



Annual General Meeting

15th May 2025

7.00 pm Royal Jersey Showground

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Annual General Meeting
Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society
Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Royal Jersey Showground

AGENDA

1. Call to order, welcome and to receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society on 16th May 2024 (published on website).
3. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes.
4. To receive the President's, Treasurers' and Departmental Annual Reports for 2024 (also to be published in the 2025 Journal).
5. To receive the consolidated accounts for the Society for the year end 31st December 2024 (published on website).
6. To elect one member to the Society Council, to serve a term of three years 2025 – 2027, the term of office of Mr D Leng having expired, nominations have been received from:
Jim Carter, proposed by Ian Mitchell, seconded by Steve Le Feuvre
7. To elect one member to the Agricultural General Committee, to serve a term of three years as above, the term of office of Sarah Le Feuvre having expired, nominations have been received from:
Sarah Le Feuvre, proposed by Derrick Frigot, seconded by Richard Leith
8. To elect two members to the Horticultural General Committee to serve a term of three years as above, the terms of office of Ian Le Marquand and Steve Falle, having expired nominations have been received for:
Ian Le Marquand, proposed by Tom Robinson, seconded by Colin De La Haye
Steve Falle, proposed by Paulette De La Haye, seconded by Colin De La Haye
9. To approve the annual subscription to be effective from 1st January 2026. The recommendation from the Council is that they are increased as follows:
 - Individual Membership from £32 to £34
 - Joint Membership from £48 to £52
 - Junior Membership from £10 to 12
10. To present an award to David Hambrook to mark 25 years of service to the Society.
11. To present the award of Honorary Life Membership of the Society to: **Mr Robert Perchard**.
12. To conduct any other business.

P M Houzé
PRESIDENT

A BBQ and drinks will be served following the AGM
Please RSVP to r.robinson@royaljersey.co.uk by Monday 12th May
for catering numbers, along with any dietary considerations.

Louise Agnès will make a presentation on membership activities.

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President's Report 2024

I am deeply honoured to have been elected as the President of our Society at the 2024 AGM and cannot believe how quickly the first year has flown by. I am relishing every aspect of the role and continue to marvel at the level of enthusiasm and generosity of so many members and the passion for the shows, competitions and events throughout the calendar, it's truly awesome. While our Society has enjoyed a very long and illustrious past it is wonderful to work with the current council and committees who are ambitious for the future and work so hard to keep our activities as relevant as ever in this fast changing world.

I can only repeat the words of my predecessor, Rob Perchard, in his report last year declaring the Society was, and indeed remains "in good shape with a strong pulse".

On the 24th July 2024 Jersey welcomed Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla for a short but busy Royal Visit. Together with the Jersey Milk Marketing Board our Society delighted in presenting The King and Queen with seven yearling heifers. These high quality yearlings were selected from seven leading herds and represented the very best genetics of the breed today. Shortly after, the heifers travelled to King Charles' private estate at Highgrove to join his existing herd. A special thanks to Andrew le Gallais who masterminded the presentation. We will monitor the progress of these animals with great interest. Representing the RJA&HS, James Godfrey and I were highly privileged to have been invited to the Royal Tea Party at the Pomme D'Or Hotel on that same day. During the course of the party The King and Queen mingled with invitees. When The King came and sat between James and I we engaged in a hearty discussion covering 'the Jersey cow', sustainable farming, the role of organisations like ours and naturally Jersey's contribution to Overseas Aid. It was no coincidence we were seated with Deputy Carolyn Labey, Minister for Overseas Aid the acting JOA Chief Officer Ed Lewis among other distinguished guests. His Majesty was hugely impressed with the collaboration and aspirations of Jersey Overseas Aid and the RJA&HS.

Breed Development

Following on from the publishing of the 'Nancy Report' which focused on the past progress and future development of the Jersey breed, the Agricultural Committee are now busy transforming many of the recommendations into action, we recognise the many innovations occurring in cattle breeding, and we are in a great position to exploit the benefits they offer, albeit in a careful and coordinated way. Our emphasis on breeding healthy, long-lived cows producing good yields of nutritious milk in a sustainable manner remains paramount.

The number of pedigree registrations, bull licences, cow assessments and beef cross registrations all climbed last year. You will see from the Agricultural Report that average milk production increased too, and for the first time ever, seven of the twelve herds averaged over 7,000 litres per cow. Our new report format now lists the newly awarded 'Excellent' cows. Congratulations to all the breeders, none more so than the Le Feuvre family on breeding the renowned Elite Joel Noblesse now scoring 96% EX.

The Shows and Competitions

Both Departments of the Society have enjoyed terrific shows and well subscribed competitions which are reported within this magazine. While you can enjoy the wonderful photography of Lucinda Morgan and our very own Collette Bisson within these pages, there is no substitute for seeing for yourselves the excellent quality of our show exhibits whether its perfect floral and vegetable displays or the fine examples of birds and bovine. Experienced international judges are always hugely complimentary of our collective efforts to deliver 'a show to remember'. Don't miss

the shows this year, or better still have a go and take part. Aside from the high standards, my great take away from 2024 was the increasing participation of the younger generation, this is truly satisfying and we will be building on this in the coming year. For example, we will be organising a junior members show camp during the summer.

Getting involved by either entering or helping out at the shows is so rewarding and we always look forward to recruiting new helpers, the camaraderie is great and new members are always welcome.

I'm sure our membership will continue to appreciate our fine showground and facilities. We receive many compliments from the wide number of guests who hire the building. Since the opening of the Headquarters back in 2001, successive councils have upgraded and redecorated to keep our buildings and service that goes with it, right up there with the best.

Agricultural Department

Few people fully realise the work that goes into the organising of the Agricultural Department and the administration of the Herd Book with the many aspects of breed improvement but regardless of how much we have achieved we are still ambitious get to the next level. We enjoy a very close and cooperative relationship with both the Jersey Milk Marketing Board and the Jersey Farmer's Union, a great 'trinity in Trinity' you might say.

Horticultural Department

Under the excellent leadership of Martin Preisig, and his dedicated committee, the Horticultural Department continue to pull off wonderful shows and garden competitions with increasing interest and participation. I have been so impressed with the stewardship of the FJ Ahier allotments in St Lawrence and the continuity in enhancing the facilities. The Society should be very proud of the extemporary lay out and organisation, administered by Rachelle Robinson and a small but expert team of volunteers.

The Overseas Aid work

The D4D programme keeps on track despite the instability of the world at the moment and its work is as important as ever. The Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia and Nepal projects are all bespoke to the individual country's need and designed and monitored to help the very poorest people of those nations. I had the privilege of visiting Rwanda in October to see the work being undertaken first hand. Rwanda is thankfully, politically stable, the size of Wales with a population of 13.5 million, the soils are generally fertile and the climate is warm with two rainy seasons (most years) it's often described as the land of a thousand hills. Yet the extreme poverty in many areas is heart wrenching, most people live off very basic rations mainly potatoes or maize meal. The development of a proper dairy farm network, albeit Rwandan style, is having such a positive effect for so many people. Thanks to Philippe Rumenera and Innocent Rwamuhizi for driving me around their wonderful country. It was terrific to see the high esteem that David Hambrook is held in by so many of the Rwandan leaders. Our whole D4D team deserve much credit.

On the 30th January we lost a true Jersey gentleman with the passing of Charles Le Cornu, a former President of the Society, and long-time council and committee member, his love and support for the Jersey cow, the countryside, traditional values and so much more were legendary. Six Roads Farm in St Lawrence was always kept as an exemplary traditional farm with the highest quality cattle. His popularity was clearly evident at a packed St Lawrence Church for his Funeral and Thanksgiving Service.

It was with great sadness that on the morning of the Royal Visit we learned of the passing Simon Boas, for many years the CEO of Jersey Overseas Aid after a courageous fight against illness. He was a benevolent and truly inspirational man who we dearly miss.

I conclude with a few words of thanks, we are blessed with wonderful members of staff who dependably work so hard to make the Society tick - thanks to one and all. Thank you to my fellow Officers, the Council and Committee members for their time and vital contributions. We also acknowledge the teams at Jersey Dairy, The Milk Marketing Board, The Farmer's Union and the Howard Davis Trust, we gain so much from working in close collaboration. Thanks to the ministerial teams at Sustainable Economic Development and the Environment Department, with a special mention for the States Veterinary Team. Last, but certainly no least, thank you to everyone who helps with running the shows and events, especially the kind contributors who sponsor our activities.

Paul Houzé

President

Treasurers' Report 2024

A very good year all round for the Society, once again showing a positive financial position in a tough year where there have been some unexpected costs. We continue to adopt a realistic budgeting approach where we run a cash-positive budget, and are prudent in our spending in all areas. Our investments have done well, and for the seventh successive year we have not had to dip in to reserves to fund the operations of the Society.

Our real estate assets continue to add a significant contribution to our income stream, but we have had to spend on essential maintenance for the Island's premier events centre and our headquarters building. We are also conscious that we will have to upgrade some of the 25 year old infrastructure in the main building. Work is needed to maintain modern-day compliance particularly on the electrical and air-handling systems so that we can continue to operate, and we are currently working on a plan to stage that essential work over the coming few years.

The Society's Investment portfolio has increased in value during the year by 7.2% to a sum of £1,237,966 at year end. A successful investment environment underpins the Society's financial performance, as well as long term security, and thanks must be recorded to our investment managers, Rathbones.

The Dairy for Development (D4D) programmes are continuing to expand, and the extensive work undertaken by this team in coordinating and operating the wide range of projects makes a modest financial contribution to the Society. However, this worthwhile work undoubtedly adds considerably to the reputation of the Society, the Jersey breed and our Island, both at home and around the world.

The Society also supplies services to the dairy industry through the Jersey Herd Management System (JHMS) administered by Jersey Island Genetics Ltd (JIG). Since 2004 this service has been commissioned, and part funded by the Government of Jersey. The budget received in 2024 is less in cash terms than 2004 as the industry drives efficiencies, however, it has been increased for 2025 in recognition of recent inflationary cost pressures.

Our shows are the Society's "shop-window" for the general public to see the wide range of activities we undertake as part of an important link in the wider rural economy and community. Whilst there is always a cost to running the four horticultural and two cattle shows, we continue to explore areas of sponsorship to attempt to balance the costs.

Overall, we are pleased to report a very healthy surplus of £84,111 in the consolidated P&L account, resulting in some 2% increase in our balance sheet value, now sitting at £4,396,886.

At the AGM in May 2024 it was proposed that the Society's real estate should be reflected on the Balance Sheet at a current market value. The Council has investigated this and received quotations for establishing current market value, as well as ensuring that market value is reflected on an on-going basis, which run into many thousands of pounds. The Council concluded that this is an additional cost, in perpetuity, that brings little benefit to the membership, and that those funds would be better deployed elsewhere. The indicative value of the real estate is shown in the notes to the accounts by way of detailing the insurance cover held.

We would like to thank everyone who is involved in the Society whatever your input and contribution might be, whether you serve on a committee or in volunteering your time in some other capacity. You all play a vital part in making the Society the success story that it is, including financially. To those who sit on the two main Committees and Council, your diligence and hard work is much appreciated in helping to steer the Society to greater heights and achievements.

Finally, to all the staff, a very big “thank you” for your support and professionalism whilst carrying out your roles; 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 get us where we are today.

Balance Sheet Comparison (£)

Fixed Assets	2024	2023
Tangible Assets	3,644,343	3,683,927
Investments	1,237,966	1,154,114
Total Fixed Assets	4,882,309	4,838,041
Current Assets / Stock	23,653	26,556
Debtors & Prepayments	362,543	151,893
Cash at Bank (& broker)	719,776	876,535
Total Current Assets	1,105,972	1,054,984
Creditors	1,591,395	1,580,250
Net Assets	4,396,886	4,312,775

Profit & Loss Comparison (£)

Income	2024	2023
JIG Trading	451,199	373,453
Real Estate	374,234	383,785
Herd Book	27,993	28,384
Shows & Events	42,701	32,767
Members Subscriptions	14,524	12,630
Misc & Merchandise	81,182	113,808
Total Income	991,833	944,827
Operating Expenses		
JIG Trading	426,885	351,470
Real Estate	151,867	83,359
Shows & Events	57,654	45,475
Herd Book	22,196	17,918
Breed Improvement	3,155	476
Merchandise & PR	36,053	19,107
Total Operating Expenses	697,810	517,805
Overheads		
Employment	175,521	228,690
General Overheads	31,276	60,495
Depreciation / write off	105,779	106,928
Total Overheads	312,576	396,113
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(18,553)	30,909
Investment Income		
Net Income & Valuation Gains / (Losses)	102,664	96,622
Total Surplus / (Deficit)	84,111	127,531
Restricted Funds		
D4D Income	2,169,241	1,770,835
D4D Expenses	2,169,241	1,770,835
Total Surplus / (Deficit)	84,111	127,531

Stephen Le Feuvre, Treasurer – Agricultural Department

Jerry Neil, Treasurer – Horticultural Department

Report of the Society Council for 2024

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 held on 16th May 2024 with the election of Paul Houzé as Society President, following the completion of the term of office of Rob Perchard.

Also elected to the Council were, Steve Le Feuvre, continuing as Agricultural Department Treasurer, and Paulette de la Haye in place of Kevin Roberts who had completed his term of office. Laurence Agnès and Charlie Le Boutillier were re-elected to the Agricultural General Committee. Kevin Robert was elected to Horticultural General Committee in place of Jennifer Rendell who had completed her term of office.

The Council were pleased to award David & Annie Pope Honorary Life Membership of the Society for their distinguished record of achievement in support of the development of the horticultural shows.

The activities of the Agricultural & Horticultural departments are described in more detail in their respective departmental reports, together with the various show and activity reports that appear in this Journal.

Patronage:

The Society honoured to receive Royal Patronage of His Majesty King Charles III, and was delighted to be part of the hosting team for the visit of The King and Queen Camilla to the island in July.

Members had the opportunity to honour the tremendous record of service of our past-Presidents who gathered for a photograph at the Autumn Cattle Show.

It is with great sadness that we must record the death of Charles Le Cornu on 30th January 2025.

Governance:

The Council continues with a review of all aspects of governance, including the Risk Register, to ensure that the Society is compliant with current requirements and consider any potential changes required.

The Society was founded in 1833, is incorporated by an Act of the States of Jersey (19th May 1884), and is registered with the Jersey Financial Services Commission as a 'Not For Profit Organisation' (NPO – 13938).

The Council has adopted an Operations Plan for 2025 which sets out key areas of activity and associated budgets.

Terms of Office:

The following list details the Officers and committee members, their meeting attendance 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. Those in bold below are therefore completing their term of office at the AGM in 2025.

Committee members attendance record for AGM 2025 (From 22/02/24 - 28/02/25)			
Members highlighted in bold complete their term of office at the AGM in 2025			
Council	Responsibilities	Term of Office	Meeting attendance 29/02/24 - 28/02/25
R Perchard	(Rtd. 16/05/24)	2021-2023	1 of 1
P Houze *+~	President (App. 16/05/24)	2024-2026	5 of 5
R Leith *~	Vice President	2023-2025	3 of 6
M Preisig *~	Vice President	2023-2025	4 of 6
S Le Feuvre *+~	Treasurer (Ag)	2024-2026	6 of 6
J Neil *+~	Treasurer (Hort)	2023-2025	4 of 6
D Leng		2022-2024	5 of 6
V Obbard		2023-2025	5 of 6
K Roberts	(Rtd. 16/05/24)	2021-2023	1 of 1
P de la Haye	(App. 16/05/24)	2024-2026	4 of 5
* Trustees of the RJA&HS Trust Fund			
+ Members of Finance Sub-committee. Peter Williams is a co-opted member of the Finance Com			
~ Members of Employment Sub-committee			
Agricultural General Committee	Responsibilities	Term of Office	Meeting attendance 29/02/24 - 28/02/25
P Houze	President		4 of 4
R Leith	Chairman		3 of 4
S Le Feuvre	Treasurer		4 of 4
Sarah Le Feuvre		2022-2024	4 of 4
C Le Boutillier	(Rtd. & App. 16/05/24)	2024-2026	1 of 4
L Agnes	(Rtd. & App. 16/05/24)	2024-2026	3 of 4
J McMullon		2023-2025	4 of 4
T Perchard		2023-2025	2 of 4
Horticultural General Committee	Responsibilities	Term of Office	Meeting attendance 29/02/24 - 28/02/25
R Perchard	(Rtd. 16/05/24)		2 of 2
P Houze	President (App. 16/05/24)		4 of 7
M Preisig	Chairman		9 of 9
J Neil	Treasurer		6 of 9
Jennifer Rendell	(Rtd. 16/05/24)	2021-2023	2 of 2
Kevin Roberts	(App. 16/05/24)	2024-2026	7 of 7
S Falle		2022-2024	7 of 9
I Le Marquand		2022-2024	8 of 9
C de la Haye		2023-2025	8 of 9
T Robinson		2023-2025	9 of 9

Strategy Working Group – Membership Programme:

The Membership Programme has been developed by Louise Agnès, aspects of which are reported on in this Journal. The Cultivate Programme continues under the auspices of Farm Jersey, with input from the Society along with the Jersey Farmers Union.

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. Actual to budget performance is reviewed quarterly by the Council while the Sub-committee considers investments and any capital expenditure requirements. The main investment portfolio, managed by Rathbones on a discretionary basis and a moderate risk profile. The financial results for 2024 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. Annual staff appraisals were undertaken and the Committee was able, on behalf of the membership, to record their sincere thanks to all the staff for their efforts and commitment during the year. Jacey Copple rejoined the Society staff on a part time basis in support of the Agricultural Department assisting with the Livestock Services section.

Real Estate:

Day to day management of the Society's real estate portfolio is undertaken by the respective general committee to which the benefit of the real estate accrues. The Council has again allocated an increase in budget of some £40,000 to undertake essential maintenance at the Showground during 2025. Activities at the Showground are reported on elsewhere in this journal.

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. Representatives attended the Annual Meetings in Denmark in 2024.

In Jersey the Society is represented on the Action for Cleaner Water Group and regularly contributes to various government requests for consultation. 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.

The Chief Executive has been appointed as a Director of the Jersey National Park Limited to represent the interests of the agricultural community on that body. In addition, the Chief Executive is a member of the Government of Jersey Rural Forum, to examine strategic issues facing the future of the agricultural sector.

Membership Report:

Memberships	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Hon. Life Members	9	9	9	9	12	13
Full Members (inc Life & Patrons)	237	232	223	232	271	279
Joint Members (No.x2)	196	206	226	208	248	274
Junior Members	28	25	36	35	51	60
Total	470	472	493	484	582	626

RJA&HS Trust Fund:

The Trustees, the Society Officers, will be reviewing the future of the fund during 2025. The fund currently stands at some £65,000.

Thank you:

On a more personal note, I would like to thank the staff team at the RJA&HS for their support and dedication to the Society. I am sure that members would agree that they 'go above and beyond' in all that they do. I would particularly like to thank Louise Agnès and Christine Vibert for their help in producing this journal.

James Godfrey

Chief Executive & Secretary

General Report of the Agricultural Department 2024

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.
- Management of the Royal Jersey Showground.
- Implementation of the Dairy for Development programmes.
- Representation of the farming industry.
- 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 2024:

Year	Pedigree Jersey Bulls Registered	Pedigree Jersey Heifers Registered	Bulls Licensed	Cows Linear Assessed/ Classified	Jersey Beef Animals Registered	Jersey X Beef Animals Registered
2024	13	892	12	569	31	132
2023	15	824	6	455	12	100
2022	15	677	7	487	20	224
2021	19	668	19	726	20	215
2020	36	792	15	398	25	138

Having lost a significant number of animals due to illness back in December 2022, Woodlands farm has continued in 2024 to rebuild their herd numbers back up which is reflected in the increase in heifers registered verses last year. Registrations of Jersey beef and Jersey X-beef animals are up verses 2023 indicating a strengthening consumer demand for local beef.

Breed Development:

Levels of inbreeding can be measured both on an individual basis and at a total population level. This is expressed as an inbreeding coefficient (COI). Genomic inbreeding coefficients measure the proportion of the individual's DNA that has been inherited from recent common ancestors, and in doing so gives a measure of the percent of the individual's genome that is inbred.

The passing of genetic information from one generation to another has an element of randomness to it, two siblings that share a sire and dam may have inherited completely different versions of genes from each parent. The accumulation of this effect across several generations can result in two individuals that share a similar pedigree to be genetically very different.

Selection of beneficial traits such as production, health, and fertility can also increase inbreeding levels, while having a net positive effect on genetic progress. Nonetheless, it is important to monitor inbreeding to maintain a balance between genetic gain and genetic diversity.

Research has shown that the COI of the Island population remains lower than other national populations, even following importation of international genetics in 2008. Guidelines issued by the Food and Agriculture Organisation recommend that the desired increase in the rate of inbreeding per generation should not exceed 1% (FAO 2013). Table 2 below shows levels of genomic COI.

Table 2:

Year of Birth	Number of Genomic tested females	Average Inbreeding coefficient (COI %)
2020	655	7.76
2021	620	7.36
2022	646	7.52
2023	831	7.91
2024*	286	7.23

*2024 full data set available Q2 2025

Genetic selection still remains relatively tight, with 80 bulls in total siring 892 female progeny in 2024. With the 5 most popular bulls still accounting for nearly a third of all heifers registered.

River Valley CECE Chrome hits the top spot again for siring the most daughters (registered) in 2024.

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

1. River Valley CECE Chrome – 92 (USA)
2. VJ Lagoa P DJHB – 62 (DNK)
3. Ansom Animate ET – 52 (JI)
4. Steinhauers Samson Lemonhead – 48 (USA)
5. VJ JoJo DJHB – 41 (DNK)

Classification Score:

Type classification of Jersey dairy herds are independently assessed roughly every five months. This team of professional assessors have been scoring cows in Jersey since 2002 and operate an internationally recognised appraisal system.

The role of classification is to identify those animals which will have a trouble-free and productive life. Classifiers score twenty-four individual 'linear' traits on a 1 to 9 scale and combine this information in five 'composites' (Mammary 40%, Legs & Feet 30%, Dairy Capacity 10%, Rump 10% and Dairy Character 10%) and an overall classification score.

90-97	Excellent (EX)
85-89	Very Good (VG)* (<i>*Maximum for first calf heifers is 88 points</i>)
80-84	Good Plus (GP)
75-79	Good (G)
65-74	Fair (F)
50-64	Poor (P)

The two HUK Classification visits were scheduled in 2024, the first in April and second one in September, 877 individual animals were appraised, of which 569 were 1st lactation heifers in-milk. Their average combined scores are in the table below.

2024	Final Score	Mammary	Legs & Feet	Dairy Capacity	Dairy Character	Rump	No. Of Inspections
Av. Heifer Score	81	80	81	82	83	82	569

The farms also have the opportunity to have any cows they would like re-evaluated and the following table shows the list of 83 animals that were classified/re-classified as Excellent (EX) in 2024. Table 4: Classification for 'EX' females scored in 2024

Name	Owner	Lactation	Overall	Mammary	Times Ex
ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	ELITE	4	EX 95	EX 96	4
SWANS CRESTA CHROME LADY	COTTAGE	6	EX 94	EX 95	4
WOODLANDS B WINSOME PRIMROSE 2	WESTLANDS	8	EX 94	EX 95	5
GENE COUNTESS CHROME IONA	PRIDES	4	EX 93	EX 94	3
ROSELAND TEXAS OLIVIA	ROSELAND	6	EX 93	EX 93	2
WESTLANDS CHROME FLEDGLING 3	WESTLANDS	4	EX 93	EX 93	2
LASSIES DIVIDEND ROYAL	ELITE	4	EX 93	EX 92	2
LASSIES AMBITION FLOWER	ELITE	6	EX 93	EX 91	4
ELITE VALENTINO COIFFEUR	ELITE	6	EX 92	VG 89	1
COTTAGE EH HITMAN 8 KEEPER	COTTAGE	3	EX 92	EX 93	1
LASSIES EXCITING FLOWER	ELITE	6	EX 92	EX 93	2
LES GOUES ALL STAR JESTER	WESTLANDS	8	EX 92	EX 93	5
COTTAGE BROILER NOBLESSE 2	COTTAGE	5	EX 92	EX 92	3
ELITE COLTON PRIMROSE	ELITE	5	EX 92	EX 92	2
PRIDES MATT BLANDISH	PRIDES	3	EX 92	EX 92	1
ANSOM VALENTINO ROSE	ANSOM	4	EX 92	EX 91	2
ELITE BARNABAS AGNETTA	ELITE	4	EX 92	EX 91	1
ELITE ACTION GIGI	ELITE	6	EX 92	EX 90	4
HONEYS CHRONICLE SNOWDROP	ELITE	5	EX 92	EX 90	3
SUPREME VEDAS CHILLI	ELITE	6	EX 91	VG 89	3
ANSOM CRAZE EVOCATION	ANSOM	4	EX 91	EX 93	1
ANSOM CRAZE MONOSYBIL	ANSOM	4	EX 91	EX 93	1
HOMES PRINCESS BANGLE	COTTAGE	7	EX 91	EX 93	2
ELITE CHRONICLE NOBLESSE	ELITE	5	EX 91	EX 92	2
LASSIES NUANCE SUPREME	ELITE	3	EX 91	EX 92	1
ROSELAND TOPEKA LEAF	ROSELAND	6	EX 91	EX 92	1
ANSOM VIVALDI DUCHESS	ANSOM	4	EX 91	EX 91	2
ELITE CASINO NOBLESSE 2	ELITE	3	EX 91	EX 91	1
ELITE JJ RILEY SNOWDROP	ELITE	6	EX 91	EX 91	2
ELITE LEMONHEAD BABE	WESTLANDS	6	EX 91	EX 91	1
PRIDES JUDO TRUE SYBIL	PRIDES	3	EX 91	EX 91	1

WESTLANDS CASINO PRIMROSE	WESTLANDS	3	EX 91	EX 91	1
WESTLANDS RODME BRIGHT	WESTLANDS	4	EX 91	EX 91	1
DESIGNS DAY DREAM 183	ELITE	4	EX 91	EX 90	1
HONEYS AMBITION SNOWDROP	ELITE	5	EX 91	EX 90	3
ROSELAND IRWIN CLEMY	ROSELAND	7	EX 91	EX 90	1
ITASKAS FILLPAIL AMARETTO	ELITE	4	EX 90	VG 89	1
PRIDES CHROME SYBIL 3	PRIDES	3	EX 90	VG 89	1
DESIGNS DAY DREAM 193	ELITE	3	EX 90	VG 88	1
ELITE COMERICA POPPY	ELITE	3	EX 90	VG 88	1
LE PATOIS CYRILS GIRL	ANSOM	5	EX 90	VG 88	1
NATALIES BRAVEHEART QUEEN	ELITE	7	EX 90	VG 88	1
PRIDES BARNABAS LADY	PRIDES	4	EX 90	VG 88	1
PRIDES COLTON DAHLIA	PRIDES	3	EX 90	VG 88	1
STEPHENS DREAMERS SCOTTIE GIRL	WOODLANDS	5	EX 90	VG 88	1
GENE COUNTESS ACCORA	PRIDES	8	EX 90	VG 87	3
WESTLANDS LEGAL FLEDGLING	WESTLANDS	4	EX 90	VG 87	1
PRIDES GJ BLANDISH	PRIDES	8	EX 90	EX 93	1
ANSOM CASINO SYBILINE	ANSOM	3	EX 90	EX 92	1
COTTAGE ZLAGER 24 SNOWDROP	COTTAGE	4	EX 90	EX 92	1
ANSOM CHROME LACE	ANSOM	6	EX 90	EX 91	1
ANSOM HIHL CYBORG	ANSOM	3	EX 90	EX 91	1
ANSOM JOCKO ZILLA	ANSOM	3	EX 90	EX 91	1
COTTAGE HITMAN 39 MARGUERITE	COTTAGE	3	EX 90	EX 91	1
DAY DREAM 331	ELITE	3	EX 90	EX 91	1
ITASKAS FILLPAIL ANSWER	ELITE	3	EX 90	EX 91	1
NATALIES COLTON QUEEN	ELITE	6	EX 90	EX 91	2
PRIDES CASINO REAL SYBIL	PRIDES	3	EX 90	EX 91	1
PRIDES MATT ISIS	PRIDES	3	EX 90	EX 91	1
PRIDES MATT NOBELINA	PRIDES	4	EX 90	EX 91	1
PRIDES QUINTANA PALE BLANDISH	PRIDES	4	EX 90	EX 91	1
SUPREME VEDAS POLLY	ELITE	3	EX 90	EX 91	1
WESTLANDS RODME CHRISTMAS SYBIL	WESTLANDS	4	EX 90	EX 91	2
ANSOM CRAZEY SPECIAL SYBIL	ANSOM	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
ANSOM CYBERIA SYBILINE	ANSOM	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
ANSOM CYRIL DUCHESS	ANSOM	5	EX 90	EX 90	1
ANSOM MATT FLORETTE	ANSOM	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
ANSOM MAY CHARM	ANSOM	5	EX 90	EX 90	1
COTTAGE JUDO 113 STRIPEY IBEN	COTTAGE	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
COTTAGE PLAN 12 NOBLESSE	COTTAGE	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
COTTAGE PLAN BONNET	COTTAGE	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
ITASKAS FILLPAIL ALI	ELITE	6	EX 90	EX 90	3
PRIDES DAZZLER ISADORA	PRIDES	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
PRIDES JOEL ISIS	PRIDES	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
PRIDES MATT BLUEWEN	PRIDES	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
ROSELAND BARNABAS BREEZE	ROSELAND	4	EX 90	EX 90	1

ROSELAND FASCINATION EXFORD	ROSELAND	5	EX 90	EX 90	1
ROSELAND GARANT DUCHESS	ROSELAND	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
ROSELAND JADE STORM	ROSELAND	4	EX 90	EX 90	1
SUPREME VEDAS CASSIS	ELITE	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
WESTLANDS CASINO BUTTERCUP	WESTLANDS	4	EX 90	EX 90	1
WESTLANDS VIVALDI LEGACY 2	WESTLANDS	3	EX 90	EX 90	1
WOODLANDS JULIETTES DANISH DREAM	WOODLANDS	9	EX 90	EX 90	1

Profitability Lifetime Index

Another measure our breeders can use to understand an animal's potential is Profitable Lifetime Index (£PLI). The £PLI indicates the additional profit that a daughter of a high £PLI bull is expected to earn over her lifetime, compared with a daughter sired by an average bull with a £PLI of zero. Although milk production accounts for over a third of the £PLI, the remaining two-thirds comprise health, fertility, survival and efficiency traits. The table below lists the Islands Top 10 £PLI Cows and Youngstock (Recorded Feb'25)

	Top £PLI Cows	Holding	DOB	£PLI	Pedigree
1	Woodlands Dandi Winsome	Woodlands	23/05/2021	389	Dandi x Vivaldi
2	Prides Casino Dusk	Lodge Farm	18/05/2021	372	Casino x Chrome
3	Westlands Chief Sybil	Westlands	05/11/2021	363	Chief x Chrome
4	Woodlands Dandi Twinkle	Woodlands	09/09/2021	362	Dandi x Joel
5	Woodlands Choko Regal Polly	Woodlands	12/10/2021	340	Choko x Valentino
=6	Woodlands Dandi Winsome	Woodlands	19/07/2021	339	Dandi x Dignitary
=6	Westlands Gislev Goldeye 2	Westlands	09/10/2021	339	Gislev x Casino
8	Hauteville Chrome Winsome Rainbow	Woodlands	11/07/2021	336	Chrome x Garant
9	Le Patois Hays Hustler	La Ferme	23/05/2021	332	Hays x Cyril
10	Ansom Chrome Cyberex	La Ferme	12/12/2022	326	Chrome x Hitman

	Top £PLI Youngstock	Holding	DOB	£PLI	Pedigree
1	Ansom JoJo Maude	La Ferme	24/07/2024	389	JoJo x Casino
2	Ansom JoJo Cacti	La Ferme	28/08/2024	380	JoJo x Casino
3	Ansom JoJo Lace	La Ferme	30/08/2024	364	JoJo x Casino
4	Ansom JoJo Queen	La Ferme	21/01/2025	357	JoJo x Gislev
5	Trinity JoJo Lupin	Trinity Manor	27/10/2023	355	JoJo x Victorious
6	Ansom JoJos Bangle	La Ferme	21/11/2024	350	JoJo x Craze
7	Ansom JoJo Bayi Anemone	La Ferme	21/12/2024	349	JoJo x Casino
8	Ansom Hays Crown	La Ferme	20/12/2024	345	Hays x Gutz
9	Woodlands JoJo Polly	Woodlands	21/05/2024	340	JoJo x Victorious
10	Trinity JoJo Biscuit	Trinity Manor	11/01/2025	338	JoJo x Lemonhead

A2A2 Milk – Testing Programme Update:

A bit of background and to put into context the opportunity for A2 Milk; about 95 per cent of the protein component in cow's milk is made up of two types: caseins and whey proteins. Beta-caseins are the second most abundant protein in cows' milk and normal milk contains both A1 and A2 protein, whereas A2 milk has only the A2A2 version of the protein. There is circumstantial evidence that some people are more inclined to experience digestive issues with milk that contains A1 beta-caseins but do not experience these issues with milk only containing A2 beta-casein.

The Jersey Milk Marketing Board believe that in time consumers will become more aware of the differences between A2 milk and A1 milk and demand for it will increase. The premium pricing of A2-milk in existing markets would suggest that there may be an opportunity for Jersey Dairy to enhance its offering to include premium A2 Jersey milk and other products.

Back in 2019 the society received a grant from the Howard Davis Farm Trust to fund a testing programme allowing the DNA testing of all cows and heifers in Jersey. In 2020 a new rule of supply was introduced requiring all farms to only breed replacement heifers from bulls that are tested as being A2A2. Initial testing of the herds confirmed that the total Island's Jersey breed population had a confirmed A2A2 status of 61%, fast forward 5 years and encouragingly it now sits at 80%, with nearer 90% of new calves born being A2A2.

Annual Awards:

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 2024 were therefore completed between 01/10/22 and 30/09/23.

Title	Name	Owned by	Milk Kg	Fat %	Fat Kg	Prot. %	Prot. Kg	Points
Senior Champion	<i>Prides Chrome Bena</i>	P. M. Houze	10,466	6.27	656	3.81	399	2101
Reserve	<i>Prides Chrome Dusk</i>	P. M. Houze	9,620	6.77	652	3.77	362	1976
Junior Champion	<i>Westlands Casino Buttercup</i>	P. F. Le Maistre	10,230	5.39	551	3.97	406	1980
Reserve	Woodlands Branson lady Margarethe	C Le Boutillier	9,650	6.00	579	3.88	374	1918
Junior Members Champion	<i>Clover Izzys Chrome Zukam</i>	Miss I Hefford-McCutcheon	9,403	5.72	538	3.76	353	1831

Congratulations to all the winners across the producer classes and in particular to Paul Houze and senior champion *Prides Chrome Bena* (Sire: *River Valley CECE Chrome*) in securing the most points and winning overall champion producer.

Agricultural Department Trophies:

The Department held two cattle shows in the year, the Spring & Autumn Island Shows, held as part of the Society Spring & Autumn Fairs respectively and a summary of the main results of these can be found later in this report. The RJA&HS awards four 'points' trophies annually which reflect the success of competitors in these shows during the year.

Trophy	Criteria	Winner
Exhibitors Perpetual Championship Cup	Awarded to the most successful exhibitor during the year based on a system of points awarded at the Spring and Autumn cattle shows	<i>Winner: Les Augerez (127 point)</i> <i>Runner up: Westlands (114 points)</i>
Carol Ann de Gruchy Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the most successful exhibitor in the Junior Section during the year based on a system of points awarded at the Spring and Autumn cattle shows	<i>Miss Izzy Hefford McCutcheon</i>
Premier Sires Championship Cup	Awarded to the sire whose sons and daughters attain the highest number of points over the two Island Shows	<i>Chilli Action Colton ET</i>
Pioneer Trophy	Awarded to the sire whose group of five daughters attain the most points for production from qualifying lactations in the recording year	<i>River Valley CECE Chrome ET</i>

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 '23 to Sept '24 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	Lodge Farm	191	18	9	7747	6.15	3.64	401	758
2	Westlands Farm	201	29	13	7421	5.57	3.97	432	708
3	Woodlands Farm	232	28	11	7350	5.72	3.77	405	698
4	La Ferme	262	18	10	7352	5.66	3.73	379	691
=5	Cowley Farm	214	25	10	7347	5.56	3.82	397	690
=5	Trinity Manor	355	47	12	7396	5.47	3.86	386	690
7	Les Augerez	119	17	13	7085	5.28	3.77	410	641

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 elsewhere. 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

Horticulture Department Report 2024

Well, where did 2024 go, another very successful year for the Horticulture department with excellent support of all the Shows with some of the highest attendance figures and exhibitor numbers for many years plus a growing interest and entries in the various Garden competitions and our flourishing allotments.

In January and February, we held the annual Indoor Table Top Sales making use of both the Main and West Halls which allowed us to offer more tables resulting in 100 sold in January and 140 in February providing valuable additional funds for the department. Both events were a great success and very well attended.

The Spring, June, August and October Shows were a great success with the best of Jersey Horticulture on show, plus wonderful creativity and imagination shown by all exhibitors across all generations with the various themes at the Shows. The range of merchandise available from the trade stands and different types of activities and attractions to visitors and the cows of course at the June and October shows continue to make our Shows important community events in the Island calendar. The cake auctions at all four Shows were very well supported raising just shy of £2,500 for our chosen charities in 2024 - RNLI Jersey (March), JSPCA Animal's Shelter (June), Heartbeat House – Southampton (August) and Jersey Rescue Dogs (October).

Sadly, this year we lost two of our long standing and respected members; John Cunningham who loved to enter the Professional Flower Arranging Classes at the Shows and his garden in the Garden Competition and Enid De Gruchy who kindly donated the Winter De Gruchy Memorial Perpetual Trophy to the winner of the Display of Produce from the FJ Ahier Country Gardens at the August Show and loved attending to present it.

The Summer Garden competitions took place as usual with six Schools entering the Children's Primary and Nursery School competition in June and sixty-four entries in the All-Island Garden Competition in July – nine more than 2023.

Following the School competition, it was decided to review the rules for the competition and the judging criteria to streamline the judging process for 2025. It was agreed that there should be two classes Primary and Nursery, this is that a number of the trophies have been redesignated. Small amendments have also been made to the Garden Competition Rules and a new Field class added to be either private or commercial.

The judges for both these competitions thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were very impressed with the high standards on show and the knowledge and dedication shown by the exhibitors in the creation of such wonderful gardens, judging took place over three and a half days for the Island competition. Prizes were presented at the end of July with a power point presentation of the photographs taken during the judging and compiled by the sponsors – Ransoms Garden Centre.

The F J Ahier Country Gardens continue to flourish and mature thanks to the hard graft and dedication of all plot holders. Following the installation of the new tool stores in 2023, the Committee took the opportunity to review and amend the Licence Conditions to include how the tool stores are to be maintained and, in the Autumn, we agreed that all the tool stores were to be painted forest green and to be painted before the end of the year. The Society purchased 60 2.5 litre cans of wood preserver at a discounted price of £8 from Normans using our member's discount. Each plot holder was supplied with a can of wood preserver and all tool stores were

painted by the end of the year. We still have a waiting list for plots inspite of new sites being created across the Island, which is very encouraging.

The annual Anniversary Day took place on Saturday 31st August, all members of the Society were invited, it was very well attended with many bringing a fantastic range of home-made cakes.

The Department is also very appreciative of all the hard work and dedication provided by Kevin Roberts in maintaining the grass and hedges, and pest control at the Country Gardens.

In September/early October the exterior of La Loge Pernelle cottage was painted with the store adjacent to the cottage to be painted in the Spring/Early Summer 2025.

In October - Kevin Forty from Giant Veg gave a brilliant and very entertaining presentation about growing Giant Veg. Kevin is a great supporter of the Society and his continued sponsorship of the prizes in the Heaviest & Longest Fruit & Veg classes is very much appreciated. Kevin was also the judge for the Vegetable and Heaviest & Longest classes at the Autumn Show. Kevin really enjoyed his time on the Island and left with two large boxes containing the two-tier decorated Christmas cake that he purchased at the cake auction.

The year culminated with our Christmas Lunch and Annual Prize Giving at St Brelade's Bay Hotel in early December. As in previous years the Hotel did us proud with a wonderful Christmas lunch followed by the presentation of trophies and awards to all the winners from the October Show and points totals from all Shows in 2024.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the members of the Horticulture Committee for their continued support during the last year, to Jerry Neil - Treasurer for managing our finances. A very special thank you to Rachelle Robinson - Horticultural Secretary for all the hard work, dedication, and support that she provides behind the scenes ensuring the success of all the Shows, competitions and activities of the Department and Society as a whole. The success of all the events held throughout the year is very much dependent on all those that give of their time freely, those that judge, steward, and scribe, plus the army of volunteers that help to setup and take down the shows, to Neil Fauvel and Roy Le Brun who put up all the signs across the Island guiding visitors to the Showground – what fantastic team work from you all.

Thank you to all Members of the Society for your support that you continue to give to all our Shows and Events, we look forward to a fantastic 2025.

Martin Preisig

Horticultural Chairman