

ROB BETTINSON Judges CV Revised July 2022

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My wife Shirley and I and our four children, founded Toft Alpacas in 1997 with the purchase of four breeding females. Our farm nestles on the banks of Draycote Water, in Warwickshire, West Midlands. Our herd size is now around 120 alpacas. Our white Huacayas were originally developed from the Accoyo bloodlines of Don Julio Barreda and the coloureds to select Peruvian and Australian genetics.

Shirley and I attended the Alpaca festival in Arequipa in 2000 which gave me an opportunity to watch Julio Sumar judging in the show ring and also to visit farms and research stations providing an invaluable insight into the alpaca's natural habitat and the alpaca and the fibre industry in Peru. I revisited Peru in 2001 in to select genetics for Toft Alpacas, a trip which also gave me the opportunity to get hands-on with some of the Accoyo animals of Don Julio Barreda at his farm in Macusani.

Early in our alpaca adventure, a business trip to Australia gave me the opportunity to attend the AAA National show and visit some farms in NSW and WA enabling me to gain an invaluable insight into the Australian alpaca industry and the potential for the Alpaca in the UK and Europe. Inspired by what I had seen on my return we committed fully to developing our Toft Alpaca aspiration. This resulted in quite a few trips to Australia and at one time we developed a small breeding herd in New Zealand and import select genetic bloodlines from Australia, NZ and the USA to enhance our breeding programme.

I have been enthralled to play a part in the development of the Toft Alpaca Shop which has now evolved into the TOFT Studio and TOFT UK which is run by our daughter Kerry Lord and her talented creative team. Kerry is now an very successful international author published in more than 15 languages across the globe. She has become a celebrity in the craft world as well as retailing luxury yarn, craft kits and product throughout the world.

I was elected to the board of the BAS in 2002. I served as Chairman from 2004-2007 and I have been honoured to serve in various capacities ever since. I continue to do my best to represent the interests of all members and keep the society and the industry moving forward in a positive, practical and realistic way.

I qualified as one of the first BAS alpaca judges in the UK in 2003. I initially took the courses to find out more in the belief I had an eye for a good alpaca but I am very grateful and supportive of the training that underpins my natural instincts. I am a keen supporter of the compulsory annual calibration clinics for qualified BAS judges and I look forward to playing an active role as a Judge Tutor in the future training of BAS alpaca judges in the UK.

I have always been a keen supporter of the show ring which I firmly believe is the key arena in which to educate the public and breeders and showcase the potential of this remarkable livestock. My ambition is to maintain a reputation as an impartial, objective and fair judge of alpacas, educate where I can and ensure that the breeders and the public are enthralled and entertained by the showing of alpacas.

Despite how long this CV becomes year on year I still get a thrill and feel very privileged to be invited to Judge alpacas in the UK and Europe and enjoy every minute of my time in the ring, where I feel I have a duty to make the experience a joyous celebration of the alpaca for exhibitor and spectator

alike. As someone who has never excelled at languages, I find it truly inspirational that the language of 'alpaca' now transcends National boundaries as we witness our evolution into a Pan-European Alpaca Community.

Alongside my wife Shirley. I am very proud that through Toft Alpacas we continue to play a small part in creating and supporting the establishment of a sustainable alpaca industry throughout the UK and Europe.

ROB BETTINSON SHOW CREDITS UPDATED JANUARY 2022

YORKSHIRE ALPACA GROUP FLEECE SHOW 2021- Show Organiser Deborah Sporton

NORTHERN FLEECE SHOW 2020 – Show Organiser Stuart Ramsay

IRISH NATIONAL SHOW 2019 Mullingar Show organiser, Helen Eivers on behalf of Alpaca Association of Ireland

ARMAGH COUNTY SHOW 2019, Northern Ireland- Show Organisers:- Roger and Elaine Clarke

THREE COUNTIES FLEECE SHOW 2019 - Show Organisers:- Roger Mount, Jay Holland

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SWAG Show, Taunton Somerset - Show Organiser:- Di Davies for the South West Alpaca Group

HEART OF ENGLAND GROUP FLEECE SHOW- Show Organisers:- Sue Keen and Julia Corrigan Stuart for the Heart of England Alpaca Group.

ROYAL THREE COUNTIES HALTER SHOW 2018 . Show Organisers- Roger Mount and Jay Holland

NORTH SOMERSET COUNTY SHOW 2018. Show Organiser- Garry Naish

TULLAMORE SHOW 2017, Eire Show Organiser, Chelsey Cox

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017. Show Organisers, Stuart Ramsay, Ian Mitchell and the Scottish Alpaca Group show committee.

BRITISH ALPACA SOCIETY NATIONAL FLEECE SHOW 2017. Co judge- Nick Harrington Smith Show organiser: Tim Hey and the BAS Shows Committee.

BRITISH ALPACA SOCIETY NATIONAL HALTER SHOW 2017. Co Judges. Amanda Van Den Bosch (USA), Peter Kennedy (AUS) , Nick Harrington Smith BAS Show organiser: Tim Hey and the BAS Shows Committee

ROYAL BATH AND WEST HALTER SHOW 2016 Show Organiser - Di Davies

HEART OF ENGLAND ALPACA FIESTA 2015 Show organiser: Lulu Oliver and the Heart Of England Alpaca Group

ROYAL THREE COUNTIES FLEECE SHOW 2015 Show organisers: Roger Mount and Val Fullerlove

ROYAL THREE COUNTIES HALTER SHOW 2015 Show Organisers:- Roger Mount and Val Fullerlove

DUNDALK COUNTY SHOW 2015, EIRE Show organiser: Bernie Neary

NORWEGIAN NATIONAL FLEECE SHOW 2015 Show organiser : Line Werner

ALPACA SHOWTIME 2015 Show organisers: Mick George, Nick Harrington Smith, Mary Jo Smith

BAS NATIONAL FLEECE SHOW 2014 Show organiser: Julia Corrigan Stuart

WESTMORLAND SHOW 2014 Show organiser: Paul Hetherington

ALPAKA SHOW SUD 2014 : BUCHLOE, GERMANY Show organiser: Simon Klink

ALPACAN, FIBRE FESTIVAL 2014, TORRELAVEGA, SPAIN Yarn Judge Show Organiser: Alison Boyden

HEART OF ENGLAND FLEECE SHOW 2013. October 2013 Organisers: Paul Stead and Lulu Oliver

SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW 2013, ARDINGLY May 2013 Organiser: Liz Butler

ALPACA SHOW, ALPACA ASSOCIATION E.V HAMM GERMANY Halter Judge October 2012 Organiser: Regina Ludwig

YORKSHIRE ALPACA GROUP SHOW, THIRSK, NORTH YORKSHIRE Halter Judge October 2012 Organiser: Christina Metcalfe

ROYAL THREE COUNTIES FLEECE SHOW 2012 - Show Organiser: Roger Mount

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EAST MIDLANDS ALPACA GROUP SHOW 2012 Show Organiser: Caroline Birch

BEA EXPO, BERN, SWITZERLAND 2012 Show Organiser: Emily Brown

BRITISH ALPACA SOCIETY WORLD ALPACA 2012 CONFERENCE Fleece Judge, White Huacaya Organisers: Shirley Bettinson, Debbie Rippon

STICHTING ALPACA FLEECE SHOW 2011, ASSEN, HOLLAND Show Organiser Magreet Joling

STICHTING ALPACA HALTER SHOW 2011, ASSEN, HOLLAND Show Organiser: Margreet Joling

SCOTTISH NATIONAL FLEECE SHOW 2011, DUNS, SCOTLAND Show Organisers: Juliet & John Miller

TULLAMORE, ALL IRELAND COMPOSITE SHOW 2011, CO. OFFALY, EIRE Halter Judge August Show Organiser: Richard Langford

BORDER UNION SHOW COMPOSITE SHOW 2011, Composite Show Organiser: Debbie Rippon

TERRALIES SHOW 2011, ST BRIEUC, BRITTANY, FRANCE Show Organiser: Robin Hodge

SOUTH WEST ALPACA GROUP SPRING SHOW 2011. Suris, Show Organiser: Lynsey Skinner

TULLAMORE, ALL IRELAND COMPOSITE SHOW 2010, CO. OFFALY, EIRE Show Organiser: Richard Langford

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY SHOW 2010, Show Organiser: Melanie Douglas

NORWEGIAN NATIONAL SHOW 2010, OSLO, NORWAY Show Organiser: Line Werner

BRITISH ALPACA FUTURITY FLEECE SHOW 2010, Show Organisers: Chas Brooke & Rachel Hebditch

KELSO County Show 2009, Scotland Show Organiser: Melanie Douglas.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL FLEECE SHOW 2009. Show Organiser:- Jonathon Russell

BAS NATIONAL SHOW 2009: Newark & Notts Showground Co- Judged with Canadian Judge Kristin Behrman Show organisers: Mike & Caroline Birch

ROYAL SHOW 2007 Assistant to Cameron Holt: BAS National Fleece Show Show organiser: Mandy Wilson

ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW 2007 ,Show organiser: Pam Smith

DRYMEN COUNTY SHOW 2007, SCOTLAND Show organiser: Janet Small

BAS NATIONAL FLEECE SHOW 2007, NEWARK & NOTTS Show organisers Mike & Caroline Birch

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY SHOW 2005 ,CORBRIDGE Show Organiser: Vicky Ridley

BAS FLEECE SHOW, BCA CONFERENCE 2003. Show organiser: Mandy Wilson.

Commentator:- The Royal Show, NAC, 2003,2004,2005,2006, 2008,2009

Commentator:- BAS National Show, 2012-2019

Commentator :- Heart of England Alpaca Fiesta 2013-2019

Commentator:- North Devon Show 2015

Commentator:- Royal Bath and West 2015

Commentator: East of England Show, 2006

Inspection Steward:- Kenilworth Show. 2003-2011

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Inspection Steward: BAS National Show,, Newark & Notts Showground, 2003 – 2007,

Recertified as BAS Judge, 2019, 2016,2015,2008,2004 and attended all clinics and calibrations

Qualified as a BAS judge 2003.