



General Report of the Agricultural Department 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.
- 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 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	36	792	15	398	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	25
2018	115	31	618	5.4	13	26
2019	109	24	618	5.7	15	23
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 bull	% 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	71	8.4	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	Number Of 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	<i>Westlands Lix Oxford Gail</i>	P F Le Maistre	9,901	6.46	640	4.19	415	2,045
Reserve	<i>Prides latola Sadie</i>	P M Houzé	9,641	6.83	658	3.82	369	1,991
Junior Champion	<i>Woodlands Jane Coltess</i>	R H Le Boutillier	9,129	6.01	549	4.21	384	1,846
Reserve	<i>Ansom Chrome Showsybil</i>	La Ferme Ltd	9,105	5.57	507	3.93	358	1,776
Junior Members Champion	<i>Gene Countess Brandie</i>	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.

Autumn Cattle Show – 2nd & 3rd October:

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 proceedings 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 CJCC 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 turnout 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 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 COMERICA 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 CJCC 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 CJCC 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 CJCC ET
Exhibitor Bred Champion	J F Le Feuvre	ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	GUIMO JOEL CJCC 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 CJCC
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

On Farm Challenge

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, 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 held 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 – Heifer 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 CJCC*

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 stop for being the '**best uddered cow in the class, with a mammary system which blew the class out the water**'. 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.

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 '20 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	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:

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

With the opening of the Island's borders later in the year enabled the Society to successfully coordinate the movement of 3 consignments of cattle off the island to the UK. The first load went in July, made up of both milking stock and heifers, to a Jersey breeder up in Cheshire. The second load travelled to Wales to a heifer rearing unit, and finally in September 7 bulls were exported to the UK Sire Services semen collection centre, as part of the Jersey Overseas Aid breeding programme in Africa.

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.

Wednesday Club

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.

Jane Harvey
Agricultural Department

Management of the Royal Jersey 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 end of 2020 the showground was approached by The Bailiff's office. The Royale Courts proposed a move to the RJA&HS due to them not being able to socially distance during 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' quarters. 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 courts 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 luck 500 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 the 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 cancelation of a few larger events at the tail end of 2021 we were able to accommodate The Green Room 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!

David Cottrell
Events and Facilities Manager

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