

# ASHDOWN FOREST POULTRY CLUB



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Ashdown Forest Poultry Club was started in 1978 by poultry fanciers in the area around Heathfield, as the first club to run shows and hold meetings on all matters chicken- and duck-related in East Sussex. For centuries, Heathfield was traditionally the heartland of fattening chickens for sending up to the London markets. About 1,500 small farmers bred chickens which were sent up to London 3 times a week, on horse and cart, until the arrival of the railways.

The Sussex breed of chicken was formally recognized in 1903 and Sussex birds began to be shown formally in the poultry shows (which had come into being when cock fighting was outlawed in the 1860's) and take place all over the country, during the winter months.

Today Ashdown Forest Poultry Club holds two shows a year, in spring and autumn, for all breeds of chicken and waterfowl; open meetings on alternate months from January to November; summer outings; and occasional sales. Members receive at least 4 newsletters a year, and reduced entry fees to the shows. The club is affiliated to the Poultry Club of Great Britain.

Each year the committee devises a programme of speakers for the bi-monthly meetings to cover a wide range of topics of broad appeal, for all poultry keepers from absolute beginners to experienced exhibitors and breeders. Children are especially welcome – we see them as “the future of the fancy”.

**Membership rates are: Adult £7 Children under 16 years £3 Family £10**  
CQ payable to Ashdown Forest Poultry Club. Membership is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year.  
Post form to C Edmonds, Mill House, Mill Lane, Rodmell, E. Sussex BN7 3HS

*GDPR: Members' personal details are not shared with any other organization*

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*CONSENT: I consent to my personal details being held by AFPC for their communications only*

MEMBERSHIP-    ADULT                      JUVENILE                      FAMILY

Please circle membership category & post CQ to the Treasurer as above  
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