

**THE SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY  
HERD COMPETITION RESULTS 2019**

**SMALL HERDS COMPETITION – Judges P. Masters & J. Howard**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr. R. Killingbeck	Harts Herd	1950 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	S.J. & J.E. Mulleneux	Holbeamwood Herd	1940 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. S. Bish	Saxonhurst Herd	1935 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. S.E. Watts	Montgomery's Herd	1910 Points

**Best Stock Bull in Class:** Best bull: Coopers Regent 1<sup>st</sup> at the Mrs. Moorhead's Lily Vale Herd

**Best cow and calf in Class:** Isfield Place Koskimo 6<sup>th</sup> at the Mr. R. Denyer's Shepden Herd

**Herne Valley Rose Bowl for the highest place novice entrant in the Herd Competition:**  
Mr. R. Killingbeck.

**Judges' General Comment**

We were pleased that the number of entries had risen considerably since last year and we were able to see cattle kept under a range of different management systems all looking well, many a little too well, on this summer of good grass.

There was little to choose between the top four herds. All had good strong cows but will need to be very selective about heifer replacements to ensure their already good herds continue to improve. The other herds were in the main "work in progress". It was very encouraging that these owners had a clear understanding of their shortcomings, what needed to be done to improve their herds and how they intended to get there. We look forward to seeing these again next year to see how the plans are progressing.

Many of the herds had older cows / cross bred of poorer quality than the pure Sussex, these were letting the side down and perhaps should be culled.

We saw some wonderful countryside, fantastic views and would like to thank everyone who entered and so enthusiastically showed us round their farms.

**INTERMEDIATE HERDS COMPETITION – Judges P.J. Holdstock & J. Thompson**

1 <sup>st</sup>	L. Stevens & Sons	Boxted Herd	1900 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Buchanan Family	Black Ven Herd	1880 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Augustinian Care	Augustinian Herd	1870 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. C. Bishop	Spratsbourne Herd	1830 Points

**Best Stock Bull in Class:** Petworth Regent 16<sup>th</sup> at the Augustinian Herd

**Best cow and calf in Class:** Sproutes Gentian 1<sup>st</sup> at the Sproutes Herd

**Judges' General Comment**

Jordan and I want to thank all the herds visited for their hospitality and being so flexible on time allowing us to do all the visits in two long days. Most farms had more grass in front of the cows than previously and the cows were looking very well. It was pleasing to see all the herds looking forward

and to improve even with the great worry of Brexit hanging over us all. Finding good young bulls is still probably the major concern. Selecting the bull and cow of the competition proved testing even after we had found them in their respective groups.

**LARGE HERDS COMPETITION – Judges M.G. Hickman & A. Hoad**

1 <sup>st</sup>	E.H. Holdstock & Son	Elbridge Herd	1990 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr. D.A. Innes	Titsey Herd	1800 Points

**Best Stock Bull in Class:** Elbridge Poll Captain at the Elbridge Herd

**Best cow and calf in Class:** Titsey Fuschia 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Titsey Herd

**Judges' General Comment**

Thanks to the owners and stockmen for their time to show myself and Andrew around their herds and for the excellent lunches.

Only two entries this year, day one was the trip to Holdstock's on the hottest day of the year!

Cows overall this year in good condition, saw excellent stock bulls and young bulls with a promising future in Sussex herds.

The yearlings seen were excellent as well.

**TRADITIONAL HERDS COMPETITION – Judges M.G. Hickman & A. Hoad**

1st	The Earl De La Warr	Buckhurst Herd	Points
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**Best Stock Bull in Class:** Buckhurst General