

COTSWOLD SHEEP SOCIETY

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011

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OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

- (A) To develop the breed of sheep known as the COTSWOLD breed, to maintain the purity breed. and to encourage the improvement and expansion of the
- (B) To arrange for the compilation and maintenance of a flock book register, . entries in which shall only be open to members of the Society
- (C) To sell, purchase, import and export COTSWOLD Sheep.
- (D) To hold shows, exhibitions or competitions for furthering the objects of the Society . and to offer prizes at such shows, exhibitions or competitions.
- (E) To carry out and support research into the breeding and production of COTSWOLD Sheep.
- (F) To compile and publish information and statistics relating to the breeding and management of COTSWOLD Sheep and to investigate the pedigree of any animal submitted to the Society.
- (G) To undertake arbitration upon questions relating to or connected with COTSWOLD Sheep.
- (H) To provide rooms and other facilities for the holding and conducting of meetings for the objects or work of the Society.
- (I) To accept gifts and donations of all kinds, to undertake and execute trusts and to borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Society on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit.
- (J) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
- (K) In the event of the Society winding up, any remaining funds to be given to the Rare Breeds Survival Trust or any other charity responsible for the fostering of rare farm livestock.

CONSTITUTION

The Society was reformed in 1966, and is now well established with some 130 unincorporated members.

TRUSTEES

Life President;	Mrs H J Colburn
President:	Mrs P C Quinn
Vice President:	Mr E Freeman(<i>to July 2010</i>) Mr R Boodle (<i>from July 2010</i>)
Chairman:	Mr R Mumford (<i>from July 2010</i>)
Vice Chairman:	Mr T Jackson (<i>from July 2010</i>)
Council Members:	Mr D Cross (<i>from July 2008</i>) Mrs C Cunningham (<i>from July 2008</i>) Mr P R Leach (<i>from July 2009</i>) Mr S Parkes (<i>from July 2009</i>) Mrs M Pursch (<i>from July 2009</i>) The Hon Mrs A Reid (<i>from July 2008</i>) Miss D Stanhope (<i>from July 2009</i>)
Secretary	Mrs L Foster
Treasurer/Registrar	Mrs L Parkes

OVERVIEW

The Society remains vibrant and active, with membership at around 130 .

Council decided to increase subscriptions with effect from 1st April 2009 to meet rising costs of publications and gently falling income from memberships. This will be the first rise for almost 10 years and it is hoped it will not result in too many members deciding not to renew. The demand for events and activities has been as high as ever and the income generated from these, and particularly the Winter Social, are essential to the Society's financial stability. Their primary purpose, however, is to further knowledge and provide opportunities for members to meet and share their interests, in which the events succeed very well. The website is playing an increasingly important role in promoting the Society and its purposes and providing details of its activities, and is becoming the principle means by which new members are attracted.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The Society has general reserves of £2008. In 2010 the Society made a small profit of £94

NEWSLETTER

Four Newsletters were published during the year.

The design and format is now well established and these publications are the principle means of communicating with and between members, with topical articles, notices of forthcoming events and reports on activities.

The Society must thank John Flanders, Barry Flanders and Angela Reid for thier help with this publications during the year.

EVENTS

Workshop May 2010

The May workshop at Mrs Pat Quinns was very well attended. The members had found the demonstrartions very useful and the Society must pay tribute to Mrs Quinn for her continued support to the Society.

Society Summer Show July 2010

Summer Show was well attended at Cirencester Park, some new exhibitors had attended as well as the usual ones.

Sheep 2010 August 2010

Breed promtion stand in attendance.

Society Show & Sale August 2010

The Society Annual Show & Sale was well attended at Cirecester Market, with prices holding up

Society National Show September 2010

Show classes were well supported by members.

Flock Competition October 2010

The flock competition was a useful exercise, the judges had enjoyed their visits.

Quiz Night October 2010

The quiz was not so well attended, but thanks to Derek Cross for his efforts in getting the food to the tables.

Winter Social December 2010

The Winter Social continues to be well supported and generates the Society some additional funds.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf



R Mumford : Chairman

Date:

