



The Silent "U"

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

SPRING SALES

PREMIER PEDIGREE SALE

6th FEBRUARY 2026

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

Collective Sale

Comprising:

- Luing In-Calf Heifers
- Breeding Bulls

STIRLING BULL SALE

16th February 2026

United Auctions, Stirling

Online catalogues available at
www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/sales

TIMETABLE

Wednesday 4th February

Arrival of stock

Thursday 5th February

11 am	Inspection of bulls
PM	Inspection of females
5 pm	AGM
7 pm	Annual Dinner

Friday 6th February

9 am	Show of females
10.30 am	Parade of bulls
12 pm	Sale of females followed by bulls

Notice Board

Luining Cattle Society Annual General Meeting

Thursday 5th February 2026

Canteen, Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

Annual Dinner

Ernespie Hotel, Castle Douglas

**Meal choices can be booked
on Grassroots**

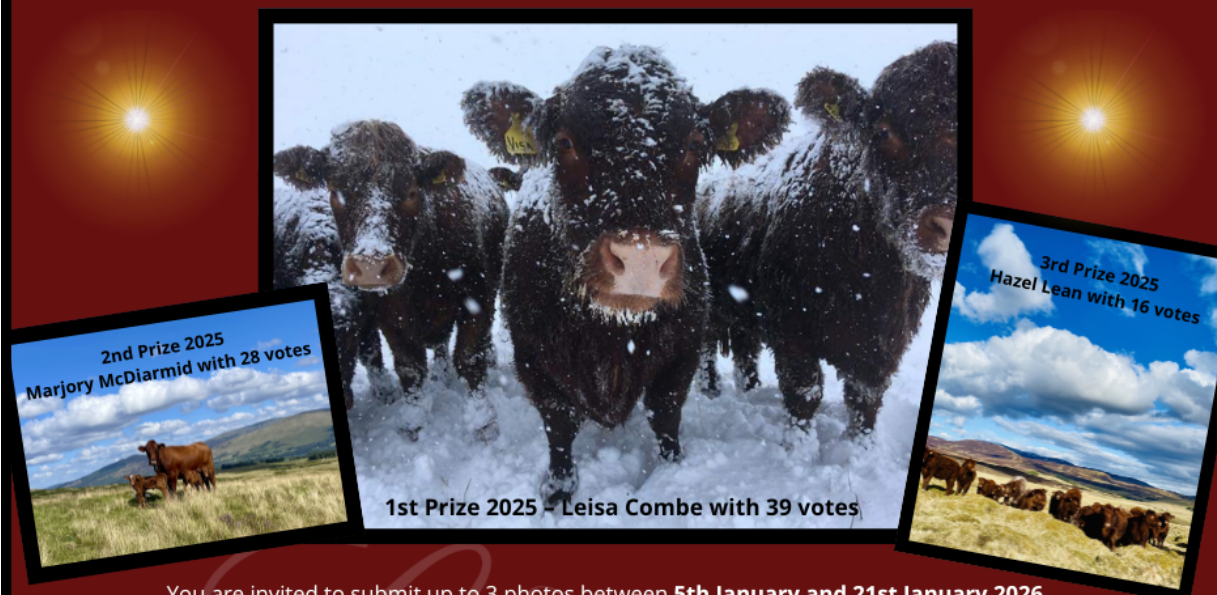
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DEADLINE

31st December

Census Update!!

Luining Photographic Competition 2026



You are invited to submit up to 3 photos between **5th January and 21st January 2026**.

Photos of Luining cattle during different seasons, humorous images are also welcome. Images should be at least 3000 pixels along their longest dimension (mobile phones easily achieve this) and preferably landscape format. Entries as JPG files (up to 5MB size).

Entries should be sent by email to **stephenlittleboreland@gmail.com** Please be aware that many phones will automatically compress file sizes, so be careful to send at full resolution (high-quality photo).

The Society recognises that copyright remains with the originator. However, we reserve the right to display any entry on our web pages and social media, and to print any image in Society publications, including the Calendar. The Society will always credit the photographer in these cases. By submitting an entry, you are agreeing to the above.

Chairman's Message

Winter has settled in and some of us have had our first flurry of snow, time has passed at an alarming rate. Our fieldsman has been busy on the road and has only a few bull inspections left to do. With entry dates for the spring sales looming it would be nice to see a healthy entry for both Castle Douglas and Stirling.

Council have been working hard behind the scenes and the volume of work that our late secretary Natalie did being realised. At our recent meeting we discussed how the running of the society should look like and address members concerns of the secretarial role. All options were looked at and all roads led back to one option. Moving forward council have decided to stay with Pedigree Cattle Services (PCS) for some of the secretarial services and create a new role of breed manager. The role of breed manager would be the point of contact for members, where members take their information/queries etc to the breed manager and they then pass it on to the relevant body within PCS. The breed manager would also carry out fieldsman's duties which will include attending show stands, dam classifications and bull approvals. With our fieldsman looking to wind down in the next few years it is felt that this would be right time to do this. The breed manager would work along side our fieldsman to learn the ropes and meet members before ultimately taken on the role in its entirety. This approach would mitigate the reliance of one individual and business can carry on in the event of absence of secretary at any point. Council will be advertising for this role in 2026.

The breed development committee has been looking at a Young Breeders Programme. This has been inspired by our late secretary Natalie Cormack, who had always wanted to implement such a thing in the Luings breed. The plan would be to hold workshops and trips for young breeders to further their knowledge as well as being a good opportunity to meet like minded peers. This would be open to all young folk involved in the breed whether that is sons and daughters or employees and led by the youth themselves to what they'd like to do. The society would pay for this with surplus income and would also invite members to donate where they can, Wallets Mart and the Cadzow family have very kindly offered a donation to kick start the programme. The Young Breeders Programme will be put forward as a proposal at the next AGM. The next generation are the future of our breed, and we would like to encourage and help as much as possible.

As again we are in nomination season, this year we are seeking 3 new Council members. Nominations are now in and it's great to see we have 6 people coming forward. Enclosed are voting forms, I would encourage all to vote.

I would like to thank all who have helped and provided cattle for stands during the busy show season. I'd also like to thank council members and our Fieldsman for all their work in the last few months.

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Breeder Reminders

Important Dates For Your Diary

Deadline for Census Update on Grassroots

31st Dec 2025

AGM

5th February 2026

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas (5pm)

Annual Dinner

5th February 2024

Ernespie Hotel, Castle Douglas (7pm)

Premier Sale

Friday 6th February 2026

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

Stirling Bull Sale

16th February, 2026

Registration Deadline

28th February 2026

Spring Breeding Sale

12th May 2026

Dingwall and Highland Marts

entries close 13th April

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Luings Council has three retiring members at the next AGM for which nominations have been sought for these three places. Six nominations have been received. The election will be held by postal vote, a voting form has been included with this mailing and the Council encourages you to vote - please return the voting form by 14th January 2025.

Completed voting papers should be returned to the ballot officer, the contact details are on the voting form. Please only vote for up to three candidates. Any papers with more than three votes will be deemed invalid.