



Members Caravan Park update

This message has been circulated using the Website and Social media, rather than posting to individual members, in order to protect our Society, by reducing unnecessary expenditure at this difficult time.

The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society is a member led organisation, the ethos of which is that members can feel proud of the fact that they are supporting the charitable aims of the society. These are delivered through providing awards, bursaries and scholarships, along with organising and staging our three society events. In addition and particularly important at this time, the Society promotes agriculture, forestry, horticulture and conservation and in particular Welsh produce. As has been said on many occasions and not least in the documented history of the Society 'Taking Stock' - The Society is **'more than a show'**.

Members are able to engage and influence the Society through our much envied County Advisory and Feature County structures, or generally feeling part of such a great organisation by just showing support. There is much more to membership of any organisation than access to events, or other facilities.

At times like this it is the support of our members across Wales and further a field that ensures the future of the Society. We have survived hard times before, most recently the foot and mouth crisis in 2001. It was the continued support of the members that ensured we were able to bounce back, retain staff, site facilities and continue the great work of the Society and host our well-loved events. In these unprecedented times the future we face after having to close our doors on our own festival, summer show and to those who use our site for many more events will be an uncertain one.

The support of our members is a critical part of our Society's success and we are especially grateful for this support following the regrettable decision to cancel the 2020 Royal Welsh Show.

In order to allow members to show their support we have agreed that any member already allocated a caravan plot in the Members Caravan Parks at this year's show, can secure a plot at the 2021 Show (at this year's rates) by leaving their booking and associated fees with the Society. (Money being withdrawn from your account in the last week or so, is confirmation of your booking.) In this case there is no need for members to take any action.

Whilst there is no obligation to do this, we feel that many members will appreciate this opportunity to support our business continuity plan whilst securing your booking for next year.

Those members whose cheque has not been banked have not had a plot reserved. We will return your cheques in the normal way. Please bear with staff during this period as there is unprecedented demand.

Your support is important to us and vital to the long term future of the Society and our thoughts and best wishes are with you as we all face this unprecedented scenario.



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