

BLASTON & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW SOCIETY – AGM 2009

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Nigel Maclean, Membership Secretary

Ladies and gentleman -

As it has been reported already, this year was always going to be a challenge - membership and the facilities for members at the Show included.

I am therefore delighted to be able to report a very significant increase in membership for this year - approximately 130% up on the 2008 show. The total number of members currently stands at 146 – of which 51 are renewed memberships and 95 are totally new members. Of that 95, 19 signed up for membership on the day of the Show itself.

We are very grateful to everyone for the support they have shown us this year and whilst we do not take it for granted, we very much hope all our members will continue to support the Show in the future.

We did receive a considerable number of positive comments on the members' marquee and outside seating area. However, we are also very aware that improvements can and need to be made.

In particular, comments were justifiably made about the lack of catering facilities available to members who did not attend the President's lunch. As a result we are reviewing this and improvements will be made. Not only in the members' marquee, but on the showground as a whole. If anyone does have any comments or suggestions regarding this aspect or anything else relating to members and membership I would be only too happy to hear from them.

Members play a vital role in the success of the Show and as Membership Secretary it is obviously my primary objective to encourage as many people as possible to become members. I can confirm that the cost of membership will remain unchanged for the 2010 Show - £10 / person or £20 for a family.

I would therefore like to conclude by taking this opportunity to ask all of you to help spread the word about the Show and if there are any non-members here tonight who would like to receive membership information then please do come and see me afterwards.

Thank you.