



BAS Weekly Newsletter Timely Advice & Current News



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CEO NOTES

Happy New Year from the me and the BAS Board

Hopefully it will be a happier year than 2020. At the time of writing the likelihood of being allowed to gather at an event or show still seems a long way off but the vaccination programme gives hope.

Board Bloggers

The Board have decided to develop a Blog on the website with weekly updates on subjects of their choosing. Hopefully it allow you the members to get to know the Board members better.. You can find the first few entries [here](#)

Moving Alpacas during lockdown

From what I can gather from the various Government websites moving alpacas in lockdown is allowed for husbandry or welfare purposes under the latest rules of England wide Lockdown and similar in Wales, Scotland and NI. So if you have to move/ sell animals because you are running out of space/ food that is a good enough reason but delivering the odd one or two as a business operation especially out of your local area, is not justified. Observing local rules on how many people can gather together must be observed so check these before undertaking or receiving a delivery of alpacas.

Zoom Facility

With further lockdown now in place don't forget that BAS have a Zoom account that members can book for Society and regional business. Just email ceo@bas-uk.com with details of the booking- date, start time and approximate length.

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO

National Halter Show 2021 Show Cancelled



It is with great sadness that the BAS National Show Committee and the BAS Board have to announce that the 2021 National Halter Show is cancelled. The latest round of Covid rules mean that planning for a show in late March is unrealistic. Later dates were considered but the difficulties linked to clashes with regional shows (if they run), shearing dates, and birthing season, combined to make it clear that the most sensible approach is to plan for 2022.

The good news is that the Champion of Champions Fleece Show will run and dates for fleece submission will be announced in due course.

The very popular online Stud Auction will also run this year with aim of generating funds for a spectacular show in 2022.

If you have sponsorship and places secured from the 2020 show that didn't happen, through leaving your fees "in the pot" then those will carry over to 2022. If you want to give those places back and get a refund, then you can by emailing libby@grassroots.co.uk.

The National Show Committee are determined to put on a truly amazing event in

2022 and look forward to your support when the time comes.

Welsh Winter Fleece Show Cancelled



Due to Covid rules this show has now been cancelled. The lock down rules make it impossible to run the show. Apologies to all who were looking forward to this event.

Grants and Lockdowns

Thanks to NFAN for the summary

Here is a quick round up of guidance and grants across the 4 nations.

England

As in lockdown, all animal attractions must close in England. The lockdown is to allow for the most vulnerable groups to be vaccinated, however, Boris did mention that he hopes children can return to school after the February half term. Reopening for February half term is unknown.

New Lockdown Grant - England & Devolved Nations:

For the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors, [a one-off grant](#) has been announced linked to your rateable value.

In England, you'll obtain: £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under, £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 & £51,000 and £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000

Additional funding: Additional funding is also available through the [local restrictions support fund](#).

Scotland

Like all other nations, Scotland is also in lockdown, however, outdoor areas of farm parks can remain open to the local area only. This is expected to last for at least 4 weeks, but is under constant review.

Funding for Scotland: £375 million additional funding have been provided to the Scottish Parliament for this lockdown. No details have yet been announced on how this funding will be distributed.

Existing grant funding is available through the [Scottish Strategic Framework Business Fund](#). In addition, there is an additional £185M Support Fund (with £5M earmarked for attractions) but no details on how to access this fund are yet available).

Wales

Wales have been in lockdown since 26 December and as such farm parks are closed. Mark Drakeford has said this is likely to remain for the rest of January.

Funding for Wales: The Economic Resilience Scheme opens on 11 January (for 2 weeks or until fund is allocated). You can [get prepared and check eligibility](#) now.

£227 million additional funding has been provided to the Welsh Government for this lockdown. No details have yet been announced on how this funding will be distributed.

Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland have had increased restrictions since 26 December, however, a 'stay at home' order is now becoming law. Farm Parks are currently closed. These restrictions are likely to continue for the rest of January.

Funding for Northern Ireland: The [Localised Restriction Support Scheme](#) provides government funding.

Northern Ireland Executive have received £127 million in additional funding for this lockdown. No details have yet been announced on how this funding will be distributed.

Three Counties Show - change of plans



The Malvern Show Ground committee has decided to cancel the main Royal Three Counties Show for 2021 (was due to take place in June).

However, they are putting on a number of mini shows instead. One of these will be for Alpacas, Goats, Rabbits plus a few other smallholder group with an attendance restriction of 5,000 visitors including exhibitors. With Alpacas as the main attraction.

The dates of this show will be 22nd and 23rd May. We will be having both Suri and Huacaya (including modern grey). Judge still to be decided. We think that the maximum number we can accommodate will be about 240 alpacas.

BAS members who wish to enter this show should send an email to info@WSAG.org.uk stating their interest and the approximate number of alpacas they think they might enter ASAP.

They should bear in mind shearing dates (not only at that time, but a lot of people sheared early this year – so, some might be over-fleeced by 22nd May).

Also, we will be limited to two persons per exhibiting herd.

Fans will be encouraged as this will be held in one of the halls. We need an estimate of numbers in order to give an idea as to how much space we will need to occupy.

Winter Warmer # 2

Parasitology with Vet Ami Sawran
of Westpoint Vets



This talk will give an overview of the threats that parasites pose to your herd. We will discuss clinical signs to alert you to a potential burden and shed light on your options for diagnosis, treatment and control of parasites.

We will touch on both internal and external parasites and hope to highlight the importance of vigilance and diagnostic testing in your alpacas.



**£24 for members
£30 non-members**

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Jan 9th - 7pm

VIA ZOOM



*Don't forget to
keep
supporting
your regional
group!*

Show opening and closing dates ...

Summary of Show dates

Event	Date
F Welsh Winter Fleece Show CANCELLED	6 Feb 2021

2021 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Welsh Winter Fleece Show
CANCELLED

BAS National Show

Halter Show Cancelled

Date 26th, 27th and 28th March 2021

NWAG Halter Show

Saturday 3rd April 2021

Judge: Mary-Jo Smith

Venue: The Exhibition Hall, Border Way Mart. Carlisle, Cumbria.

Scottish Alpaca Championships

Date: Sat 24 April 2021 & Sun 25 April 2021

Location: Lanark Auction Mart

Halter Judge: Barbara Hetherington

South of England Spring Alpaca Show

Date: Saturday 24th and Sunday 25 April 2021.

Location: Ardingly

Judge: Jo Bridge

EAG Fleece - August 2021

Further details to be confirmed.

EAG Halter October 2021

Further details to be confirmed.



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