HECKINGTON AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Report 2020

The 2020 Virtual Heckington Show

Registered Charity No: 1108829
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Ray Bell who passed away in 2020

Ray was involved with cycling at Heckington Show both as a competitor and Secretary for over 50 years

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR HECKINGTON & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

It may seem slightly unusual providing a report in a year when the unprecedented global pandemic made it impossible to have our usual show. However there are some important aspects to report.

Firstly, an enormous amount of effort and nervous energy was put in by the officers to making sure that we could have a show if it was safe to do so. When Covid hit the UK in March, there were already reports of the pandemic easing in China which left open the prospect of the UK being clear in the 4-5 months until our show. The feelings of isolation and anxiety generated by the lockdown would have made the show and its opportunity to celebrate as a community more precious than ever, but by mid-May it became clear that this would not be possible. The difficult but correct decision was taken to cancel the 2020 event.

Conscious of the importance of the show to the village and wider community especially in these challenging times, we looked at what could be done safely and mainly on-line. We were able to hold a horticulture show on-line, and the limited classes did not limit enthusiasm. In the village, the decorated house competition was as popular as ever, and gave the village a welcome lift in spirits. We were also able to function on a wider stage. The Heritage team, put on a wonderful virtual heritage tent on our website, and we were delighted to be able to support the Lincoln Longwool Sheepbreeders Association with their annual Heckington sale, which is so important to the breeding programme of Britain's rarest Longwool breed.

"We love our family days out at Heckington Show and will really miss going this year"

"We got together yesterday to have a socially distanced beer in the garden because we couldn't let this weekend go by without marking our annual visit to the Heckington Show."

"Really missed the show this year"

"I've never hidden the fact that I absolutely love Heckington Show. You, the committee, the army of helpers, the volunteers, the loyal and dedicated supporters, you make it the great event that it is. The friendly feel, and sense of real community spirit is always evident. These difficult times are testing us as a nation, but I know that you as a village will stick together and pull through strongly. We can't wait to see you all again in 2021. Take care everybody ❤️ "

"...Maureen and I will miss it and meeting up with with all the friends we have made in the many years that I have been proud to be the show's farrier."

Above: Messages received via Facebook

We were very appreciative of the support we received across the County, with a 25 page feature in Lincolnshire Life magazine, and two days of Heckington Show themed programming on Radio Lincolnshire. Some of the sound effects were so good you almost felt the show was actually happening.

Cover of Lincolnshire Life Magazine

We have also been working for the future. We are delighted the showground owners are investing in upgrading the deep drainage of the show field, and repairing and re-seeding the new field, and worked with them to ensure it was as thorough as possible.

Finally, even in a year when there has been no show the vital importance of the volunteer team that make the show happen made itself felt. Most other shows of our scale have suffered severe financial challenges as they have struggled to meet salaries and fixed costs with little or no income. The fact that we are all volunteers avoided that problem completely and showed once again the strength of our voluntary team and ethos.

At this point it is appropriate to mention our supporters who are no longer with us, and particularly Gwen Atkinson who passed away this year having worked so hard as membership secretary and part of the horticulture team for many years, and Ray Bell who had a lifetime's involvement with the cycling at the show and did much to make it the outstanding event that it is.

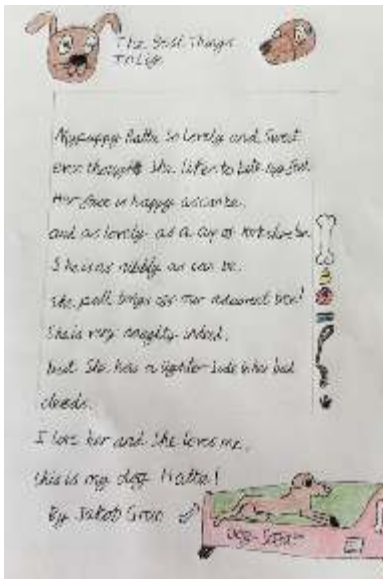
In conclusion, once again we have risen to the challenges presented to us and I would like to record my thanks to all who have contributed to the Society and look forward to the time when we can work together to put on another wonderful Heckington Show.

Charles Pinchbeck

Gwen Atkinson during judging of the Horticulture entries

The 2020 Virtual Heckington Show

Karen Coleman-Smith



Jakob Grun

Geoff Stead

Keri King

Leonard Bridge

Janet Turner-Harrison

Lotta Clark

The Winners!

Izzabella McGauley

May Denchfield

Anastasia Corbould

Heidi Collins

The Ballad of Lockdown Larry

I had great plans for 2020
It was going to be my year,
The year I started getting fit
And cut down on the beer.

The year I bought myself a bike
And rode down country lanes,
Working on my fitness goals
Despite the aches and pains.

I didn't start in January,
That seemed a bit too soon.
There's not much fun in cycling
On a cold, wet afternoon.

February came and went.
Well, it is the shortest month
And soon it was the start of March
For rhyme's sake – March the 23rd.

So, March it was to start my quest
To make my body fitter
After one last visit to the Nags
For a few last pints of bitter.

I searched online for fitness gear
Some trainers and a bike,
It took 3 weeks to view them all
And find the things I'd like.

But Argos had the one for me
The price was really knockdown,
Then Boris went on telly to
Announce the blooming' lockdown.

All shops were shut, the PM said,
We had to stay indoors.
But Boris knew we plucky Brits
Would rally to the cause.

We'd stay at home and ride it out
Each one would play our part,
We'd be alert if we went out
And keep six feet apart.

To work from home, I had to make
An office in my spare room,
For endless hours of staring at
My workmates via their Zoom.

But Boris said that we could have
An hour every day
To go outside and exercise.
My plan got underway.

My routine started really well
I was up at half past six.
Two hours of work were followed by
A workout with Joe Wicks.

Each afternoon I took a break
And walked around the fields.
I started feeling full of beans
And ate them at most meals.

My wife is not a patient one
She hates to wait in queue
So when she saw the crowds, she said
"The shopping's up to you".

She gave me lists of things to buy
But half the time I missed 'em.
I found it hard to navigate
The bloomin' Tesco one-way system.

Those first three weeks were very hot
I sweated like a trooper
And when I stood upon the scales
The feeling was just super.

My weight was down, so it was time
To give myself a cheer
And have a pizza, chips and rice.
With maybe just one beer.

My lockdown wife was baking bread,
Fudge brownies, ginger biscuits
The smell just wafted round the house
Well, how could I resist it?

The problems piled up after that
I started getting fatter.
I heard the brownies calling me
"Come on, one more won't matter".

Wicks' workouts were too hard for me
He's right out of my league,
I started feeling tired by lunch
They call it Zoom fatigue.

It's now July and half the year
Has passed and I'm no lighter.
I'll try again another time,
Guess I'm a quitter, not a fighter.

I've got great plans for 2021
It's sure to be my year.
But, for now, I'll isolate myself
With a crate of Corona beer.

David O'Brien

Ray & Melissa Hart

And just a few of the other entries ……

Made in Heckington with local redcurrants and honey!

COMPETITIONS

ART, CRAFT & POETRY

ANY AGE:

MY LOCKDOWN CRAFT PROJECT - A photo of your craft project, knitting, sewing, painting, etc

A POEM - "Life in Lockdown"

16 & UNDER:

4 DECORATED CUP CAKES.—A photo of your decorated cup cakes

A POEM - "The Best Things in Life

12 & UNDER:

MY DAILY WALK - A photo taken on your daily walk

8 & UNDER:

DECORATED SUNGLASSES - Photo of decorated sunglasses any medium

5 & UNDER:

COLOURING COMPETITION - Download from our website

GARDENS & ALLOTMENTS

ANY AGE:

MY 2020 GARDEN - A Photo of Your Garden

MY 2020 ALLOTMENT - A Photo of Your Allotment or Vegetable Patch

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE

OPEN TO HECKINGTON RESIDENTS ONLY

Decorate Your House!

The 2020 Virtual Show:

- 105 Entries
- 10 Categories
- 13 Winners

Trustees, Officers and Committee

Trustees: Mr C A Pinchbeck, Mrs J A Wright, Mrs S E Grant, Mr T M Atkinson, Mr M A Sardeson

Patron: The Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Mr Toby Dennis

President: Mr Alan Stennett, BEM

Vice Presidents: Dr M J Elliott, Mr R C Musson

Life Members:

Dr M J Elliott, H Frost, G Ireland, P Ireland, J D Kirk, R C Musson, R Pocklington, R A Hipworth, D Nickols, D Simpson, T Atkinson, P Gash, G Wright, Mrs R Nickols, I Johnson, Mrs S Pinchbeck

Chairman:	Charles Pinchbeck, DL	**Vice Chairman**:	Mark Sardeson
Deputy Chairman:	Ian Johnson	**General Secretary**:	Sarah Grant
Treasurer:	Jo Lewin	**Chaplain**:	Rev Ann Lett

Committee Members:

Ann Beever	Jane Bowtell	Karen Clifton	Sally Pinchbeck
Elaine Sardeson	Sue Spencer	Tina Stankley	Jacki Wright
Linda Stanley	Anne Watts	Ann Stevenson	Jackie Goodall
Jane Harrison			
Peter Asher	Terry Atkinson	George Bell	Bill Rayner
Robin Bush	Rolf Cinavas	Paul Gash	Paul Elderkin
Tim Grigg	Adrian Johnson	Des Johnson	David Nickols
Richard Kinsey	Mike Lock	Nick Needham	Simon Needham
Sean Oxby	James Oxby	Richard Pick	James Pinchbeck
Tim Rogers	Tony White	Dennis Johnson	Simon Hare
Glenn Albrighton	Matt Brown	Dave Clarke	Charlie Harrison
Thomas Pinchbeck	Daniel Tarry		

Presentation to General Secretary Gisela Horsnell on her retirement in 1997

With the show going online, it was an opportunity to share some historic photos of past shows:

Miss Heckington Show - 1973

Royal Navy Display - 1982

Henry Brown - 2003

The Grandstand - 1950s

Main Ring in Show Week July 2007

De Steltenlopers - 1996

Ted Dudley & John Sardeson

Harvey Smith, Lionel Dunning & Graham Fletcher - 1980s

Financial Statements

Balance Sheet as at 30/09/2020

	Note	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total 30-Sep-20 £	2019 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total 30-Sep-19 £
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible assets	**9**	54,611.34	54,611.34	57,285.05	57,285.05
Investments	**10**	178,336.81	178,336.81	176,707.27	176,707.27
Total fixed assets		232,948.15	232,948.15	233,992.32	233,992.32
Current Assets:					
Investments	**10**	357,750.86	357,750.86	362,164.44	362,164.44
Debtors	**11**	7,294.16	7,294.16	2,770.79	2,770.79
Cash at bank and in hand		3,279.01	3,279.01	22,034.86	22,034.86
Total current assets		368,324.03	368,324.03	386,970.09	386,970.09
Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	(1,420.00)	(1,420.00)
Total net assests	**13**	599,772.18	599,772.18	619,542.41	619,542.41
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted income funds	**14**	599,772.18	599,772.18	619,542.41	619,542.41
Total charity funds		599,772.18	599,772.18	619,542.41	619,542.41

The unrestricted fund is wholly undesignated.

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2020.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Financial Statements

Income & Expenditure to 30/09/2020

	2020		2019	
Income			**£**	**£**
Donations	-		1,491.00	
Sponsorship	55.00		4,571.00	
Entry fees	51.50		8,131.55	
Gate money	-		34,634.41	
Advance ticket sales	-		37,470.00	
Membership	27.27		1,591.15	
Programme advertisements	-		1,312.00	
Programme sales	-		937.05	
Trade stands	(1,246.30)		102,283.59	
Miscellaneous income	513.29		738.59	
Deposit account interest	1,144.09		4,260.31	
Investment dividends & Interest				
Gains/(Losses) on investments	(4,414.00)		12,467.00	
		(3,869.15)		209,887.65
Expenditure				
Advertising	489.79		8,086.22	
Accountancy	1,721.60		1,200.00	
Entertainment	454.00		36,395.80	
Badges and rosettes	96.00		3,585.80	
Catering and hospitality	-		10,295.20	
Insurance	4,069.53		4,847.69	
Stewards	-		1,252.30	
Gate expenditure	-		30,675.10	
Utilities	596.85		902.19	
Equipment hire	341.00		69,283.00	
Trophies	113.70		2,342.30	
Telephone	640.98		579.80	
Clothing and miscellaneous	-		4,425.22	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,359.84		9,592.35	
Honoraria and secretaries expenses	2,140.48		6,606.30	
Judges expenses	-		520.80	
Field licences	-		28,912.00	
Licences and subscriptions	821.41		839.54	
Prizes	-		11,217.00	
Contract work	-		32,182.35	
Security	47.68		12,264.00	
Ground preparation	-		2,790.88	
Signs	180.00		5,408.00	
Bank charges	154.51		994.57	
Donations	-		-	
Profit on sale of plant & machinery	-		-	
Depreciation	2,673.71		3,362.06	
		15,901.08		288,560.47
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		**(19,770.23)**		**(78,672.82)**

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