



**Embargoed until 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 4pm**

## **Celebrating Farming's high achievers**

The English Panel of the Council for Awards of the Royal Agricultural Societies (CARAS) held an awards ceremony in the House of Lords on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, hosted by Lord Taylor of Holbeach FRAGS.

The Awards are a celebration by recognition of the remarkable personal achievements and contribution of individuals to the many sectors of the food and farming industry.

The Award recipients are commended for being head and shoulders above their peers in their contribution to the betterment of the food and farming sector in a wide range of ways, including: by supporting charities, innovation and excellence in furthering research, advancing technology and development or holding voluntary roles which underpin the sector.

These people are the fabric and lifeblood of what makes and keeps our industry world leading through continuous striving for improvement, demonstrated as members advance from Associate to Fellow. Fellowship and exchange of ideas are encouraged through the programmes of events which are organised by the England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales Panels of CARAS.

Nick Green FRAGS, Chairman to the English Panel said 'We are delighted to be able to organise such a fitting ceremony to highlight individual personal achievement in such a historical and grand setting'. 'As an apolitical organisation, we feel that our membership can really lead the industry to step even further forward'. 'Today 26 people from across England have collected the prestigious associate or fellowship award, all whom have been recognised by their peers.

The event was kindly sponsored by Juno (Plant Protection) Ltd. and director Nick Tapp commented 'We are delighted to be able to support the event once again with such an incredible group of inspiring business leaders who have achieved and given so much to the farming industry'. 'As leading suppliers of naturally occurring pesticides to the British potato industry, it is an important opportunity to be able to network and celebrate with the very best talent from across the sector.'

Individuals receiving Associate Awards in bold, submission title and sponsors are:

**Timothy Russ**, *Pro Bono Legal Help for Farmers supported by Rosie Carne and Julian Sayers*

**Joe Stanley**, *Contribution to benefit of Education & Wider Relationships supported by Rosie Carne and Guy Smith*

**David Ball**, *Building and Expanding a business supported by Philip Wynn and Rev Cannon Alan Robson*

**Charles Smith MBE**, *Building A More Resilient Farming Community supported by Howard Petch and George Dunn*

**Carl Atkin-House**, *Translating Best Practice in International Agribusiness Management to UK Farming Systems, supported by Richard Price and Lindsay Hargreaves*

**Neil Fuller**, *Securing the Future of Surrey YFC - Cowpie Show supported by Chris French and Roger Colebrook*

**Jake Freestone**, *Regenerative Agriculture Farming Systems supported by Johnny Alvis and the late Caroline Drummond*

**Martin Thatcher**, *Growing a Family Business supported by Mary James and John Alvis*

**David Armstrong**, *Tenant farm to a Profitable Agri Business supported by George Neill and Angus Armstrong*

**Chris Addison**, *Farming with nature supported by David Cotton and Alan Wilkinson*

**William Case**, *Farming for the present and the future -family, people and planet supported by John Gelderd and Nick Utting*

**Hans Porksen**, *Improving the quality of terminal sires' supported by Gordon Tweddle and Robert Forster*

**Lord Joicey**, *A contribution to Agriculture in the UK and Overseas supported by Simon Orpwood and James Playfair*

**David Walston**, *Above and below the ground; Building Soils supported by Rosie Carne and Geoff Dodgson*

**Mike Vacher**, *Development of the Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust supported by John Wibberley and Stephen Watkins*

**Mark Osman**, *Windsor Farming System supported by David Christensen and John Giles*

**Jon Regan**, *My input to Agriculture supported by Oliver Doubleday and Martin Hole*

**Derrick Friggot MBE**, *Advancing the Jersey Breed supported by Maurice and James Cross*

**Associates advanced to a Fellowship Award are:**

**Tony Bambridge**, *Privileged to farm supported by Henry Cator and Nick Tapp*

**Richard Calver**, *Growth and Diversification supported by John Alvis OBE and George Streatfeild OBE*

**Belinda Clarke**, *facilitating links between farmers and the innovation ecosystem supported by late Caroline Drummond MBE and John Shropshire OBE.*

**Ian Ohnstad**, *contribution to milk harvesting and milk quality in the UK' supported by Roger Blowey and James Cross.*

**Phil Stocker**, *bringing sheep farmers together for sustainability and resilience supported by John Geldard and Helen Browning*

**Prof Liam Sinclair**, *improving the UK Dairy industry through better dairy cow nutrition supported by Mary Quicke MBE and Professor David Leaver*

**Al Brooks**, *The opportunity to give something back supported by Chris Musgrave and David Harbottle.*

**Di Wastenage MBE**, *Changing the boundaries of Dairying in the UK, administration, marketing and wider representation supported by Mary Quicke MBE and David Fursdon.*

**Nigel Pulling**, *expansion of charitable activities at the Yorkshire Agricultural Society supported by by John Henderson and the late Edward York*

**Peter Wastenage**, *changing the boundaries of dairying in the UK supported by Anthony Gibson and Richard Soffe*

**Richard Betton**, *Richard Betton, a Challenging Hill Farmer supported by Lord Curry of Kirkhale and Howard Petch*

**Fiona Fell**, *Knowledge Exchange for Agriculture' supported by Duncan Worth and Lesley Stubbings OBE*

**Debbie Winstanley**, *a personal contribution to the benefit of Agriculture in the fields of pesticides management, the wider relationships of farmers, growers and retailers via collaboration, innovation and training supported by Dr Alastair Leake and Tony Strawson*

The objective of the UK wide CARAS organisation is to recognise, through an Awards scheme, distinguished achievement in agriculture and related land-based industries.

The Awards embrace not only practical farming and the development of new husbandry practices, but also research, technology, economics, education, farming care, communication and administration.

A Fellowship (FRAGS) or Associateship (ARAgS) is a recognition of outstanding contribution by an individual to the understanding, efficiency and well-being of agriculture.

To date, over 1,200 individuals have been so recognised and there are currently over 800 Fellows and over 350 Associates.

**Associateship (ARAgS – Associate of the Royal Agricultural Societies)** is a recognition of meritorious contribution to the agricultural and land-based industries of the UK and is awarded to those who can demonstrate the required high level of achievement.

**Fellowship (FRAGS- Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies)** is the senior Award of the Council. Associates may be considered for advancement to Fellowship if they demonstrate a continuing significant contribution to agricultural and rural progress in the UK., Advancement is not automatic. Occasionally, the Council may award a Fellowship directly for exceptional achievement.

**Holders of the Awards of ARAgS and FRAGS** were recognised for a wide spectrum of activities. The Awards recognise personal achievement in a professional capacity and recipients are frequently individuals of influence within Agriculture. They range from practical farmers to academics, company directors, media practitioners, administrators, advisors and consultants.

## Notes

For more information, please contact Milly Fyfe hon secretary to the English Panel of the Council for Awards of the Royal Agricultural Societies on 07752989544 or email [hello@millyfyfe.com](mailto:hello@millyfyfe.com)

Photos will be available after the event of individuals receiving their award and regional groups (North, West Midlands, East Midlands, East, South West, South East)