

# South West

## LIMOUSIN CATTLE BREEDERS CLUB

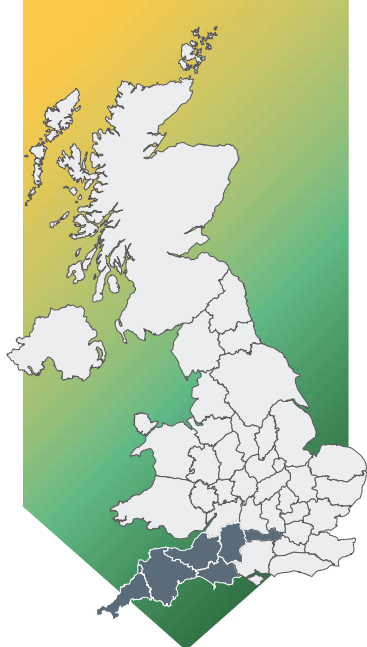
Chairman **Chris Neale** reports...

The South West region was delighted to begin the year with an Open Day kindly hosted by Graham and Patricia Ward and family at Coombe Farm, Torrington, Devon. Held on Sunday the 23rd of February, the event showcased an excellent selection of Pedigree and purebred Limousin cattle. The farm had previously been awarded Best Overall Commercial Herd in the 2023 South West Commercial Herd Competition, making the visit particularly fitting.

Following the dispersal of the Coombe Farm dairy herd in 2010, Graham established the Limousin enterprise with the purchase of 15 bulling heifers from the Drostre, Tynwydd and Erwlas herds. The aim was to develop quality suckler cows and replacement females, predominantly homebred, with remaining steers and heifers finished on farm at 21-24 months. Today, the herd

consists of approximately 40 suckler cows plus followers, with current stock bulls Wilodge Pegasus and Killerton Trevor. Recent stock bulls have included Garyvaughan Norman and Tynwydd Highlander.

A Best In-Calf Limousin Heifer competition was also held and kindly judged by Mark Quick of Loosebeare, with the winning entry exhibited by Mia Luxton. Graham and Trish Ward, together with their family and team, provided an excellent roast dinner and desserts in the barn for around 70 visitors. Chairman Chris Neale thanked Graham and Trish for their invitation, organisation and hard work, as well as the British Limousin Cattle Society for its continued support.



**SPRING AND SUMMER SALES, SHOWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

At the **Carlisle February Show and Sale**, congratulations went to Mark Quick and family selling Loosebeare Uplifty and Loosebeare Uboss at 12,000gns each.

South West Limousin sponsorship was awarded at the Devon Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs Show and Sale at Exeter on Wednesday 16th April. Jack Davis won the **Culm Valley Limousin Breed Championship** and was also awarded the Devon County Championship Best Limousin with his Limousin X heifer.



*Culm Valley YFC - Winner 2025 - Jack Davis*

At **Sedgemoor Calf Show** on Friday 25th April, Tom Hilsdon of South Molton secured the Limousin Championship with Poole Vulcan and Reserve Champion with Poole Verity. Vulcan went on to take Overall Interbreed Champion, while Tom also won the Interbreed Pairs Championship.



*Sedgemoor Calf Show - 2025 Lim Champion Tom Hilsdon - Poole Vulcan*

On Saturday 26th April, at the **Somerset YFC County Rally**, Archie Hill won the Best Limousin award. We thank Kivells and our sponsors for their continued support throughout the year.



*Somerset County Rally - 2025 Lim Champion Archie Hill with Judge Brookes Carey*

**At Exeter** on Friday 23rd May, Killerton Undisputed, a Garsedd Neptune son, sold for 6,500gns. The final Sidborough Herd Dispersal for S and A Partridge of Tiverton saw cows and calves sell to £4,200 and £4,000, heifers to £3,900, and maiden heifers to £3,635.

At the **Carlisle May Sale**, South West breeders again performed strongly, achieving 16,000gns for Poole Victor from Tom Hilsdon and 8,200gns for Loosebeare Urgent from Mark Quick and family.

At the **Brecon May Sale**, notable prices included Poole Viking at 9,800gns, Killerton Ulinda (Reserve Champion) at 7,200gns, and Treloweth Vanguard at 7,000gns.

At the **South West County Shows**, Stuart Perkins of Radstock, Somerset, along with his stock team Johnny Ward and Lucy Gould, enjoyed a successful season, winning the Limousin Championship at Devon County and the Bath & West with Calogale Umbria, and at the Royal Cornwall Show with Hollowdene Ulay. Congratulations to Stuart, and sincere thanks to all exhibitors, helpers and supporters at the South West County Shows.

**Devon County Show Club Cups awarded as follows:**

**Cotton** – Best Junior Heifer – Calogale Velocity – HG Perkins & Son, **Gorton** – Best Intermediate Heifer – Calogale Umbria - HG Perkins & Son, **Creedy** – Best Pair Bred by Exhibitor – Foxhillfarm Vogue & Vanity – M & M Alford, **Westcroft** – Best Heifer Calf – Foxhillfarm Vanity – M & M Alford, **Cheston** – Champion Female – Calogale Umbria – HG Perkins & Sons, **Best Stockman** – Lucy Gould & Johnny Ward. **Classes: Born after 1st May 2024;** 1st – Foxhillfarm Vanity – Mr & Mrs M Alford, 2nd – Foxhillfarm Vogue – Mr & Mrs M Alford, 3rd – Highersoldon Virginia – Mrs Lucy Poole

**Heifer incalf or maiden born in 2023;** 1st – Calogale Umbria – HG Perkins & Sons, 2nd Arradfoot Ursula – Mr Thor Atkinson, 3rd – Arradfoot Udine – Mr Thor Atkinson, **Heifer born in 2024;** 1st – Calogale Velocity, 2nd – Arradfoot Vera – Mr Thor Atkinson, **Champion Limousin** – Calogale Umbria

**Bath & West Show: Classes: Best Limousin Heifer;**

1st – Calogale Velocity – HG Perkins & Sons, 2nd – Loosebeare Vspice – Master Henry Norris, 3rd – Loosebeare Violet – Master Henry Norris. **Best Limousin Heifer;** 1st – Calogale Umbria – HG Perkins & Sons, 2nd – Hollowdene Ulay – HG Perkins & Sons, 3rd – Bowbridge Urtheone – Harry Stamp, **Best Maiden Heifer;** Calogale Velocity – HG Perkins & Sons, **Reserve** – Loosebeare Vspice – Master Harvey Norris, **Best Exhibitor Bred:** Bowridge Urtheone – Harry Stamp, **Best Pair:** 1st - Hollowdene Ulay, Calogale Umbria – HG Perkins & Sons, 2nd - Loosebeare Violet - Master Harvey Norris, **Champion Limousin:** Calogale Umbria – HG Perkins & Sons, **Reserve Champion:** Hollowdene Ulay – HG Perkins & Sons

**Royal Cornwall Show: Club Cups awarded as follows:**

**Cotton** - Best Junior Bull – Killerton Ubayana - Mr PW & Mrs PW & SM Greed

**Lussac** – Best Cow - Glenrock Imogen - AMC Eddy, **Colmer** – Best 2 yr old Heifer - Hollowdene Ulay - HG Perkins, **Columbjohn** – Best 1 yr old Heifer – Calogale Velocity, **John Lyall** – Best Pair - Foxhillfarm Vanity & Vogue - Mr & Mrs M Alford, **Classes: Bull born 1st Oct 2023-30 Apr 2024;** 1st – Killerton Ubayana – Mr & Mrs PW & SM Greed, 2nd – Killerton Victor – Mr & Mrs PW & SM Greed, **Cow incalf or with calf at foot;** 1st – Glenrock Imogen – AMC Eddy, **Heifer incalf or maiden, born 2023,** 1st – Hollowdene Ulay – HG Perkins, 2nd – Calogale Umbria – HG Perkins & Sons, **Heifer maiden born 1 Jan – 30 Apr 2024;** 1st Calogale Velocity – HG Perkins & Son, **Bull or Heifer born on or after 1st May 2024,** 1st – Foxhillfarm Vanity – Mr & Mrs M Alford, 2nd – Foxhillfarm Vogue – Mr & Mrs M Alford, 3rd Highersolden Virginia – Mrs Lucy Poole, 4th Killerton Vuitten – Mr & Mrs PW & SM Greed, **Pair of Animals;** 1st – Foxhillfarm Vogue – Mr & Mrs M Alford, 2nd – Hollowdene Ulay – HG Perkins & Sons, **Champion Male;** Killerton Ubayana – Mr & Mrs PW & SM Greed, **Reserve Champion Male;** Killerton Victor – Mr & Mrs PW & SM Greed, **Champion Limousin;** Hollowdene Ulay – HG Perkins & Sons (Kivells Cup) **Reserve Champion** Foxhillfarm Vanity Mr & Mrs M Alford (Leveton Cup) .

In August, Eric and Elaine Norman of the Normans Herd, Carlisle, travelled south to judge the **Pedigree Herd Competition**, judging 20 herds across the South West region. We extend our sincere thanks to them for their time and commitment.

In September, Edward and Hazel Mather of Besshill Farm, Barnstaple, judged 15 **Commercial Herds** across the South West. We are very fortunate to host both pedigree and commercial competitions in the region and are grateful for the continued support of all involved.

The **Ed Down Cup**, awarded to the homebred animal gaining the most points at South West shows, was presented to Patrick and Sheila Greed for Killerton Ubayana.

On Sunday 28th September, over 100 South West members attended the **AGM** at Ladram Bay Holiday Park, Otterton, Budleigh Salterton, Devon. Blessed with glorious weather and stunning coastal views, the setting provided a perfect backdrop for the day. Following the AGM and a delicious lunch, Harry Parker kindly presented the Pedigree Herd Competition prizes on behalf of judge Eric Norman, who was unable to attend.

Congratulations were extended to the Neale family of the Nealford Herd, Launceston, who were awarded Overall Champion Pedigree Herd, with Reserve Champion going to the Killerton Herd of Patrick and Sheila Greed, Exeter. Our thanks again go to Eric and Elaine Norman for judging in August and to all pedigree herds for a strong and competitive entry.

Edward Mather then presented the Commercial Herd awards, with the Championship going to Harry Porter of Highbridge and Reserve to John and Philip Nicholas of Land's End. We thank Edward and Hazel Mather for judging across the region and all commercial herds that took part.

Members then enjoyed a short journey to **Greendale Beef Finishing Unit** at Woodbury Salterton, Exeter, by kind permission of Tom Chanter and the Carter family. The unit finishes approximately 4,500 cattle per year, housing around 1,500 cattle aged between 18 and 26 months. Tom provided a highly informative talk and tour, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



## COMMITTEE AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Following the AGM, we marked the retirement of our Chairman, Chris Neale, after completing his three-year term. We extend our sincere thanks to Chris for his commitment, leadership and dedication to the South West Region during his time as Chairman.

We also thank Jo and Adam Smith, together with Tom Hilsdon, for their service as Committee members and for all their help and support. We are pleased to welcome Harry Parker as Vice Chairman, along with new Committee members John Garthwaite of Torrington, Lucy Poole of Holsworthy, and Edward Mather of Barnstaple, who now join the South West team.

## SOUTH WEST SUCKLED CALF SALES AND SPONSORSHIP

The Club continued its strong support of South West suckled calf sales, sponsoring markets at Cutcombe, Exeter, Frome, Hallworthy, Sedgemoor and Truro.

At Cutcombe, top-priced steers reached £1,700 for mths, weighing 330kg from Goosemoor Farming Ltd, while heifers sold to £1,470 for 6mths, weighing 295kg, sired by Culverhead Sampson, from H.G. Bishop & Son.

Exeter hosted three sponsored sales, with standout prices including steers to £1,780 sired by Killerton Panorama and Rhonllwyn Noble from R and S Creep, Cornwood; £1,960 achieved by P, T & D Cleave of Holne with steers sired by Loosebeare Milo and Pedro; and £1,600 from F.E. Tucker and Mrs L.M. Parkhouse with cattle sired by Charista Ryan.

At Frome, across two sales, prices reached £1,495 for M.F. & I.M. Hale with cattle sired by Calla Fergus, and £1,800 for W. Stitch with stock sired by Killerton Ticktock.

Hallworthy saw top-priced steers sell for £1,790, sired by Trevadlock Trevor, from J. Sleep of Trevadlock. Heifers peaked at £1,400, sired by Stourhead Officer, from F.J.C. Masters of Cardinham.

At Sedgemoor, steers sold to £1,800 from J. Creed and S. Doyle, 8mths sired by Killerton Oursong. Heifers reached £1,790 from T.S. & N.D. Stevens of Wells, 8mths sired by Treloweth Poet.

At Truro, top-priced steers reached £1,780 from D. Parkinson of Penzance, sired by Nealford Puffin, with £1,740 achieved by C.P. Rundell of St Austell. Heifers peaked at £1,340 from P.I. Hodge of Helston, sired by Treloweth Ohio, Chytodden Saturn and Trelawney Rob, with £1,160 also achieved by P.J. Williams of Truro.

## WINTER SHOWS, EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club also sponsored Agrifest, where Michael and Melanie Alford enjoyed notable success, winning both the Pedigree Limousin bull and heifer classes with Foxhillfarm Alberto and Foxhillfarm Adele. The. Congratulations also go to Michael and Melanie Alford on winning the Primestock Supreme Championship with their Limousin X heifer, "The Duchess". Our thanks go to Becky Hurd and all at Agrifest for organising this popular South West event, which was well supported by our members.



Agrifest 2025 Lim Stand



Agrifest 2025 - Alfords - Champion Pedigree Bull Calf - Foxhillfarm Alberto

At the Christmas shows across the South West, strong Limousin performances continued. At Frome, the Best Homebred steer or heifer sired by a Limousin was awarded to Stuart Perkins with a heifer sired by Huntershall Nutcracker, selling at 450ppk. At Truro, the Reserve Champion Limousin cross steer "Nightrider", exhibited by L. & P. Calcraft and sired by Uptonley Livingthedream, weighed 709kg and sold for 550ppk. At Sedgemoor, a 725kg steer from A.G.F. Lockyer, sired by Malthouse Paddy, sold for 428ppk, realising £3,100. Exeter was won by Ward & Houlcroft with their Limousin steer sired by Nealford Jersey, weighing 674kg and selling at 387.5ppk.



Frome Christmas Show 2025, homebred sponsorship - shown by Johnny Ward - Stuart Perkins



Truro Primestock 2025 - Lin Calcraft - Nightrider



Sedgemoor Christmas Show - Austin Lockyer

## FINAL SALE HIGHLIGHT

The year concluded on a high note at the Limousin Red Ladies and Weaned Calf Sale at Carlisle, where Michael and Melanie Alford achieved outstanding results. Foxhillfarm Arabella topped the heifer calves at 10,000gns, with her weaned calf, Foxhillfarm Admiral, selling for 8,000gns.

## PEDIGREE HERD COMPETITION 2024

### Small Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> Poole, Mr TF Hilsdon (Tanhill Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hugginshayes, CR Dare & Son
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quants, Mr J Quant

### Medium Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hartmoor, HG Perkins & Sons (Holcombe Cup)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Highridge, GN & LV Dunn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodston, Messrs MD & KE Lanfear

### Large Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> Killerton, Mr PW & Mrs SM Greed (Goosehill Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dunsbears, Mr RR Moore
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Southmoor, John Porter

### Extra Large Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nealford, JH Neale & Son (Killerton Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tresprison, DC & SA Martin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Treloweth, AMC Eddy

### Stock Bull with Progeny

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ampertaine Superstition, JH Neale & Son (Bapton Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tresprison Randolph, DC & SA Martin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nealford Trevor, CR Dare & Son

### Best Cow with Calf at Foot

- 1<sup>st</sup> Killerton Nicola & Acola, Mr PW & Mrs SM Greed (Cranscombe Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nealford Madame & Adorable, JH Neale & Son
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tresprison Rachel & Victory, DC & SA Martin

### Bull born in 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nealford Valtra, JH Neale & Son (Shapcott Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Killerton Victor, Mr PW & Mrs SM Greed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nealford Vale, JH Neale & Son

### Heifer born in 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> Killerton Verity, Mr PW & Mrs SM Greed (Wakeham Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Poole Vinnie, Mr TF Hilsdon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Highridge Vivianite, GN & LV Dunn

### Bull Calf born in 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hartmoor ADHD, HG Perkins & Sons (Wayside Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nealford Aintree, JH Neale & Son
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Poole Augustus, Mr TF Hilsdon

### Heifer Calf born in 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hartmoor Avocado, HG Perkins & Sons (Chytodden Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nealford Apple, JH Neale & Son
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodston Appleblossom, Messrs MD & KE Lanfear

### Best New Entrant

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hartmoor, HG Perkins & Sons

### Overall Herd Winners

- Champion Nealford, JH Neale & Son (Neale Rosebowl)
- Reserve Champion Killerton, Mr PW & Mrs SM Greed

## COMMERCIAL HERD COMPETITION 2024

### Small Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> Metford Stevens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Creed & Sean Doyle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Rowell

### Medium Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> Harry Porter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark & Kate Lanfear
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barry & Josh Quant

### Large Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> Garry & Ashley Retter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John & Philip Nicholas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Eddy

### Stock Bull with Progeny

- 1<sup>st</sup> Southmoor Tommy - Harry Porter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Highridge Rocky - Garry & Ashley Retter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Killerton Oursong - Jo Creed & Sean Doyle

### Cow with Calf at Foot

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cow: UK351236 4000018 Calf: 600223 - Metford Stevens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cow: 675 Calf: 500888 - Mark & Kate Lanfear
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cow: 893 Calf: 1088 - Chris Eddy

### Overall Champion Commercial Herd Winner

- Harry Porter - Medium Herd - Clive Groves Memorial Cup

### Reserve

- Garry & Ashley Retter - Large Herd

### Best Commercial Animal

- Barry & Josh Quant - Lim Hfr - Sire Quants PJ - Countrywide Cup

### Best New Entant

- Barry & Josh Quant - Medium Herd