - 2023	5 of 8 meetings
Kevin Roberts	Co-opted from Council		7 of 8 meetings

Strategy Working Group - Cultivate Programme:

This sub-committee, led by the President, includes Martin Preisig, Steve Le Feuvre, Jennifer Ellenger and Becky Houzé has remained largely 'stood down' as the pandemic prevented development of large events involving schools during 2020 and 2021. The start of 2022 was equally uncertain in terms of restrictions in force and the need for schools to catch up on lost curriculum time.

In light of these difficulties, the Cultivate Programme, driven by Jess McGovern, has rotated to deliver series of smaller career focus events for young people including support with establishing horticultural apprentices. Jess is now preparing a thorough investigation into the demand for, and provision of, training in agriculture & horticulture. This will be developed into a series of recommendations, the development of which the Society will seek engagement with a broad range of interested parties in the island in order that an agreed strategy can be developed.

The original aims of the group were drawn from the 'think tank' process in 2018, at which members indicated they would like to see the Society focus on four main themes; update the Society's image (inc. promotion, new media etc), develop Society activities (inc. shows, events etc), increase membership (inc. benefits, new members etc) and establish an education programme (inc. schools, adult etc.).

Finance Sub-committee:

This Sub-committee, led by the President, includes Steve Le Feuvre, Jeremy Neil with Peter Williams co-opted for his long experience with the investment of the Society assets.

The main investment portfolio, managed by Rathbones, returned some 9% which is retained within the portfolio.

The Committee met, mostly as the Officer Team, to review Society finances. Budgets and forecasts were monitored regularly with special attention paid to the Fiscal Stimulus Fund award.

The Society was awarded a grant of £495,000 from the Fiscal Stimulus Fund to undertake a programme of significant refurbishment at the Showground, which covered four main areas;

- Establishment of a new catering facility in the event support building attached to the two exhibition halls to enable catering and serving for large banquets,
- Installation of an air handling system (ventilation, heating and cooling) in the main exhibition hall,
- Construction of a covered walkway along the southwest side of the building to provided sheltered connection of the west hall to the front of the building and members room,

- Upgrading of various support services, including the broadband WIFI system and water saving services.

The project will be completed by April 2022 and will bring significant benefits to the users of the Showground. The financial results for 2021 are described in more detail in the Treasurers' Report which follows the Council Report.

Employment Sub-committee:

This Sub-committee, led by the President, includes Richard Leith, Martin Preisig, Steve Le Feuvre and Jeremy Neil. It met periodically during the year to consider a number of staff employment matters.

Congratulations to Jacey Copple and her partner Steve, on the birth of their daughter Aisling. Jacey, although not returning full time as our main herd recorder, will be keeping in touch with the Society and undertaking various 'ad hoc' tasks in support of the Livestock Services team. Mariano Fernandes will be continuing as the main herd recorder, a role which he has taken on admirably.

Annual staff appraisals were undertaken, following external advice regarding employment terms, with the staff team being recognised as a highly motivated, professional and cohesive team working across a broad range of activities in support of the Society's objectives. The Council records their sincere thanks to all the staff, on behalf of the membership, for their efforts and commitment during another the extraordinary year.

Representation:

The Society maintains important links with Jersey breed associations and is a full member of both the World Jersey Cattle Bureau and the European Jersey Forum. In Jersey, the Society is represented on the Action for Cleaner Water Group and regularly contributes to various government requests for consultation. Of particular note during the year were the Bridging Island Plan, the Jersey Climate Conversation, and the tree strategy. The Society has enjoyed an excellent working relationship with both the Jersey Milk Marketing Board and the Jersey Farmers Union in helping to promote interests of the agricultural industry.

Membership Report

Memberships	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Honorary Life Members	8	8	9	9	9
Full Members (inc Life & Patrons)	286	267	237	232	223
Joint Members (x2)	197	207	196	206	226
Junior Members	25	30	28	25	36
Total	516	512	470	472	493

The Council is saddened to note the passing during the year of Hugh Gill, Colin Letto, Muriel Le Gresley (Honorary Life Member), William C Renouf.

RJA&HS Trust Fund:

Trustees, the Society Officers, are to consider how the fund is applied as part of a review of overall funding of activities to be prepared during 2022. The fund stands at some £115,000.

Thank you:

The President held a drinks reception on 4th April 2022 for members who serve on Society committees, help out at shows or give their time in other voluntary roles. On this occasion members joined in planting an English Oak (*Quercus Robur*) in front of the Showground building to celebrate the Platinum

Jubilee of HM The Queen. Plans are also prepared to give all members the opportunity to plant one of 70 trees during the '22/'23 season to create a new woodland area at the southern end of the Showground as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project

James Godfrey
RJA&HS Secretary & CEO

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Treasurers' Report 2021

Overall, a very positive and encouraging financial situation for 2021 with all areas of the Society's income generating streams showing strong results. The Society remains in a secure financial position, but as members would quite rightly expect, we do not sit on our laurels, and constant updates of budgets and spending plans take place at both general committee and Council levels.

Budgeting during the Covid-19 pandemic has been extremely difficult, especially with the constantly changing restrictions on the use of our headquarter facilities which has been a reliable and important source of income in the past. However, with sensible financial planning and a cautious approach to spending we have navigated our way through the 2021 financial year, and this has resulted in a turnaround of results.

All areas/pillars of our activities have contributed to a very healthy surplus of £125,123 in the consolidated P&L account, compared to the small loss of £1,467 experienced in 2020. This has resulted in a 2.92% increase in our balance sheet value, now sitting at a healthy £4,406,742. We are grateful to all the staff and committee and Council members who have enabled this through hard work and financial diligence.

It is good to see an increase of 40% in income from our real estate to £254,528, and a 78% improvement in return from our investment fund, as shown on 31st December 2021 at £104,252. However, more challenging trading conditions are being experienced during the first quarter of 2022 with rising prices and inflation worldwide and the effects of Russia's invasion of Ukraine which will no doubt have long-lasting effects on all our lives for many years to come.

Our Dairy for Development Programme is continuing to expand, and this is not only providing the Society with good PR here in Jersey, and globally, but is also contributing to income through the small but vital margins we charge for coordinating and operating this wide range of projects.

As reported last year, the Society has been successful in securing support from the Government of Jersey's Fiscal Stimulus Fund to enable investment in much needed upgrades to the Showground facilities, and works have largely been carried out during the early part of 2022. This is reported elsewhere in the Journal, but suffice to say that this significant injection of capital is being spent wisely for upgrades to our 20+ year old facilities which will hold us in good stead in the future to continue to realise more income from this vital asset. Our bookings calendar for 2022 and beyond is very healthy, and all members should be proud that the Society continues to offer the public of Jersey a top class events venue.

We would like to thank all the staff for their support and commitment in these still troubled times as we navigate our way out of the pandemic, and particular mention has to go to James Godfrey who has risen to the challenge yet again by juggling his many responsibilities to provide sound counsel and advice enabling the Council to make reasoned and balanced decisions to not only safeguard the Society's assets, but also to ready us for moving out of the troubled waters caused by the pandemic.

2021 proved to be a better year in respect of the Horticultural Department than forecasted by the budget. With uncertainty over the covid situation and the extent to which restrictions might ease, the budget was deliberately conservative. A modest net profit was estimated.

Balance Sheet Comparison

Fixed Assets	2021	2020
Tangible Assets	3,292,884	3,166,018
Investments	1,265,954	1,120,298
Total Fixed Assets	4,558,838	4,286,316
Current Assets / Stock	22,132	26,861
Debtors & Prepayments	123,850	260,413
Cash at Bank	1,158,579	645,111
Total Current Assets	1,304,561	932,385
Creditors	1,456,657	937,082
Net Assets	4,406,742	4,281,619

Profit & Loss Comparison

Income	2021	2020
JIG Trading	1,673,511	1,482,546
Real Estate	254,528	182,350
Herd Book	27,124	26,468
Investment Income	16,515	8,839
Investment Net Gains	87,737	49,566
Shows & Events	19,251	720
Members Subscriptions	11,091	12,226
Misc & Merchandise	34,660	72,069
Total Income	2,124,240	1,834,784
Operating Expenses		
JIG Trading	1,409,328	1,260,112
Real Estate	54,016	52,500
Shows & Events	21,259	3,513
Herd Book	17,475	19,542
Breed Improvement	680	5001
Merchandise & PR	22,280	13,864
Total Operating Expenses	1,525,038	1,350,031
Overheads		
Employment	305,194	305,203
General Overheads	119,082	124,812
Finance	1,918	3,759
Depreciation	47,885	52,446
Total Overheads	474,079	486,220
Total Surplus / (Deficit)	125,123	(1,467)

The Spring Show was in a virtual format, but the Early Summer Show, the Summer Flower and Produce Show and the Autumn Fair were all held at the Showground 'in person'. In addition, the garden, schools and plots competitions all fully resumed. Consequently, the shows and events income far exceeded budget. Good attendance levels to shows, entrants to competitions and take up of trade stands all bolstered the income.

Rental income increased on one of the two properties and fees for the plots at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens increased with effect from 1st January 2021.

Expenses relating to shows and events were correspondingly higher than budget, given that shows were somewhat 'back to normal'. However, expenses overall were generally lower than forecasted and some accrual for future expenditure has been achieved.

Actual net profit for the year of £4,114 is a very good result and a much improved position on the prior year's profit of £930.

Respectfully submitted.

Stephen Le Feuvre (*Agriculture*)
Jerry Neil (*Horticulture*)

Agricultural Department Report 2021

The Agricultural General Committee is responsible for a variety of important functions within the Society, which are detailed in this annual report. Key areas of responsibility include:

- Administration of the Jersey Herd Book.
- The initiation and maintenance of programmes to support the development and improvement of the Jersey breed.
- Awarding of prizes for the annual competitions and staging the island cattle shows.
- Representation of the farming industry.
- Management of the Royal Jersey Showground.
- Assistance with the promotion of local produce and development of business opportunities within the agricultural industry.

The Jersey Herd Book:

Table 1, below, sets out the transactions reported through the Jersey Herd Book for the calendar year 2021:

Year	Pedigree Jersey Bulls Registered	Pedigree Jersey Heifers Registered	Bulls Licensed	Cows Linear Assessed/Classified	Jersey Beef Animals Registered	Jersey X Beef Animals Registered
2021	19	668	19	726	20	215
2020	31	792	15	789	25	138
2019	24	618	20	619	29	73
2018	31	618	14	1206	26	173
2017	25	681	14	904	16	164

Pedigree Jersey heifer registrations, although behind vs last year, still up 8% compared to 2018/19 levels. There is continuing strong growth of Jersey X Beef animals as the industry, reflecting the encouraging consumer demand for buying local Aberdeen Angus cross Jersey beef.

With travel restrictions easing over the summer the Society was able to schedule in its first HUK Classification visit of the year in June and a second in November, a total of 726 individual animals were appraised, of which 521 were 1st lactation heifers in-milk.

Breed Development:

Table 2: Sire usage

Year	Number of bulls siring progeny	Number of males registered	Number of females registered	Average number of females per bull used	Number of bulls siring 50% of female progeny	% females from 5 most popular bulls
2014	161	25	838	5.2	25	21
2015	152	30	835	5.5	27	16
2016	135	24	767	5.7	22	21
2017	121	25	681	5.6	16	24
2018	115	31	618	5.4	13	26
2019	109	24	618	5.7	15	22
2020	117	36	792	6.8	12	30
2021	80	19	668	8.4	12	28

The number of bulls siring 2021 registered pedigree Jersey calves has dropped from 117 to 80 as genetic selection processes become ever tighter. With the 5 most popular bulls still accounting for nearly a third of all heifers registered.

2 new entries in the 'Top 5 most popular bulls'. Taking the top spot for the first time is a Danish bull VJ Gutz, siring 52 of the animals registered in 2021 (inc 2 bull calves). New and sharing joint position no.2 with River Valley Chrime is local bull Ansom Animate P ET (Sire: Dutch Hollow Oliver P, DAM: Ansom May Anemone EX93) who was exported to a UK semen collection

centre in Devon back in December 2018 and proving very popular as his genetics return back to the island.

The five most popular bulls (and number of daughters registered to them) being:

- 1 - VJ Gutz - 50 (Denmark)
- 2 = Ansom Animate P ET - 37 (Jersey)
- 2 = River Valley CECE Chrome - 37 (USA)
- 3 - Wilsonview IF Matt – 33 (USA)
- 4 - Elliotts Regency Casino – 30 (USA)

Table 3: Source of sires

Females registered	Year	Number of females registered	Number of bulls siring females	Average number of females per bull used	Number of bulls siring 50% of female progeny	% females from most popular bulls	% females from 5 most popular bulls
Sired by International bulls	2015	578	92	6.3	16	6.2	23.2
	2016	516	79	6.5	12	11.0	31.6
	2017	501	79	6.3	10	11.2	33.7
	2018	443	80	5.5	10	8.1	33.6
	2019	473	71	6.7	10	7	29.8
	2020	595	106	5.6	7	10.3	40.8
	2021	520	53	9.8	10	9.6	34
Sired by locally born bulls	2015	257	60	4.3	10	9.3	31.5
	2016	251	56	4.5	9	8.0	33.8
	2017	180	39	4.6	8	9.4	35.0
	2018	175	35	5.0	7	12.6	42.8
	2019	145	38	3.8	8	10	39.3
	2020	197	42	4.7	8	10.6	39.6
	2021	148	27	5.5	4	25	57.4

Table 4: 2021 1st lactation inspections, type analysis:

2019 saw a change to the composite categories scored by the Holstein UK Classifiers. Across all dairy breeds appraised by them. This team of highly professional assessors have been scoring cows in Jersey since 2002. Dairy Strength and Body Conformation have been replaced by Dairy Capacity, Dairy Character and Rump. The Mammary score still comprises 40% of the total.

Sire source	Final Score	Mammary	Legs & Feet	Dairy Capacity	Dairy Character	Rump	No. Inspections
UK	80	79	82	82	83	82	8
Denmark	80	78	80	82	84	80	121
J. Island*	78	76	79	81	82	80	119
N. America	80	79	81	82	84	81	272
International	81	79	81	82	84	81	401
J. Island*	78	76	79	81	82	80	119

*J. Island includes 100% JI and JI born bulls with international genetics in their pedigree.

Champion Producers:

The Agricultural Department of the RJA&HS presents annual awards and trophies to individual cows for their production and all milking cattle are eligible for automatic entry based on their milk recorded performance. The conditions of these awards relate to their qualifying lactation which includes:

- The butterfat and protein production must at a minimum of 5.00% and 3.75% respectively.
- The animal must calve again within fourteen months of commencing the qualifying lactation.
- The lactation must be for 305 days or less and completed during the Milk Recording Year, which runs from 1st October to September 30th in the following calendar year.

The awards presented in 2021 were therefore completed between 01/10/19 and 30/09/20.

Title	Name	Owned by	Milk Kg	Fat %	Fat Kg	Prot. %	Prot. Kg	Points
Senior Champion	Westlands Lix Oxford Gail	P F Le Maistre	9,901	6.46	640	4.19	415	2,045
Reserve	Prides latola Sadie	P M Houzé	9,641	6.83	658	3.82	369	1,991
Junior Champion	Woodlands Jane Coltess	R H Le Boutillier	9,129	6.01	549	4.21	384	1,846
Reserve	Ansom Chrome Showsybil	La Ferme Ltd	9,105	5.57	507	3.93	358	1,776
Junior Members Champion	Gene Countess Brandie	Miss I Hefford-McCutcheon (Bred by Miss R Houzé)	7,611	6.19	471	3.99	304	1,536

Congratulations to all the winners across the producer classes and in particular to the Le Maistre family and their senior champion Woodlands Lix Oxford Gail (Sire: DJ Lix DJHB) achieving the highest number of points and winning overall champion producer. Gene Countess Brandie owned by Miss Izzy Hefford McCutchen taking the Junior Members Champion title again in this 2019/2020 recording year.

Agricultural Department Trophies:

The continued restrictions in force relating to the COVID-19 pandemic meant the Spring Cattle Show was cancelled and no trophies awarded. However, the On-Farm Challenge competition and Autumn Show, both generously sponsored by Islands and Alex Picot, were held.

Herd Recording:

The herd recording programme is managed by Jersey Island Genetics Ltd with the data management contracted out to The Cattle Information Service (CIS). The top ten herds, ranked on combined kilograms of Fat and Protein for the Oct '19 to Sept '21 milk recording year are set out below.

Rank	Name	No. Qual Lacts	No. Non Qual Lact	% Non Qual	Milk KG	BF %	Ptn %	Calving Index	Kgs BF+Ptn
1	Woodlands Farm	231	23	10	7932	5.68	3.91	383	760
2	Lodge Farm	197	25	13	7598	6.08	3.66	394	741
3	La Ferme Ltd	281	38	14	7317	5.48	3.79	382	678
4	Master Farms	188	39	21	6871	5.51	3.98	404	653
5	Trinity Manor	360	49	14	6727	5.59	3.97	442	643
6	Les Augerez	120	29	24	6819	5.24	3.80	412	616
7	Cowley Farm	212	14	7	6348	5.55	3.87	408	599
8	Freedom Farm	86	5	6	6420	5.38	3.93	445	598
9	Blanc Pignon	53	6	11	6357	4.80	3.76	393	544
10	Oakwood Farm	68	21	31	5235	5.13	3.95	474	475

Cattle exports:

Jersey Island Genetics successfully co-ordinated the movement of 3 consignments of cattle off the island to the UK. The first load went in July to a Jersey breeder in Cheshire, the second was a consignment of 7 bulls to the UK Sire Services collection centre in September, and finally in October a group of 50 heifers travelled to a farm in Wales.

YEAR	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
United Kingdom	107	107	230	375	8	149	110
Northern Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	-	-	151	-	-	-	-
Total FEMALES	100	101	378	362	-	148	109
Total MALES	7	6	3	13	8	1	1
Overall TOTAL	107	107	381	375	8	149	110

Cattle Health Scheme:

Jersey Island Genetics Ltd continues to oversee the management of the island wide cattle health scheme. The programme continues to screen the island herd for three important cattle diseases which have a serious impact on animal health and productivity. Cattle kept on Jersey are registered as accredited free of:

Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) - since July 2012
Bovine Virus Diarrhoea (BVD) – since Dec 2010
Leptospirosis – since Dec 2010

A fourth ailment, Johnes Disease is monitored by testing all milking cows at least once a year, using the samples sent to the UK on a monthly basis for the Herd Recording programme. It is known that the very high health status the island herd enjoys is a key element in enhancing Jersey Dairy's export market potential.

There are three additional diseases that are closely monitored on the island, according to strict EU and UK criteria with these being Tuberculosis, Brucellosis and Enzootic Bovine Leukaemia (EBL). The Island's farmers remain thankful that it has been decades since any of these ailments were seen on the island but following clear screening for many years, Jersey Island is now recognised as being officially EBL Free. With local herds well into similar programmes for securing officially free status for TB and Brucellosis all cattle owners can be thanked for ensuring this status which is the envy of many other jurisdictions.

Jane Harvey

Agricultural Department



A huge thank you to our cattle show sponsors. We do have classes available for sponsorship and would be pleased to hear from companies or individuals regarding sponsorship opportunities.

Horticultural Department Report 2021

2021 was another challenging year for the Horticultural Department and Society and having spent 2020 adhering to Covid-19 restrictions, the start of the year started off the same as 2020 left off.

Sadly, due to Covid, we were unable to hold any Table Top Sales this year, we normally hold one in January, February and March to help raise much needed funds for the Department.

It was decided that the Spring Flower Show at the end of March would be a Virtual Show following the success of the three Virtual Shows last year. 270 photos were received across all the classes and judged electronically by UK and Jersey judges and again proved successful. To coincide with the Spring Show, James Godfrey had suggested to the Committee back in 2020 about having flower displays in Shop windows in town. This came to fruition with 17 shops taking part and members, various clubs, a parish department and a florist contributing their arrangements to the shop windows. This was a resounding success to celebrate Spring, brighten up Jersey's town centre and to help take our minds off the continuing pandemic.

Thankfully, we managed to hold the June, August and October Shows as 'normal' Shows albeit restrictions were still in place in June and August but by the October Show, almost all restrictions had been removed. All three Shows proved very popular with the number of people attending over the weekends increasing with 2300 coming to the Autumn Fair which also hosted the Cattle Show, the first time since October 2019. There was also a record number of 922 entries received at the Autumn Fair keeping Secretary Rachelle on her toes!

We were once again delighted to be able to go ahead with the All-Island Garden Competition in July and with 58 entries received (11 more than the previous year), it a busy but very enjoyable three days of judging all the fantastic gardens. Both judges commented on the high standard of entries and the fact that more people were spending time in their gardens, vegetable gardens and allotments. The presentation of the trophies took place in the New Arena at the beginning of August and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

The annual Plot Competition was postponed in July and was held with the Anniversary Day of the FJ Ahier Country Gardens to celebrate its open including the plot, sun flower and mini produce competitions. Members, plot holders and their family and friends enjoyed a lovely afternoon with sunny weather and lots of homemade cakes.

The season closed with the department being able to hold their Annual Prize Giving and Christmas Lunch at St Brelade's Bay Hotel. A very enjoyable Christmas lunch was had by the 50 people attending with the trophies and awards from the October Show and Annual Points were awarded. A lovely way to close the year.

We are now looking forward to the 2022 season and being able to hold all our Shows and Competitions as normal.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

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Diary dates for 2022

26th & 27th March	Spring Flower Show
19th May	Annual General Meeting
11th & 12th June	Summer Fair (inc. Early Summer Flower Show & Spring Cattle Show)
29th & 30th June	Schools Garden Competition
12th to 14th July	Island Garden Competition (Sponsored by Ransoms)
20th & 21st August	Summer Flower Show
4th September	FJ Ahier Country Gardens Open Day & Plot Competition
4th September	Autumn Fair (Inc Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show & Autumn Cattle Show)

All dates subject to COVID-19 restrictions that may be pertaining at the time.



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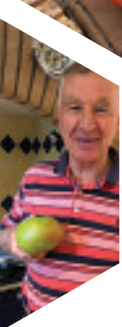
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