

Irish Angus Cattle Society Hall of Fame Recipient



Picture L-R Michael Berkery (Chairman FBD Trust), Karl Harrison (accepting on behalf of his Father Patrick Harrison), Stephen Crowley (CEO Herdwatch)



Backrow L-R: Niall Byrne, Members of Irish Angus Council Kevin Diffley, Joe Moran, John Meany, Sean Kilkenny, Gerard Kilgallon (President) **Front Row L-R:** Patsy Keenan (Secretary), Norman Little (Irish Angus Council), Carmel Harrison, Karl Harrison, Brian Carroll

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Pat Harrison, Brideswell, Athlone, Co. Roscommon.

Pat established the Brideswell Irish Angus Herd in 1996 with the purchase of Kilmacumsey Julia. Pat continued to choose bloodlines carefully to build the Brideswell Irish Angus Herd to what it is today. Pat purchased many prizewinning heifers at the Irish Angus Elite Sales in Carrick on Shannon and now coupled with his own breeding stock he built a herd of top foundation stock. Pat also purchased some top breeding females from the well known Kiltewan herd. In 2009 Pat purchased Ballyshannon Eric and the showing bug hit. Pat, ably assisted by his nephew Brian, went on to win the Irish Angus all Irelands and RDS Champion of Champions awards with Ballyshannon Eric. Ballyshannon Eric remained as his stock bull for almost eight years. Pat continues to breed champions and commands top prices at many sales.

In 2017 Pat was elected to the Council of the Irish Angus Cattle Society and continues to serve on Council. Pat is a very active member of Council and is always available to help out at all Society events, notably Ploughing Championships, Sales, Shows and All Ireland Championships over the years.

Pat has always encouraged and supported the Irish Angus Youth Development programme, believing strongly that our youth are the future of our breed. Pat together with his wife Carmel, son Karl and his wife Emma, and Pat's grandchildren Anna, Patrick and J.J., opened up their home and farm to a YDP workshop in October 2018. This event was a huge success with Pat sponsoring prizes for all children present.

It is with great pleasure that the Irish Angus Cattle Society nominate Pat Harrison for the National Hall of Fame Award 2026.