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CEO NOTES

AGM

A quick update on the AGM is that no resolutions were offered. Two Members have offered themselves for election for the two places that will become vacant in November.

Because of the way the BAS rules are constituted we will still have an election so keep an eye out for that in your email in the next few weeks.

For those of you that like your diary entries sorted well ahead of time the AGM

Zoom link is:

Topic: BAS AGM

Time: Nov 2, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88307420688>

Meeting ID: 883 0742 0688

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

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Foot trimming

Alpacas have soft padded feet with two toenails on each foot and a soft leathery pad. Most alpacas kept in the UK are grazed on ground which can differ significantly from that of their natural habitat.

Depending on the environment the toenails require regular attention at least three to four times a year and at shearing. However, nails will grow at different rates on different animals and in particular the toenails of lighter coloured animals seem to grow at a faster rate and are often thicker than the darker coloured animals. Nails left unattended can twist and deform the foot causing lameness, restriction of mobility and ability to move to graze, and ultimately weight loss.

Trimming technique:

Animals accustomed to being handled and having their toes trimmed are relatively easy to manage. Firm but gentle restraint is far more effective than force and mechanical restraint (e.g. a crush) and is less stressful for the animal. One person gently restrains the animal with the second person carefully trimming the nails. Using a pair of straight edged cutters (foot rot shears, hoof snips or straight edge secateurs) the second person lifts the foot and trims the nails level with the soft pad. Care must be exercised to prevent cutting too deeply and causing bleeding. If this occurs, spraying with an antiseptic solution will minimize the risk of infection.

See the [welfare fact sheets](#) for other handy husbandry hints or do an [affiliate training course](#) to learn all the basics



October Husbandry

- Cease matings to avoid winter births.
- Buy in / ensure you have enough hay to last through the winter months.
- Check stocks and commence vitamin supplements where required especially dark coated/pregnant/young/old.
- Ensure adequate winter accommodation is available and secured against winds if 'mobile'
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and toenails, look for evidence of mites.
- Weigh new born cria, record the birth, weight and other details.
- Cria need to be vaccinated against clostridial disease,
- Wean and insert microchips in cria who are now 6 months old and get them logged onto the registry via 'Manage your Herd' in the on line herd book or by asking the registry office to send you a paper application form
• registry@bas-uk.com



Paying BAS fees by Direct Debit

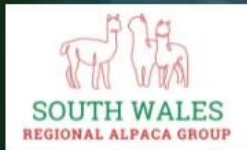
The majority of members now pay their annual membership subscription by direct debit, thank you. If you give your permission, we can collect all other fees in the same way. (Registry, show entry, DNA testing, transfer fees etc). All you need to do is send an email to breeds@grassroots.co.uk to say :

I (Name or member number / herd letters) give permission for my existing direct debit instruction to be used for all BAS fees.

- The Online Registry will know not to charge you online
- Grassroots will send you a VAT invoice after they process each transaction, with a note to say that no further action is required
- Grassroots will send out certificates, DNA kits etc immediately
- A few days before the end of the month you will get an automated email from SmartDebit to say the funds will be collected on the first of the next month.
- Grassroots will send a receipt to confirm the funds have arrived and cleared.

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[We very much hope you will take up this option and look forward to hearing from you](#)



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 littlelryndaston@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

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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 or go to the BAS website.

Intermediate Alpaca Assessment

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

Affiliate courses

Saturday	15th Oct	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Sunday	16th Oct	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Sunday	20th Nov	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	26th Nov	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	January 29th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	March 16th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	April 30th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	July 27th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	3rd Sept	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	9th Nov	Affiliate Course- Glous

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

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

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

Organiser: James Stanger jameslstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

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: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Hexham Mart, Tyne Green

Entries open 20 Sept 2022

Entries Close: 10 October 2022

Fee: £30 in VAT and judge levy

Organisers: Paul and Debbie Rippon info@barnacre-alcapas.co.uk 0790 334 7790

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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 Monkom



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