



BAS Weekly Newsletter **Timely Advice & Current News**



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CEO NOTES

Some sunshine at last!! It has taken a while but most of us have had some sunshine to enjoy this week. From what people tell me, and what I see over the fence, grass growth has been slow and for some winter feeding has never really stopped.

Most interesting enquiry of the week goes to a Peruvian TV team who are celebrating 200 years of Peruvian nationhood (declared independence from Spain on 28th July 1821) by making a film about Peruvian influence around the world and would like a short piece about alpacas in the UK. They have a venue now so it will be interesting to see what they want to know about! A fun fact for you is that the early prosperity in Peru (in the 1840s) was based on the export of Guano as fertilizer.

You can email about this or anything else using ceo@bas-uk.com

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO



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 jeni@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.

We very much hope you will take up this option and look forward to hearing from you



Trekking Code of Practice

As you might remember in October 2018 the Government brought into force new regulations that affect some alpaca owners who run businesses using their animals. The official title is "The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018". 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.

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



This poster can be downloaded from the BAS website

Dog attacks on alpacas

Many of you will know that the issue of dogs worrying alpacas has been rather confusing because the legislation was designed for sheep rather than alpacas. The Scottish Government recently changes it laws to put alpacas in the same bracket as sheep when it comes to dog worrying, The English Government is considering the same sort of move. If you would like to express a view you can do that by following this [link](#).

The BAS has supplied data on frequency and severity of dog attacks to this Parliamentary Group which has helped move things forward. If you are unfortunate enough to be involved in any dog worrying incidents then please do send details to Duncan so we can continue to have up to date information on theses problems.

If your alpacas are victims of dog attacks:

1. Stop the attack by any reasonable means
2. Call the vet to treat any injuries
3. Collect evidence – take pictures, “arrest” the dog if possible.
4. Take contact details from the dog owner, if present, and witnesses if there are any.
5. Report the incident to the police

More info on the [BAS Website](#)

You can down load the poster from the BAS website

2021 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email
Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com

Saturday	29-May	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	30-May	Affiliate Course - Devon
Monday	31-May	Affiliate Course - Devon
Tuesday	01-Jun	Introduction to alpaca assessment 3.4
Wednesday	09-Jun	BAS Board Meeting
Saturday	19-Jun	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	20-Jun	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	17-Jul	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	28-Aug	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	29-Aug	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	04-Sep	National Alpaca Farm Day
Sunday	05-Sep	National Alpaca Farm Day

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

2021 Show Diary



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 to the forms for the first shows.

Cornish Fleece Show - CLOSED NOW FULL

Date: July 10th 2021

Judge: Roger Clarke

Venue: Dark Sky Alpacas

Collection point: Crewenna Alpacas

Entries open: 1st May 2021

Entries close: 18th June or when entry level of 70 fleeces is reached.

Entries to arrive at collection point, strictly between 28th June and 6th July.

Entry fee £18 plus BAS levy and VAT.

Organiser: Sandra Muriel Mob: 07870

612559 email alpacasofcornwallsm@gmail.com

Royal Three Counties Fleece Show

Dates: 24th/25th July

Judge: Mary Jo Smith

Venue: Great Witley Village Hall

Entries Open: 29th May

Entries close: 30th June

Entry Fee: £16.20

Fleece delivery: Anne Cheston, The Orchards, The Village, Abberley, Worcs. WR6 6BN by 16th July

Organiser: Roger Mount Roger.mount@btinternet.com or snowhillalpacas@btinternet.com

Eastern Alpaca Group (EAG) Fleece

Dates: 14th/15th August

Judge: Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Entries Open: 1st May

Entries close: 31st July

Entry Fee: £16 EAG members: £22 non-members

Fees collected by EAG, admin@merrifield-alpacas.com

Fleece Delivery: Harley Laver, Churchfield Alpacas, Elmlea, Cold North Road, Latchingdon, Essex, CM3 6HP by 11 Aug 2021

Organiser: Harley Laver - harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk / 07934 468842

South West Alpaca Group (SWAG) Fleece

Dates: 16th September 2021

Judge: Mary Jo Smith

Venue: East Huntspill Village Hall, Church Road, East Huntspill. Highbridge TA9 3PQ

Entries Open: 16th July

Entries close: 21st August

Entry Fee: £20

Fleece Delivery: J.Newman, Apple Tree Farm, Westhill Lane, Bason Bridge. Highbridge TA9 4RF

Organiser: Judith Newman judith-newman@outlook.com/ 01278 795699

HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2021

Judges: Tim Hey & Jay Holland

Judging days: Thursday 30th September and Friday 1st October

Open Day: Sunday 3rd October - details tbc

Entry details to be announced shortly

EAG Halter Show 2021

Dates: 10th October

Judge: tbc

Venue: Beechwood Equestrian Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford CM3 8DY,

Arrivals: pm of 9th or early 1m of 10th. Judging on 10th

Northern Halter Show

Dates; 30th and 31st October 2021

Judge: Tim Hey

Venue: Penrith Auction Mart

Entries open: 1st Sept

Entries Close: 17th Sept

Entry fee: £22 +VAT

HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta 2022

Show Dates: Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

To be held at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre



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