

Let me take this opportunity to wish all the members of Border Union Agricultural Society a Happy New Year. I think like myself you will be hopeful of a better year than the one we all endured in 2020. Border Union wise, it was certainly a complete disaster with none of the core events happening leading to the society having one of its poorest years financially ever. For those of you unable to attend our AGM held on zoom last month, another first for the Society. We have included the resume of the annual accounts prepared by Angus Armstrong, chairman of the trustees, and our accountant Gordon Chisholm.



Anyway onwards and upwards. With the rollout of the vaccine, I hear that a few of our members have already had the jab and I am sure that a good deal more of you will be receiving the call soon, and we look forward to being able to open the gates to larger events at Springwood when restrictions allow. The site is looking well after it's rest, and Steve is managing to keep things neat and tidy on his limited hours. It would be great to think that the Government will have started to lift restrictions on mass gatherings by late July and we would have a chance of holding some sort of a show. It certainly brings a smile to my face to think of being able to wonder around a sun-drenched Springwood Park catching up with you , having not seen most of you for many a long month. The Ram sales are being considered in a similar light as the show, and we will hold the sales assuming restrictions allow.



The Bursary Fund also suffered with very little activity, the lockdown meant that most of the courses and seminars as well as opportunities to travel and study were severely limited. If you or anybody you know wish to take up this opportunity of support toward some personal development, then please come

forward and apply. Forms can be found on the Website.

We will soon be sending out membership renewals for 2021 and I would like to ask you all to support the society by paying promptly this year. With everyone's income having been affected by the continuing crisis we have decided to wait until the late summer/autumn to coordinate a donation scheme to help fill the hole in society funds. Your ongoing support of the Border Union is perhaps more important now than at any time in the past, so we ask that you stick with us and help us get through this difficult period.

Many thanks for your support.

Ian Fleming

Society Chairman