

SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY

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1879	3rd Earl of Ellesmere	1918	9th Lord Middleton
1880	5th Earl Spencer, KG	1919	Sir Arthur Nicholson
1881	Hon E Coke	1920	A C Duncombe
1882	3rd Earl of Powis	1921	Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart
1883	Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart	1922	John Rowell A H Clark
1884	1st Duke of Westminster	1923	9th Duke of Devonshire, KG
1885	William Wells	1924	Sir Bernard Greenwell
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1890	H Chandos-Pole-Gell	1929	A Thomas Lloyd
1891	1st Lord Hothfield	1930	1st Lord Davies
1892	R N Sutton-Nelthorpe	1931	N W Smith-Carington
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1895	1st Lord Tredegar	1934	9th Duke of Devonshire, KG
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1898	Sir P Albert Muntz, Bart	1937	17th Earl of Derby, KG
1899	His Majesty King Edward VII	1938	J Morris Belcher
1900	9th Lord Middleton	1939-1945	William J Cumber, CBE
1901	9th Duke of Devonshire, KG	1946-1947	Col A Faulkner Nicholson CBE
1902	1st Lord Llangattock	1948	10th Duke of Devonshire, KG
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1905	1st Lord Rothchild	1951	W S Smith, OBE
1906	R W Hudson	1952	Lt Col F R P Barker
1907	4th Lord Bolton	1953	A H Clark
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1909	7th Earl of Beauchamp, KG	1955	Sir Richard Proby, Bart, MC
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1967-1968 J David Kay
1969-1970 A D Crossman
1971-1972 Col W H Whitbread, TD, MA
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1991-1992 S C Whitbread
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