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Notices for members

URGENT: Breed Journal 2025
 The next edition of the BWCS Breed Journal is in production, and members may submit their adverts and articles **no later than 31 Dec '24**. All members' advert prices listed will be subject to VAT:
 Full page £80
 Half page £48
 Quarter page £28

Official BWCS Calendar 2025
 Featuring fantastic photos sent in by members, the BWCS Calendar for 2025 is on sale now!
A3 (open size), wall-hanging
 Priced at £7 each or 3 for £20
 Contact BWCS to purchase

Type Classification
 To book a Type Classification appointment for your herd, contact Jackie Clark at NBDC.
01923 695208 jackieclark@nbdc.uk
 To find out more about Linear Assessment, see our website:
www.britishwhitecattle.co.uk/type-classification

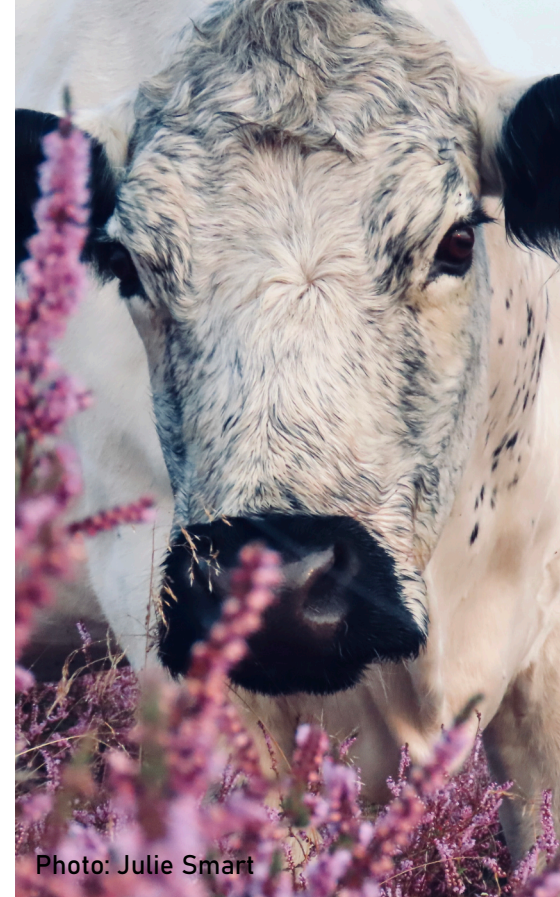


Photo: Julie Smart

End of year tidy: Grassroots Online Herd Record

Keep your herd record up to date in the Grassroots Online database by checking that you have completed all of the following animal information:

- Births
- Deaths
- Castrates
- Transfers

Making sure that your record is up to date will help us to complete accurate breed analysis used to determine population size, kinship, and much more, so please take a few minutes to check yours!

Grassroots Online Login Page > <https://breeds.grassroots.co.uk/BRWH>



A photo gallery from the day can be found on the BWCS website!

2024 AGM visits The Newt in Somerset



Always a highlight of the BWCS calendar and attended this year in large number, the Annual General Meeting travelled down to Somerset on Saturday 5 October, convening at the on-farm butchery and food production complex at Avalon Farm near Castle Cary, the site having been newly developed by working country estate and BWCS members The Newt in Somerset.



A productive meeting was made all the better for having over 70 breed enthusiasts gathered together from far and wide, with much to see and learn from such an impressive venue. Annual presentations were made, and members were treated to a delicious barbecue of home-grown, pulled British White beef rolls before being taken on a farm tour to view the Emily herd.

Comprising around 180 breeding females plus stock bulls, followers and finishing stock, this herd is the largest collection of British White cattle in the UK, thoroughly thriving and producing superb beef from grass, whilst also providing a uniquely beautiful attraction for visitors to the estate.

The Society is grateful to Farm Manager Cameron Knee and the team at The Newt In Somerset for taking the time to make the day so interesting and informative, and to all the members who came along to learn and share their input at the meeting, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



NATIONAL BWCS AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED



National Herd Competition

Kindly judged and presented by Mark Kennett, Cadarn Herd



Randolph Turpin Trophy, Best Herd
Winner: K & RP Harding, Templar

Best Medium Herd
Winner: K & RP Harding, Templar
Runner Up: C Lovén, Rosalind

Best Large Herd
Winner: P Pennington, Oldington
Runner Up: The Newt In Somerset, Emily



Enterprise Trophy
Winner: RH Farms, Woodbastwick
Runner Up: E J Gibson, Moorland



Best New Herd
Winner: Norfolk Wildlife Trust, NWT Hovering
Runner Up: L Eyre, Diskin

Best Small Herd
Winner: J & K Allen, Dupree
Runner Up: J Cartwright, Swillington



Best Stock Bull
Castleton Ken, the Wright family

Show Points Trophies

Kindly presented by Executive Committee Chairman Henry Cator
For animals gaining the most points at shows throughout the 2024 season



Junior Heifer of the Year
Tollesbury Tahiti, bred and exhibited by Vivien St Joseph



Cow of the Year
Tismans Peony, bred by S Trafford, exhibited by C & K Davis



Senior Heifer of the Year
Amaroo Pommery, bred and exhibited by Ruhi Pugh



Bull of the Year
Tollesbury Pythagoras, exhib. by breeder V St Joseph and new owners C & K Davis



SOCIETY AUTUMN SALES ROUNDUP: MELTON MOWBRAY & WELSHPOOL

British Whites reach top price of 3,000gns at Melton Mowbray Autumn Show & Sale

Topping the cattle section at Melton Mowbray's annual Traditional & Native Breeds Show & Sale on 14 September was the 2017-born British White cow Albany Oklahoma (VG87) from L Cook, Cambridge, selling for 3,000gns to Lucy Eyre, Welshpool. Sold with her 4-month-old red-pointed heifer calf Albany Ochre (R) at foot, this cow is sired by Dadley Rotavator and makes the trip across to Wales to join Dr Eyre's Diskin herd.

Selling at 1,850gns was another cow and calf outfit, the superb 10-year-old Stoke Golding Matilda (EX92) with her registered bull calf Woodfield Excalibur at foot sold by James Osborne, Stourbridge, was purchased by James Brain & Libby McGinn for their Lordswood herd, based in Stratford upon Avon.

Highest-priced heifer on the day was the tremendous 2022-born in-calf heifer Nidderdale Harmony bred by Andrew Fisher, Harrogate, which sold for 1,750gns to farm shop beef producer Mr Carr, also based in North Yorkshire. Mr Carr also picked

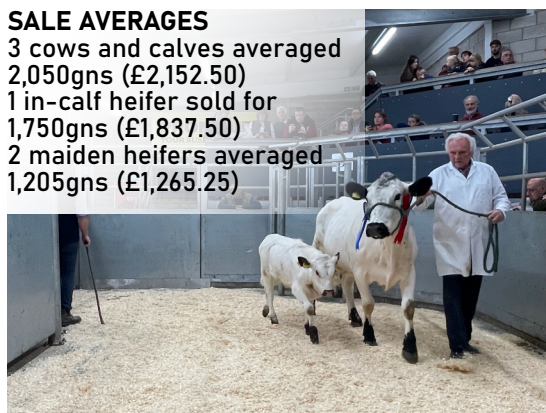
up two further lots: 3-year-old first-calver Swarkestone Vera with her heifer calf Swarkestone Violet 2 at foot, bred and sold by RW & SL Lucas for 1,300gns, and yearling heifer Moorland Florence from Dr EJ Gibson for 910gns.

Local breeders K & RP Harding achieved the top yearling heifer price of 1,500gns for the homebred maiden Templar Nectarine 221 which was purchased by Mark Turney, Northampton, following her being awarded the Breed Championship in the previous day's showing.

The British White Cattle Society wishes to thank all of our vendors, buyers, and underbidders, Scott Ruck and the team at Melton Mowbray Market for their hard work in organising the sale, as well as auctioneer Clive Roads for his expertise on the day.

SALE AVERAGES

3 cows and calves averaged 2,050gns (£2,152.50)
1 in-calf heifer sold for 1,750gns (£1,837.50)
2 maiden heifers averaged 1,205gns (£1,265.25)



Maiden heifers sell to 1,150gns for Cadarn herd at Welshpool

Held at Welshpool Market on Saturday 21 September, the breeding section of this Society-supported Autumn Sale saw two strong packets of very smart maiden heifers from the Oldington and Cadarn herds bought somewhat modestly for the prevailing quality on offer.

Topping the female lots was the March '23-born Cadarn Starburst from M Kennett, Ceredigion, selling for 1,150gns (£1,207) to the Pennington family, Bridgnorth. Sired by Amaroo Pear Drop and out of Cadarn Silver Lady (VG88), this well-grown heifer finds a new home in the Oldington herd just across the border into Shropshire.

Picking up two good 2023-born heifers for his Waun Wern herd was M Jones, Llanpumpsaint, who purchased another Amaroo Pear Drop daughter Cadarn Sorbet for 1,000gns, along with Oldington Tina Turner - sired by Templar Jethro (VG86) - for 800gns. Two more Cadarn heifers - Manyana and Pea Soup - reached 750 and 730gns respectively, both superb weaned calves at just under 10 months of



age and as strong as the rest of the pen, selling to D & E Davies, Oswestry.

The store cattle section met a good trade, with the heaviest of four pure and crossbred British White yearling steers from A Hamilton, Carmarthen, selling to 1,220gns (£1,281) and the pen averaging £1,084/head.

Thanks go to the team at Welshpool Livestock Sales for their hard work and expertise, to the breeders for turning out a strong showing of what the breed has to offer, and to the buyers for supporting them.

SALE AVERAGES

11 maiden heifers averaged 790gns (£830)
4 steers averaged 1,032gns (£1,084)

Farming grants made easy with Just Farm

The RPA and farming grant schemes can seem like a minefield, with over 120 SFI options in addition to Capital Grants and Stewardship possibilities, depending on a farm's size and operation model.

Whilst an important part of farming life, grants can be time consuming and complicated undertakings, with a multitude of options available for those looking to diversify. This is where Just Farm can lend a hand. As England's go-to grant specialist, Just Farm helps farmers and landowners navigate the complicated and ever-changing world of agricultural subsidies and grants, with each bespoke journey tailored to a farm's unique structure and desired results.

While the Higher Tier scheme is no longer open, the new version is expected to open in Spring 2025, with further details expected in December. The Rare Breed Supplements are now available through the non-competitive Sustainable Farming Incentive at different stocking rates.

For more information on how Just Farm can help you navigate all RPA and farming grants, including SFI, Capital Grants and Stewardship, please contact info@justfarm.co.uk or call 01451 828108.



Case Study: George Kershaw

New British White cattle keeper George Kershaw came to Just Farm, following involvement in a farmer cluster facilitation fund, interested in how stewardship could benefit his farm. He instructed Just Farm to tailor an approach which would not only benefit the landscape, but also reap the most revenue from the grant system. As a forward-thinking farmer, he was interested in creating a long-term grant solution, bringing his operation into a more positive position for the generations to come, whilst maintaining the farm's focus toward grassland management.

Following a discovery meeting on farm with the Just Farm team, a bespoke journey was created, to include maximising the output from the farm's grassland and woodland pasture. Up until 2023, George kept up to 500 ewes and had maximised diversification options such as solar panel and wood chip boiler installation where possible, but with the withdrawal of BPS, he decided a change of strategy was required.

With Just Farm's help, George joined the Countryside Stewardship scheme on Higher Tier to create woodland pasture, thus maximising the key part of the new scheme, the SP8 supplement encouraging the introduction of 'native breeds at risk' stock. British White was George's breed of choice, fulfilling the scheme's requirements whilst ensuring low grazing intensity and pasture restoration.

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CATTLE FOR SALE

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ELGANY HERD Genuine reduction sale of 8 homebred British White heifers, 3 PD'd in calf and 5 maiden.
Mervyn Forster, West Midlands
07856 735972
mervynforster@hotmail.co.uk

WISPERS HERD Heifer calf Wispers Periwinkle, born April 2024, will be available at weaning this autumn/winter. TB4.
Christabel Barran, West Sussex
01428 741387

MIDSUMMER MEADOWS HERD Four homebred heifers, all born September 2023, one sired by Woodbastwick Davidoff and three by Midsummer Meadows Horace. BVD Free Herd.
Peter & Angela Cooke, Hereford
01568 760630
angelacooke91@btinternet.com

DUPREE HERD 6-year-old gentle bull Tollesbury Moonstone (EX92) will be available mid-October. He has happily overwintered on our grass-fed only system for the last two winters. Very respectful of electric fencing and a pleasure to work with. We are Pasture for Life certified and will complete our Organic conversion on 1 Dec.
James Allen, Wilts
07774 700766
james@greatcotmarshfarm.co.uk

WOODFIELD HERD Stock bull Castleton Iolo (EX92), born Oct 2019, has produced strong calves at Woodfield and is now needing to move on due to his first daughters coming into the breeding herd.
J & M Osborne, West Midlands
07882 726098 (James)
07860 946688 (Martin)
fcosborneandson@gmail.com



CASTLETON IOLO (EX92)



TOLLESBURY MOONSTONE (EX92)

BULBY HERD Homebred bull Bulby Holm Oak born July 2022, has passed Society inspection and is ready to go to work.
Sue Bevan, Lincs 07791 976044
susanbevan@btinternet.com



BULBY HOLM OAK

FROMUS HERD Bull Fromus Black Thorn, born Oct 2022 and sired by Woodbastwick Drakkar (EX92). Shown at both the South Suffolk and Royal Norfolk shows in 2024, Black Thorn is well-handled and is ready to go to work.
Phil Baskett, Suffolk 07908 925856
philbaskett@btinternet.com



FROMUS BLACK THORN

STOKE GOLDING HERD DISPERSAL Cows and heifers of various ages available from the Stoke Golding herd, now being dispersed due to retirement.
John Haines, Warwickshire
01455 212259

TISMANS HERD Stock bull Albany Outlaw, born 2020, Quiet, halter trained, we have used him for three years and he has bred us some fabulous calves. Running with our cows for the final time before we bring some of his daughters into the breeding herd. Would consider either sale or swap for the right bull. Blood tested, TB4 area.
Stephie Trafford, West Sussex
07770 476858
stephietraff@gmail.com



ALBANY OUTLAW

PIMHILL HERD Smart bulling heifer Pimhill Delilah, born 2022, sired by Tollesbury Sir Percival.
Contact Ginny Mayall, Shrops
07793 365520 ginny@pimhill.com

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Published each Spring, the BWCS Breed Journal gives an overview of the previous year, from Society news to breeder profiles, event reports to herd adverts, plus plenty more!

Contribute to the 2025 edition by submitting all content before the **deadline of 31 December 2024**

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