



The Silent "U"

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

ROCKCLIFFE HERD REDUCTION SALE

Luings

- 180 2ND calvers and up
- Luing and Simmental Stock Bulls
- Pedigree Luing and Sim-Luing calves at foot
- Bluetongue vaccinated
- BioBest herd care members
- Pre-sale visits welcomed



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Rockcliffe
Luing
Cattle Herd



**SAT 9TH OF AUGUST 2025, 12.30PM –
WALLETS MART, CASTLE DOUGLAS**

Luings

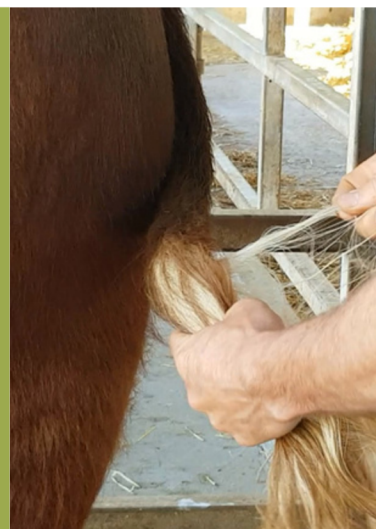
APPLICATIONS FOR INSPECTIONS & DAM CLASSIFICATION

We are rapidly approaching the traditional time for inspections of young breeding bulls, which also includes the classification of their dams. Members are invited to make their applications for inspection by 31st August, latest. Application forms are available to download from the website at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/breed-development. There is also an online form available at the bottom of the page at the same address.

Bulls which are put forward for inspection should also have had a **DNA analysis result** or have had a hair sample **submitted by 31st August**, to ensure a timely result.

HAS YOUR HERD SIRE(S) BEEN DNA PROFILED?

All bulls used for breeding need to be DNA profiled so that any male progeny kept for breeding can be sire verified. These sires need to be DNA sampled to enable the sire verification of male progeny subsequently used for breeding. If not already done, please take a clean hair sample and put in a clean bag and forward to the office. Please remember to quote the ear number and breeder or origin.



JOURNAL ADVERTISING

Planning for the 2026 Luing Journal is underway and we just wanted to flag that there is plenty of opportunities for advertising your herd with the publication. Adverts should be submitted by **15th October** and be in ready-to-print pdf format. The publication is A4 portrait and printed in full colour. An application form is available on the website (Publications page), which includes pricing options. We respectfully remind you to please be accurate and factual in any claims made.



Chairman's Message

On the 8th July we sadly lost our secretary Natalie Cormack after a long fight with illness. Natalie has been our secretary for 5 years and with her skills and vast knowledge of everything to do with cattle she has propelled our society forward. Our thoughts are with Natalie's partner Keith, her family and her friends, she will be sorely missed by us all.

With the passing of Natalie I would like to report that Pedigree Cattle Services has been with us every step of the way and our registrar will now be Helena Stewart. The Luing mobile number and email will remain the same and for the landline please call 01738 448349.

Congratulations to many breeders who sold both heifers and bulls at our spring sale in Dingwall. The quality of the stock was excellent, this was reflected by buoyant trade. With cattle numbers dwindling it is very encouraging to see such a healthy demand for Luing cattle.

We have now exhibited at Beeftech, Welsh Hill Farming Event, Royal Highland Show and the Royal Welsh Show. All these events have been a great success with many serious enquiries into our breed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in setting up and manning these stands, we would not be able to attend all of these events if it was not for our members contributing their valuable time.

**Pedigree Cattle Services are moving all office functions into the Perth office.
Telephone number is now 01738 448349 and address is**

**Luing Cattle Society
Pedigree House
6 Kings Place
Perth
PH2 8AD**

All DNA samples and postal correspondence should be sent to this address.

Breeder Reminders

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST 25

- 7th Black Isle show stand
- 9th Rockliffe Dispersal
- 31st Application Deadline for Bull Inspection notification forms
www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/breed-development

SEPTEMBER

- 12th closing date for Autumn Breeding Sale entries

OCTOBER 25

- 15th Journal Advert Deadline
- 25th Society Autumn Sale Stirling Mart - United Auctions

NOVEMBER 25

- 8th Isle of Luing (Society Approved Sale) Oban Livestock Centre

DECEMBER 25

- 5th Closing Date for Premier Sale Entries and Stirling Bull Sale Entries
- 31st Deadline for Census Update on Grassroots

A REVIEW OF FEES AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- Membership Fees will be increased to £50 + VAT from 1st January 2026.
- A Direct Debit scheme is to be introduced from 1st January 2026.
- Commission on brokered sales will increase to 2% in line with Society Sale levy from 1st June 2025.

The Premier Sale will have an entry fee of £60 + VAT for bulls only, which is refundable if the bull is forward.

