



Message to members,

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.

We want to thank you for your support and hope that you, our valued member will be able to continue to support your Royal Welsh Agricultural Society through this difficult time and that you enjoy reading about the Society in this year's Journal which is nearly complete.

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.

Thank you.



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