

## Awards



Long Service Award winners of 2017.

Pictures: SAA

### 2018 Long Service Awards

The annual Long Service Awards recognise people who have worked on the same farm or with the same employer on their farm for at least 30 years. There are four classes and awards will be presented on Thursday, May 31 at 10.30am to the recipients below at the President's Garden.

#### Class One - six entries

To a person who has worked on the same farm or with the same employer on their farm for at least thirty complete years.

- Richard Garnham, Lord Cranworth Farms 33
- Neil Whatling, J P Fleming & Son 35
- David Burton-Pye, Roughton Estate Farms 40
- David Cooper, K E Knock & Co 40
- Robert Carter, F & H Engleheart 41
- Fred Jay, Badingham Farms 47

#### Class Two - four entries

To a person who has completed 50 years service on the same farm or with the same employer on their farm.

- Peter Vaughan, The Scotts Company UK Ltd 50
- Richard Chilvers, Bedingfield Hall Farms 50
- Anthony Hart, Charnwood Milling Co. Ltd 52
- Roy Offord, Progress Farm, Wetherden 52

#### Class Three - none forward

● To a person who has completed 60 years service on the same farm or with the same employer on their farm.

#### Class Four – one entry

Special Award

- Mark Barnes, For his services to agriculture



Suffolk Agricultural Apprentice of the Year 2017 runner up Will Appleby.

### Suffolk Agricultural Apprentice of the Year

Sponsored by FramFarmers and supported by Easton & Otley College, this competition is now in its third year and is open to apprentices with a Suffolk employer who are currently studying for an agriculturally related apprenticeship (eg Arable, Livestock, Product Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering and Game and Wildlife Management).

To enter the applicants were asked to submit a short video which included a brief introduction about themselves, why they selected to do an apprenticeship, how

the apprenticeship has helped prepare them for being a full-time employee and what new key skills they have gained, as well as an assessment from the employer. The winner Dan Goodwin, who specialises in arable crops for Bishops Farm near Bury St Edmunds, and runner-up Megan Keeble, who specialises in machinery and cereals at D E Keeble Agricultural Contractors Ltd. near Woodbridge, will receive their awards during the Grand Parade which commences at 4.15pm on Wednesday, May 30.

## Annual Agricultural Awards

The SAA's Annual Agricultural Awards dinner has grown to become a must-do occasion in the association's calendar. The awards dinner was introduced to showcase the best Suffolk farms and the region's farming entrepreneurs celebrating their achievements. All the winners of the Suffolk Farm Business Competition and the BALE Award are announced during the evening. The evening also honours the winners of the Suffolk Farming School of the Year Competition, Schools Show Garden Competition and Suffolk Agricultural Apprentice of the Year. It is the most glamorous night in the Association's calendar of events and is open to all competitors of the competitions and members of the association.

● The awards will be announced and presented at this year's annual dinner, on Thursday, October 18 held at Trinity Park, so mark your diaries!

### Suffolk Farm Business Competition

The Suffolk Farm Business Competition is the SAA's annual competition to find the best farms in Suffolk.

The SAA is grateful to its main sponsor Savills, as well as long term category sponsors Hutchinsons, Barker Gotelee, RSM UK, Stanfords Colchester Livestock Market, Fram Farmers and C F Fertiliser.

The competition has three entry categories - class one (up to 200 hectares), class two (200-399 hectares) and class three farms (over 400 hectares). It is also open to farm contractors so an owner can enter their farm which is run by a contractor for day to day operations. Contractors can enter their total business, comprising owned or hired land and any subsequent contract farming operations.

Farms are judged from first to third place in each category and winners receive a trophy. Special awards are given for 'Best Crop', 'Livestock Enterprise' and 'Conservation' and the closing date for entries is Friday, June 8.

Judges will assess the whole business



All recipients of awards at the 2017 Suffolk Agricultural Awards Dinner at Trinity Park, Ipswich.  
Picture: STEVE WALLER

and management of the farms, including enterprise management, marketing, employment and investment strategy. They also consider business sustainability of land occupation including product development, diversification and long-term development as well as the farm's social and community involvement including local education, public land use or employment activities.

Entry is now open for all categories and judging will take place on Tuesday, June 19 and Wednesday, June 20. For an application form, contact [helenformenko@suffolkshow.co.uk](mailto:helenformenko@suffolkshow.co.uk). The judges will be farmers or farm business professionals from the neighbouring county of Essex. All winners will be announced at the Annual Agricultural Awards dinner on Thursday, October 18.



## Awards



### BALE Award

The SAA's regional farm diversification business competition, known as the Best Alternative Land Enterprise (BALE) Award takes place in October this year. The competition is organised in partnership with long term sponsors Ashtons Legal solicitors.

Open to all farm businesses throughout Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Essex with buildings or land on their farms, the annual award recognises and rewards imaginative and commercial alternative non-agricultural uses of the land and positive effects on the local economy. Previous winners have included log cabin holiday accommodation, a wedding and outdoor event venue, as well as farm

shops and a cheese-making enterprise. The first prize is the Ashtons Legal Challenge Cup and £2,000 of legal advice as well as a profile feature in the EADT. The second prize winner and the 'Best Newcomer' both receive £1,000 of legal advice and there is a £500 health check for the best 'Green Practice'. The legal advice can be redeemed with any member of the Ashtons team.

Winners are announced during the Annual Agricultural Awards dinner, which is due to be held at Trinity Park on Thursday, October 18. All entrants receive two complimentary tickets to attend the event. All entrants must also be members of the SAA.

**Ashtons**  
LEGAL

#### How to enter

● Entry forms will be available from the Suffolk Agricultural Association office from May. For further information, please contact Hannah Woods on 01473 707118 or by email [hannah.woods@suffolkshow.co.uk](mailto:hannah.woods@suffolkshow.co.uk). Alternatively, visit [suffolkshow.co.uk](http://suffolkshow.co.uk).