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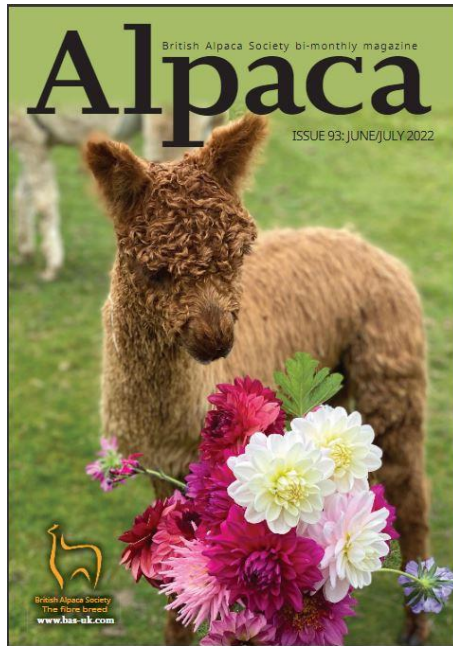
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## CEO NOTES

### **2022 Year Books**

I have a few boxes of 2022 yearbooks left in store, if you would like any then let me know so I can clear the space ready for next year!! Send me an email [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com). There are 30 magazines in a box.

### **Alpaca Magazine**

The June July issue of Alpaca Magazine should be delivered in the next week or so. If you don't get your copy please let me know so I can send a replacement and investigate the non-delivery.

You can email about this or anything else using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

*Duncan Pullar*

BAS CEO 07496 578781



## BAS AGM 2022 - Becoming a Board Member

If you would like to be a BAS Board member then now is the time to make your preparations. The sequence of events is as below.

Official Notice of AGM and call for nominations 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Nominations close 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

AGM report and documents/ candidate lists published 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Zoom meeting for candidates to meet members 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 plus discussion of any resolutions.

Voting opens 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 9 am

Voting closes 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 9 am

### **Meeting 2 November 2022 at 7 pm**

You can send your nomination to me now if you like. If you would like to chat through what is involved then you can have an informal chat with Duncan or Sue Loach.



## Agistment

**Most alpaca owners keep their alpacas on the land they own or rent, but not having land does not need to be a barrier to alpaca ownership. Some BAS members practise “agistment” as either a short term measure when they are establishing a herd or sometimes as a long term approach.**

Agistment is similar to livery in the equine world where the owner pays someone else to look after their alpacas. The Agistor often has their own alpacas as well as those from one, or more, other owners.

If you are considering agistment as part of your alpaca journey then please talk to someone who is already doing it and ensure you draw up a proper, formal written agreement between Agistor and Owner to ensure neither party gets any surprises! A draft agreement is available here and should be customised for your particular circumstances. The draft is just a guide to help you think about what should be considered.

[Template Agistment Agreement for Alpacas](#)



## Autumn Education Programme

If you are interested in attending the **Intermediate Alpaca Assessment course** the next one is planned for 21st, 22nd and 23rd October 2022 at Toft. Tutors will be Mr Tim Hey and Mr Jay Holland.

The British Alpaca Society Course offers the following value to members:

- A thorough overview of the major fleece performance and conformational traits for both suri and huacaya alpacas. This enables delegates to:
- gain confidence to assess and verbally deliver fibre and conformational characteristics to other owners and potential customers.
- make informed selection decisions within their own herd, at shows and when buying stock in.
- gain the necessary information to make appropriate breeding choices.
- a great place to share information about all aspects of alpaca ownership with other enthusiastic alpaca owners.
- gain valuable experience at handling and assessing a high number of alpacas of varying quality, sex and type.

Suitable for all members and overseas guests who are interested in learning more about assessing conformational and fibre traits. Owners with less than 2 year's experience in breeding alpacas **MUST** complete the BAS Alpaca Evaluation course before proceeding with the Intermediate Alpaca Assessment course. Up to 16 places are available for this course on assessing alpaca conformation and fleece. This course is a comprehensive package in basic alpaca assessment and applicable to all, as well as being a prerequisite for those wishing to enter the BAS judge training scheme.

The course will only run if the minimum number of 12 delegates is met. A place can be secured by booking with Duncan and making your course payment via Grassroots. [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

I have several names already listed, now the dates are confirmed if you have already expressed interest then please confirm you can attend these dates.



## New member offer from Mudcontrol

**Don't bury your investment. Mudcontrol - the perfect and carbon friendly alternative to concrete.**

Mudcontrol are pleased to be associated with The British Alpaca society and would like to offer an ongoing discount to the members of £1 per square metre. Simply State on your order form that you are a **BAS Member** and tell us your ***Herd Identifier Reference*** and we will apply then discount to your invoice.

MUDCONTROL slabs are revolutionary – a simple D.I.Y. way to create instant, removable hard-standing for people, animals and almost any vehicle, rated to 60 tonnes load capacity.

Used to create instant heavy-duty ground protection to create solid pathways, driveways, storage areas, Turnouts, feeding stations and much-much more quickly and easily with minimal mess and disturbance, MUDCONTROL slabs are the answer, you can solve your mud issues in a matter of minutes, make muddy gateways and hight traffic areas safer and more robust for your business.

Each slab measures 50cm x 50cm x 5.3cm and weighs 7kg (1 stone). They interlink



with adjacent slabs to provide a stable, free-draining surface, either temporary or permanent, on any soil type. Mudcontrol fencing is made from 100% recycled plastic, inert and stable, with a 20 year warranty. The posts can be installed by hand or by machine and stapled, nailed or screwed into just like wood. There's a huge range of options - lengths from 85cm to 6m, diameters from 4.5cm to 25cm, square, round or cross-profile posts, rails, boards etc also available.

[www.mudcontrol.co.uk](http://www.mudcontrol.co.uk) [sales@mudcontrol.co.uk](mailto:sales@mudcontrol.co.uk)



### **Camelid Plasma Survey**

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Camelid Veterinary Services are conducting this survey to identify what the current practices are regarding the use and collection of plasma in Camelids within the UK. The data collected from this survey will remain ANONYMOUS and we are not asking for you to identify yourself! It will be used to investigate where improvements can be

made in terms of blood plasma sourcing.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey - we really appreciate you doing so!

It should take you a maximum of 10-15 minutes to complete.

<https://forms.gle/ds4qks5xBrWc3g1D8>

## 2022 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email Duncan using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

### Introduction to alpaca assessment

Mary Jo Smith	Co Tyrone, NI	Saturday	13th Aug
Barbara Hetherington	Scotland	Saturday	27th Aug

### Intermediate Alpaca Assessment

Tim Hey/ Jay Holland	Dunchurch	Fri/Sat/Sun	21/22/23 Oct
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Saturday	15-Oct	Alpacas in therapy - Co Down, NI
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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.

#### **Ellingham and Ringwood (Short Fleece Halter Show)**

Date: 13th Aug 2022

Judge: Shirley Bettinson

Venue: Somerley Park, Ringwood, Hants BH24 3PL.

Entries open: Mon 20th June 2022

Entries close: Monday 1 Aug 2022.

Entry limit: 120

Entry fee £20 inclusive of levy and VAT.

Organiser: Di Davies [didavies@alphaalpacos.com](mailto:didavies@alphaalpacos.com), 07739 382483 or 01308 488661

Entrants to this show will be required to bring their own penning and gazebos ( if desired) as the alpacas attending the above show are penned at the back of their trailers/vans

**East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG**

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> & 21st August 2022

Limit on entries: 120

Judge: Mr Roger Clarke

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Entries Open: 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk) / 07934 463342

**Westmorland Show 2022**

Date: Wednesday 7th September 2022

Judge: Shirley Bettinson

Entries Open: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 @9.00am

Entries close: 25th July 2022 or when full (max 120/ 198 breeders)

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

Organisers: Steven / Tracey Ellershaw - [lythebrowalpacas@yahoo.com](mailto:lythebrowalpacas@yahoo.com) / 07710957107

Entry Fee: £18 non-members / £13 Westmorland Show Members

**SWAG Halter Show**

Dates: 17th & 18th September 2022

Venue: The Somerset County Show 1@ Taunton Racecourse TA3 7BL

Limit on entries: 160

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Entries Open: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Entries close: 24th August 2022 or when full

Entry Fee: £25 in VAT

Organisers:: [prwinsor@icloud.com](mailto:prwinsor@icloud.com) 01934 732324 07540

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[didavies@alphaalpacas.com](mailto:didavies@alphaalpacas.com) 01308

488661 07739 382483

### **South West Alpaca Group Fleece Show**

Judge: Mrs Jo Bridge

Entries Open: 16/07/2022

Entries Close: 26/07/2022 or when full

Entry Limit: 60

Entry Fee is £20 per fleece to inclusive of BAS Judges Levy and VAT

A full range of classes is offered including those for 48 – 72 and 72+ months

Organiser: Judith Newman

Fleeces must be delivered to Judith Newman, Apple Tree Farm, Bason Bridge.

Highbridge TA9 4RF by no later than 12 noon on the 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. No exceptions.

Dates: Fleeces will be judged on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and there will be a display of winning fleeces at the Somerset County Show at Taunton Racecourse on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

Fleeces can be collected from the Somerset County Show at close of play on the 18<sup>th</sup> September or from Judith Newman from the 19<sup>th</sup> September onwards. If you wish your fleece(s) to be returned to you please include an address label in the box. You will be invoiced for the cost of postage.

If you would like your fleeces to be sent onwards to the Heart of England Show please include a note to this effect along with the relevant paperwork for each fleece and they will be couriered for you. You will be invoiced for the cost of postage.

### **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2022**

Judges: Mrs. Mary Jo Smith and Mrs Barbara Hetherington

Judging on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Entries will open on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021** and will close on **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September** or when the entry limit is reached.

Look out for more details soon.

### **East of England Halter Show, organised by EAG**

Dates: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Limit on entries: 140

Judge: Mr Jay Holland

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

Number Entries Open: 18th July to 25th August 2022 - Minimum 3 per herd

Name entries open 1st Sept to 7th Sept

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

Arrivals are on 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk) / 07934 463342

Onsite catering & evening meal & quiz - details to follow

### **Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show**

Dates: 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October

Judge: Mrs Jo Bridge

Venue: York Auction Mart, YO19 5GF.

Entry fee: £27 inc VAT and judge levy

Entries open: 18th July

Entries Close: 4th September

Maximum of 200 Entries

There will be a compulsory clean up fee of £20 per herd payable direct to the YAG.

This will be invoiced once entries close and payable before the show starts. There will be a minimum of 3 entries per herd. The show will be running over 2 days.

Judging will commence at 10am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> - we hope to end the Show by 4pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>.

Arrivals from 3pm on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> October - 8-9am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Organiser: James Stanger [jameslstanger11@gmail.com](mailto:jameslstanger11@gmail.com) 07757687378

Fan hook up £25 per hook up (2 fans per hook up)

There will be a compulsory £20 clean up fee payable direct to YAG group. There is a minimum of 3 entries per herd. Arrivals from 3pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Welsh Alpaca Show**

Date: 22nd October 2022

Judge: Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Venue: Welshpool Livestock Market

Entry fee: £20 + vat

Entries open: 15th August

Entries Close: 8th September

Organisers: Susan Myerscough 07796 678637 and Michael Henderson 07793 081388

Email: [susan@alpacas.wales](mailto:susan@alpacas.wales)

### **Midlands Championship Halter Show**

Date: 5th November.

### **NEBAG Halter Show**

Date: 19 November 2022

Judge: TBC

Venue: Hexham Mart, Tyne Green

Organisers: Paul and Debbie Rippon

### **2023**

### **BAS National Show 2023**

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March 2023

Venue: Telford.

Judges: Mrs Barbara Hetherington, Mr Roger Clarke, Ms Amanda VandenBosch and Mrs Natasha Clark

### **NWAG Alpaca Championships**

Saturday 1st April 2023

Borderway Mart, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Judge Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

**HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta:**

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th April 2023

Judge: Mr. Roger Clarke

**Scottish Alpaca Championship**

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Judge: Mrs Molly Gardner

Entries Open: 17 Feb 2023

Entries Close: 6th March 2023

Organiser Stuart Ramsay

**South of England Spring Live**

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Venue: Ardingly

Judge: Tim Hey

Organiser Hilary and Tony Monkomb



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