**GDPR Policy of Ardoch Agricultural Society Limited**

1. The Secretary of Ardoch Agricultural Society Limited, hereinafter the “Society” is the Data Controller under the General Data Protection Regulation, which means that she determines for what purposes personal information is held, or will be used for. She is also responsible for notifying the Information Commissioner of the data the Society holds or is likely to hold, if required, and the general purposes that this data will be used for.

**2.** Ardoch Agricultural Society is not registered with the Information Commissioner’s Office, but has adopted the overall process and procedures as best practice.

3. The Data Controller of the Society, hereinafter “DC”, needs to gather and use certain information about individuals.

4. These can include members, customers, suppliers, business contacts, employees and other people the Society has a relationship with or may need to contact.

5. This policy describes how this personal data must be collected, handled, stored to meet the Society’s data protection standards – and to comply with the law. It also outlines how requests for access to the data will be treated.

6. This data protection policy exists to ensure that the Society

6.1. Complies with Data Protection law and follows good practice  
6.2. Protects the rights of staff, members, customers and suppliers  
6.3. Is open about how it stores and processes individuals’ data  
6.4. Protects itself from the risks of a data breach.

7. The General Data Protection Regulation describes how organisations must collect, handle, and store personal information.

8. These rules apply regardless of whether data is stored electronically, on paper or on other materials.

9. To comply with the law, personal information must be collected and used fairly, stored safely and not disclosed unlawfully.

10. The General Data Protection Regulation is underpinned by six important principles. They say that personal data must be:

10.1. processed lawfully, fairly, and transparently  
10.2. collected for specific, explicit, and legitimate purposes  
10.3. adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary for processing  
10.4. accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date.  
10.5. kept in a form such that the Data Subject can be identified only as long as is necessary for processing  
10.6. processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data.

11. This policy will be updated as necessary to reflect best practice in data management, security, and control and to ensure compliance with any changes or amendments made to the General Data Protection Regulation.

12. This policy applies to:

12.1. All employees of the Society, including management and volunteers

12.2. All contractors, suppliers and other people working on behalf of the Society

13. It applies to all data the Society holds relating to identifiable individuals. This can include but is not limited to:

13.1. Names of individuals, postal addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, financial data, business names, plus any other personal sensitive information relating to individuals.  
13.2. Everyone who works for the Society has responsibility for ensuring data is collected, stored and handled appropriately.

14. This policy will be updated as necessary to reflect best practice in data management, security, and control and to ensure compliance with changes or amendments made to the General Data Protection Regulation.

15. The Society will, through appropriate management and strict application of criteria and controls:

15.1. Observe fully conditions regarding the fair collection and use of information  
15.2. Meet its legal obligations to specify the purposes for which information is used  
15.3. Collect and process appropriate information, and only to the extent that it is needed to fulfil its operational needs or to comply with any legal requirements  
15.4. Ensure the quality of information used  
15.5. Ensure appropriate retention and disposal of information  
15.6. Ensure that the rights of people about whom information is held, can be fully exercised under the GDPR. These include:

15.6.1. The right to be informed  
15.6.2. The right of access  
15.6.3. The right to rectification  
15.6.4. The right to erase  
15.6.5. The right to restrict processing  
15.6.6. The right to data portability  
15.6.7. The right to object  
15.6.8. Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.

15.7. Take appropriate technical and organisational security measures to safeguard personal information  
15.8. Ensure that personal information is not transferred outside the EEA without suitable safeguards  
15.9. Treat people justly and fairly whatever their age, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity when dealing with requests for information  
15.10. Set out clear procedures for responding to requests for information

16. Information and records relating to service users will be stored securely and will only be accessible to authorised staff and data processors.

17. Information will be stored for only as long as it is needed or required by statute and will be disposed of appropriately.

18. The DC will ensure all personal and company data is non-recoverable from any computer system previously used by the Association which has been passed on/sold to a third party.

19. All individuals/data subjects have the right to access the information DC holds about them.

20. If an individual contacts the Society requesting information held about them a request will be made to them for photographic ID and if none of the exemptions arise, the information will be provided within one month of the request.

21. In addition, the DC will ensure that:

21.1. Everyone processing personal information understands that they are contractually responsible for following good data protection practice  
21.2. Everyone processing personal information is appropriately trained to do so  
21.3. Everyone processing personal information is appropriately supervised  
21.4. Anybody interested in making enquiries about handling personal information knows what to do  
21.5. It deals promptly and courteously with any enquiries about handling personal inform  
21.6. It describes clearly how it handles personal information  
21.7. It will regularly review and audit the ways it holds, manages and uses personal information

22. The DC may share data with other agencies such as government departments and other relevant parties.

23. The Individual/data subject will be made aware in most circumstances how and with whom their information will be shared. There are circumstances where the law allows the DC to disclose data (including sensitive data) without the data subject’s consent. These are:

23.1. Carrying out a legal duty or as authorised by the Secretary of State  
23.2. Protecting vital interests of an individual/data subject or other person  
23.3. The individual/data subject has already made the information public  
23.4. Conducting any legal proceedings, obtaining legal advice or defending any legal rights  
23.5. Monitoring for equal opportunities purposes – i.e. race, disability or religion  
23.6. Providing a confidential service where the individual/data subject’s consent cannot be obtained or where it is reasonable to proceed without consent: e.g. where we would wish to avoid forcing stressed or ill individuals’/data subjects to provide consent signatures.

24. The DC will ensure that she and all employees are appropriately trained in Data Protection and particularly the policies of Ardoch Agricultural Society annually.

25. If new members of staff commence work with they will be provided with data protection training as soon as is practicable

*26. The DC will keep a register of* all training provided to staff.

27. If a breach occurs, details will be recorded of the breach and the DC will consider what action should be taken.

28. A record will be kept of any decision making process in this regard, the Members of the Society and Directors of the Company will be informed in writing of any breach or loss.

29. The Society will keep a record of all devices holding information subject to the GDPR ( listing IMEI numbers; location; users).

30. They will also keep records of any actual breaches or near misses so as to update training and education.

31. Staff using a mobile device will report the loss or theft of any such device immediately to the DC.