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Notice to *Members.*

July 2026



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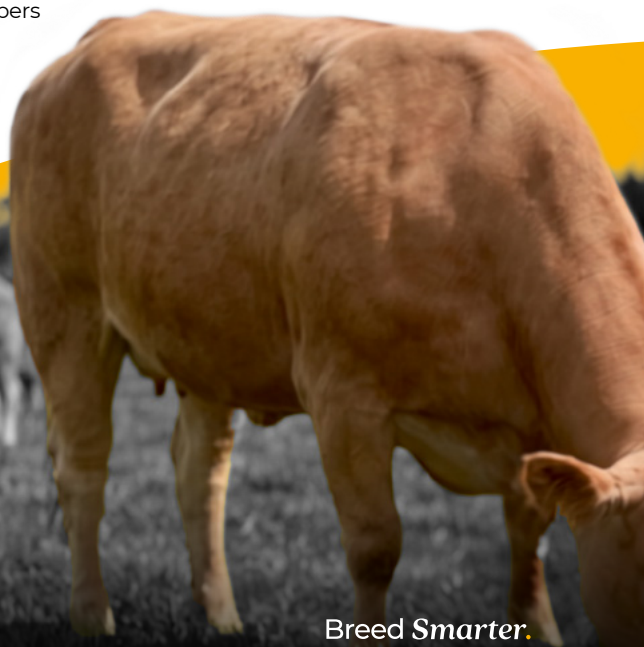
to the July 2026 Notice to Members

As we move through another busy summer, I am pleased to share with you an update on the Society's latest developments and to highlight the many successes of our members.

Following the close of nominations for this year's Council elections, I am pleased to confirm that single nominations were received for available Council seats, meaning there is no requirement for a members' ballot. One Council position in Scotland remains vacant, and Council will consider the appropriate next steps at its meeting in September. I look forward to welcoming our new Council members at their first meeting, where their fresh ideas and enthusiasm will help shape the Society's future.

I am also delighted to report that contracts have now been successfully exchanged for the sale of Concorde House. The Herdbook Office will relocate to its new premises during September. While the move will inevitably cause some short-term disruption to our normal services, we will work hard to keep this to a minimum and greatly appreciate your patience during this period.

The new Taurus platform continues to be one of the Society's largest projects and, while balancing its development alongside our day-to-day operations has been challenging, we are now approaching the final stages. Preparations are well underway within the office for its introduction, and we



remain excited about the opportunities the new system will provide. Further details on the rollout will be communicated separately in due course.

At the time of writing, the national summer shows have drawn to a close, while the regional and local shows continue across the country. Once again, our members have presented an outstanding showcase for the Limousin breed, and I would like to thank everyone who has exhibited, supported and promoted the breed with such professionalism. Reports from these events have been shared across our social media channels and the agricultural press, with full coverage to follow in the Annual Journal.

Club herd competitions are also well underway, with strong entries reported across many regions. We look forward to sharing the results as they are announced throughout the autumn and early winter.

Finally, I would like to wish all members every success for the remainder of the summer, particularly those busy with harvest.

Please keep an eye on your inbox next week, when we will be issuing our next Notice to Members. This will include the Notice and Agenda for our forthcoming AGM, details of the Special Resolutions to be considered at the meeting, and the 2025 Annual Trustees' Report and Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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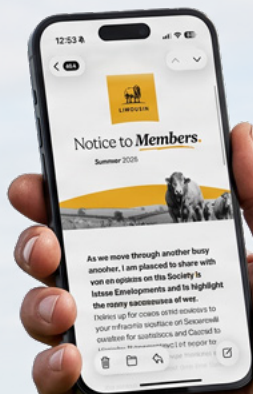
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is now electronic!

Please check we hold your current email address, so our communications reach you.

Visit taurusdata.co.uk/beef/breedersearch/beef and enter your herd name to view your email address alongside your main address details.

If no email is listed, or your details need updating, please contact the Herdbook office at info@limousin.co.uk with the correct information.



New *Members*.

Welcome to all new members joining the Society with new herd prefixes since March:

Trading Name.	Herd Prefix.
G & H Produce Ltd	ASHFIELDGRANGE
Miss Ellie Cowburn	BETTYFIELDS
K & J Belfield	BOOTHLOW
Mr James McClean	BURRENBANE
Mr Josh Bates	CROWSNEST
Mr T Pyman & Miss A Harrison	FLAKEBRIDGE
Mr Gruffydd Roberts	GADARNE
Mr Alastaire Brice	HAVENFIELD

Trading Name.	Herd Prefix.
Mrs Stephanie Allen	HOLLINGTON
Miss Molly Largey	KEARNEYHILL
Mr Gareth Evans	PYLLAU
Mr Sam Robinson & Sons	ROBINSONS
Miss Charlotte Hutchinson	ROUNDHAY
J T & J Kelsall	SUMMERLANDS
David & Elizabeth Childs	TEAGHLACH
M & J Norquay Holdings Ltd	WASBISTER

Please make use of all resources available through the Society office, website, social media and the Regional Clubs.

Regional Clubs are a fantastic way to meet and socialise with Limousin breeders in your area. Contact details are on the website, and we encourage all members to get involved.

New National Limousin Calf Show.



We are delighted to announce a new National Limousin Calf Show, taking place in partnership with Harrison & Hetherington at

***Borderway Agri Expo on
Friday 30 October 2026.***

These new championships provide breeders with an invaluable platform to showcase the quality of their breeding programmes while giving buyers the opportunity to see young cattle that will go on to compete at major shows and feature in pedigree sales over the coming months. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or would like to make your first appearance in the ring, we look forward to welcoming you for an exciting day of top-quality livestock and great company.

Kindly sponsored by Smaxtec, whose team will be on hand throughout the day to meet breeders and spectators, the show promises to be a fantastic showcase of the very best calves from across the country.

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Entry forms will be available via the Borderway Agri Expo website. ***Click here*** or scan QR code.



We are ‘moo’ving.

We are pleased to let members know that the sale of Concorde House has been concluded. The herdbook office will be moving to the new office at the end of September. Email and phone contact details will remain unchanged.

There will be some disruption to our normal office service whilst the move is in progress. We will endeavor to keep it to a minimum and will appreciate your patience and understanding until it is completed.

Concorde House was purchased in 2013 as an investment for the Society. It has served that purpose well, and with shifting work patterns affecting the office space rental market, the time is right to sell it for development.



Nominations Council Elections 2026.

The nomination period for election to the Council of Management ended on 9th July 2026. Nominations have been received as follows:

<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Nominated Candidate</i>	<i>Term</i>
Scottish Region	James Gammie, Penash herd	3 years
Northwest Region	Steven Wilson, Impulsive herd	3 years
National	Keith Redpath, Redpaths herd	3 years
National	Matthew Jordon, Longhirst herd	3 years
Scottish Region	No nominations received	Seat is vacant
South Wales and Mid-West Region	Robin Whittle, Wellhouse herd	2 years (bye-election)

Since there is only one nominated candidate for each of the seats above, no ballot of members is required. The candidates shall formally join the Council of Management at the Society's forthcoming AGM on 16th September 2026, whereupon their terms of office begin. Look out for introductions in later Notice to Members editions and on social media.

EBV Fees & Diary Dates.

The Society's Performance Recording service is a subscription-based service, and all current members are advised that fees for the coming 12 months were invoiced to accounts on 1st July 2026.

The fees remain unchanged at £5 (+VAT) per calf registered in the previous calendar year.

Thank you to all members for their continued use and support of this service which provides valuable data to breeders, buyers and wider industry.

The remaining Performance Recording deadline dates for EBV and GEBV (genomic estimated breeding value) updates in 2026 are as follows:



Run 4

Submission deadline for all animal records:

**2nd September 2026
at 12 Noon**

Target publication date of results: **16th September 2026**

Please note the deadline for data on the stated days is absolute; late data cannot be accepted since all records are exported to SRUC during the afternoon of each day to prepare for the evaluation.

Don't Delay the DNA

Samples for DNA analysis should be **received within the Society office at least 12 weeks before any required deadline**. This includes sales and the deadlines for including genotypes in the EBV analysis.

Have you considered tissue tagging and submitting samples at birth? Although some calves may be tested that don't require it in later life, more members are choosing this option to cut down on effort, administration and deadline-stress.

Interbeef Update.

Since 2018, the BLCS has participated in the Interbeef programme, through which performance data has been shared and evaluated across the major European beef breeding countries. The resulting Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) have then been blended with the Society's own evaluations, enabling the use of the widest possible dataset for bloodlines common to multiple countries.

The BLCS has recently been advised that several of the programme's principal data contributors are withdrawing from Interbeef and removing their historic data from the evaluation. This will have a significant impact on the robustness

and continuity of the international evaluation. After careful consideration of the implications, and with advice from SRUC, the BLCS Council has reluctantly decided to withdraw from the Interbeef programme.

The process of disentangling the Society's evaluation from the Interbeef analysis will take time. Once completed, animals that have previously benefited from data originating outside the UK will no longer do so. As a result, it is both possible and likely that the EBVs of some animals will change.

The Society will monitor the impact of these changes closely and will keep members informed as the work progresses.

Don't forget - DNA is Getting Cheaper!

Advised in the June edition of Notice to Members, Council are responding to member feedback and reducing the price for DNA testing from 01 September 2026:

The price for DNA Sire and Dam Verification plus Myostatin using tissue tags (identifying animal's tag number) will be REDUCED from £26 +VAT to £15 +VAT.

The price for DNA Sire and Dam Verification plus Myostatin using hair samples will be INCREASED from £26 +VAT to £30 +VAT.

Repeat Samples.

Members are also advised that repeat samples are currently charged at £26 +VAT per sample. Repeat samples are requested by the laboratory when it has not been possible to extract the DNA from the first sample. The reasons for this are typically insufficient DNA (where the sample is too sparse) or poor-quality DNA (where the sample has degraded owing to dampness, dirt, sunlight, passage of time etc).

The price for repeat samples from 01 Sept 2026 will increase to £30 +VAT.

Porencephaly *Update.*

Further to the information issued in April regarding Porencephaly in Limousin cattle, the test will be available for use in the early part of the Autumn, and we will issue further details when a start date becomes available.

For further information on the condition in the meantime, please see the factsheet on the Taurus website here:

[https://taurusdata.co.uk/files/FAQ_](https://taurusdata.co.uk/files/FAQ_Porencephaly_09Apr26_ISSUED_69d7920be3850.pdf)

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Alternatively:

Login to

www.taurusdata.co.uk

Go to

'My Page'

Navigate to

'Notice to Members Publications'

From the drop-down list, select

**'Frequently Asked Questions –
Porencephaly – April 2026'**

Click **'Go'** to open the file.



Plans are Underway.

for the 2027 *Limousin Journal*.

Three ways to promote in 2027!

1. Celebrate your achievements!

If you have received an award, celebrated a notable achievement or just have something you've got to share — whether Limousin-related or not — we would love to hear from you. Please send a photo along with a short caption to jen@limousin.co.uk for the opportunity to be featured in this year's Limousin Journal.

2. You've sold off-farm in 2026 and want to shout about it!

We would love to hear about your pedigree and commercial successes and share them in the 2027 Annual Journal in a 'Sales Off Farm' showcase. Please send in a picture and brief description to jen@limousin.co.uk.

3. Advertise in the 2027 Limousin Journal!

Don't miss the opportunity to promote your herd in the 2027 edition of the Limousin Journal. We are now inviting members to reserve their advertising space and take advantage of a discounted member rate.



Key dates:

Book your advertising space by:
Friday 23rd October 2026

Submit your final
advert artwork by:
Friday 6th November 2026

Advertising space is limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so we strongly recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

Advert Size & Specification

Price
(Ex. VAT)

Half Page

185 x 128mm (no bleed required)

£200

Full Page

210 x 297mm (+3mm Bleed)

£350

Double Page Spread

420 x 297mm (+3mm Bleed)

£550

Assistance with **advert design**
or re-design is available,
contact Jen - see below.



Please get in touch with
Jen Tyson through the
main office on:

02476 696 500

or email:

jen@limousin.co.uk

Recent Council Decisions.

Main decisions taken by Council since March 2026 are as follows:

Members informed and provided with support information in relation to Porencephaly. Development of a DNA test agreed, funded & initiated.

Data sharing agreement entered in to with AHDB to investigate/develop across breed genomic evaluations.

BLCS to attend with a stand at Scotsheep in June

A Limousin national pedigree calf show is to be held at Agri Expo in October. Plans underway, with sponsorship support.

The sale of Concorde House and rental terms for new office accommodation agreed.

Interbeef partnership has ended. BLCS data will reluctantly be withdrawn. Members to be informed.

Phase 2 development of Taurus (improvements to performance recording) agreed and signed off.

It will be a condition of Regional Club funding from 2027 onwards that a club provides at least one event in the year dedicated to the development of young breeders. In addition, each Club is to nominate and support a young breeder representative in its area so that activity can be more easily co-ordinated and developed.

A national Young Breeder event is to be delivered by BLCS in 2027.

DNA fees are to be reduced in favour of tissue tags and increased for hair samples, as advised in the June 2026 Notice to Members and above

Amendments to the M&As were proposed in relation to:

- Changing a National Council position to a regional position for a Northern Irish representative
- Providing for ballots to be held electronically
- Changing process to the appointment of the Council chairman

These are referred to in this Notice to Members and will be presented at the 2026 AGM

Consideration of herdbook matters and decisions made, as required under the Review Processes within the byelaws.

Changes to sale rules agreed, as advised in this Notice to Members

The upset price for bulls at all sales except breeders' sales is raised to 4,000gns

£1,000 support to be offered to Hetty Hutchinson for participation as the Limousin representative in the UK team attending Farmfair International in Canada in November.

The 2025 Trustees Report and Accounts approved for presentation to members in advance of the 2026 AGM

Policy agreed in relation to the use of the forthcoming DNA test for Porencephaly. Members will be advised once the DNA test is available.

Membership Notices.

In accordance with paragraph 20.3 of the Society byelaws, members are updated with an outcome of recent herd review and member appeal processes, as follows:

Error in Calf Registration Records

It has been determined that errors in registration records have been found in the herd of C V Lewis & Sons of the Garyvaughan herd, Buttington New Hall, Buttington, Welshpool, Powys SY21 8S, as follows:

- One unresolved DNA dam exclusion and two unresolved DNA sire exclusions
- 8 females are presenting calving intervals ranging from 287 – 295 days between their 2024 & 2025 calves
- 10 further animals have registered dates of birth that do not correspond with the dates registered with the BCMS livestock registry, with error ranging from 1 day to 34 days.

As a result, 16 animals have been deregistered from the herdbook. A further 5 affected animals already have deregistered status. Furthermore:

- For a period of one year commencing on 24 April 2026, the member is suspended from transferring animals for the purpose of pedigree breeding, either at auction or by private sale. Any calves born within 305 days of the end of the sanction period cannot be registered if the cow is owned by a different member i.e. if she has been sold in calf during the 12-month period of suspension. To support this, all animals within the herd shall be suspended from the herdbook during this period.

- For a period of three years commencing on 24 April 2026:
 - The herd shall be required to register or birth notify all calves within 7 days of age
 - All calves for registration must be tagged using DNA tissue tags and DNA tested for sire and dam verification
 - If an actual birthweight is submitted at registration/notification, a video of the weighing showing the calf ID must be submitted. In all other cases, a photograph of the cow and calf must be submitted within 24 hours of birth clearly identifying the cow that has calved.
- Inspections shall be carried out at the Review Committee's discretion throughout 24 months from 24 April 2026, and the cost recovery for inspections will be passed on to the member up to a maximum of £500 + VAT per year.
- The member has been required to pay costs as follows: £1,000+VAT for the costs of the investigation; DNA and parentage discovery costs of £3,011 + VAT. Costs incurred during the appeal process of £2,426 +VAT.
- The relevant Trading Standards offices have been informed of the date of birth and short calving interval errors.



Forthcoming Sale Dates 2026.

Sale	Entries Close	Sale Date
Ladies in Red Export Show and Sale, Ballymena Mart	Closed	15-Aug-26
Fourfront Female Sale, Borderway Mart	N/A	28-Aug-26
Carlisle Bull and Female Sale, Borderway Mart	23-Aug-26	16/17 October 2026
Stirling Bull and Female Sale, United Auctions	14-Aug-26	18/19 October 2026
Ballymena Bull and Female Sale, Ballymena Mart	06-Sep-26	23-Oct-26
Brecon Bull and Female Sale, Brecon Mart	25-Sep-26	14-Nov-26
Northwest Mids & North Wales Club Sale, Welshpool	02-Oct-26	19-Nov-26
Red Ladies and Weaned Calf Sale, Borderway Mart	18-Oct-26	10/11 Dec 2026

Calling all young breeders!

If you are over 16 and would like the opportunity to shadow judge at a Premier sale, please get in touch via email to jen@limousin.co.uk

Society Contacts.

BLCS Office	T: 02476 696500 E: info@limousin.co.uk
BLCS Website	www.limousin.co.uk
Taurusdata Website (online herdbook)	www.taurusdata.co.uk
Regional Limousin Clubs	https://limousin.co.uk/the-society/associated-clubs/
Socials	 British Limousin Cattle Society  @britishlimousincattlesociety



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