

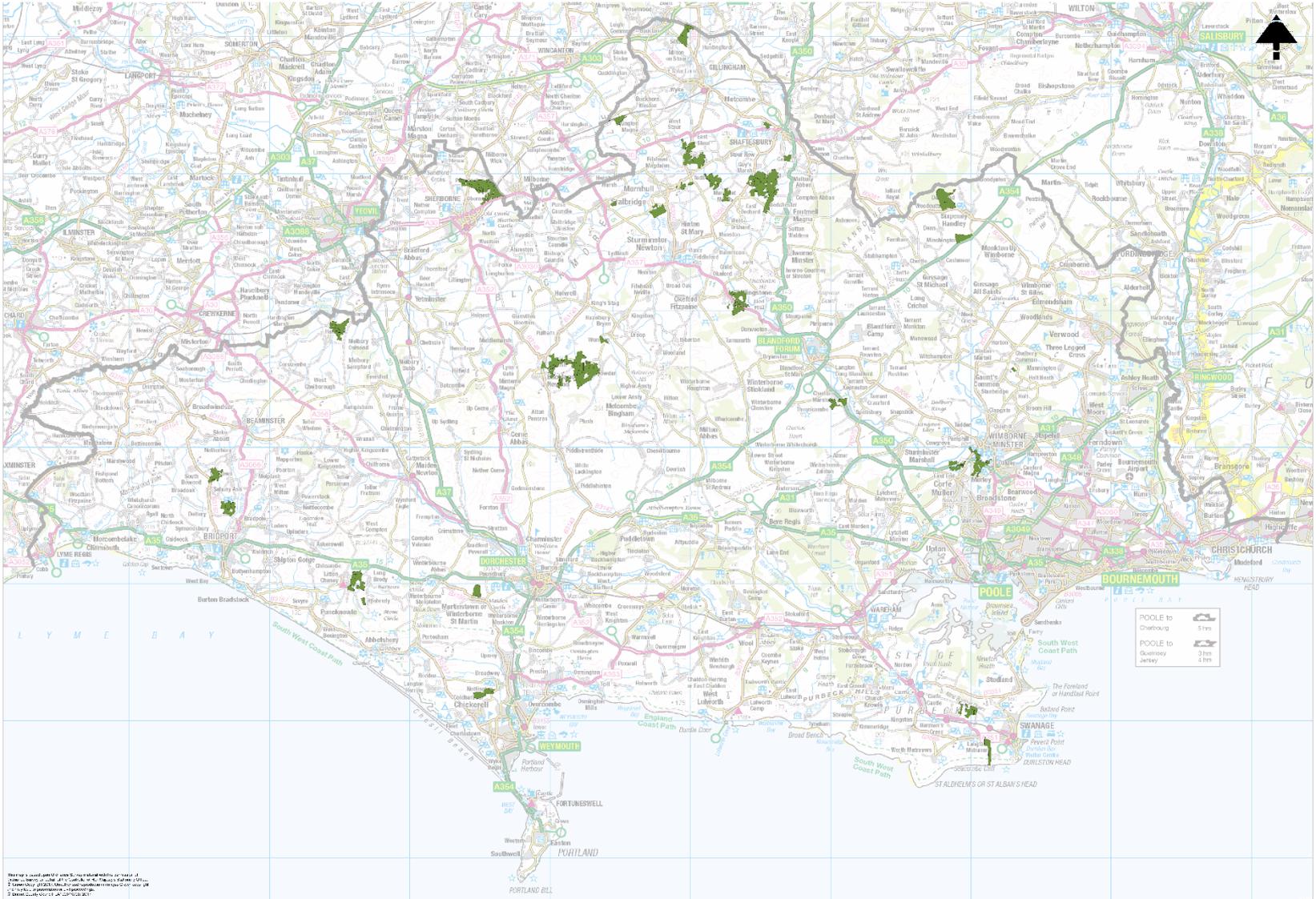
COUNTY FARMS ESTATE



A gateway into farming



The Estate



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Headlines

- 2,500 ha (6,200 acres)
- 44 farms
- £750,000 income p.a - £550,000 surplus
- 420% cost recovery
- 260 local jobs supported – 215 directly
- Worth £6.9m to local economy - £4.6m directly



Purpose of the Estate

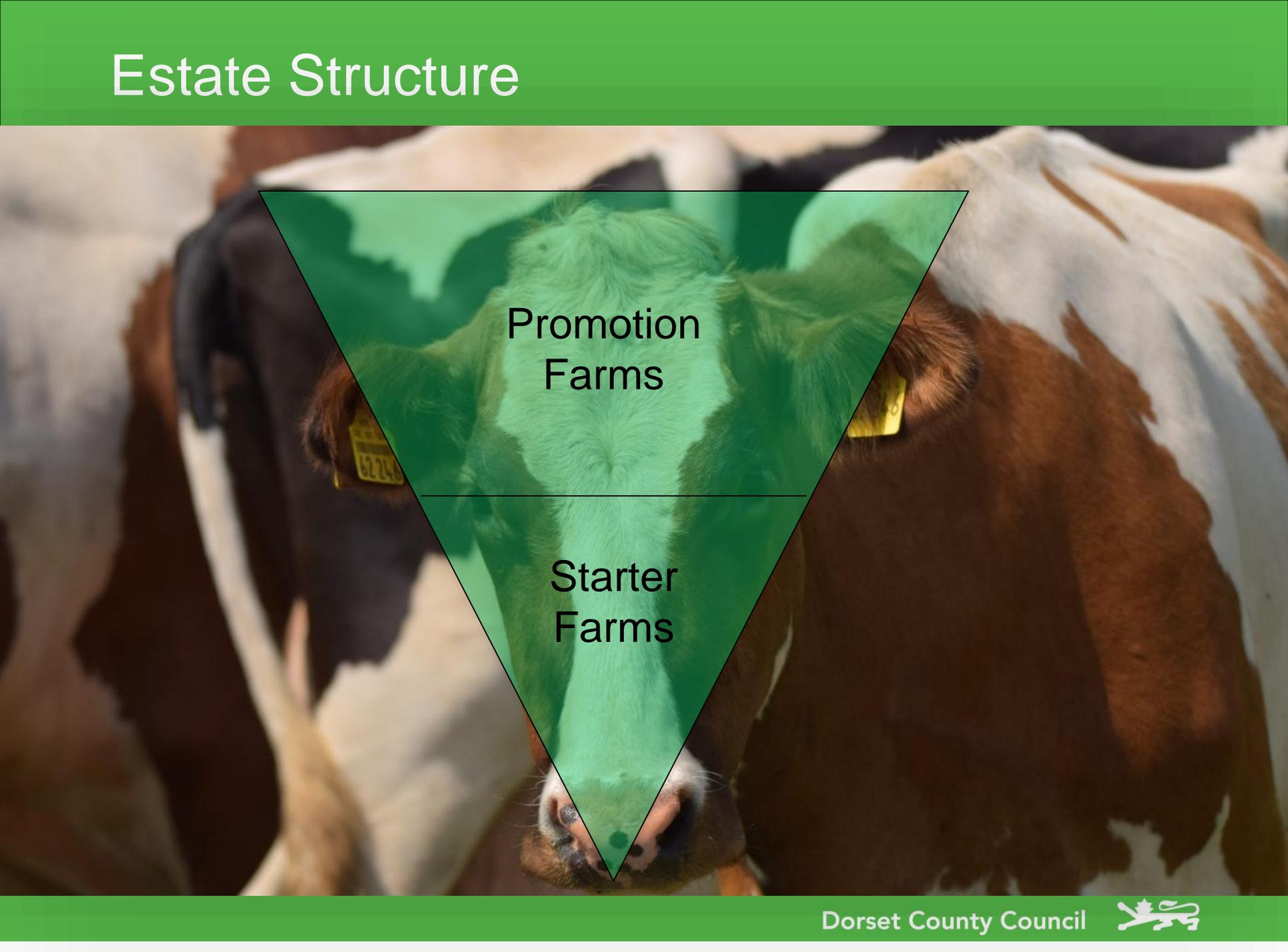
Section 39 Agriculture Act 1970

Dorset County Council Aims and Objectives

- To provide a 'gateway' into agriculture for people to farm on their own account promoting the integration of good environmental and farming practices whilst ensuring a financial return to the County Council;
- To sustain rural communities by supporting the living, working countryside and providing opportunities for greater public access and understanding of agriculture and the countryside.



Estate Structure



Promotion
Farms

Starter
Farms

From this...



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...to this



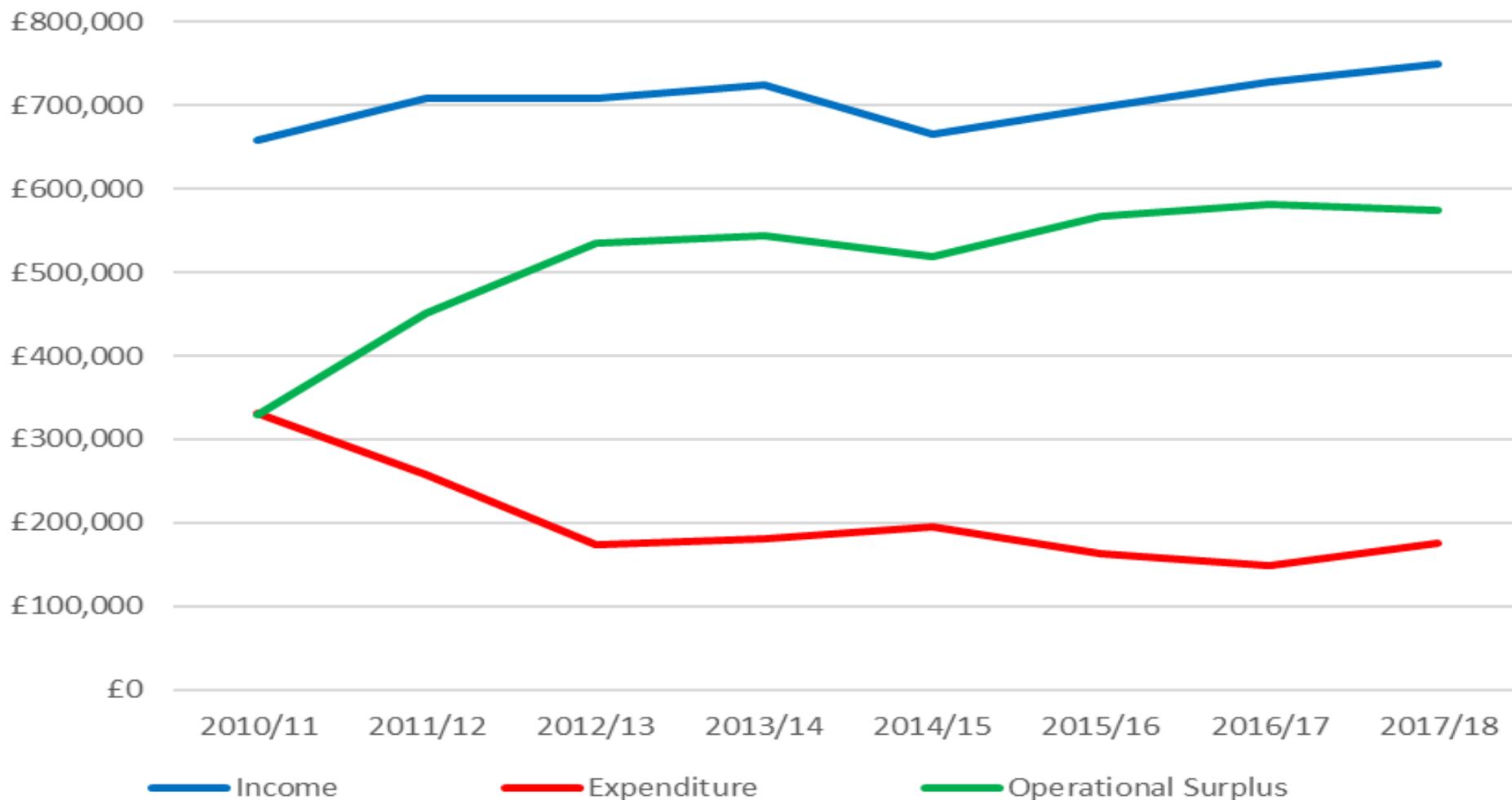
National Dairy Farmer of the Year 2017



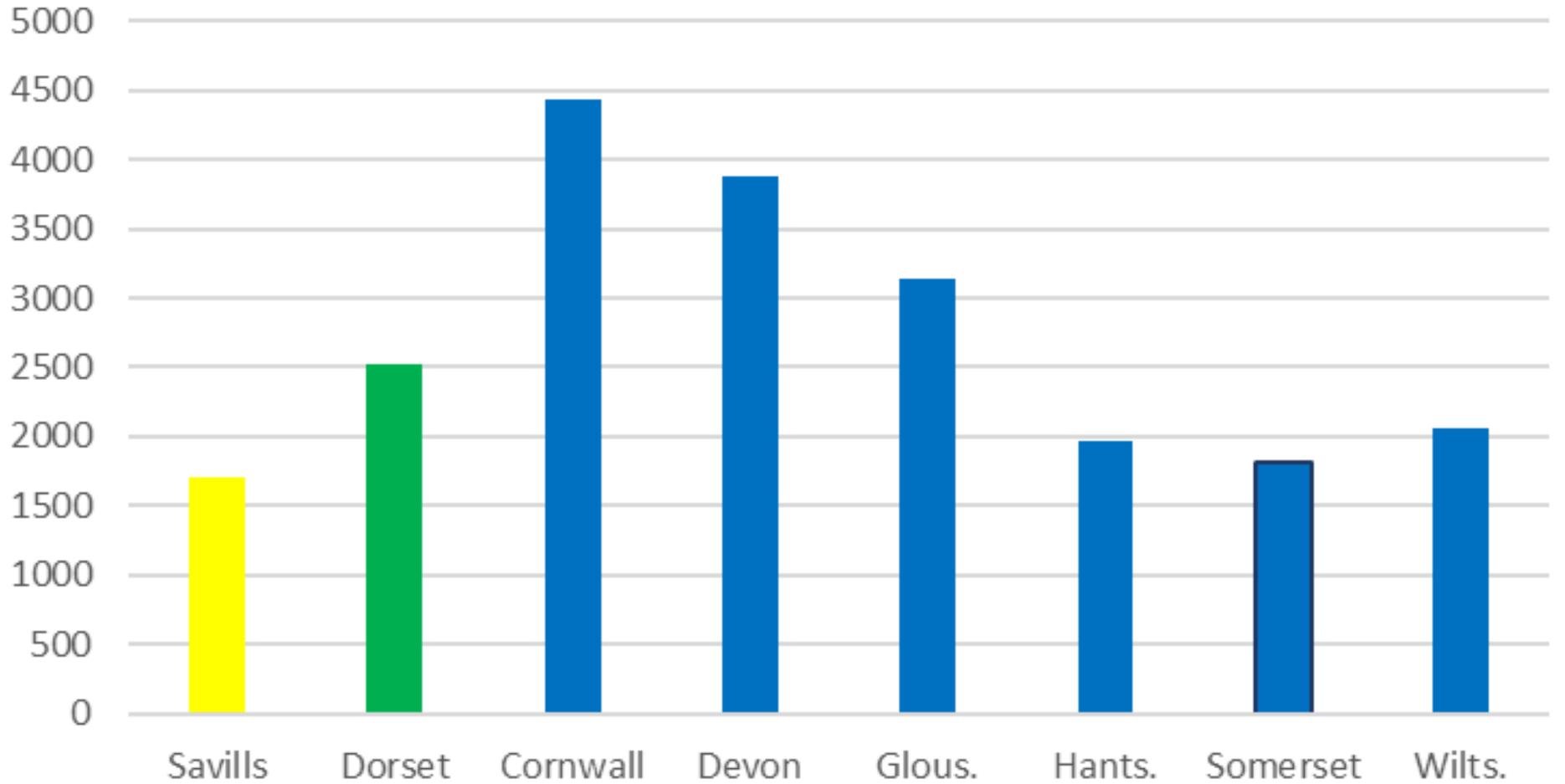
Not just farming



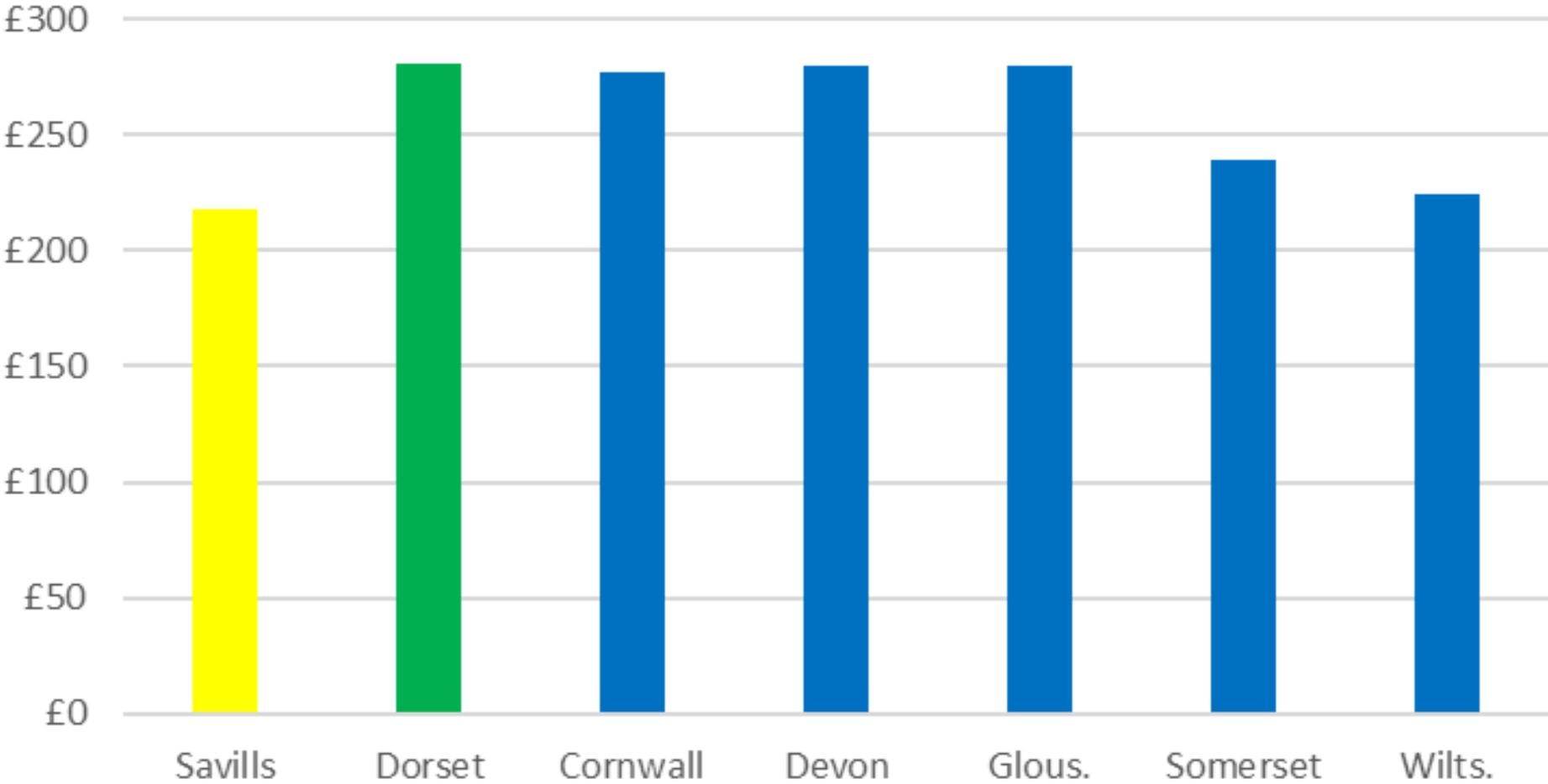
Estate Income V's Expenditure



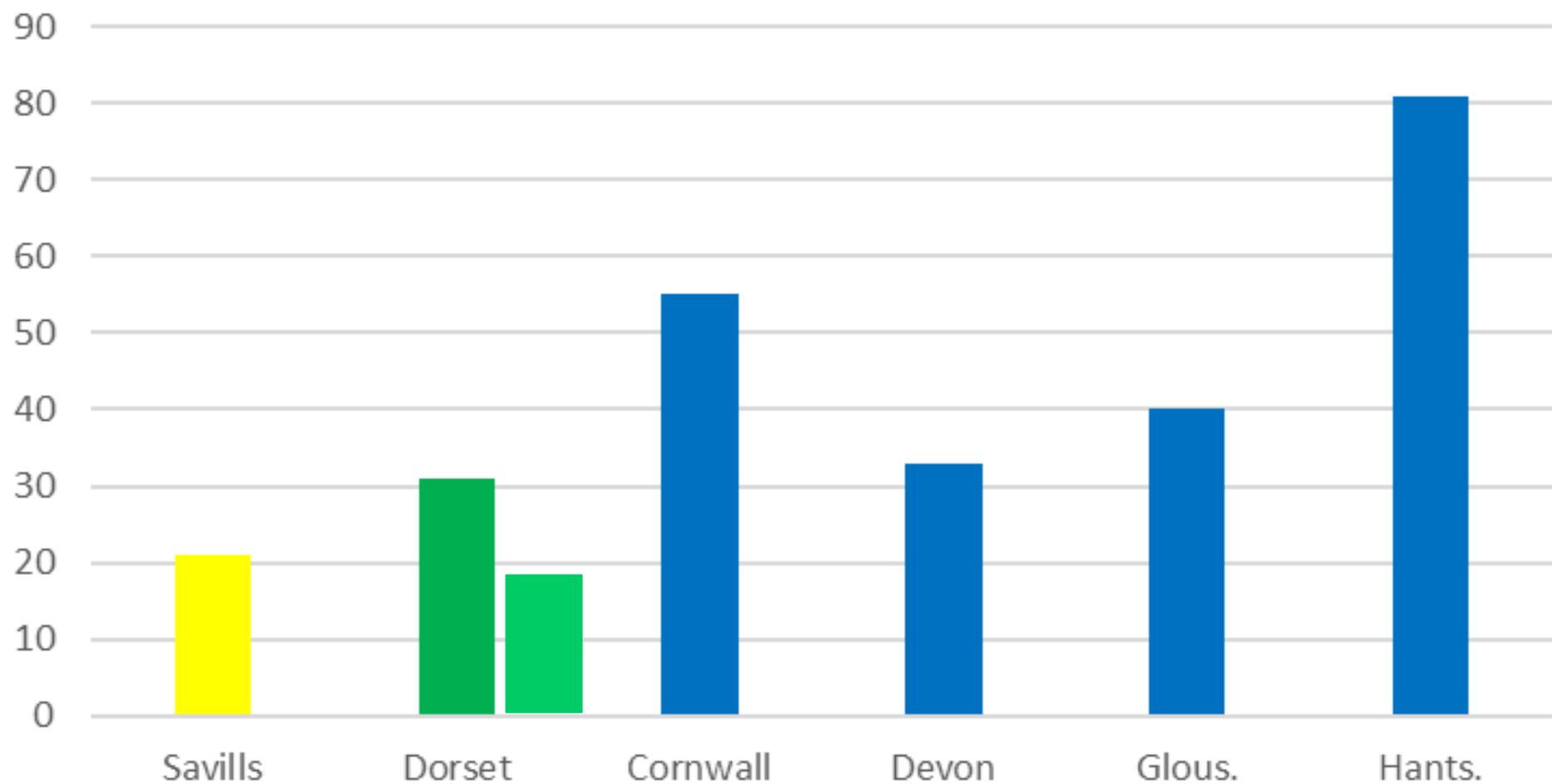
Estate Size (ha)



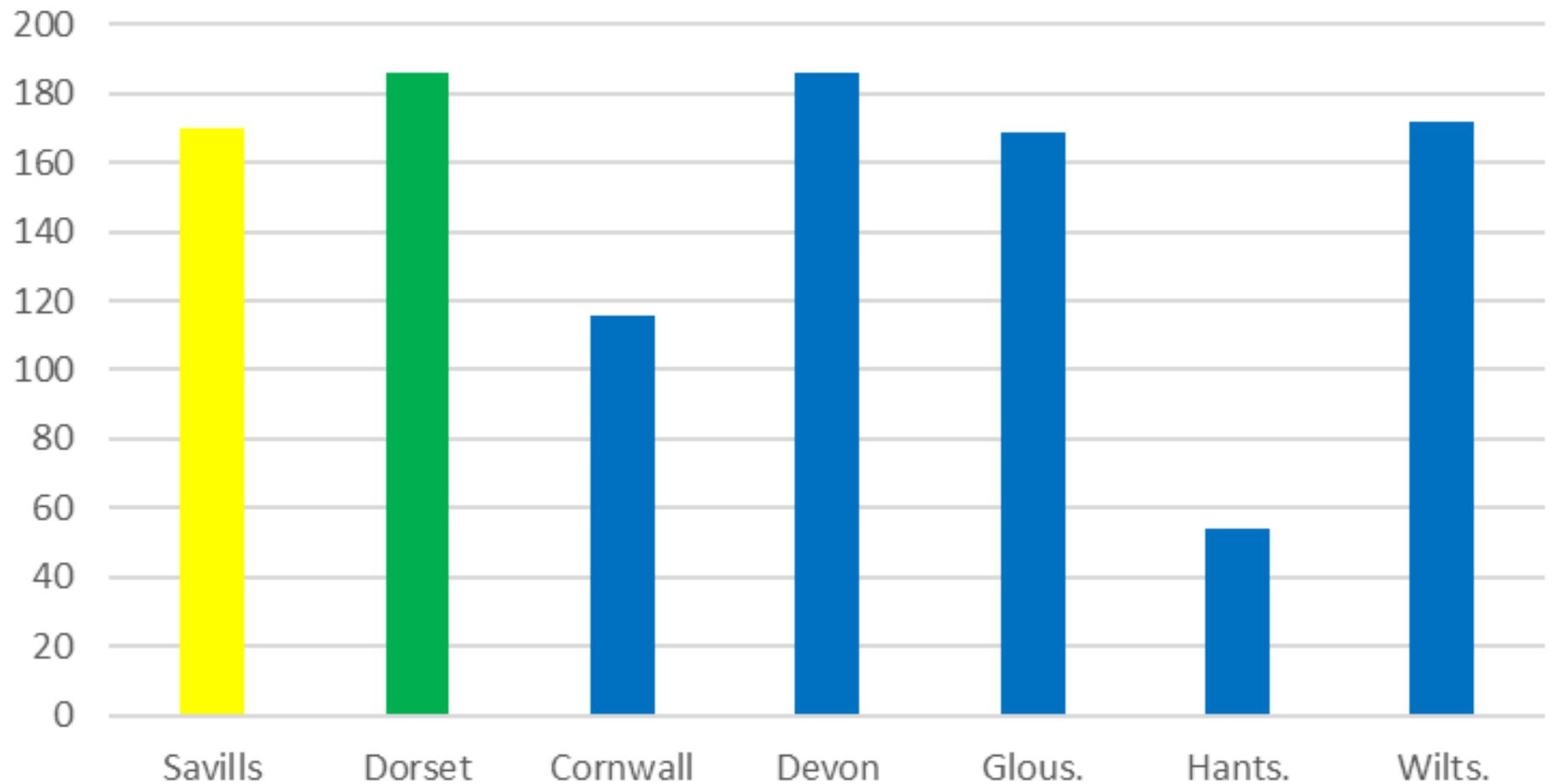
Estate Income per ha



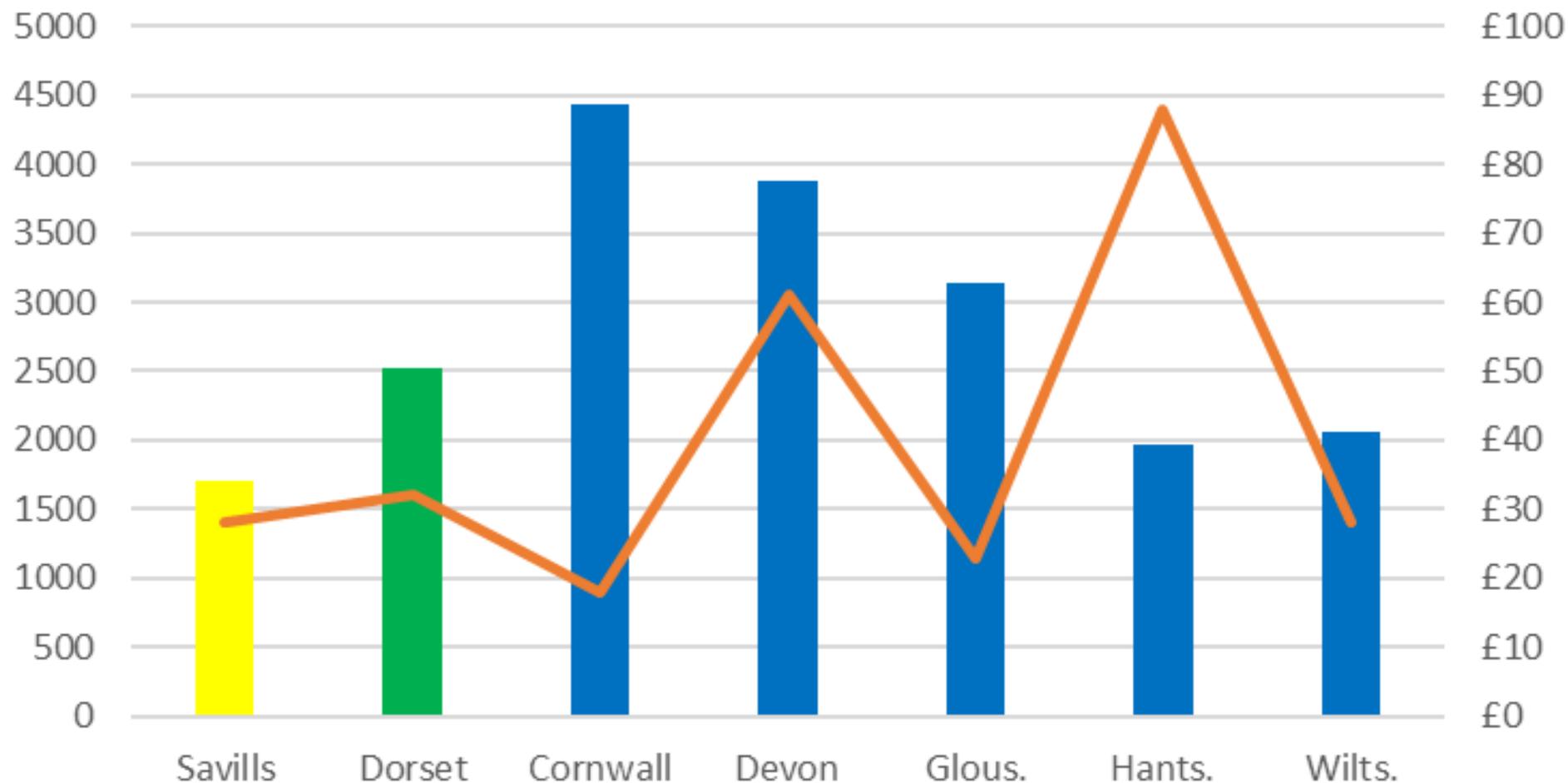
Repairs & Maintenance as % of Estate Income



Operational Surplus per ha



Estate Size (ha) V's Management Costs



The Future



- Rebranding the Estate
- Wider Environmental, Social and Economic Opportunities
- Opportunity to harmonise with Dorset Council



Environmental

- Landscape wide schemes
- Linking wildlife corridors
- Habitat creation
- Helping pollinators
- Improving soil health
- Reduce flooding



Social

- Sustain and support rural communities
- Affordable housing
- Rural isolation
- Access to the countryside
- Care farms



Economic

- Rural business opportunities
- Start up units
- Superfast broadband
- Rural skills
- Farms
- Increase income



What else would you like to see the Estate deliver to help the people and economy of Dorset?