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CEO NOTES

BAS Board election at the AGM

The weekend is your last chance to submit your nominations for the two Board places that will become available in November. If you are interested then do please make contact. Closing time is 9 am Monday 19th September 2022.

National Alpaca farm Days

The BSA Board discussed the issue raised by a number of members about the inclusion of businesses that normally charge for entry and have decided that in 2023 such businesses will be included the event befitting from all the promotional build up alongside occasional openers. Details will follow in due course.

BAS Board Blog

This week Neil celebrates moving day! [The BAS Board Blog – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](https://www.bas-uk.com/blog)

Previous Blogs are available at this site.

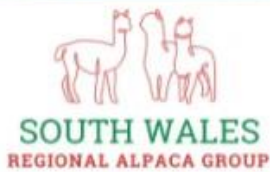
Monday 19th Bank Holiday

Both the BAS and Grassroots offices will be closed on Monday 19th September.

You can contact me about the above or anything else using ceo@bas-uk.com

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BAS CEO 07496 578781



Meet and Greet events Autumn 2022

An introductory get-together for Alpaca people in South Wales. We would love to hear what you would like from your new local alpaca group and also let you know what events/talks/support the group is planning on offering members. Everyone welcome!

11 am to 3 pm - Tea and cakes

Usk Valley Alpacas

1st October

Family run alpaca farm with over 150 alpacas at the moment. We also have Wales' largest flock of Vailais Blacknose Sheep and Mediterranean Miniature Donkeys. Based in Monmouthshire, NP16 6NS. 07785116015 or info@uskvalleyalpacas.co.uk

Epoch Alpacas

9th October

Mid South Wales Hill farm, with 55 alpacas, including 17 gorgeous cria and some friendly goats, pigs and poultry. Moelfre, Llandovery, SA20 0UW. 07711 340658 or tanya@tanyarussell.com

Ffrwd Ganol Alpacas

15th October

Small holding on the West Cardigan Bay Coastline. Relative newbies to the alpaca world, we have a herd of 6 alpacas. Our first breeding season has proved challenging and rewarding with 3 gorgeous, friendly cria, including our beautiful bottle fed baby. Ffrwd Ganol, Llanrhystud SY23 5ED. 07814 683816 or 01974 272844 Ffrwd.ganol@gmail.com

Rhyndaston Alpacas

16th October

Family run Pembrokeshire farm with 38 alpacas (all colours) including 9 wonderful cria. We also have a commercial sheep flock, handful of pygmy goats and some poultry. Little Rhyndaston, Hayscastle, Haverfordwest SA62 5PT. 07714750126 or littlerhyndaston@gmail.com

Please RSVP so we can send you directions to your chosen venue.

Use the contact details given or

on our facebook : South Wales Regional Alpaca Group

Worm control

This week the health theme has been worms. Please do take management of your alpaca's health seriously

Alpacas are susceptible to cattle, goat and sheep Bowel worms and Flukes, Coccidia and other parasites. Some of the most common to cause problems in the UK are:

- Barber's Pole Worm (*Haemonchus contortus*)
- Nematodirus Battus
- Small Brown Stomach Worm (*Ostertagia ostertagi*)
- Black Scour Worm (*Trichostrongylus* spp)
- Liver Fluke (*Fasciola hepatica*)
- *Eimeria macusaniensis* (Large Coccidia)
- Mites (Chorioptic, Sarcoptic & Psoroptic)

BAS have a good number of website resources to help.

Have a look at these videos

https://youtu.be/ABab_fSXFGI Detailed

<https://youtu.be/glOUCA0nsEU> Simple introduction

And this fact sheet

[Fact-Sheet-11-Worms.pdf \(bas-uk.com\)](#)



World of Alpacas - A New Attraction at the National Show 2023

BAS has decided to enhance the National Show with an extra attraction called “World of Alpacas”

The aim is for WoA is to inspire, advise and educate on alpaca related subjects. For this idea to work we will need BAS members to volunteer their time and energy to man the various stands. Volunteers will get food vouchers for the day(s) they are on stand. Overnight accommodation will not be paid. The WoA area will stand alongside the existing trade stand village to make a complete experience for visitors to the show with lots of alpaca experience or none at all. (Stands selling products and services, or taking orders for products and services will be a paid for trade stand as in previous years.) If you would like space in this area then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com .

When will WoA be live?

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March only

What will be there?

Information and advice for prospective, new and experienced alpaca owners

Where?

Inspiration and spinning demo adjacent to the fibre zone. Other elements in the foyer adjacent to the trade stands.



1. Inspiration Zone –

- a. Demonstration of possible products to complement the Fibre Zone competition. BAS members will be able to lend items to the show to illustrate all the possibilities.

If you would like to help in this area, then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com .

2. Education and Advice Zone –

BAS stand - Welfare/ training education with BAS merchandise mugs, sew on badges/ pin badges, hats, pens, water bottles, tea towels.

- a. Diversification - Trekking /therapy/ yoga
- b. Demonstration/ have a go area -for spinning, weaving, felting, knitting, crochet. Feel the fibre, story of processing from fleece to yarn.
- c. Skirting demonstrations
- d. Meet the animals - alpaca and (possibly) llama to show the difference

If you would like to help in this area, then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com .

3. Competition-

Award for the best Commercial enterprise or product in the UK by a BAS member to celebrate working with alpacas and their products.

First stage to be submitted by 1 Jan 2023 to ceo@bas-uk.com

Entrants will describe in no more than 1000 words their enterprise or product based on:

- Product or enterprise
- Commercial and /or social value
- Environmental and sustainability credentials

Second stage during January and February 2023.

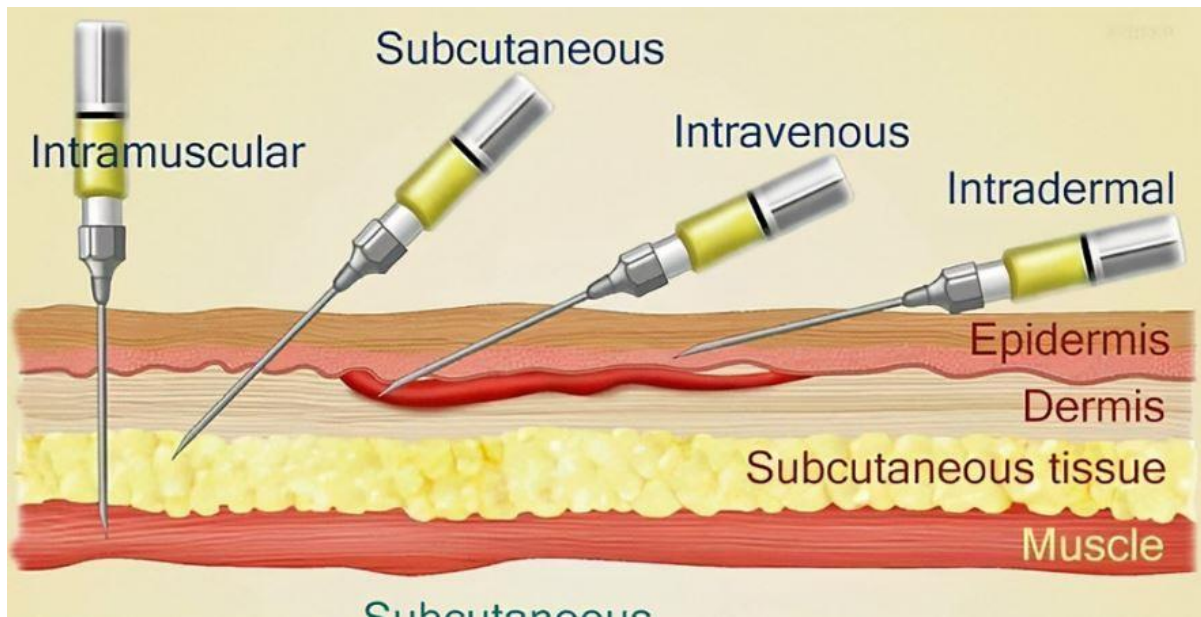
Shortlist of top three are interviewed by a panel to determine the winner

Third Stage

Substantial prize presented to the winner at the Show

4. Trade stands as normal for people selling products or services or taking orders.

If you are interested in trade stand space then please contact Duncan by email with your requirements. Prices for this year are being finalised and will be published shortly.



Medicine handling and injections for Alpaca owners

Ami Sawran and her team will be running a course on November 15th that discusses medicine handling and injection technique for smallholders and camelid keepers.

It will be at 9am-12pm at Essex Young Farmers, Whitbreads Farm Lane, Chatham Green, Chelmsford CM3 3FE.

Interested parties should contact chelmsford@westpointfarmvets.co.uk or 01306 628 489 to book. The course is £40 ex VAT, but they will give a 50% discount to extra people attending from the same farm.

2022 Event Diary



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

Intermediate Alpaca Assessment

Tim Hey/ Jay Holland Dunchurch Fri/Sat/Sun 2/3/4 Dec

Affiliate courses

Saturday	17th Sept	Affiliate Course- Surrey
Saturday	15 th Oct	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Sunday	16 th Oct	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Saturday	26th Nov	Affiliate Course - Devon

Other courses

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.

East of England Halter 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

Name entries open 1st Sept to 7th Sept

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

Onsite catering & evening meal & quiz - details to follow

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 15th & 16th October

Judge: Mrs Jo Bridge

Venue: York Auction Mart, YO19 5GF.

Entry fee: £27 inc VAT and judge levy

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 15th - we hope to end the Show by 4pm on Sunday 16th.

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

Organiser: James Stanger 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 14th 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: 18th September

Organisers: Susan Myerscough 07796 678637 and Michael Henderson 07793 081388

Email: susan@alpacas.wales

Midlands Championship Halter Show

Date: 5th November.

Judge: Mr Nick Harrington Smith

Venue: **Avon Hall, Three Counties Show Ground, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW**

Entry fee: £33

Entries Open: 1st September

Entries Close: 17th October

Pen cleaning and Electricity hook-up £32 regardless of whether fans used or not.

Organisers: **Roger Mount 07711044106, Jay Holland 07789257222, Iain Sharp 07722953635**

roger.mount@btinternet.com, jay@purealpacas.co.uk, iain.c.sharp@gmail.com

Northern Fleece Show

Date: Wednesday 16th November 2022

Judge: Julia Corrigan-Stewart

Venue: Walkerburn Village Hall.

Entries Open: Monday 12th September

Entries Close: Monday 17th October

Entry Fee: £24.00 including the levy and vat

Entry limit: 70.

All fleeces should be delivered to Westyett Alpacas, Westyett Farm, Lanark ML11 8NT and arrive no later than Friday 11th 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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