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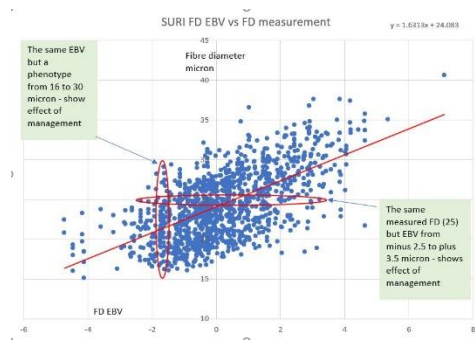
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## CEO NOTES

### Last call for EBV data

I will be closing the file on the 2022 EBV data next week (last day 21 October), so we can run the analysis and return EBVs to contributors this side of Christmas. So if you have data let me know ASAP and we can squeeze it in!

### BAS National Show 2023

A stand alone email with details of the National Show timetable, sponsorship opportunities and costs etc. went out on Wednesday this week . If you missed any of the details let me know and I can send you the relevant information.

### AGM Voting

On line voting is open. You should have had an email prompting you to vote. If not please let me know.

### AGM Zoom Link

For those of you that like your diary entries sorted well ahead of time the AGM Zoom link is:

Time: Nov 2, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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

You can contact me about the above or anything else using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

*Duncan Pullar*

BAS CEO 07496 578781

# Survey from Scottish Government for owners in Scotland

<https://sruc.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/sruc-camelids-survey-2022>

The Scottish Government is keen to understand more about the camelid sector, how it works, and which issues are most relevant to sector members. Alongside this, there is a desire to maintain animal health and welfare to the highest standard, and to ensure Scotland fulfils requirements in relation to recording and monitoring of animal health, to align with best practice in other developed countries.

**If you are happy to answer some questions about these topics in the first instance, please read the following information and then click the link below to take you to our survey.**

The survey should only take between 5 and 15 minutes, depending on the answers you give. If you are happy for us to contact you and perhaps join in further discussions about this work, you can **choose to** provide your email address at the end of the survey. This is **completely optional**; your answers will contribute to the survey results regardless.

All your answers will be kept **anonymised** – we won't know who they came from, and each completed survey will only be identified by a number. We will not gather any personal data, such as name or address. We do ask for some information on location, (first half of postcode), so that we have an approximate idea of which region in Scotland the information has come from. We will store the data that we do collect in accordance with GDPR (2018) requirements. Your answers will be stored for up to 5 years after the end of the project (in 2027).

By entering the survey **you will not be giving permission** for us to contact you again – that is only the case if you choose to provide your email address.

<https://sruc.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/sruc-camelids-survey-2022>

If you have any questions about this work, please contact

[madeleine.henry@sruc.ac.uk](mailto:madeleine.henry@sruc.ac.uk).



## YAG Autumn events

Date	Event	Speaker/Panel	Cost	Booking Ref
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 75 minutes 18.50 for 19.00	<b>Running a diversified alpaca business</b> – Zoom talk by successful business owners with lots of ideas and tips	Neil & Michelle Payne	£5 YAG member £10 non-members A proportion of the fee will be donated to a charity of the the Payne's Choice	DAB 4
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>YAG CHAT – open forum on Alpaca Trekking and farm visits.</b> Share ideas and expertise with other members includes Q&A with experienced members	Debbie, Julie, Jacki & members!	YAG Members only FREE Zoom	OFATS
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10.30 for 11.00 to 15.00	<b>What can I do with my fleece? At Wetherby Town Hall</b> Ideas on the different options for using fleece; selling, hand spinning, making products.	Speakers and demonstrations	Face to face with a social lunch. Cost (inc lunch) £15 for members & £20 for non-members	Flsoc6

Please contact Deborah Sporton using [deborah@fangdalealpacas.co.uk](mailto:deborah@fangdalealpacas.co.uk) to book a place



## BAS Autumn/ Winter Webinars

Please find below the first confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 22/23

Other titles will follow as they are confirmed. As we did last year the links are made available here to members, so you don't need to register your interest. Where the presenters give their permission a recording will be made and posted on Youtube which can be accessed via the BAS Website members area. Click [here](#) to access previous Webinars.

### Thursday 17th November

Magdalena Sobula (Research Student supported in part by BAS)

British alpaca fibre for comfort textiles and its alignment with Slow Fashion

BA Hons Design for Textiles, MA Design for Fashion &

Textiles, (Research student supported in part by BAS), (Alpaca Auntie too!)

<https://www.artsthread.com/profile/magdalenasobula>

Topic: BAS Webinar - Magdalena Sobula

Time: Nov 17, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81921523829>

**Wednesday 30th November**

Ami Sawran - Camelid Specialist from Westpoint Vets

Injection techniques and good medicine storage for alpacas

Time: Nov 30th, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88464539933>

**Wednesday 7th December**

Sam Lane - Technical Manager at Cotswold Grass Seeds

**An introduction to Seed Mixes and Pasture Management for Alpacas**

Time: Dec 7, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85066853719>

**January 2023**

Mary Jo Smith- Breeder and BAS judge

**Introducing the new fleece judging system for 2023**

Date TBC



## Show Livestreams

**Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2022,**

York Auction Centre, Murton Lane, Murton, York YO19 5GF

Having led the way with the livestreaming of regional shows in 2021, the Yorkshire Alpaca Group is delighted to be again working with our local partner AVMatrix to livestream our forthcoming Halter Show to be judged by Jo Bridge. The livestream link to the show is:

<https://yorkshirealpacagroup.online-event.co.uk>

The Show catalogue will be uploaded to the site on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October when judging commences. The Show is open to the public this year and with over 170 Alpacas entered we invite you to come and join us in person if you can!

All the Best

Deborah Sporton

## **BAS Board Blog from Sue Loach**

### **Poo**

As alpaca owners we are constantly being told that the biggest issue we face is the risk of parasites in our herds.

I have to confess to having had occasional problems with the dreaded Barbers Pole and Emac , costing time, money and sometimes heartache.

I've learnt to run faecal samples, I spend ages body scoring and checking membranes in order to head these things off but still occasionally I get thrown a massive curved ball. If any of you are like me, when something goes wrong, I blame myself.

I have to confess to never having been a great poo picker however following a sudden loss of a Cria last year with Barbers Pole I decided I needed to get a grip. So being the lazy soul I am, I advertised for help, well despite a reasonable hourly rate, flexible working conditions and the odd cup of tea, I just couldn't find anyone who could stick at it. I tried a machine, hated it, tried to get John to help me ( selling it as a chance for us to spend time together). That ended badly on day 1 when he informed me he couldn't do it as he wasn't enjoying himself (as if I was enjoying it !!!!) he nearly ended up with a pan over his head.

I've finally resigned myself to going solo with my plastic pan and barrow and now I've recovered from the aches and pains of the extra work I have to confess I quite enjoy myself, there's nothing more satisfying than looking at all that poo in the barrow and at my beautiful clean paddocks, until they all poo again.





**And the best thing is that if the parasite fairy visits again I will know I did my best to avoid her.**

**And it's a great way to avoid housework .**

You can find other BAS Board Member blogs here

[The BAS Board Blog – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](https://bas-uk.com)

## **BAS Affiliated Trainers**

**- would you like to apply to join the Affiliates programme?**

**Express your interest NOW!**

Four years ago, the British Alpaca Society designed the Affiliates Course content and recruited Affiliates Trainers to deliver the modules. It was aimed at providing new and prospective owners with an introduction to alpaca management, their fibre and more.

Applications were invited from established BAS members to become Affiliated Trainers to deliver the course modules across the country. The material has recently been reviewed and updated. Affiliated Trainers all have a high level of alpaca experience and knowledge and also have training experience. Details of the modules can be found on the BAS website here <https://bas-uk.com/education-welfare/>

A new selection process to identify further Affiliated Trainers is about to commence. If you are interested in becoming an Affiliated Trainer, please contact [BAS CEO](#) who will send further information, including the application process, requirements of Affiliated Trainers, and the application form.

Applications will close on **31st October 2022**, allowing plenty of time to submit your application. If you would like to speak to someone to find out more, please make contact with BAS CEO, who will put you in touch with an appropriate person.

## 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) 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.

#### 4 shows open

Show	Closing	Places left
Midland Championship	17/10/2022	13

Northern Fleece	17/10/2022	3
N E B A G Halter Show	17/10/2022	59
N.Ireland Championship	28/10/2022	113

### **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](mailto: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**

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### **Northern Ireland Alpaca Group Halter Championship**

Date: **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Judge: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

Entries open: **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Entries close:-**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Maximum number of entries- **120**

Entry Fee: £20

**Northern Fleece Show**

Date: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Judge: Julia Corrigan-Stewart

Venue: Walkerburn Village Hall.

Entries Open: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Entries Close: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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-alpacas.co.uk](mailto:info@barnacre-alpacas.co.uk) 0790 334 7790

**2023**

**BAS National Show 2023**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

