

Mr B Gibbs Clerk, Tichborne Parish Council 15 The Heath Denmead Waterlooville Hampshire PO7 6JT

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Dear Mr Gibbs

Alresford & District Agricultural Society Ltd.

As you may know, the Alresford Agricultural Show is one of the oldest and most popular one day agricultural shows in the South of England. Held each year on the first Saturday in September at the Tichborne showground it attracts around 18,000 visitors each year. It is certainly the largest event of the year occurring in the parish of Tichborne!

The Society is a registered charity and through the annual Show it aims to educate, inform and entertain, bringing agriculture, farming, rural issues and way of life to the wider public. It is a showcase for food, farmers as well as being a trading place for rural skills and crafts. In addition it provides free of charge attractions aimed at the Show's younger visitors.

For many years the Society has managed a children's education project, engaging local primary schools in agriculture through projects designed to broaden pupil's understanding of farming, food production and environmental stewardship. The results of their endeavors are exhibited each year at the Show. Over the last year or two the number of schools participating has increased significantly, increasing the cost of this worthwhile initiative.

Financially the Show relies on the generosity of sponsors and benefactors to remain viable. We have been most grateful for the financial support the Parish Council has felt able to offer in the past and I write to seek your support again for our 2018 Show, and specifically the aspects that promote education as set out above.

As a registered charity we offer financial support each year to local groups, organisations and charities who help us by volunteering their time to stage the Show each year. I do hope that the Parish Council might be able to help.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Val Watley Secretary

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