



# BRITISH PIG ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2011





# British Pig Association Annual report 2011 Message from the Chairman



Last year we stressed the importance of developing a Youth Policy that would help to ensure the future of our pedigree breeds by helping to encourage the next generation of pedigree pig keepers. I am pleased to report that 2011 has seen the launch of the new Junior Pig Club with over 40 members. Behind the scenes a lot of hard work has gone into ensuring that the new Club complies with all the necessary legal requirements to safeguard the welfare of young members involved in club activities and I would like to thank Tracey and Ian Bretherton, Sarah Kiddy, Steve Richardson and Janice Wood for giving up their time to get Junior Pig Club off to such a successful start.

2011 has seen deepening economic gloom spread across the country and pig keeping has not been exempt from these difficulties. In spite of this recruitment of new pedigree breeders has continued to hold up with numbers exceeding the previous year. Our hard working Breed Representatives play a key role in recruitment and I would like to thank these volunteers for the excellent unpaid work that they do to help convert new pig buyers into pedigree breeders.

Thanks to the launch of Practical Pigs magazine in partnership with Kelsey Publishing, we have also recruited almost 100 new members to our Conservation Club and the new non-breeding membership category. The magazine is widely distributed through farm shops and other rural outlets and has helped to raise the profile of the Association whilst at the same time removing the burden of printing and posting over 2000 newsletters from the office.

Our three committees have also been working hard this year. I would like to thank my Deputy Chairmen: Guy Kiddy, Chris Coe and John Herbert and their committee members for all their hard work.

## Breed Development and Conservation

Four more boars have been added to our frozen semen bank this year, two Large Blacks, one British Saddleback and for the first time an Oxford Sandy and Black. We now have all our Traditional Native Breeds represented in the gene bank and plans are underway to add some of the more traditional lines of British Landrace and Large White to the existing store of Welsh boars from the Modern Breeds. In total 35 boar lines have been collected and we only require the Malcolm and Sovereign lines to complete the inventory for our two rarest breeds, Large Black and Middle White.

Working with the Rare Breeds Survival Trust and the Breeders Clubs, our genetics consultant Dr Rex Walters has completed the first round of genetic analysis for these two rarest breeds, the Large Black and the Middle White. This analysis will form the basis of conservation breeding programmes for these two endangered breeds. After keying in over 7000 additional pedigree records to take the computer data back to 1980, we have also completed a similar analysis for the Welsh breed commissioned by Helen Tongue and Christine Vaughan with funding from the Welsh Assembly.

I am very pleased to report that the first volume of the Geoffrey Cloke memorial herdbook has now been published. This is a long term programme which aims to fill in the missing years from 1976 to 1998 when no herdbooks were published. The first breed to be completed is the Middle White and others will follow in due course. A project is also underway to set up herdbook exchange so that surplus duplicate copies of old herdbooks can be passed on to members and build a distributed archive.

Following its inclusion on the official Defra Native Breeds at Risk list the Oxford Sandy & Black has been added to the Rare Breeds Survival Trust Watchlist for the first time this year. There is also good news for the British Landrace and Large White breeds. The Original



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Populations of these two native breeds, recorded in the BPA herdbooks have been added to the official Breeds at Risk list giving them additional protection.

The Committee will be launching initiatives in 2012 to ensure the survival the original lines of these two breeds which have contributed so much to commercial pig production both at home and abroad. For a breed to survive it must have a market and so it is good to see that our British Landrace and Large White breeders have taken advantage of the new export certificate negotiated with China last year to resume sales of breeding stock to this most important overseas market.

## Pedigree Pork

This has been a difficult year for Pedigree Pork producers with feed prices putting the squeeze on margins and consumers cutting back on expenditure. Thankfully the quality of our product has helped to sustain producers who work hard on their marketing. The introduction of the new electronic movement licences offers Pedigree Pork producers the chance to help build a database of Pedigree Pork retailers so that we can help to promote Pedigree Pork wherever it is sold.

Pedigree Pork has also been listed in the Slow Food Ark of Taste giving our producers another opportunity to promote their pork to an already sympathetic group of consumers in the Slow Food movement.

Two successful training programmes have been run in the North West organised by the North West Pig Club. We hope that this regional model can be used in other parts of the country to tap into local funding for training programmes. Caron Stewart has been working with Quality Meat Scotland to put together a training programme in Scotland which will launch in the new year.

Pedigree Pork also featured for the first time in 30 years at Highland Winter Fair with a stand supported by many of the Breed Clubs to raise awareness of Pedigree Pigs in Scotland and a sausage competition to show the quality of our product. In Wales Keith Brown has once again delivered a first class event at the Welsh Winter Fair. Congratulations to all those who have taken part in the BPEX roadshows so far and in the National Sausage Week promotions. Success in these competitions shows that our producers not only have the best tasting pork but also that they can turn it into award winning sausages and pork products judged against some of the country's top butchers.

## Shows and Sales

A Spring Sale was organised this year at Chelford Market by Stephen Booth and Steve Richardson this year. The event proved very popular and will be repeated again in 2012.

After a run of 6 successful events at Ross on Wye our National Show & Sale moved to Stoneleigh this year where our team led by Nick Hunkin joined forces with native breed cattle and sheep. For the first time the pigs were shown in a ring on the day before the sale with a full set of breed classes. The National Pedigree Show and Sale continues to provide an opportunity for breeders to move genetics around at the end of the end of the showing season and we are very grateful for the support of our first class auctioneers Norton and Brooksbank who work very hard to ensure the best possible prices for good quality stock.

Our New Judges Scheme administered by Viki Mills has become a valuable tool to help breeders make the transition from exhibitor to judge.



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The BPA show calendar already has 20 Accredited Shows and we receive many request from new shows with pig classes to recognised by the Association. We have introduced a new class of Affiliated Shows this year with Dorset County, Great Eccleston and Westmorland Shows as the trial events. The requirements for Affiliated Shows are less stringent and we hope this will provide a path for smaller shows to become part of the BPA programme.

Inspections were carried out a number of shows this year to check ear numbers against catalogue entries. Thank you to all those who helped carry out these checks. The inspections revealed that there is still much work to be done with the show societies before we can implement a full programme of checks. A system of random checking based on pedigree certificates will be introduced next year to ensure that all pigs at BPA shows are herdbook registered.

With the transfer of the pig enterprise from Cranborne Estates to Hatfield we said goodbye to our main sponsor for the Pig of the Year competitions after 7 years of very generous support and welcomed a new sponsor for the Pig of the Year – Debbie and Andrew's Sausages. The Yorkshire based family business enjoyed their first year as sponsors and joined members for the traditional lunch and prize giving after the final at Harrogate.

## Association projects

The Association has continued to work closely with Government to ensure that our members interests and our breeds are taken into account when policies are being formulated. A new policy to address the problem of spillover of Bovine TB in pigs and is being prepared and will for the first time take account of the potential impact on our Native Breeds at Risk.

The BPA works closely with the National Expert Committee on Farm Animal Genetic Resources. The committee has prioritised the development of Approved Breeding Programmes that could offer similar support to keepers of native breed pigs as that offered through the grazing programmes to sheep and cattle.

An important part of an Approved Breeding Programme will be biosecurity. The BPA is involved with the National Pig Health and Welfare Strategy and is working to develop biosecurity plans and producer assessment schemes that will benefit smaller producers who cannot join mainstream Farm Assurance Schemes.

New movement licensing systems have been introduced in Great Britain to ensure that pigs moved are notified in advance. This is an important step in ensuring that we can control outbreaks of exotic disease. The Association has been working tirelessly with government to ensure that smaller producers are catered for in the new system.

Whilst 2011 has been a difficult year for all pig producers and pedigree breeders have not been immune from the problems, I am pleased to see that our committees are working hard in their sectors and that the Association is working at a national level on a range of exciting projects that will deliver long term benefits to our growing membership.

Alan Rose  
December 2011

THE BRITISH PIG ASSOCIATION  
(Company limited by Guarantee)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2010

Charity name:	The British Pig Association
Charity registration number:	248119
Company registration number:	22088 (England and Wales)
Registered office and Operational address:	Trumpington Mews 40B High Street Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 9LS
Bankers:	National Westminster Bank Plc. 72-74 High Street Watford Hertfordshire WD1 2BQ
Investment advisers and bankers:	Schroder Personal Investment Management Limited 31 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QA
Auditors:	Agutter Khanderia Chartered Accountants 85a Great Portland Street London W1W 7LT

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2010

**Management Committee**

President: The Most Hon. The Marquess of Salisbury P.C., D.L.

Chairman: A. Rose

Vice Chairmen: Mrs. C. Coe  
J. Herbert  
G. Kiddy

Honorary Vice-Presidents: P. Brier  
B. Knight  
J. S. Millard  
Mrs. V. Mills  
Mrs. F. M. Slade MBE  
P. Snell  
G. Walters

Chief executive and Secretary: M. Bates

Directors and Trustees: S. Booth (resigned 22/09/10)  
P. Brier  
B. Card  
Mrs. C. Coe  
J. Herbert  
S. Hull (resigned 22/09/10)  
G. Kiddy  
B. Knight  
S. Loveless  
J. S. Millard  
Mrs. V. Mills  
D. Norman  
R. Overend  
S. Richardson (appointed 03/12/10)  
A. Robinson  
A. Rose  
Mrs. F. M. Slade (resigned 22/09/10)  
P. Snell (resigned 22/9/10)  
Mrs. C. D. Vaughan  
G. Walters (resigned 22/09/10)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2010

<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2010</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2009</u> £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds:</u>					
Voluntary income	(2)	27,874	-	27,874	22,522
Activities for generating funds	(3)	226,653	132	226,785	181,046
Investment income	(4)	5,740	2	5,742	13,068
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		260,267	134	260,401	216,636
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 <u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
<u>Costs of generating funds:</u>					
Costs of generating voluntary Income	(5)	2,000	-	2,000	2,500
Fundraising costs	(6)	156,013	-	156,013	112,456
Investment management costs	(7)	6,377	-	6,377	4,875
Governance costs	(8)	114,770	-	114,770	116,208
<b>Total resources expended</b>		279,160	-	279,160	236,039
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<u>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</u>	(9)	£(18,893)	£134	£(18,759)	£(19,403)
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STATEMENT OF OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2010

	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	TOTAL <u>2010</u> £	TOTAL <u>2009</u> £
Net incoming resources/(deficit) before revaluations and investment asset disposals	(18,893)	134	(18,759))	(19,403)
<u>Holding gains/(losses):</u>				
Gains/(losses) on revaluations of Investments	(23,169)	-	(23,169)	93,726
Gains/(losses) on investment asset Disposals	19,871	-	19,871	5,211
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<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(22,191)	134	(22,057)	79,534
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>				
Total funds at 1st January 2010	520,891	8,399	529,290	449,756
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Total funds at 31st December 2010	£498,700	£8,533	£507,233	£529,290
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2010

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2010</u> £	<u>2009</u> £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Tangible assets	(10)	14,845	16,406
Heritage assets	(11)	10,558	9,028
Investments	(12)	<u>504,457</u>	<u>507,767</u>
		<u>529,860</u>	<u>533,201</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Stock		1,494	1,510
Debtors	(13)	49,715	57,258
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>14,046</u>	<u>47,849</u>
		<u>65,255</u>	<u>106,617</u>
<u>CREDITORS:</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year	(14)	<u>87,882</u>	<u>110,528</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</u>		<u>(22,627)</u>	<u>(3,911)</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		507,233	529,290
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<u>NET ASSETS</u>		£507,233	£529,290
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<u>CAPITAL</u>			
Restricted income funds	(15)	8,533	8,399
Unrestricted income funds		498,700	520,891
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		£507,233	£529,290
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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These accounts were approved by the board of directors on 20th September 2011

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A. ROSE  
Director and Trustee

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MRS. C. COE  
Director and Trustee