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CEO NOTES

Farm Day

Over 100 members have signed up to the Alpaca Farm Day now. Well done to all of you. The direction signs will be posted to those of you that have ordered them in the next week or two. If you have not ordered any signs yet then you can still do that by send me an email.

Shearing Capacity

As often happens this time of year I get calls asking for contacts for shearers. These requests tend to fall into one of two camps, they are often new owners who did not realise that booking early avoids disappointment, and secondly owners who thought they had a booking and then were let down because there shearer could not fulfil the booking. The [BAS website has a list of shearers](#) but you will have to phone to see who has capacity.

I did a quick check yesterday and some shearers have free dates

- Johnathan Waters in the North of England - June and July
- Sandra Scott
- Dave Thomas West Wales

If you can help with local coordination of shearing then please let me now so I can publicise next week

BAS Board Blog

The latest entry to the Blog spot is from Clara Boulton who is thinking about pasture and hats. You can find the entry [here](#).

Magazine

Issue 86 of Alpaca Magazine has now been sent out. If you are missing a copy please let me know as i have a few spares.

Last year we ran a photo competition for the best photographs of cria. This proved very popular with photographers and Magazine readers alike -so we are going to do it again. The best photos of cria (as judged by me) will be published in the magazine. To encourage you to send your pictures the **first prize** winner will have the value of their membership refunded to them. So the best photo means you can have a year's free membership. Second and third will get £50 and £25 credit respectively to their BAS account. Please send your entries to me by email but make sure they are **high resolution** or they won't print very well and can't be used. 2Mb or higher is the advised for printing. Entries will close on Monday 21st June 2021 at 9 am.

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO



Help for an MA student studying British Alpaca

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BritishAlpacas/>

My name is Magdalena Sobula and I am MA Design for Fashion and Textiles student at Heriot-Watt University. This survey is a part of my research on British alpaca fibre industry. I am looking to collect data on number of alpacas people keep, reasons why they keep them and what happens to all that lovely fibre.

Filling this questionnaire will take up to 20 minutes or shorter if you are not involved in fibre, yarns or textile side of alpaca keeping. The survey is anonymous, I am not asking for your name, email address or any other personal information.

Your responses will be combined with others and summarised before I include them in my research so they cannot be attributed to individuals. Participating in the survey is voluntary, you are under no obligation to submit your answers and you can withdraw at any point before completing the survey.

Please fill it in as accurately as you
can. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BritishAlpacas/>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the survey please email:
sobula.magdalena@gmail.com



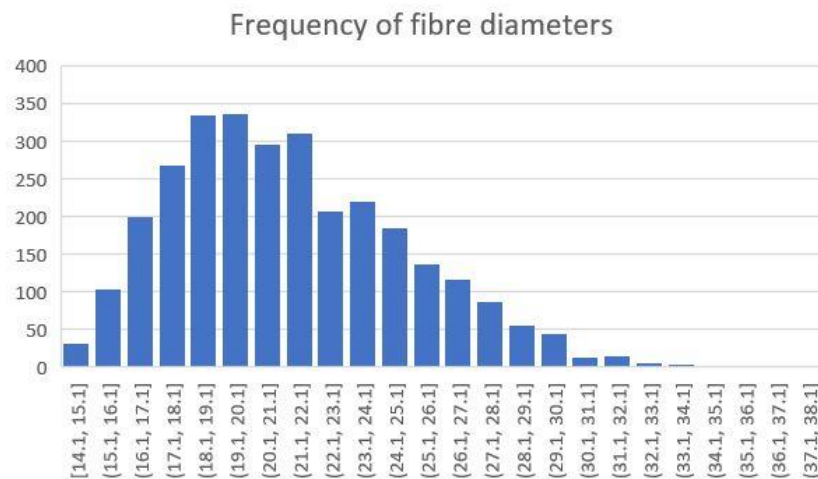
Autumn Training

Over the spring we have run 3 courses of the Introduction to Alpaca Assessment via a webinar format and we have had one face to face meeting of the Intermediate Alpaca Assessment (3 day course).

The aim is to run further courses to meet any demand in the autumn. Each of the Introduction, Intermediate and Advanced courses will run if we can meet the minimum numbers needed. It would help me to know what the demand is for the various courses. So if you are interested then please drop me an email saying which course you would like to attend.

If you have already expressed your interest then I will have that on record. We are targeting October and November for the courses so we can use alpacas that have a good length of fleece growth.

Further information about each course is on the [BAS website](#)



EBVs

Collection of data for the EBV project continues and I have received a good number of analyses from the 2021 fleeces. Thanks to everyone who has got involved. It is not too late to join in this year if you are interested.

Art of Fibre offers a special rate for EBV participants.

Please drop me an email or call if you would like to know more. ceo@bas-uk.com



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

2021 Event Diary



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

09-Jun	BAS Board Meeting
19-Jun	Affiliate Course - Devon
20-Jun	Affiliate Course - Devon
08-Jul	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
11-Jul	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
	Affiliate Course -
17-Jul	Devon Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
20-Jul	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
23-Jul	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
26-Jul	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
29-Jul	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
06-Aug	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
28-Aug	Affiliate Course - Devon
29-Aug	Affiliate Course - Devon
	National Alpaca Farm
04-Sep	Day Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
05-Sep	National Alpaca Farm Day
11-Sep	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
21-Sep	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
23-Sep	Webinar Emma Taylor

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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