



PRESS RELEASE

Jimmy helps at RBST AGM

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Jimmy Doherty well known from his television series Jimmy's Farm and from the Essex Pig Company was on hand to present prizes to Rare Breed Survivors Club members at the Rare Breeds Survival Trust's 31st Annual General Meeting on Saturday 23rd July. Over 50 members and friends gathered in the Great Barn at Home Farm on the National Trust Wimpole Estate, near Cambridge.

Trust Chairman, Lawrence Alderson CBE, said it was fitting that the AGM was held at Wimpole, a long-standing Approved Conservation Centre which actively partakes in Trust Programmes. The Ash herds of White Park and Longhorn cattle, donated many years ago to the National Trust by Mr Michael Rosenberg, are kept at Wimpole.

Approved Conservation Centres, such as Wimpole, are important elements of the Trust. Together with Support Groups and breed organisations, they promote the Trust and its work to the public.

Following the conclusion of formal business, the meeting was given an amusing insight of the activities at Wimpole by Home Farm Manager, Dave Watson. Mr Peter Shirley from the Marsh Christian Trust presented conservation awards to Home Farm Temple Newsam, Leeds and to Dr. Saffron Townsend, and Dr. Rex Walters.

Members were free to enjoy Wimpole Estate and Home Farm at their leisure after lunch.

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Notes for Editors

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust is a charity established in 1973. It works to conserve over 70 breeds of native farm livestock.

Photographs are available if required to accompany the story.

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