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# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



As your incoming Chairman, I am conscious that I will be filling the very big shoes of Bill Gray. RHASS owes Bill a massive debt of gratitude for his three years in office as Chairman. He has led us and kept us together through what have probably been the most troubling times in modern history. My sincere thanks are given to Bill, and I wish him and his wife, Janie, good health for the future. I know in the coming years he will continue to be close to the Society.

I am extremely honoured to be taking over the role of Chairman for our 238-year-old prestigious Society, and will endeavour to ensure that Scotland's best agricultural standards and rural values are at the heart of everything we deliver. It will indeed be a privilege to work with directors, staff, members and our partner charities.

This role is the culmination of thirteen great years within the Society. I cut my teeth stewarding cattle, sheep & horses, before moving on to the role of Chief Steward of the main ring, which I held for five years. I have also served on most of the standing committees within the Society as well as serving on the Executive Committee for three years now – I am confident that these positions will stand me in good stead as I take on my new role.

Reflecting on our 2022 bicentenary Show, it has been, by all accounts, a superb achievement. Coupled with the unique RHS: Illuminated, which we staged across our eight regions earlier this year, 2022 has truly been a comeback year for the

Show and Society. None of this would be possible without the support of our members and the efforts of the hard-working staff and directors who have certainly pulled together and delivered in the face of adversity.

I feel I am taking the helm at a really exciting time for our Society. We are now benefiting from streaming technology, first implemented during 2021's Royal Highland Showcase, which will now stand us in good stead for the future, allowing us to share our work around the world.

During the 2023 Highland Show, the Golden Shears World Shearing Championships will be staged. Plans are well advanced for the event and I am sure with our dedicated, hardworking staff and directors, we are in for another great event that will once again showcase Scotland on the global stage.

Finally, I wish to thank you, the members of this great Society, for your continued support. During the dark days of pandemic restrictions and no-Show years, your support was indeed humbling. As directors, we will continue to support you, our members, as we head into better times. I would like to wish you all well as harvest time approaches – may the weather be kind to us all.

Jim Warnock, RHASS Chairman



## JIM WARNOCK APPOINTED AS RHASS CHAIRMAN

Jim Warnock, farmer and Managing Director of JDWAgri Ltd, has been appointed as the new Chairman of RHASS. Jim, who runs the family farm at Gartfinnan alongside wife Irene, and children Duncan, Calum & Kirsty, has been a Stirling area Director at RHASS since 2010 and was appointed to the Executive Committee in July 2019.

During this time, he has served as Steward for Cattle, Sheep, Light Horse and Heavy Horse before being selected as Chief Steward of the Main Ring for the past five years.



RHASS DIRECTOR ANDREW HORNALL (L)  
WITH MAJOR DAVID WALTER (R)

## SIR WILLIAM YOUNG AWARD PRESENTED TO MAJOR DAVID WALTER

Renowned Charolais cattle breeder Major David Walter has been presented with this year's Sir William Young Award.

**Turn to page 24 to read more about his win and incredible legacy.**

## BICENTENARY FUND LAUNCHED

The 2022 Royal Highland Show saw the launch of the RHASS Bicentennial Fund.

The purpose of the Bicentennial Fund is to help those who live, work and breathe rural life overcome the challenges the sector is currently facing. It will also help people progress opportunities and aims to take Scottish agriculture through the next 200 years, funding initiatives around learning, collaboration, addressing climate change and innovation.

**To donate, please head to [rhass.org.uk/getting-involved/make-a-donation/](https://rhass.org.uk/getting-involved/make-a-donation/)**







# THE RETURN OF THE ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

## Celebrating Scotland's biggest showcase of food, farming & rural life

After three long years, the gates of the Ingliston showground were a welcome sight for the 194,000 visitors who attended the Royal Highland Show this June.

With almost the same number of visitors as 2019's record attendance, despite setting a daily capacity for the first time, the Show was as popular as ever – with tickets for both Friday and Saturday selling out. Visitors from Scotland and beyond were clearly enthusiastic about experiencing the best of farming, food & rural life once again.

And with lots of new and exciting features to celebrate the Show's 200th anniversary year, there was plenty to get involved with! From the Big Wheel offering a bird's eye view of the action to a re-designed Food Hall, RHASS pulled out all the stops to put on a barnstorming bicentenary event.

More than anything, the Show fulfilled its role as a gathering place for our rural and agri communities to come together and reconnect after three long years.

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- The spectacular Fletcher McDiarmid trophy was presented for the first time to the Beef Interbreed Champion.
- RHASS announced it will be re-naming the all-weather show jumping ring the 'Jubilee Ring' in honour of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Year and to mark the bicentenary of the Show.
- RHS TV took to the airwaves to stream the action – both online and on big screens around the Showground, with Dougie Vipond and Sarah Mack as hosts.
- The new RHASS Members Pavilion was unveiled to members for the first time, offering an unparalleled view of the Main Ring & providing a worthy meeting place for Scottish agriculture.





HIGHLAND DANCERS IN FRONT OF THE RHASS MEMBERS PAVILION



THE FIRST MINISTER, RHASS CHIEF EXECUTIVE ALAN LAIDLAW, RHASS PAST-CHAIRMAN BILL GRAY



HANDLER WITH THEIR CATTLE AT THE SHOW



KIDS GET UP CLOSE TO SOME GIANT MACHINERY



THRILLING MOUNTAIN BIKING DISPLAY



A COMPETITOR IN THE HIGHLAND CATTLE CLASSES



THE JAMES HUTTON INSTITUTE ANNOUNCED THE RETURN OF THE BEST SOIL IN SHOW AWARDS



INTERIOR OF THE PAVILION



SARAH MACK WAS ONE OF THE PRESENTERS OF RHSTV



YOUNG CATTLE HANDLER



# THE SHOW IN NUMBERS



194,000

VISITORS



200,000

VIEWS OF LIVE CONTENT



106,535

ENGAGEMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



12,000

RHS APP DOWNLOADS



40,000

CHILDREN ATTENDED FOR FREE



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COUNTRIES VIEWED THE ACTION ONLINE

Bill Gray, Immediate Past RHASS Chairman, said:

**The success of this very special bicentenary Highland Show is a testament to the hard work of the hundreds of staff and RHASS Directors who work tirelessly to put on this incredible event – one that's loved equally by the farming community and urban audiences.**



A COMPETITOR IN A CATTLE CLASS WAITS HIS TURN



A PRIZE WINNING BULL ON PARADE



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# HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS CELEBRATED

This year, it was the turn of the Highland Presidential Initiative to fly the flag for their region at the Royal Highland Show, led by President Ewan Macdonald.

With a focus on the region's natural capital, food and drink and cultural heritage, their initiative included placing a 'Bothy' in the Scotland's Larder food hall, demonstrating a working Harris loom in action, and providing a platform for smaller businesses from the region.

A Taste of Shetland food truck brought the flavours of the region to life, with a band of Vikings even getting involved to hand out samples of delicious food & drink, like seafood platters, monkfish and lamb burgers.

Ria Macdonald, Director of Charles Macleod Ltd:

**“The show had real buzz about it and our stand was busy from the outset. It was great to hear so many stories and connections to Stornoway and our black pudding.**

**“Our business is dependent on the agricultural sector and the connections we make at the Highland Show are integral to that. The Royal Highland Show gives us the opportunity to strengthen existing relationships within the sector and make valuable new contacts.**

**“It is a big investment for us to attend the show all the way from the Outer Hebrides, but it was certainly worthwhile. Not only did we sell out of black pudding, the opportunity to meet so many customers was fantastic.**



FINLAY MACDONALD OF CHOCOLATES OF GLENSHIEL AT THE SHOW



A VIKING TRIES HIS HAND AT THE HARRIS LOOM



L-R LORNA MACLENNAN, CLAIRE MACLEOD, RIA MACDONALD, SHONA MACLEOD OF CHARLES MACLEOD LTD



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HIGHLAND  
SHOW 2022  
23 - 26 JUNE  
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of Scotland

## SUPREME CHAMPIONS 2022

# OVERALL WINNERS

BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SHEEP, HEAVY HORSE



### OVERALL BEEF CATTLE CHAMPION BRITISH CHAROLAIS

AJR Farms  
Maerdy Morwr



### OVERALL DAIRY CATTLE CHAMPION AYRSHIRE

A & S Lawrie  
Hilltower Modern Marcy



### OVERALL SHEEP CHAMPION CHAROLLAIS

Mr B Radley



### OVERALL HEAVY HORSE CHAMPION (THE SANDERSON TROPHY)

RH Black  
Collessie Jennifer





## BEEF CATTLE



**BEEF SHORTHORN**  
Mr A Thornber  
Blackbrook Heathermaid Rosa



**ABERDEEN ANGUS**  
WD Allen  
Stouphill Quorum



**GALLOWAY**  
J and S Ross  
Beauty 2431 of Romesbeoch



**BELTED GALLOWAY**  
J and S Wareham  
Tottingworth Mary 1st



**HIGHLAND**  
HM The Queen  
Gusgurlach of Balmoral



**HEREFORD**  
SC and GL Hartwright  
Spartan 1 Typhoon



**BRITISH SIMMENTAL**  
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Islavale Lullaby



**BRITISH LIMOUSIN**  
AW Jenkinson  
Pabo Proctors



**BRITISH BLONDE**  
T Atkinson  
Brownhill Netta



**BRITISH BLUE**  
Mr K Watret  
Solwayview Kesha



**SALER**  
Edgerston Trading  
Kaimburn Precious





### COMMERCIAL CATTLE

JCB Commercials  
Fifty Shades Of Grey



### BEEF BREEDER CHAMPIONSHIP - NATIVE

SC and GL Hartwright  
Spartan 1 Typhoon



### BEEF BREEDER CHAMPIONSHIP - CONTINENTAL

WG MacPherson  
Blackford Local Hero 20 (P)



### BEEF YOUNG HANDLER & OVERALL CHAMPION YOUNG HANDLER

Lewis Ralston



### HOLSTEIN

B and M Yates  
Logan Estate Jazz



### DAIRY SHORTHORN

Mr A Lawson  
Lisnamulligan Royal Kathleen 2



### DAIRY ANY OTHER BREED

Mr M Bryson  
Whiteflat Jordy Lizzie Red



### HOLSTEIN CALF

H Caldwell and Sons  
Ladyyard Spock Tabatha



### COLOURED CALF

Blythbridge Holsteins  
Blythbridge VIP Reagan



### DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

John Caldwell



### CLYDESDALE FEMALE & OVERALL CHAMPION CLYDESDALE

RH Black  
Collessie Jennifer



### CLYDESDALE MALE

Mr J Tennant  
Singlee Gav



### RIDDEN CLYDESDALES

Mrs I Miller & Mr B Bisset  
Stobilee Zac





### HIGHLAND PONIES IN HAND - MALES HIGHLAND PONIES IN HAND OVERALL

Dr A Pillai  
Fandango Na Dailach



### HIGHLAND PONIES IN HAND - FEMALES

WKA & JA Allan  
Maeve of Millfield



### MINIATURE SHETLAND PONIES

Miss L Cochrane  
Ardanbeag Hamish



### STANDARD SHETLAND PONIES

HP Sleigh and Son  
Wells Legend



### THE ST JOHNS WELLS

Mr T Stuart  
Narinian Belle & Narinian Ekaterina



### SHETLAND PONY YOUNG HANDLER

Lauren McLean



### HEAVY HORSE TURNOUTS

V and R Scott  
Shane, Jack, Jock, Dan, Samson and Seth



### CLYDESDALE YOUNG HANDLERS

Craig Hanna



### CLYDESDALE YOUNG STOCKMAN

Katie Willey



### PRIVATE DRIVING

A & E Knight  
Fulwoods Enchanted



### LIGHT HORSES



### HUNTERS IN HAND

Mr J Munro  
Jamies Future



### RIDDEN HUNTERS - WEIGHTS HUNTER UNDER SADDLE CHAMPIONSHIP/ OVERALL HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Miss O Edmondson  
Double Mocha



### SPORT HORSES IN HAND

Mr & Mrs W Moran  
Lisbroughan Tiger Billie



### HIGHLAND PONY UNDER SADDLE

KL Common & J McNaught  
Dunedin Mascot





**WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY  
(SECTION A)**

Mr J Hampson  
Tamevalley Tom



**WELSH PONY (SECTION B) & OVERALL  
MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND PONY  
IN HAND**

Waxwing Stud  
Waxwing Perlana



**WELSH PONY (COB TYPE) (SECTION C)**

The Costello Family  
Bluehaven Little Miss Perfect



**WELSH COB (SECTION D)**

Mr S McNeal  
Maesymor Crespo



**MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND  
PONIES IN HAND**

Mr D Thompson  
Drybarrows Dynasty



**CONNEMARA PONIES IN HAND**

Miss L Cohen  
Wannie Flint



**PONY BREEDING & OVERALL IN  
HAND (THE PRICE FAMILY HOYS  
SUPREME IN HAND)**

Mrs L Leeman  
Roseberry The Politician



**RIDING HORSES**

Miss Z Owens  
Caereini Voulez Vous



**RIDDEN SHOW COB**

Mrs S Benson  
Whitegate Dazzler



**ARABS AND PART BRED ARABS  
IN HAND**

Mr C Cousens  
Colonel Mustard



**ARABS AND PART BRED ARABS  
UNDER SADDLE**

Mrs L Kennedy  
Shanrye Finley  
Rider Leoni Kennedy



**MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND  
WORKING HUNTER PONIES**

Ms L Cassell  
Pumphill Rasputin



**SIDE SADDLE**

Mrs K McGill  
Craughwell Strawberry Lad



**SHOW HUNTER PONIES**

Mrs V Anders  
Isley Walton Gold  
Rider Sofia Anders



**SHOW PONIES**

Mrs H Davies  
Landemann Bird of Paradise  
Rider Cate Kerr





### **JUNIOR MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND RIDDEN PONY OF THE YEAR**

Mrs T Benson  
Guards Commodore  
Rider Lucy Benson



### **MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND LEAD REIN & FIRST RIDDEN**

Mrs S Harden  
Parkbourne Brandeth  
Rider Beatrix Cookson



### **SHOW PONY LEAD REIN & FIRST RIDDEN**

Mrs L Smith  
Glenard Bumble Bee  
Rider Holly Smith



### **LEAD REIN OF HUNTER TYPE**

Miss A White  
Thistledown Lawman  
Rider Harriet Walsh-White



### **DONKEYS**

Mrs GAD Burton  
Taka Ra Haka of Todridge



### **WORKING HUNTER PONIES**

Miss Z Weir  
Deloughtane Rockstar



### **MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND PONIES UNDER SADDLE**

Ms C Connor  
Latijn V.D. Helling  
Rider Aliyah Khan



### **COLOURED HORSES AND PONIES UNDER SADDLE**

Miss L McCulloch  
Wot Perfection



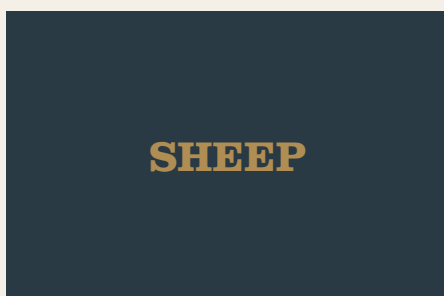
### **COLOURED HORSES AND PONIES IN HAND**

Miss K Douglas  
Future Guilty Liaison



### **NURSERY STAKES CHAMPION**

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Rider Lexie lane



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### **SUFFOLK**

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K and A Morton



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Mr T Tennant



**BRITISH BERRICHON**  
Mr E Burgess



**JACOB**  
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Mr J Theyer





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Mr J Wight



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K Sharp and A Hill



**BLUE TEXEL**  
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**DUTCH SPOTTED**  
Mr A Jackson



**VALAIS BLACKNOSE**  
R Irvine and J McAllister



**SHEEP YOUNG HANDLERS**  
Fraser Brown



## GOATS



**DAIRY GOAT CHAMPION**  
Webster and Smith  
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**BOER GOAT CHAMPION**  
M & M Ross  
Balmedie Hope



**PYGMY GOATS**  
Aylswood Rare Breeds  
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**DAIRY GOAT YOUNG HANDLERS**  
Cerys Southwood



# CELEBRATING AGRI-INNOVATION

## The winners of the 2022 RHASS Technical Innovation Awards

The RHASS Technical Innovation Awards are the Society's most longstanding industry accolade. They showcase and reward innovation and development within the agricultural sector and are a highly respected award for manufacturers, distributors, providers and inventors.

This year, two Gold, five Silver and three Certificates of Commendations were awarded.

Gold awards are presented to previous Silver award winners for continuous outstanding merit. This year, **Pollock Farm Equipment** won Gold for their **Pollock Rope Scraper System**. The innovative drive system uses a hollow shaft drive unit, fitted with a torque spring and a micro switch for animal safety.



Also presented with a prestigious Gold award this year is **Penderfeed Livestock Equipment**, for their **Arrowquip Q-Catch 86 Series Squeeze Cattle Crush**. Claiming to be the quietest crush ever manufactured, this is achieved by using nylon bushes on the hinges and rubber absorbers on the access panel slam bolts.



**Merlo UK Ltd** were awarded a Silver for their **Merlo eWorker** telescopic handler. The innovative, fully electric telescopic handler reduces environmental impact without sacrificing iconic Merlo features and ease of use.



Also presented with a Silver award is **New Holland Agriculture** for their **T6 Methane Power Tractor**. Invented by CNH Industrial, the T6 is the world's first 100% methane powered production tractor. With comparable power output to its diesel equivalent, the T6 delivers up to 30% lower running costs and can help reduce farm vehicle CO2 emissions.





**Soil Essentials Ltd** earned a Silver award this year for their **SKAi smart camera**. SKAi is a re-trainable smart camera solution for agriculture. With the use of artificial intelligence, the detection and targeted spot spraying of individual weed species has now become a real and viable option.



A Silver was awarded this year to **Stewart Agricultural Limited** for their **PS 22 29 H Carrot Trailer**. The PS 22 29 H Carrot Trailer is designed to deliver high performance, reduce wastage and operate more safely in the field and on the road.



**Opico** were likewise awarded a Silver for their **FarmDroid FD20**. Invented by Jens and Kristian Warming of FarmDroid ApS in Vejlen, Denmark, the FarmDroid is the world's first fully automatic robot that both seeds and mechanically weeds.



Earning a Certificate of Commendation this year are **Calibrate Ltd** for their **Calibrate Analyser (CA)**, which is an innovative controller that has been developed specifically to help high energy use agri-businesses reduce their energy consumption costs and lower their carbon footprint.



**Cotter Agritech** have also been awarded a Commendation for the **Cotter Crate system**. This is an innovative hardware and software solution that helps sheep farmers cut labour costs and tackle worm resistance, reducing wormer use by up to 50% and identifying worm resilient replacements.



A final Commendation was awarded to **T,A&R Laird** for their **Cambwell Easy Loader**. Every year, tens of thousands of sheep are artificially inseminated or flushed - this process can be very stressful and arduous, but the Easy Loader simplifies and makes the process less labour intensive.







RHET VOLUNTEERS WEARING THEIR RHET GILETS

Inside the Discovery Centre this year, RHET was grateful to have the support of several education partners.

Dumfries House delivered interactive workshops about selective breeding in cattle, as well as engaging crafting activities.

Salmon Scotland handed out some tasty treats in the form of various salmon tastings, as well as offering visitors the opportunity to take part in their immersive salmon farm experience!

At the back of the Discovery Centre was our volunteer hospitality area, which was new for 2022. Thanks to Aldi, RHET was well stocked with refreshments for our volunteers. And they were well received, with high temperatures across the four days of the Show resulting in a very warm working environment for our volunteers!

Next to the hospitality area were a set of brand-new banners dedicated to our volunteers. Each Countryside Initiative area of RHET had its own banner. The banners featured quotes and photos from our wonderful network of volunteers. These photos showed them in action across farm visits, classroom talks, food and farming events, and more.





RHET VOLUNTEERS READ STORIES TO SCHOOL PUPILS

RHET is truly grateful to have the support of such a generous network of volunteers, so highlighting their contribution with these new banners was a real pleasure.

In addition, the Show was also a time for some of our coordinators to show off their new RHET branded gilets supplied by Hoggs of Fife!

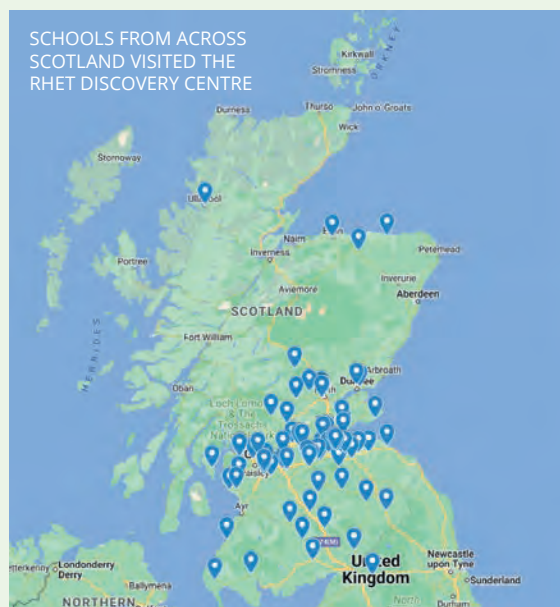
As with most years of the Show, Mabel the fibreglass milking cow was a huge hit. Across the four days, there were plenty of school pupils and younger children who learned how to milk a dairy cow.

Away from the Discovery Centre, RHET ran storytelling sessions for schools pupils and visiting families in a fabulous yurt in the Countryside area. Thanks to Caledonia Play for providing the tree stump seats.

Stirling University was also on hand to deliver story telling sessions on waste.



MABEL THE FIBREGLOSS COW WITH A RHET VOLUNTEER



SCHOOLS FROM ACROSS SCOTLAND VISITED THE RHET DISCOVERY CENTRE

**ACROSS THE FOUR DAYS OF THE SHOW, WE HAD OVER 6,000 VISITORS TO THE DISCOVERY CENTRE.**



## COMPETITION WINNERS UNVEILED

Well done to Bruce Guild (Primary 6) from New Cumnock Primary school who won the RHET poetry competition. The runners up were Jake from Langlee Primary School and Charlie from Colliston Primary School. Thanks to Scottish Farmer for sponsoring the poetry competition.

The RHET Year of Beef rosette competition was won by Mia, a primary 6 pupil from Shortlees Primary School in Kilmarnock, and the rosette they designed was proudly displayed in the cattle lines.



RHET RHS22 ROSETTE ON HIGHLAND CATTLE



## RHET'S YEAR OF BEEF CONCLUDES

**This year's Royal Highland Show saw the close of RHET's Year of Beef. From September 2021 through to June 2022, RHET told the story of beef production in Scotland.**

From the rugged hills of the Highlands and Islands to the lush grass fields of the lowlands, beef production is woven into our history - from the drovers of years ago to the modern-day farm where science and technology have taken Scottish beef production into the 21st century.

The Year of Beef was composed of a range of resources for use in schools starting with the cow and calf story and covering sustainability, grass, careers, butchery, technology, and much more over the academic year.

## RHS 2022 VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

**RHET delivered a fantastic experience for young people attending this year's Royal Highland Show, but it couldn't have done it without the support and input of its volunteers.**

**From all the team at RHET, thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to help at the Discovery Centre, showground tours and the yurt. Your contribution was well received by every pupil and child who attended!**





## **THE JOURNEY OF FOOD: SEEDS & GRAINS**

**Starting in September for the duration of the 22/23 academic year, RHET will be releasing a variety of resources on their website ranging from videos to worksheets.**

They will be designed for different levels and all available through the online platform Raindrop, so you can easily click on the resources most suitable for your pupils.

The portfolio will be built on over the year, so even if there is nothing that suits your needs at first just keep coming back to check for new releases.

RHET will also be using social media to publicise new offerings, so make sure you have liked us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook - and who knows, we might even get going on TikTok!

**To stay up to date follow RHET on Facebook (@TheRoyalHighlandEducationTrust), Instagram (@theroyalhighlandeducationtrust), and Twitter (@The\_RHET).**

## **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Are you interested in volunteering some time with RHET to maybe take some photos, shoot some videos, support the local committee with growing projects or help them navigate their plans?**

We have a comprehensive volunteer pack and dedicated resources to support our volunteers new and present.

You could also become a farm host, visit a classroom to deliver an education talk, steward at an event, or join your local committee.

**To find out more visit [www.rhet.org.uk/volunteers](http://www.rhet.org.uk/volunteers)**



# MEET THE 2022 SIR WILLIAM YOUNG AWARD WINNER

## Charolais breeder recognised for contribution to breed

Major David Walter, of Balthayock Farms in Perthshire, has been awarded this year's prestigious RHASS Sir William Young Award for his exceptional contribution to the world of Charolais cattle breeding.

The award recognises outstanding contribution to livestock breeding and commemorates the service to Scottish agriculture by the late Sir William Young.

First venturing into the breed in the late 1960s, Major Walter then served on the Charolais Council, becoming Chairman in 1984 and President ten years after that.

Always focused on the bottom line of a balance sheet, the introduction of Breedplan into his herd let him put science ahead of fiction and rise to the very top of the Charolais-breeding world.

Major Walter has topped the Stirling bull sales again and again, and surely one of his crowning achievements came when he sold nine bulls averaging over £15,000 each in 2018.

He has always been a great supporter of agricultural shows, winning many championships throughout the country and showing at the Royal Highland Show since 1972, when he presented the Balthayock Trophy.

And to mark his 50th year in the breed, it was no more than he deserved when in 2019, he stormed to first place in the Individual Interbreed Beef title at the Royal Highland Show.



RHASS IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN BILL GRAY (L) AND MAJOR DAVID WALTER





(L-R) MAJOR DAVID WALTER, DAVIE AND TRACEY NICOLL WITH BALTHAYOCK RANGER, OVERALL CHAMPION AT THE OCTOBER 2021 STIRLING BULL SALES

Always encouraging the next generation, he has been a great supporter of today's youth, holding many stock judging events, farm tours and welcoming international delegates from all over the world.

He continues to champion youth development, hosting the National Charolais Youth Finals this year - even donating an embryo egg from one of his top cows as a prize.

An emotional Major Walter on hearing of his win commented:

*"It's a great honour and very humbling to be awarded the Sir William Young Award from RHASS. The Charolais adventure has been a wonderful experience and I have*

*met some fantastic people over the years through the Charolais family. This award really is quite something!"*

Adding his congratulations, Bill Gray, RHASS immediate past Chairman said:

*"For more than half a century, the name of Major Walter of the Balthayock Herd has been synonymous with pedigree Charolais cattle.*

*"He has contributed so much to the breed and sector at large over his years of hard work, so it's only right that he be acknowledged in this way. As a Society we are absolutely delighted to present Major Walter with The Sir William Young award for 2022."*



# THE WOMEN IN FOOD & AGRICULTURE SUMMIT 2022

## RHASS-funded delegates report on their experience of Frankfurt event

Earlier this year, RHASS offered the chance for six candidates to attend the Women in Food & Agriculture (WFA) Summit. Taking place in Frankfurt from 14-15 June, the Summit provided the opportunity for the chosen candidates to network and learn from other women working across the worldwide food and agricultural sector.

The candidates supported by this award, which continues RHASS's ongoing support of Women in Agricultural Scotland (WiAS), went through an application process to outline how the Summit will benefit them and the sector. Now, they have reported back detailing their learnings, highlights and key outcomes which can benefit the wider sector.



THE RHASS-FUNDED CANDIDATES (L-R)  
JUDITH TAYLOR, CAROLE BRUNTON, CHLOE STEWART,  
LESLEY MITCHELL, HEATHER WILDMAN, ALIX RITCHIE

### HEATHER WILDMAN

**Managing Director of Saviour Associates**

*For me, the added bonus of travelling in a group was the biggest highlight. Travelling and visiting conferences seems so long ago that the thought of attending one was quite daunting.*

*"So, meeting up with the ladies on Zoom ahead of the trip, getting to know each other, sharing ideas, concerns and then getting to meet face to face was lovely and certainly gave us the added confidence to go off, network and meet more people at the conference.*

*"The conference was very professionally put together and the line-up of speakers was both broad and impressive. I would really recommend it to anyone who is keen to push themselves but lacking confidence to consider going next year.*

### ALIX RITCHIE

**Health & Education Manager at Quality Meat Scotland**

*I was delighted to be selected along with five other women. We were a motley crew ranging in age, experiences, job roles and geographical locations – stretching from John O'Groats to Kirkcudbright!*

*"One of my personal highlights was the fireside chat with two champions of Diversity & Inclusion – Sarah Mukherjee and Matthew Naylor. Both shared their experiences of being marginalised in their work journeys and discussed biases and how they can be overcome.*

*"Thank you to RHASS for funding my place at the conference and I hope that this funding offering will continue in the future to allow others to learn and grow as I have from attending at the WFA Summit 2022.*





THE NEW RHASS MEMBERS PAVILION WAS A HIT

# AN UPDATE FOR RHASS MEMBERS

**As the lifeblood of our Society, your support as RHASS members has been invaluable as we welcomed the return of the Royal Highland Show this summer.**

We hope that you all had a brilliant Show and had the chance to appreciate our amazing Members Pavilion – it was wonderful to see everyone finally enjoying it.

## **SUPPORT OF NEW SYSTEMS**

A special thank you is due to you, our members, for your engagement with the new process of reserving your days at the Show, alongside booking members guest badges and tickets online. This new process helped to streamline our systems and open up more tickets to the general public, in turn generating more funding for the Society's charitable activities.

Whilst we intend to use email communications and online methods as we go forward, we will continue to provide support for those members who prefer to use post and phone.

## **HAVE YOUR SAY**

We would love to hear your feedback on your experience of reserving your days at the Show, booking members guest badges and tickets and engagement with the membership team before, during and after the Show to help us make improvements for next year.

Please send any feedback to [membership@rhass.org.uk](mailto:membership@rhass.org.uk) with "RHS feedback" in the subject line. If you prefer to send a letter, please write to the Membership Team, RHASS, Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh, EH28 8NB.

Thank you for your engagement and continued support.





# A SUMMER OF EVENTS AT THE ROYAL HIGHLAND CENTRE

BIFFY CLYRO PERFORM AT THE BIG TOP

## From the Big Top to Comic Con, a look at what's coming up on the RHC events calendar

The summer of 2022 has truly heralded the return of events – it has been amazing to see the Royal Highland Centre once again busy, bustling, and back hosting some world-class events.

These events play an important role for RHASS, generating income which helps support the Society's charitable remit.

The Big Top, Scotland's newest summer concert series, has welcomed some of the biggest names in music so far this summer. Scottish rockers Biffy Clyro graced the stage on the Saturday evening of the Royal Highland Show, while other well-known names like Madness, 50 Cent, Fatboy Slim and James also performed throughout June.

The 8,000-capacity concerts mark the long-awaited return of festival-style music events to Ingliston. The Ingliston showground has a long history of hosting gigs, dating back to the 1970s. In the past, major music acts including David Bowie, Queen, Oasis, Iron Maiden, Duran Duran and Genesis have performed there.



50 CENT PERFORMING



To find out more and purchase tickets for the below events, head to the Royal Highland Centre website - [royalhighlandcentre.co.uk](http://royalhighlandcentre.co.uk)

## AUGUST

19th & 20th August

### Hot Dub Time Machine

Hot Dub Time Machine is a time-travelling, 'dance-through-the-decades' audio-visual party concept, showcasing songs from every decade and genre of music, weaving it into one expansive, electrifying, music history lesson.



24th August

### Rage Against the Machine

Iconic rock band Rage Against the Machine will play their first Scottish headline show in 14 years as an extension of Connect Festival at the Royal Highland Centre. Rage Against the Machine will be joined by Run The Jewels, Nova Twins, and The Last Internationale.

26-28th August

### Connect Festival

Connect returns this year, bringing with it a line-up of everything from grassroots performers to global stars. Acts performing include The Chemical Brothers, The National, Mogwai and Bombay Bicycle Club.

**CONNECT**

A DF CONCERTS PRESENTATION

CONNECT MUSIC FESTIVAL COME

FRIDAY 26 AUG

IDLES | Jon Hopkins  
Black Coffee | John Grant  
Moses Boyd | Optimo (Espacio)  
Charlotte Adigery & Bolis Pupul | Future Utopia | Hammer  
Cloth | Maeve | IVRA

SATURDAY 27 AUG

The Chemical Brothers  
Bonobo | The Twilight Sad  
Caribou | Ride playing Nowhere  
Erol Alkan | LOW | Chloe Moriondo  
Matt Maltese | Willie | Healey | Nightwave | Swim School

SUNDAY 28 AUG

The National  
Mogwai | Bombay Bicycle Club  
Little Simz  
Idelwild playing The Domestic Fury | Self Esteem  
Black Country, New Road | Horse Meat Disco  
Admiral Fallow | Sudan Archives | Jamz Supernova  
DEHD | Rae Morris | Hamish Hawk | Lizzie Reid  
Rebecca Vasman | Geese | Kathleen Frances

26-28 AUG  
ROYAL HIGHLAND CENTRE, EDINBURGH

## SEPTEMBER

8th September

### Kidz to Adultz Scotland

This free-to-attend event is totally dedicated to children and young adults with disabilities and additional needs, their families, carers and the professionals who support them.

14th September

### EH1 Festival

This multi-arena event, with performers including Above & Beyond, Basement Jaxx, Joel Corry & Roger Sanchez, makes a welcomed return after a 4-year break and promises to be one of the biggest events of the year for dance music lovers.

## NOVEMBER

16th November

### AgriScot

**AgriScot**  
Your Farm Business Event

AgriScot is widely regarded as one of the premier events in UK agriculture. It caters to trade visitors and a wide cross section of farmers eager to seek out the products, services, advice and information necessary for their farming businesses.





# RHASS DIRECTORS & OFFICIALS | 2022/23

## PRESIDENT

Ian Duncan Millar, MBE

## VICE PRESIDENTS

Ronnie Black

Ewan Pate

George Taylor

Linda Tinson

## CHAPLAIN

The Very Reverend Dr Angus Morrison

## CHAIRMAN

James C Warnock

## IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN

William G Gray

## HONORARY SECRETARY

James Logan

## HONORARY TREASURER

John G Sinclair

## HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT

Les Davidson

## HONORARY TREASURER DESIGNATE

Dennis Bridgeford

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### ABERDEEN

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2020-2024 Eric A Mutch

2021-2025 Andrew Rennie

2022-2026 David Buchanan

### LOTHIAN

2019-2023 Louise Elder

2020-2024 William G Gray

2021-2025 James Logan

2022-2026 Jackie McCreery

## BORDERS

2019-2023 Gordon Gray

2020-2024 Rob Livesey

2021-2025 Neil Thomson

2022-2026 Tom Tennant

## DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY

2019-2023 Jim Hastings

2020-2024 Aylett Roan

2021-2025 Ian Beck

2022-2026 Hugh McClymont

## HIGHLAND

2019-2023 Robbie Newlands

2020-2024 Martin MacDonald

2021-2025 Dennis Bridgeford

2022-2026 Tom Henderson



## RHASS DIRECTORS



**BACK ROW (L-R)** - SANDY WILKIE, JOHN ANDERSON, FIONA ROEBUCK, BRYCE SLOAN, ANNE LOGAN, KATH DUN, IAN BECK, BRIAN YATES, KEITH CAMPBELL, NEIL THOMPSON, ROB LIVESEY, ERIC MUTCH, DAVID BUCHANAN, NEIL WATTIE **SECOND ROW FROM BACK (L-R)** - ANN REDPATH, JOHN DOWELL, JOHN OWEN, LES DAVIDSON, LOUISE ELDER, SARAH MACKIE, JACKIE MCCREERY, DAVID ALEXANDER, ROBBIE NEWLANDS, TOM HENDERSON, TOM TENNANT, MARIE LIVINGSTONE, WILL DOWNIE, ALASDAIR STRAKER **THIRD ROW FROM BACK (L-R)** - SUSAN LAWRIE, KAY ADAM, AYLETT ROAN, GORDON SUTHERLAND, BRUCE LANG, ALLY CAULFIELD, HEATHER WILDMAN, JIM HASTINGS, SANDY PIRIE, HUGH MCCLYMONT, KATRINA BARCLAY, CHRISTO SHEPHERD, MARK CURRIE **FRONT ROW (L-R)** - ALAN LAIDLAW, JAMES LOGAN, RONNIE BLACK, THE VERY REVEREND ANGUS MORRISON, JIM WARNOCK, IAN DUNCAN-MILLAR, GEORGE TAYLOR, BILL GRAY, LINDA TINSON, EWAN PATE, DENNIS BRIDGEFORD, JOHN SINCLAIR **THOSE NOT PICTURED** - ALEXANDER BANKIER, ANDREW HORNALL, ANDREW RENNIE, BILL ARNOT, GORDON GRAY, GRANT TURNBULL, JAMES C. WARNOCK, JULIAN PACE, KENNY SUTHERLAND, KENNY WILSON, MARTIN MACDONALD, SCOTT BROWN

### PERTH

2019-2023	Fiona Roebuck
2020-2024	Susan Lawrie
2021-2025	D Bruce Lang
2022-2026	Kay Adam

### STIRLING

2019-2023	Anne Logan
2020-2024	Andrew Hornall
2021-2025	Gordon Sutherland
2022-2026	James C Warnock

### STRATHCLYDE

2019-2023	Alexander C Wilkie
2020-2024	David CS Alexander
2021-2025	Keith Campbell
2022-2026	Alex Bankier

### EXTRAORDINARY AREA DIRECTORS

Aberdeen	Neil Wattie
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Perth	John Dowell
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Strathclyde	Sandy Pirie

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#### FIRST YEAR

Heather Wildman		John Owen
Bryce Sloan		Will Downie
John Sinclair		Bill Arnot
Kath Dun		Sarah Mackie

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Alistair Kenneth Sutherland

### EXTRAORDINARY DIRECTORS REPRESENTING OTHER AGRICULTURAL BODIES

#### BRITISH AGRICULTURAL AND GARDEN MACHINERY ASSOCIATION (BAGMA)

Alasdair Straker, representing the British Agricultural and Garden Machinery Association (BAGMA)

#### AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION (AEA)

Kenny Wilson of Kverneland Group, representing the Agricultural Engineers' Association (AEA)

### HONORARY DIRECTORS & ADVISORS

Julian Pace





THE PERTH PRESIDENTIAL TEAM

# Meet the 2022/23 Presidential Team

**Perth area to be showcased for 2022/23**



### PRESIDENT

#### Ian Duncan Millar MBE

As well as farming at Tirinie, Aberfeldy, Ian has enjoyed a national profile through key roles in a number of organisations, including Quality Meat Scotland and the Scottish Agricultural Arbiters and Valuers Association. He has recently retired as Chairman of the Moredun Foundation.



### VICE PRESIDENTS

#### Ronnie Black

Ronnie is a partner in the family farm and feed business, Collessie Feeds, as well as a successful Clydesdale and sheep breeder. He is Past President of both the Clydesdale Horse and Suffolk Sheep Societies, and the 2007 recipient of RHASS Sir William Young Award. Alongside having judged six different breed sections at the Show, his Clydesdale mare, Collessie Jennifer, won the Overall Clydesdale Championship and the Sanderson Trophy at this year's Show. Ronnie and his family also starred in the BBC's This Farming Life.



#### Ewan Pate

Now a freelance agricultural journalist, Ewan is probably best known as the farming editor of the Dundee Courier, a position he held for many years. He also farms and is a trustee and immediate past chairman of RSAB.



#### George Taylor

George is Managing Director of G C Taylor (Farms) Ltd is the third generation of Taylors farming in the Carse of Gowrie. George is also Chairman of Mackies at Taypack Ltd who manufacture premium potato crisps.



#### Linda Tinson

Linda is a Partner with Ledingham Chalmers LLP and has vast experience in all aspects of business in the rural and agricultural sectors. She is from a farming family with a long association with the Show, and she and her wider family have been involved with showing light horses for generations.



### HONORARY CHAPLAIN

#### The Very Reverend Angus Morrison.

For many years, Angus was minister for the Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church near Kinross. Now retired, he is a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and is an Honorary Chaplain to the Queen.





# RHASS AWARDS & GRANTS

Furthering advancements in the agri-sector

## EQUINE GRASS SICKNESS RESEARCH

Funding of £4,850 has been granted for a scientific research project, undertaken by Dr Hayley Coulson, on the topic of 'Investigating meteorological conditions affecting equine grass sickness'.



## SCOTTISH AGRITOURISM VERMONT CONFERENCE

Total funding of £3,250 has been granted for 5 delegates to attend the International Workshop on Agritourism, taking place 30th August – 1st September 2022 in Vermont, Canada.



## NORTH HIGHLAND INITIATIVE

RHASS has contributed £4,500 towards commissioning two pieces of research to further understand the socio-economic, environmental and sustainability aspects associated with farming and food production specifically in the North Highlands of Scotland.



## RSABI

RSABI received support in the form of a stand at the 2022 Royal Highland Show, the donation of the retiring collection from the Show's Sunday Service, plus two Show tickets and a bottle of the RHS200 bicentenary gin was awarded. This is in addition to RHASS's long-standing financial support of RSABI's helpline and outreach service.

## SCOTTISH AGRITOURISM AT RHS

Scottish Agritourism were awarded a stand space at this year's Royal Highland Show, to the value of £1,500.



## Chief Executive Alan Laidlaw reflects on the successful return of the Royal Highland Show



I hope I speak for most of Scotland's agri community when I say just how wonderful it was to be back at the Royal Highland Show this year. Seeing the excitement of visitors as they flooded through the gates was what made the last few years worthwhile.

Our team knew it would be a challenge after the three-year absence of a full Show, but the enthusiasm around the prospect of a return to Inverclyde was what kept us going. They say absence makes the heart grow fonder, and never has that saying been more true!

The value and importance of agricultural shows to our sector cannot be underestimated. Whether it's your local show or Scotland's largest – all play a vital role bringing communities together to reconnect, share best practice and simply catch up after being apart for so long.

The pressure was well and truly on for delivering the 2022 Show, made all the more challenging by supply chain issues and the amount of muscle memory lost over the last few years. Teething problems were inevitable, especially in some aspects such as cleaning, which was, at times, a poor reflection of the high standards we aim for - we acknowledge that we fell short in certain areas.

Overall, I am very proud that we managed to put on a safe and successful Royal Highland Show. Especially since it was its bicentennial year – reaching 200 years is such a milestone and one which deserved to be recognised and celebrated in full.

Now, many might think that we turn to preparations and planning for 2023, but the reality is that 2023's Show has already been in the making since 2018 – especially with the arrival of the Golden Shears World Shearing Championships next year. Similarly, the changes in the Food Hall on display this year were also born from an idea first formed over four years ago. We're now looking ahead to plans for 2024 and beyond!

The value of our Show really does come from the members, directors, trade exhibitors, competitors, visitors and everyone else who supports the Show in whatever way, shape or form. We would not have survived without your ongoing support.

On another note, it was with fascination, admiration and reflection I looked on at the autonomous tractor technology on display this year. It is brilliant to see this kind of innovation, but this also raises some huge questions for the industry.

One of the things this year's Show highlighted was that the faces of agriculture, trade, our customers and the supply chain at large are changing. As we move forward into the future, we will do all we can to adapt and develop - just as we have for the last 200 years.

Alan Laidlaw, Chief Executive





**Every dream  
needs a plan**

