

ACW Breed Society's Trustees Report for the year 2024-25

It is with great pleasure that we, the Trustees of the Ancient Cattle of Wales Breed Society (hereinafter referred to as 'the Society'), present the Ancient Cattle of Wales Breed Society's Trustees report for the year 2024-25.

Following the successful application for charitable status, the focus of the Society has been on developing and delivering its objectives. These are as follows:

I. To raise awareness of the existence and value of the old coloured Welsh cattle

○ RBST:

The Trustees are pleased to report on the success of the application to the Rare Breeds Survival Trust. This marks a significant milestone in the development of the Society. Through partnership with the RBST a range of opportunities will now become available. Notably the collection of registered bull semen for storage and future availability to ACW members with breeding herds.

○ Events and media:

The Society has undertaken and been involved in a number of public events, most notably the Royal Welsh Spring Festival. The Society stand had examples of the breed on display, with members engaging with the public across the weekend. Interviews in local and national media have taken place, in which the breed's strengths in supporting the multifunctional landscape in which we farm, as well as its special relationship with Welsh history and culture were highlighted. The work of the Society and its role in promoting and preserving the breed has also been featured in local and national press releases.

- **Creation of Herd Book:**

The Trustees are aware that there has not been a herd book for the ACW society since the Society's inception. The Trustees believe that the reintroduction of an up to date herd book would be invaluable for members and supporters alike and would help in the promotion of the breed. It should be noted that a kind benefactor has offered financial support to help realise this ambition. This objective will be progressed in the coming year.

- **Membership:**

We have been pleased to see a slow but steady increase in new members joining the Society. More work needs to be done to increase memberships with an emphasis on making it easier to join. With this in mind, the Society has begun discussions on the development of an online membership form. Further discussions will take place in the coming year

II. To conserve the colour varieties by registering appropriate cattle

- **Grassroots on-line registration system:**

The benefits of working with the Grassroots system have come to the fore this year. The Society secretary has worked with the Chair to add animals and breeders who were missing off the system, and all the data have been cleaned and are now listed correctly. It was invaluable for the application to the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST), where the bloodlines could be traced for a very large number of animals, proving their heritage and generations of breeding. The Trustees extend their gratitude to all on the Committee for the immense work undertaken to achieve this success.

- **Collection of Semen:**

The ACW society with the full backing and support of the RBST has identified a number of registered bulls which meet the Society's criteria.

With the permission of the bulls' owners, RBST and the Society are in the process of collecting semen for future use and to preserve bloodlines. The hope is that this will allow smaller herds to access a wider range of semen for AI and permit for a more focused breeding programme.

- **Cattle numbers:**

The number of animals registered with the Society remains stubbornly low. The Society is tackling this challenge by working with key breeders and owners (old and new) to develop the breeding programme. Through their cooperation we expect that these numbers will start to slowly increase in the coming years. RBST will play a significant role in helping the Society to develop and progress this objective.

III. create a specialist market for the ancient cattle of Wales

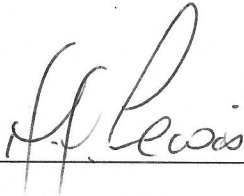
- **UK National Breed at Risk register (NBAR) listing:**

With the successful attainment of RBST status the Trustees are committed to progressing the breeds claim for NBAR status with DEFRA. The NBAR register is a list of UK breeds that are identified as at risk or vulnerable to extinction. In England, breeds listed on the NBAR list are eligible for supplements via the Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes. Support for native breeds remains under consideration for inclusion in the Welsh Government's Sustainable Farming Scheme.

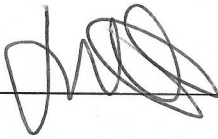
ACW Breed Society Finances:

The financial footing of the Society has remained solid with little difference between our incomings and outgoings. The audited financial report to the date to the period ending the 19th July 2025 does show a drop in bank funds to £618.40 from £864.78, a loss of £246.38. However, it should be noted that the audit date has been brought forward to allow for sufficient scrutiny prior to the AGM, now that we are a charity. It should be noted as of the 9th of September 2025 the ACW Society bank statement stands at £797.40. Trustees are beginning work on the development of a robust risk management process, with associated funding strategies. This will be progressed in the coming year and will serve to keep the Society in positive credit with sufficient reserves.

We, as Trustees, extend our gratitude and thanks to all members and supporters for your invaluable support and to the ACW breeders for your conscientious work in keeping this historic and important breed alive. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the ACW committee.

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Chair of ACW Breed Society

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ACW Breed Society Trustee

Ancient Cattle of Wales Society
Receipts and Payments Account For The
Period Ended 19th July 2025

Income:

Membership	£240.00
Cattle Registrations	£ 48.00
Fund raising and merchandise	£ 24.50
	<u>£312.50</u>

Less Expenses:

Grassroots Costs	£405.00
Website Costs	£ 97.92
Bank Charges	£ 55.96
	<u>£558.88</u>

Excess of Expenses over Income	<u>£246.38</u>
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Current Assets:

Bank Account	£618.40
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Financed by:

Brought forward from last Audit	£864.78
Excess of Expenses over Income	£246.38
	£618.40

Checked and Reviewed

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Date

10/9/25

Chairman: P. Lewis

Trustee J M Davies