



Official Statement issued by the Border Union Agricultural Society

BUAS Restructure

Due to the dramatic impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on the income of the Border Union Agricultural Society (BUAS), this following two years of losses in 2018 and 2019, the Trustees have had to undertake a fundamental review of the structure and associated cost base of BUAS. It is therefore with deep regret that the Trustees have decided to reduce staff numbers considerably and have made the position of Executive Director redundant.

Mags Clark, who has been Executive Director since January 2018 and is currently on Furlough leave, will leave the role on 31st July 2020. Mags has worked tirelessly on behalf of BUAS during the last two and half years during which time a significant amount has been achieved in modernising BUAS and how it operates, in addition to the re-branding of Springwood Park as the Borders Events Centre (BEC) and the development of this side of the business. We wish to record here our sincere thanks to Mags for all her efforts and hard work and she departs with our best wishes for her future career.

These are clearly very tough times for the BUAS, unprecedented in modern times, and as such tough decisions have been required. It is yet unclear as to when events may resume which includes a lack of certainty over 2021. Therefore for the foreseeable future it has been decided to manage with two part-time staff covering office administration requirements and one full time operational employee managing the external facilities and the Springwood hall. The Government Furlough scheme is also being utilised where feasible to help manage costs.

Your membership and support is highly valued, and is needed now more than ever before, so we ask that you remain committed and continue to support BUAS through these challenging times. We will endeavour to keep you updated as and when further developments occur.

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