

Jay Holland - Alpaca Judge (Halter and Fleece)

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Judging Qualifications: BAS Certified Judge and Tutor

BAS Status: Certified 2010; Recertified 2017

Having been involved with alpacas since 2004 and full-time for the last 11 years, my wife, Hilary, and I now run a sizeable herd of alpacas made up equally of huacaya and suri.

Having always had a keen interest in genetics, fibre and animal behavior, I continue to attend, seminars and courses on these subjects and have been privileged enough to teach and lecture on these and other subjects over the last few years. Having been approved by the BAS as both a venue provider and BAS Judge Tutor I am enthusiastic in being able to bring my knowledge and experience to an even greater audience. We believe in education passionately and are active members of our local alpaca group providing courses and in being an integral part of the organisation of our regional show. We shear not only our own alpacas but also those belonging to our clients and, from this, run a small fibre co-operative from our farm producing mainly yarn for re-sale. However, we also try to continually find innovative uses for the fleece and are never surprised by those we discover.

Being an advocate of all things alpaca, I firmly believe that shows are a great place in which to raise awareness of alpacas to the public, allow exhibitors to learn where they are with their own breeding, whilst being realistic, and in which to educate. In being a judge, I am privileged to be able to compare other people's alpacas and hope that I contribute to the education and helping of others whilst ensuring that both exhibitors and the public enjoy the showing of alpacas.

Recent Judging show experience:

2017: Judged:

Polish National Fleece Show

Yorkshire Alpaca Show

SWAG Fleece Show

2016: Judged:

BAS National Show

Swedish National Show

South of England

Northumberland

East of England Fleece Show

Irish National Show

Northern Ireland Show

Westmoreland Show

2015: Judged:

North Somerset Show

2014: Judged:

Hamm Show, Hamm, Germany

Bath and West Show – Suri

Romsey Show □

Heart of England Fleece Show