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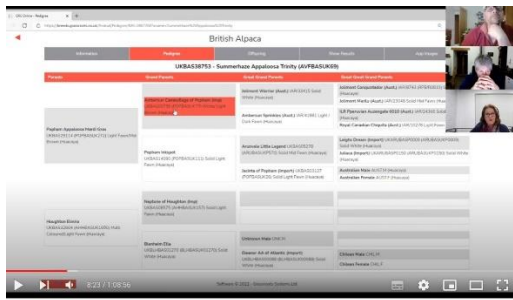
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BAS Website

The BAs website was out of commission on Thursday and Today. Apologies for that outage. Do remember if you need the registry you can get there directly using [Login \(grassroots.co.uk\)](https://grassroots.co.uk)

BAS Board Blogs

There is a double entry this week from Clara Boulton and Kate Brookes, they consider wind and love respectively! <https://www.bas-uk.com/alpacapedia/the-bas-board-blog/>

Webinars

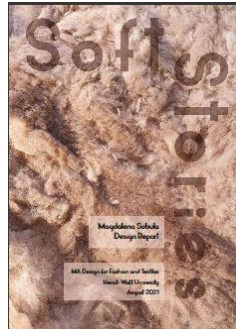
Libby Henson presented a webinar on the registry and app to 40 members. The YouTube recording is available to members using5tsi link https://youtu.be/sas_w6ljEpA

Don't forget links to previous webinars are available to all members via the members area of the website. Go to education and Training in the members area. [Webinar Details and YouTube Links – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](https://bas-uk.com) .

You can email about this or anything else using ceo@bas-uk.com

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Research Report - Soft Stories by Magdalena Sobula

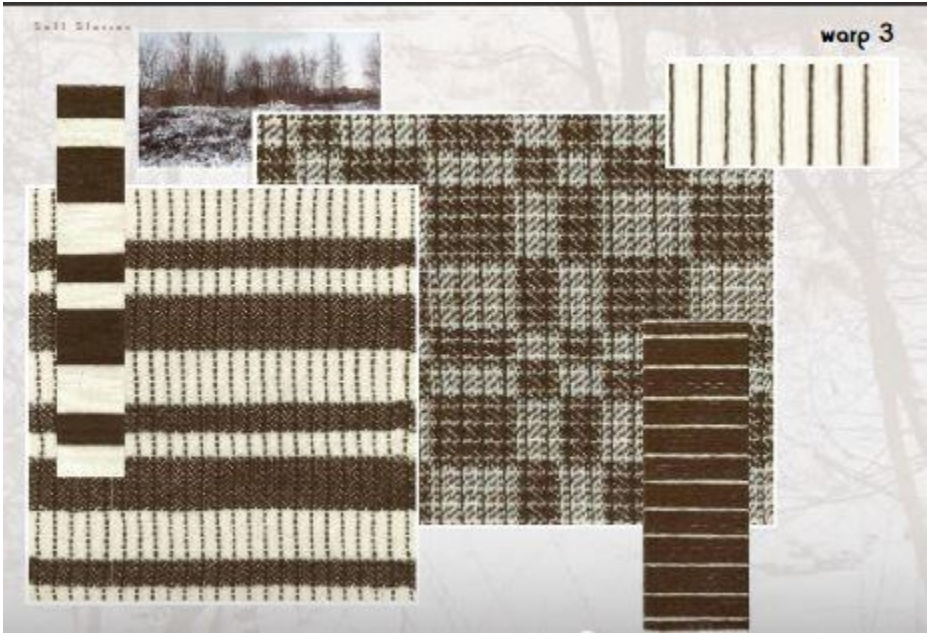
Magdalena was the recipient of a small grant from BAs to help her conduct her work on alpaca fibre.

She says.....

Starting points of the design development were natural alpaca colours and patterns and textures from photographs taken during lockdown 'Covid walks' in the local woodland. Further explorations through collages and stitched drawings were developed into weave designs using Scotweave software and sampling on the Arm Touch 60 loom. From the samples four designs were chosen to form the final mini collection and two of them were woven into scarves. Final designs were evaluated in terms of the slow fashion principles, comfort properties and the degree of representation of the British alpaca fibre industry.

The full report is available here

https://issuu.com/msobula/docs/design_report



On warp 11 started with right way to wall color pattern and I used basic 4-shaft weave structure to create a chevron effect. This allowed me to feel the yarn performance and get used to working on the new loom (Loom Tech 60) and of the same time had color and weave combination.

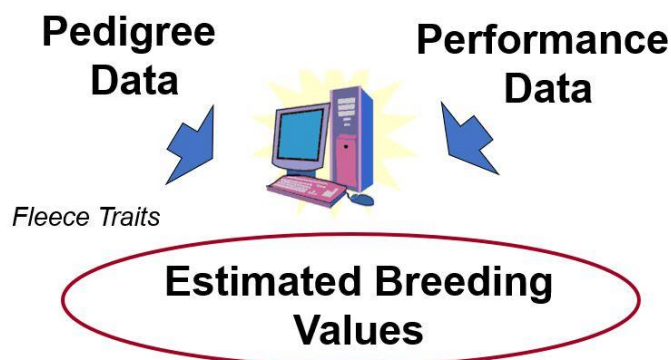


I decided to try and combine more structures in one sample to assess the number of colors of squares and create a color block pattern from with two colors the effect was subtle and I played to experiment with these pattern combinations to find with more colors in warp and weft.



warp 1

Measuring **Breeding Potential**



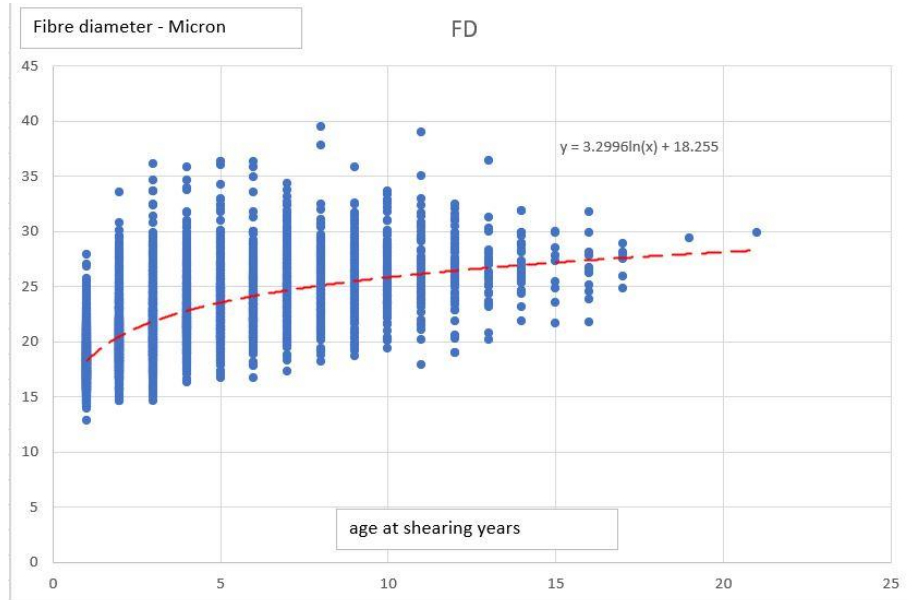
Huacaya EBVs

The EBV project has delivered an analysis this year based on historic data and new information from the 2021 shearing season. If you want to join in the EBV project please contact Duncan . Some headline findings are

There were 5,301 records from 2,903 animals registered as Huacaya. The descriptive statistics for the Huacaya are:

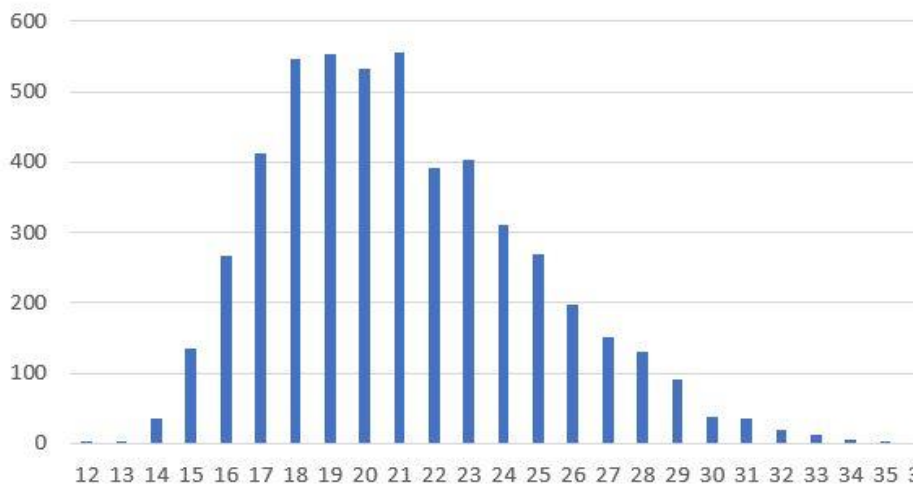
Trait / description	Minimum	Maximum	Mean
Fibre diameter (FD)	12.3	39.5	21.53
Standard deviation of Fibre Diameter (SDFD)	2.5	9.9	4.44
Comfort factor (CF)	8.3	100	92.33
Spin fineness (SF)	12.1	60	20.97
Staple length (SL)	9.9	100	37.59
CRV Dg/mm (FC)	16.3	170	92.51
Fleece weight (FW)	0.1	7.1	1.91

Age and Fibre Diameter

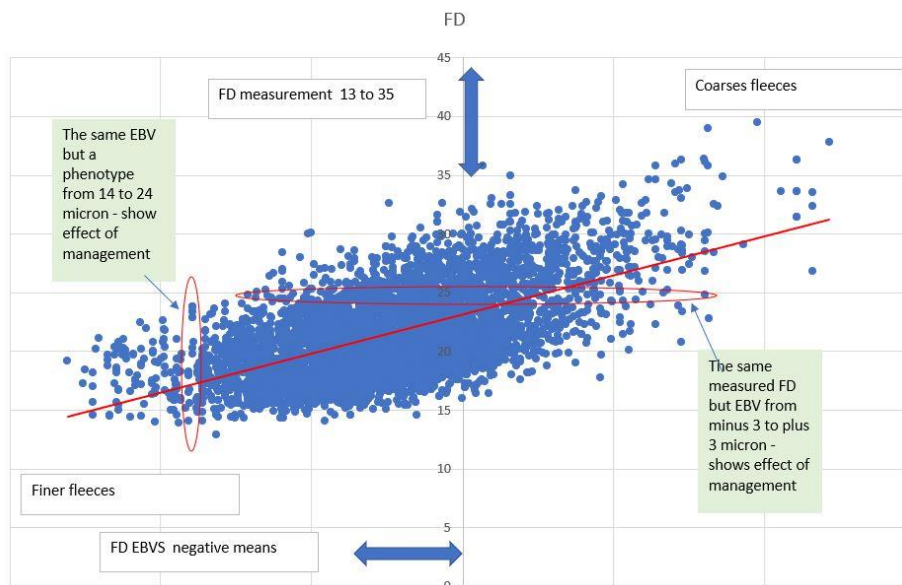


Distribution of mean FD

Distribution of mean fibre diameter



The effect of management (feeding and husbandry etc) is shown when you plot the EBV for fibre diameter against the measurements made. It is why EBV help identify the best genetics.



EAG Winter Warmer- Herd Sire Selection

On Thursday 24th February at 7pm EAG will be hosting its sixth Zoom webinar in its Winter Warmer series. Nick Harrington-Smith will present a brief overview of breeding decisions and tools to utilise, that will help maximise the chance of advancing your overall herd quality. £5 EAG members/ £10 non members.

Click on the registration link – https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvc-2qqzktEtb2RVwHujRjQz_W3l0Mt1Bb – BEFORE 8pm on 22nd February to trigger an invoice.

Payment must be received BEFORE 8pm on 23rd February after which a presentation link for the evening will be sent via email.

Only use the presentation link on the 24th February from 6.30pm to access the waiting room prior to the event start time of 7pm.

We look forward to seeing you then!

BAS National Show Stud Auction

Week 4

Bidding on the auction started on Monday 14th February at 9am and closes at 8pm on Sunday 20th February.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of those farms who have kindly donated one or more sires for the 2022 auction.

This links you to the studs on offer [Studs : British Alpaca Society BAS National Show](#)

Please take a look at **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE STUD SERVICES AUCTION**



Farm: [Classical MileEnd Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Houghton Placido
Registration: [UKBAS35052](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid White
Current Bid: £200 [2 bids](#) [BID NOW](#)
Auction Ends: Feb 20 20:00
(5 days 5 hours 21 minutes)
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Beck Brow Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Beck Brow No Jacket Required
Registration: [BNBAS13623](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Medium Fawn
Current Bid: £600 [3 bids](#) [BID NOW](#)
Auction Ends: Feb 20 20:00
(5 days 5 hours 21 minutes)
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Inca Alpaca](#)
Stud Male: Inca Moonshine
Registration: [UKBAS34299](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Dark Brown
Current Bid: £405 [1 bid](#) [BID NOW](#)
Auction Ends: Feb 20 20:00
(5 days 5 hours 21 minutes)
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Orchard Corner Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Beck Brow Prime Suspect
Registration: [UKBAS28827](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid black
Current Bid: £100 [1 bid](#) [BID NOW](#)
Auction Ends: Feb 20 20:00
(5 days 5 hours 21 minutes)
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Spring Farm Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Spring Farm Wizard
Registration: [UKBAS36806](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Medium Grey
Current Bid: £200 [1 bid](#) [BID NOW](#)
Auction Ends: Feb 20 20:00
(5 days 5 hours 21 minutes)
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Faraway Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Thistledown Alaska
Registration: [UKBAS31641](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Light Fawn
Current Bid: £250 [3 bids](#) [BID NOW](#)
Auction Ends: Feb 20 20:00
(5 days 5 hours 21 minutes)
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2022 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com

Saturday	19-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Sunday	20-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Saturday	19-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	20- Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Thursday	24 Feb	EAG Winter Warmer
Tuesday	01-Mar	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Wednesday	02-Mar	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Friday	11-Mar	Affiliate Course - Hertfordshire
Saturday	16-Apr	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Sunday	17-Apr	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Friday	22-Apr	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Saturday	23-Apr	Affiliate Course- Cornwall

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

2022 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Breeders considering entering more than one fleece show may need the organisers of one show to forward the fleece(s) to the next show the fleeces are entered for. Please could entries to multiple fleece shows advise the organisers of the plan to ensure they know those entries need to be despatched asap to the next show. Please ensure that all the necessary entry forms are included in the box separately from the forms for the first shows.

National Show

Date: 25th, 26th and 27th March 2022

Judges: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith and Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Telford International Centre

Organiser: Duncan Pullar 07496 578781, ceo@bas-uk.com

NWAG Halter Show NOW FULL

Date: Saturday 2nd April 2022

Judge: Mary-Jo Smith

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle.

Named entries for those carried over from 2021 open 14-18th February

HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta 2022

Show Dates: Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

To be held at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates; 23rd and 24th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Entries open: 18th February 2022

Entries Close: 24th March 2022t

Entry fee: £22 inc VAT

Organiser Stuart Ramsay

South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show.

Dates: Saturday 23rd April & Sunday 24th April 2022

Judge: Jay Holland

Venue: South of England Showground, Ardingly RH17 6TH

Entries open: Wednesday 16th of February

Entries close: Wednesday 8th March or when the maximum number of entries is reached.

Organisers: Tony & Hilary Monkcom hilary@pinnaclealpacas.com

Northumberland Championship

Show date: Friday June 3rd

Judge: Tim Hey

Entry Fee: £25 + VAT

Entries open: 9am Thursday 3rd March for the remaining places by email

Available places for this show are severely limited as many pre-covid entries to the cancelled show have been retained.

Please submit your entry via email to rachel.vaclik@gmail.com in the first instance with your requirements. We just need to know the number of

places you would like, and an indication of male/female split to help us plan our very limited pen space.

Places will be awarded on a first come first served basis from 9am Thursday 3rd March and will be confirmed as soon as possible after receipt of your email.

To ensure that everyone has an equal chance to book these limited places, any communications received before 9am Thursday 3rd March will not be counted in this process.

CCA Cornwall Fleece Show 2022

Date: 9th July 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Carn Tremayne Farm, Praze, Cornwall TR14 9PG.

EAG Fleece Show

August 2022 further details tbc

SWAG Halter & Fleece Show

Dates: 17th & 18th September 2022

Venue: The Somerset County Show 1 @ Taunton Racecourse

EAG Halter Show

October 2022 further details tbc



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