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**Background**

My qualification as a BAS Fleece and Halter Judge in 2017 came about on the back of my constant quest for knowledge.From the arrival of our first four females in 2008, I have been totally focused on knowing as much as I can about breeding and genetics in order to continually improve our herd.

I believe in order to judge well it is important to see high quality alpacas and this was my intention from the start. We decided to concentrate on top quality Huacaya genetics, and have bought top lines from the UK, Australia and New Zealand. At most we owned 220 alpacas including many highly performing stud males. Whilst we have recently sold our entire herd, we only bred from females who awere sound in their conformation as well as having superior fleece qualities. This dedication resulted in our herd being awarded Huacaya National Supreme Championships in both Halter and Fleece in 2022 and 2025, as well as numerous colour champions.

The welfare of alpacas is of upmost importance to me. My background as a Critical Care Nursing Sister has proven to be very useful in this area.

Our first Suri females arrived in July 2016. By February 2017 we had 9 females, a young potential stud, and had purchased the Brown Champion Suri Male from the Australian National Show (2016). The Suri still make up only 10% of our herd, however, the 2019 show season saw two of our home bred Suri males take Supreme Championships. We have continued this success with numerous National Colour Champions .

I am passionate about showing, and the promotion of alpaca in general. Whilst a BAS board member in 2014, I was instrumental in organising the BAS National Show at Telford (for the first time at the new venue). I remained as Chairman of the show for three years and a committee member for 11 years. I have also had an organiser’s role in the NWAG Alpaca Championships, Westmorland Show and the Northern Fleece & Halter Shows.

I have had extensive experience of judging in halter and fleece. In 2023 I had the pleasure to co-judge (with Amanda VandenBosch) the male entries at the British Alpaca Society National Halter Show and in 2024 co-judged the Australian Alpaca Association National Halter Show (with Natasha Clark). I also judged the BAS National Fleece Show in 2025.

Whilst always having an interest in education, I began teaching Zoom facilitated courses on herd selection and assessment of fibre and conformational traits during the pandemic. In 2021 I commenced tutoring on the BAS training courses and in 2022 I was invited to become a Judge tutor.

**Judging Experience**

**2025**

**January** – Austria Expo three days halter and fleece.

**May –** Australia – attended two day AAA assessment course.

**2024**

**January** – Northern Halter Show

**February –** BAS National Champion of Champions Fleece Show

**March –** Switzerland Halter

**March** – Germany Halter

**April –** Finland Fleece & Halter

**May –** Northumberland Halter Show

**July –** Three Counties Fleece Show

**July**  **-** Northern Fleece Show

**Aug –** Australian Alpaca Association National Show (Halter co-Judge with Natasha Clark)

**Sept** – Netherlands Fleece Show and Workshop

**Oct -**  Canada Fleece and Halter Show

**Nov –** Belgium Halter Show

**Nov –** Poland - Three day BAS Intermediate Course

**2023**

**March** – British Alpaca Society National Show (halter co-judge of males with Amanda

VandenBosch)

**October –** Norway Fleece & Halter

**October –** Welsh Alpaca Halter Show

**November** – France Fleece & Halter

**2022**

**April** – Heart of England Fiesta (halter 240 entries)

**April** - Scottish Alpaca Championships (halter 220 entries)

**Aug** - Cornish Fleece Show (60 entries)

**Sept** – Alpaca Association of Ireland (fleece 104 entries)

**Sept** - South West Alpaca Group (halter)

**Sept** - Heart of England Fleece (co judge with 240 entries)

**Oct** – Norway (halter & Fleece judge plus workshop)

**Oct** - Germany (2 day halter plus presentation)

**Oct**- Italy (halter and fleece plus workshop)

**Nov** – North East & Borders (halter)

**2021**

**Sept** – Fleece Show Germany (plus workshop and presentations)

**Oct**- Yorkshire Alpaca Group (halter 2-day show)

**2020**

* all appointments postponed

**2019**

**Jan** – Re-certification halter and fleece pass

**April** – Heart of England Fiesta (halter 240 entries)

**May** – Cornwall Camelid Show (halter)

**July** – Poland (fleece show)

**Aug** – Sweden (fleece show)

**Aug -** Norway (fleece plus workshop)

**Oct**- International Alpaca Festival Italy (halter and fleece)

**2018**

**April** - Alpaca Association Benelux – Halter

**April** – Southern Ireland National Show – Halter

**June** – Three Counties Fleece Show

**Oct** – Halter & Fleece Show Switzerland

**Nov** – Northern Fleece Show

**2017**

**May** – Northern Ireland Halter Show

**Sept** – Westmorland County Show – Halter

**Sept** - Heart of England – Fleece

**2017**

**Feb** – certified as BAS judge