**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EXPERIENCE**

As a farmer’s daughter who had been brought up around animals, little did I expect that a holiday to Peru in 2004 was going to change our lives completely; for this was my first encounter with alpacas, and they have had me captured from that moment.

Those first four alpacas arrived in September 2008, by March 2009 my career as a Nursing Sister working in Critical Care was forsaken, and Beck Brow Alpacas of Cumbria was founded. We decided very early to concentrate on top quality Huacaya genetics, and have bought top lines from the UK, Australia and New Zealand. We now own around 130 alpacas. I am constantly researching and assessing traits in order to keep improving our herd, and only bred from females who are sound in conformation as well as having superior fleece qualities.

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 had great success in the show ring with our own alpacas, as have clients who have used our stud services. 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 remain a committee member. I also have an organiser’s role in the NWAG Alpaca Championships, Westmorland Show and the Northern Fleece Show.

I have been fortunate to have had many opportunities for continuing development, including attending calibration clinics with:

Jude Anderson

Natasha Clark

Cheryl Ghley

Amanda VandenBosch

I have also attended workshops presented by:

Cameron Holt

Brett Kaysen

Andy Merriweather

Jim Watts

Paul Vallely

2019

Jan – Re-certification halter and fleece pass

April – Heart of England Fiesta (halter 240 entries)

May – Cornwall Camelid Show (halter)

July – Fleece Show Poland

Aug – Fleece Show Sweden

 Fleece Show Norway

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 Rothenturm. Switzerland

Nov – Northern Fleece Show

2017

May – Northern Ireland Halter Show

Sept – Westmorland County Show – Halter

Sept - Heart of England – Fleece

2017

February – certified as BAS judge