

## Chillingham



The Chillingham herd is a unique herd of feral animals situated in Chillingham Park in Northumbria. Until the beginning of the twentieth century the herd was included in the White Park breed population but is now recognised as a separate breed due their isolation within the park since the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The herd has always been small and to safeguard the breed against future disaster a reserve herd has been set up at a secret location in Scotland.

## **Key characteristics:**

Size- Small- Cows- 280kg, Bulls- 350kg

**Looks** - The cattle look like more primitive and angular White Parks with the same white colouring with black points but lack the developments of more modern breeds.

**Feral**- Their behaviour is that of a wild herd with little intervention from man. The various bulls fight amongst themselves to establish a hierarchy and for the right to mate.

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust is the leading national charity working to conserve and protect the United Kingdom's rare native breeds of farm animals from extinction. We rely on the support of our members, grants and donations from the public to raise the £700,000 a year needed to maintain our conservation work with rare UK native breeds of farm animals. Visit www.rbst.org.uk to see how you can help.

More information available from the Chillingham Wild Cattle Associationwww.chillinghamwildcattle.com

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