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Scottish Alpaca Championship

This weekend the Scottish Alpaca Championship will be available to view as a live stream. The links will be sent as a separate email when they are available. The links will also be posted on the BAS Facebook Chat Forum. If you fancy going in person you will be made most welcome!

BAS and Art of Fibre

Many of you will have received a message from AoF explaining that they are changing the way they operate in GB for commercial reasons. AoF have made a decision to change some aspects of their business which means BAS members will need to adapt the way they work with AoF. We wish AOF the very best in this new direction. The good news is that the AOF services will continue to be available to BAS members.

Over the past year BAS have had a number of direct discussions with AoF about possible future collaboration that support BAS members but also respects the independent commercial business aims of AoF. BAS has been fully engaged with the decision making and has tried to fairly represent member interests.

BAS have worked with AoF for many years and are grateful to them for their contribution to many shows, member knowledge, and the EBV program. We look forward to many more years working with AOF and are sure our members will continue to use this facility.

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO 07496 578781



Introduction to Alpaca Assessment

A series of one-day face-to-face "Introduction to Alpaca Assessment" courses are planned for the Summer. Details are still being firmed up but the plan is to run as many as needed.

A minimum of 8 delegates per event is required to ensure they run. Some changes may be needed to accommodate popularity/ demand.

Date	Venue	Tutor	Max Places available 12
27 May	Surrey (RH5 5QT)	Mary Jo Smith	12
3 June	South Wales (SA20 0UW)	Jay Holland	12
June/July	East of England (TBC)	Nick Harrington Smith	12
15 July	East Midlands (TBC)	Julia Corrigan Stuart	12
29 July	Cumbria (CA4 9RE)	Barbara Hetherington	12
TBC Jul/Aug	Northern Ireland (BT76 0XJ)	Roger Clarke	12

Introduction to Alpaca Assessment

A one day course on alpaca conformation and fibre.

Covering:

Basic conformation including teeth, stature, genitalia, legs, gait and body scoring;

Fleece – how to recognise the different qualities and traits of fibre including weight and value, fineness, density, crimp, uniformity, length, colour, amplitude and frequency and an introduction to histograms. You will have the opportunity to assess fleeces and discuss the merits of different qualities and styles.

Course notes will be provided including a glossary of terms.

There will be a maximum of 12 people on the day.

Cost: BAS Members £ 65 + VAT Non Members £85 + VAT

This course will only run if there is a minimum of 8 people signed up..

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE email Duncan
using ceo@bas-uk.com

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Trekking Code of Practice

In the past few weeks I have had a few enquiries from members who are receiving inspections from their Local Authorities with regard to their Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations .

BAS member experience to date of going through the "vetting process" has shown that being signed up to the **BAS Trekking Code of Practice** is a very good thing to do to demonstrate your competence to run an alpaca business for the public. You can see more on the BAS website click [here](#) for the BAS web page on the trekking COP or ask Duncan for information. ceo@bas-uk.com

The Regulations are administered by your Local Authority and came into force on 1 October 2018. If you run, or are thinking of starting, a trekking or a petting business you need to register.



Kept Animals Bill

The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill will address several significant animal health and welfare issues through the introduction of vital measures, such as those designed to tackle livestock worrying.

The Kept Animals Bill was first introduced in the House of Commons on 2 June 2021 and subsequently carried over into the 2021-22 Parliamentary session, with its remaining stages scheduled for 19 September 2022.

Understandably, this date was cancelled due to national events at the time. Progress of the Bill has since stalled.

The Bill is a golden opportunity to improve the health and welfare of alpacas, and we are worried Government will let this important piece of legislation slip through the net.

You could help by writing to you MP!!

Here is a template letter for you to personalise

You can find you MP here www.writetothem.com

Dear [insert name of MP]

As an alpaca owner and resident in your constituency of [insert constituency], I am calling on you, as my MP, to urge the Government to deliver on its promised commitment to animal health and welfare, by ensuring the continuation of the crucial and long-awaited Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill through Parliament.

This vital Bill will address some of the most pressing animal health and welfare issues of our times. With this in mind, it is essential that it continues to include vital measures, such as those designed to tackle livestock worrying including alpacas.

[Add text here about your personal experiences in relation to the above i.e. why these measures are needed. This will be especially powerful if you can link that to you and/or the MP's constituency to make it more relevant to them.]

While I understand that recent national events have understandably led to changes in the parliamentary programme in recent weeks, it is essential that this important piece of legislation does not slip through the net as a result. The Bill is a golden opportunity to improve the health and welfare of alpacas.

With this in mind, I am asking you to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, urging her to ensure that this vital piece of legislation remains high on the agenda and fulfils its commitment to animal welfare

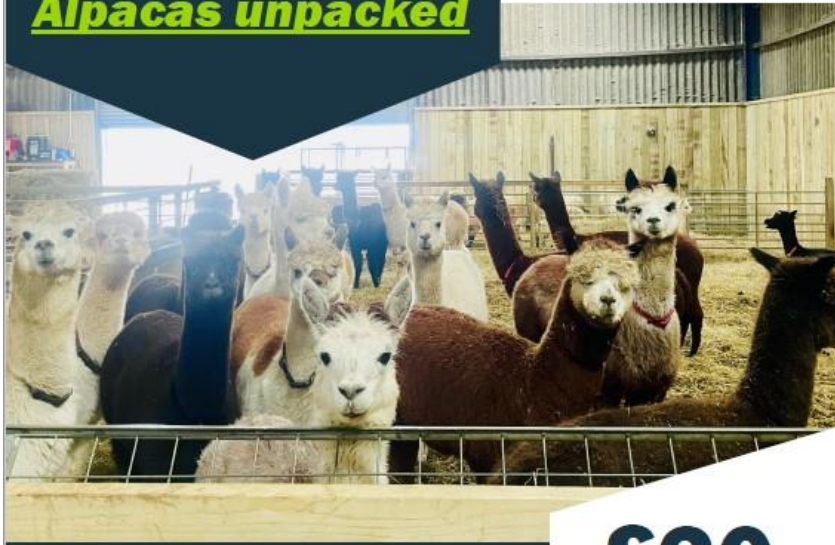
Yours sincerely



The
Camelid
Series

Lanes
farm vets

Alpacas unpacked



Are you expecting crias this year?

Join us at 6.30pm on the 27th April
at our surgery at Brock Auction for
Our ALPACAS UNPACKED evening!

We will be discussing common pit falls during unpacking
and managing the young cria with a focus on problem
prevention and proactive health care.

PLACES ARE LIMITED: CALL NOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

£20_{pp}

Food provided!

Lanes Farm Vets
Brockholes Arms Auction Mart
Garstang Road, Claughton-on-Brock,
Preston PR3 0PH

01995 602468 / 01995 641000

farmteam@lanesfarmvets.com

2023 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.

Affiliate courses

Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Sunday	May 21 st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Sunday	June 4 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Saturday	June 10 th	Affiliate Course- Devon
Sunday	June 11 th	Affiliate Course- Devon
Thursday	July 27 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	July 30 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Sunday	Sept 3 rd	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	Sept 16 th	Affiliate Course- Devon
Sunday	Sept 17 th	Affiliate Course- Devon
Thursday	Nov 9 th	Affiliate Course- Glous

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

2023 Show Diary



Champions and Judges from National Show 2023

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.

2023

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Judge: Mrs Molly Gardner

Spring Live South of England Halter Show 2023

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Judge: Tim Hey

Venue: South of England Showground, West Sussex RH17 6TL

North Somerset Show

Date: 1st May 2023

Venue: North Somerset Show ground BS48 1NE

Judge: Julia Corrigan Stuart

Entries: Open 13 March 2023

Entries Close: 10 April 2023

Entry Fee: £25 in VAT

Max Entry :120 max 6 per exhibitor

Organizer: Garry Naish 07785 116211 : oakviewalpacas@aol.com

Devon County Show

Dates: 18,19,20 May 2023

Venue: West Point, Exeter, EX5 1DJ

Judge: Mr Nick Harrington Smith

Entries Open: 28th March

Entries Close: 10th April

Entry Fee £29

Organisers Chas Brooke and Victoria Lee

chas@alpaca-uk.co.uk

Victoria Lee - hello@littleorchardalpacas.com

Northumberland Championship Halter Show

Date: 27th May 2023

Venue: Bywell Hall, NE43 7AB

Judge: Mrs Shirley Bettinson

Entries Open: 1 Mar 2023 9am

Entries Close: 28th April 2023 (or when maximum numbers reached).

Entry fee £25 + VAT

Organisers: Paul and Rachel Vaclik

rachel.vaclik@gmail.com 07990 871838

paul.vaclik@gmail.com 07802 829792

Royal Three Counties - 17 & 18th June

Date: 17th & 18th June 2023

Venue: Three Counties Show Ground, WR13 6NW

Judge: Mary- Jo Smith

Entries Open: 24 April

Entries Close: 31 May 2023 (or when maximum numbers reached).

Entry fee £26.40 inc VAT

Organisers: Roger Mount, Jay Holland, Iain Sharp

snowshillalpacas@btinternet.com, jay@purealpacas.co.uk,

iain.c.sharp@gmail.com

07711044106 – 07789257222 -07722953635

Cornwall Fleece Show

Date: 15th July 2023

Entries Open: 12th May 2023

Entries Close: 14th June 2023

Max number of entries 60

Fee inc VAT (if known) £24

Judge: Jo Bridge

Fleeces Delivered to Sandra Muriel, Carn Tremayne Farm,

Praze, Cornwall, TR14 9PG

between 1st to 12th July 2023

WSAG Royal Three Counties Fleece Show -

22nd and 23rd July 2023

Judge: Mr Nick Harrington Smith

Entries Open: 13 May 2023

Entry fee: £18

Max Entries: 150

Venue and fleeces delivered to :Julie Cattrell, Crabtree Orchard Alpacas,

Willow Road, Martley, Worcestershire, WR6 6PS

Email: crabtreeorchardalpacas@gmail.com

Mobile: 07970169895 Organisers: Roger Mount, Jay Holland, Iain Sharp

snowshillalpacas@btinternet.com, jay@purealpacas.co.uk,

iain.c.sharp@gmail.com

07711044106 – 07789257222 -07722953635

East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG

Dates: 18th & 19th August 2023

Limit on entries: 120

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Entries Open: 26th June 2023

Entries close: 31st July 2023 or when full

Entry Fee: £18 EAG members: £24 non-members (prices include the BAS Show levy & VAT on the levy). Fees collected by EAG who will invoice exhibitors direct, treasurer@easternalpacagroupuk.org

Fleece Delivery: Harley Laver, Elmlea, Cold Norton Road, Latchingdon, Essex, CM3 6HP by 9th Aug 2023.

Organiser: Harley Laver - harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk / 07934 463342

Westmorland County Halter Show

Date: 13/09/2023

Judge: Jo Bridge

Entries Open: 03/07/2023

Entries Close: 28/07/2023

Max number of entries - 120

Fee inc VAT TBC

Organisers: Steven & Tracey Ellershaw lythebrowalpacas@yahoo.com

Somerset County Show - Halter and Fleece

Date: 16th & 17th September 2023

Venue: Taunton Racecourse TA3 7BL

Judge: Mary- Jo Smith Fleece, Roger Clarke- Halter

Entries Open: 1 July 2023

Entries Close: 19 Aug 2023 (160 Halter places).

Entry fee Halter: £36 inc VAT and Fleece: £18 inc VAT

Organiser: Tim Hey timhey@incaalpaca.co.uk / phone 078755328827

Fleeces delivered to Southern Sands Alpacas, Southport Farm, Highbridge,

Somerset, TA9 4HA by 27/8/23

Stokesley Show

<https://www.stokesleyshow.co.uk/>

This is a new show to be hosted by the Yorkshire Alpaca Group. The YAG 2 day Halter Show in Oct will still be taking place and those entering this show as well as Stokesley will receive an incentive (specifics to follow).

Date: Saturday 23rd September

Venue: Stokesley Agricultural Showground

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Entries Open: 3rd July 2023

Entries Close: 13th Aug 2023

Organiser: James Stanger jameslstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

Heart of England Autumn Fleece Show

Judging: Thursday 28th & Friday 27th September 2023

Results: Sunday 1st October 2023

East of England Halter Show

7/8th October 2023

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 14th and 15th October

Judge: Roger Clarke

Venue: York Auction Mart, YO19 5GF.

Entries Open: 17th July

Entries Close: 3rd September

Organiser: James Stanger jameslstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

YAG have negotiated discounts on accommodation at the Holiday Inn Express in York with 20% off flex rate for rooms booked before 28th Feb and 15% off for rooms booked after March 1st - the booking

link is <https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode>

[=en&hotelCode=YORUK&rateCode=AL21P& PMID=99502056&corpNum=787077
128&cn=no&viewfullsite=true](#)

Welsh Alpaca Halter show

Venue: Welshpool livestock centre

Date: 21st October 2023

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Entries Open: 14th August 2023

Entries Close: 17th September 2023

Organisers Susan Myerscough and Michael Henderson

NEBAG Autumn Halter Show

Date: 18 November 2023

Judge: Cathy Lloyd

Opening Date 04/09/23

Closing Date 16/10/23

Max number of entries 175

Northern Fleece Show 2023

Date: Wednesday 29th November.

Judge: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

Entry: £20 + VAT

Entries Open: :2nd October

Entries Close:: 1st November (or if the maximum of 70 is reached before that date)

Fleeces to be sent to: Beck Brow Alpacas, Beck

Brow, Ainstable, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA4 9RE

by Monday 20th November

Fleeces will be displayed on Sunday 3rd December at a morning fleece activity at Beck Brow Alpacas (free to NWAG members) followed by Christmas lunch at the Heather Glen Hotel in Ainstable.

If you are interested in attending the Sunday event please

email:barbara@beckbrowalpacas.co.uk

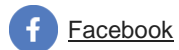
WSAG Midland Show

27th January 2024

**Save the date for the South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter
Show 2024 & 2025**

20th and 21st April 2024

26th and 27th April 2025



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