



BAS Weekly Newsletter
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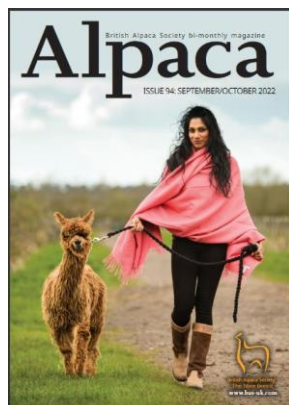
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CEO NOTES

Alpaca Magazine

The September/ October Magazine should be arrive with you this week. If you find yours has not arrived do let me know because I have a few spare copies to replace any that go missing.

AGM

You should have received an email AGM pack on Wednesday by email. If you have not found it don't worry all the information is on the website in the members area (so you will need to login) [AGM Information and Previous Minutes – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](#).

On line voting will not open until 10th October and you will get an email prompting you to vote.

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

<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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BAS CEO 07496 578781



TB prevention in alpaca & llama herds

TB Advisory Service, Torch Farm Vets, Camelid Veterinary Services & Mullacott Alpacas are pleased to invite you to. "TB prevention in alpaca & llama herds".

Speakers:

Claire Whitehead: Bovine Tuberculosis in camelids Claire is the UK's first camelid specialist vet, and runs Camelid Veterinary Services. She has extensive experience dealing with TB in alpacas. Claire is president of the British Veterinary Camelid Society.

Jenny Schmidt: TB Advisory Service - how TBAS advice visits can benefit your animals Jenny has been in first opinion farm animal practice in North Devon since 2004, and delivering TBAS advice visits for almost 4 years. She very much enjoys working with small holders.

Kate Brookes: Mullacott Alpacas and voluntary TB testing in camelid herds Kate and Simon have been breeding alpacas in North Devon for over 20 years. Kate and Simon are affiliated trainers for the British Alpaca Society

This meeting will be suitable for owners of herds of all sizes.

Please reserve your free place by contacting Torch Farm Vets

Mullacott on 01271 879516



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 course.. It was aimed at providing new and prospective owners with an introduction to alpaca management.

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.



BAS Blog Board from Clara Boulton

What better way to keep warm than making alpaca hats?

With birthing well and truly done, and all of our cria looking extremely well grown (some are looking like small adults!), it means we have slightly more time on our hands. We run alpaca activities on our farm year-round, but we mostly stick to just weekends unless it is school holidays. So, as we leave the school holidays, and the days get shorter we find we get slightly longer indoors which leaves us a little bored.

Over a year ago now we started processing our own fibre at home, which is such a joy! We skirt it in the alpaca barn, wash it in our kitchen, dry it outside on our patio, card it in our dining room on our big drum carder, and spin it whilst sitting on the sofa! The great thing about spinning your own fibre is that you can spin up just what you need for each project. If I fancy a brown hat with a white pom-pom on top, I can take what I need of carded fibre, spin it up nice and chunky, ply it exactly how I like it for hats, and voila! Once you get into spinning it is beautifully mindless task, whether it is watching the Great British Bake Off or plotting a new field layout. It also leaves room for experimentation, whilst carding if I find two fleeces are a similar length and micron, I can have a go at blending the fibre to create a new colour, or lightly card them together for more of a 'tie dye' effect. It is great if you enjoy having a creative outlet that can turn into a really profitable 'side hustle' if you own alpacas.

My latest addiction is hat making, I make them by loom knitting, you can easily pick up a loom on amazon, and there is a plethora of YouTube videos to follow online, as well as really helpful Facebook groups. After 4 evenings of very determined 'looming' I am produced 5 spiral hats as I wanted to clear out a stash of yarn, I'd spun, to make room for my next project. The only disadvantages are I want to keep them all for myself!

If anyone ever has any questions about processing their own fibre or how we get started, they are always welcome to get in touch!

You can find other BAS Board Member blogs here
The BAS Board Blog – The British Alpaca Society (bas-uk.com)



Member Offer from Mudcontrol

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.

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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

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)

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 Ireland Alpaca Group Halter Championship

Date: Sunday 6th November 2022

Judge: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

Entries open: Monday 26th September 2022

Entries close: -Friday 28th October 2022

Maximum number of entries- 120

Entry Fee: £20

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-alpacas.co.uk 0790 334 7790

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 Monk

