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CEO NOTES

Vet Training

The first 20 BAS subsidised Vets have completed their training with Claire Whitehead. The course was mostly delivered by webinar but culminated with a practical day to re-enforce learning. Congratulations to the Vets that chose to improve their alpaca knowledge.

We will be running the exercise again next year so please do remind you vet of the opportunity for some BAS supported CPD. Please email for details ceo@bas-uk.com

Getting Ready for Shearing

For many, the preparation for shearing is underway. I have heard of some already doing shearing. if you are new to alpacas do check out the BAS factsheet that help you get organised,

<https://www.bas-uk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Alpaca-Factsheet-prepare-for-shearing.pdf>

BAS Membership

At the end of the 2022 financial and membership year the BAS membership was 1.756 member herds with 2,223 voting members. That is a net gain of 205 herds compared to 31 March 2021. Well done to everyone who recruited a new member!! The current live population on the registry is 38,449 alpacas which is a net gain of 2.600 in the year.

Pictures from National Show

A short video with a selection of pictures from the National Show can be found here. <https://youtu.be/zZavGvffuio>

BAS Board Blog

This week Ken recounts a fishy tale [The BAS Board Blog – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-](#)

[uk.com\)](#)

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



Training Opportunities for 2022

If there is sufficient demand, the aim is to run at least one each of the following courses in the late Summer/ Autumn of 2022.

- **Intermediate Alpaca Assessment** (<https://bas-uk.com/education-welfare/>)
- **Advanced Alpaca Assessment** (<https://bas-uk.com/education-welfare/>)
- **Judge Training 1** <https://bas-uk.com/members-area/education-and-training/how-to-become-a-bas-judge/>

Dates and venues will be confirmed later in the year but at this stage an indication of your interest in attending would help with planning. Some members have already expressed an interest but feel free to reinforce that with a further email to me using ceo@bas-uk.com

Please remember that you have to complete the training in order. To qualify for JT1 you must have successfully completed the Advanced Alpaca Assessment, and to enter the Advanced Alpaca Assessment you have to successfully completed the Intermediate Alpaca Assessment.

Alpaca Fibre

The National Show had a fine display of alpaca items in the Fibre Zone. Here are a selection of some the items entered into the competition. well done to all who entered.







Subscription Renewal

Membership subscriptions were due for renewal on 1st April. If you have signed a direct debit form these funds will have been collected from your account on 1st April at the discounted rates of £74 for Single members and £95 for joint members. VAT receipts will be sent out shortly.

If you have not signed a direct debit form you will receive a reminder email from Grassroots. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

Please consider moving to direct debit because it will save you money and the society bank charges.

Payment can be made by cheque, by direct bank transfer or by credit or debit card via PayPal at the full rate of £84 for single or £105 for joint membership.



National Alpaca Farm Open Day 2022

3rd and 4th September 2022

Following the huge success of the inaugural BAS UK **National Alpaca Farm Open Day** **the second one is now scheduled.**

The aim is to encourage anyone and everyone to come and meet alpacas. The second event is planned for the weekend 3rd and 4th September 2022.

We had 100 herds and 30,000 visitors last year so let's see if we can go bigger!!! The aim is to have 100 plus alpaca herds open to the public over the same weekend supported by a central promotional campaign in the weeks leading up to the event on September 3rd/ 4th 2021. Events on either, or both days, over that weekend will qualify for promotional support.

For BAS members who already open to the public National Alpaca Farm Day is a chance to boost awareness and for others it could be a first venture in promoting the animals that BAS members are so passionate about.

The plan is for all interested BAS members to register their event with BAS and have it listed on the BAS website to allow members of the public to find a local event. The size and type of event is up to BAS members to decide; it can be simple or "all singing and dancing". It depends on what you can manage.

Register your interest

This event is free to all BAS members. If you would like to be part of the BAS UK National Alpaca Farm Day

email BAS CEO Duncan Pullar at ceo@bas-uk.com.

2022 Event Diary



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

Sunday	17-Apr	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Friday	22-Apr	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Saturday	23-Apr	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Sunday	24 -Apr	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	11 June	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	12 June	Affiliate Course - Devon

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



Champions and judges from National Show 2022

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.

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates; 23rd and 24th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

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

Organisers: Tony & Hilary Monkcom hilary@pinnaclealpacas.com

North Somerset Show

Date: 2nd May,

Judge: Jo Bridge

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max 120 places, £25 inc Vat entry fee. Max 6 entries per exhibitor

Organisers: Garry Naish 07785 116211, Judith Newman 07901 683802

Northumberland Championship

Date: Friday June 3rd

Judge: Tim Hey

Entry Fee: £25 + VAT

Show site: <https://www.northcountyshow.co.uk/>

West Shires Alpaca Group - Three Counties Halter Show

Date: June 18th Huacaya and June 19th Suri

Judge: Roger Clarke

Entry fee: £26.40

Entries open: 25th April

Entries close: 31st May

Venue: Three Counties Show Ground WR13 6NW

Max entry 120 per day

Organisers:

roger.mount@btinternet.com 07711044106

jay@purealpacas.com 07722953635

iain.c.sharp@gmail.com 07789257222

CCA Cornwall Fleece Show 2022

Date: 9th July 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

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

Collection point - Sandra Muriel, Carn Tremayne Farm, Praze, Cornwall TR14 9PG

Please mark boxes CCA Fleece Show

Entries open - 4th May 2022

Close - 17th June or when entry level of 60 fleeces is reached.

Entries to arrive at collection between 28th June and 5th July. Not Before 28th June.

Entry fee £18 plus £2 BAS levy and VAT. CCA members will receive a £3 per entry discount.

West Shires Alpaca Group - Three Counties Fleece Show

Date: 23rd and 24th July

East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG

Dates: 20th & 21st August 2022

Limit on entries: 120

Judge: Mr Roger Clarke

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Entries Open: 29th June 2022

Entries close: 31st July 2022 or when full

Entry Fee: £16 EAG members: £22 non-members (prices include the BAS Show levy & VAT on the levy). Fees collected by EAG who will invoice exhibitors direct,

treasurer@easternalpacagroupuk.org

Fleece Delivery: Harley Laver, Elmlea, Cold Norton Road, Latchingdon, Essex, CM3 6HP
by 11 Aug 2022.

Organiser: Harley Laver - harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk / 07934 463342

Westmorland Show 2022

Date: Wednesday 7th September 2022

Judge: Shirley Bettinson

Venue: Lane Farm, Crooklands, Kendal, Cumbria, LA7 7NH

Organisers: Steven / Tracey Ellershaw - lythebrowalpacas@yahoo.com / 07710957107

SWAG Halter & Fleece Show

Dates: 17th & 18th September 2022

Venue: The Somerset County Show 1@ Taunton Racecourse

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 15th & 16th October

Venue: York Auction Mart.

East of England Show organised by EAG

Dates: 9th October 2022

Limit on entries: 140

Judge: Mr Jay Holland

Venue: Beechwood Equestrian Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8DY

Entries Open: 1ST July 2022

Entries close: 11th September 2022 or when full

Entry Fee: £31.20 EAG members: £36 non-members (prices include the BAS Show levy & VAT on the levy GRASSROOTS WILL COLLECT FULL AMOUNT AND MEMBERS WILL BE REFUNDED THE DIFFERENCE BY EAG)

Extras: Pen Cleaning £40 compulsory but will be refunded if pen is cleaned. (EAG to collect fees)

treasurer@easternalpacagroupuk.org ;Electric Hook ups £35 (EAG to collect fees)

Arrivals are on 8th October 2022 between 15.00 & 17.00. Arrival is the day prior to the show only (except in exceptional circumstances)

Organiser: Harley Laver - harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk / 07934 463342

Midlands Championship Halter Show

Date: 5th November.



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