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CEO NOTES

AGM - Your chance to ask questions before the event

Nominations have now closed and the deadline has passed for any resolutions. At the beginning of opening the voting (which will be open for two weeks) we will hold a discussion Zoom session for members who might want to ask questions of the Board candidates, or the content of the AGM pack- accounts and resolution. The aim is to help members decide how to vote before they vote!

The AGM pack will go out as a standalone Newsletter on Thursday 14th October.

The Zoom discussion will be on:

Friday 15th October at 6.30 pm.

Zoom link for the discussion session is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89044262205> .

Electronic voting will open at 9 am on 20th October and close at 10 pm on 1 November.

Webinars

The webinar season has kicked off well with two now complete. If you missed Tim Hey then the YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/3piyyaokGHY>. We peaked with 75 in attendance and hopefully attendees learnt something new. The feedback to Tim and me has been good- so far!

BAS Board Blogs

Judith Newman has an entry this week thinking about the winter to come and the SAWG fleece show. You can find all the blogs [here](#).

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO



BAS sponsorship of British Vets to attend Camelid CPD

The British Alpaca Society (BAS) have recognised that there is a deficit in camelid-specific training among vets in the UK and that the costs of CPD may be a barrier to vets completing training in a species that may only cover a small proportion of their workload. BAS have therefore decided to try and bridge this gap by offering subsidies to help offset the costs of training.

BAS are pleased to announce a partnership with Claire Whitehead at Camelid Veterinary Services Ltd to offer subsidised training to up to 20 UK-based vets per year to attend a Camelid Health Course for Vets. This will be run initially as an online course with a practical half day session at the end of the course to consolidate learning. Subsequent course occurrences may include an alternative format “traditional” physically present 1.5 day course if demand exists.

LET YOUR VET OR VET PRACTICE KNOW ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY

The next available course will be starting on the 17th January 2022. Live sessions take place weekly at 4pm on Monday afternoons (EXCEPT 14th February).

For more information email: ceo@bas-uk.com. After BAS have confirmed that you are successful in gaining a place, complete the course registration and pay in full at www.ukalpacavet.com/courses. You must complete a separate registration for each delegate: practice discounts for multiple vets are not available if using this offer.

Vets can send this form, when completed, to ceo@bas-uk.com

Name	
Name of Vet Practice	
Address (Town, County)	
Number of years qualified	



Hedges - planting new and maintenance

Vicki Agar wrote in Issue 88 of alpaca magazine about her experience of planting new hedges.

As autumn turns to winter now is the time to get planting!!

Hedges offer food in the form of leaves, nectar-rich flowers, berries, fruits, seeds and nuts, and are also good hunting grounds for predators seeking insects and other invertebrates. They make natural windbreaks, creating sheltered areas for alpacas and wildlife.

They also create areas of shade, increasing the range of habitats for wildlife, alpacas and people! You can cut hedges too often less than once a year is best those that are clipped every year (or more often) will produce few or no flowers and berries if kept trim.

Choosing your plants:

Native shrubs and trees like hawthorn, field maple, blackthorn, beech, hornbeam and holly make an ideal mixture of hedging plants. Grow rambling plants, such as wild

rose, bramble and honeysuckle, through your hedge to provide even more shelter and food for wildlife.

Planting your hedges:

The best time for planting is between November and March, but never plant into waterlogged or frozen ground. Bare, rooted plants are cheaper, but take care not to expose the roots for long when planting. Until they are established, keep the base of your plants free from weeds with a thick mulch or matting.

For a mixed native hedge, try to include three plants of the same species per 1 m (3 ¼ ft) with one each of two other species.

Maintaining your hedges:

Hedges should not be pruned until late winter or early spring so that wildlife can take advantage of the insects and fruits provided during the winter months.

In the first spring, cut shrubs back to 45-60 cm (18-25 in) above the ground. This encourages bushy growth.

Top tips

- To protect birds, hedges should not be trimmed in the nesting season (March to July). Try to cut sections of hedge at different times, so there is always an undisturbed place for wildlife.
- Angling your plants at around 45 degrees as you plant them will help you to establish a hedge which is not too thin at the bottom.



Handiery Information

The BAS Website has a great deal of useful information on all sorts of alpaca related handiery. There is a good chance you will find something useful there when you need it.

We have now included some useful handiery videos on practical tasks which you can find [here](#),

If you prefer the written word to a video there are a number of fact sheets that can help and they can be found [here](#).



Proposed Change to Register Regulations on Ear Tags

Consultation with members has shown that purchase and use of BAS Ear Tags is not widely practised. To reflect this position the Board suggest the regulations should be changed.

The aim is to change the regulation that requires an ear tag to be purchased (whether it is used or not). An Ear Tag number will be allocated to each alpaca on the registry but its purchase and use are optional. Use of microchips remains unchanged.

The proposed 2021 revisions are highlighted in the document accessed through this link [Draft Registry Regulations 2021](#). It is in the member's area of the Website so you will need to log in.

Following the procedures set out in the [Registry Administration Rules](#) this proposal constitutes a change of a "normal issue" rather than a "fundamental issue" as defined in the document.

This proposal to amend registry regulations is designated 'Normal' and will be notified to all voting members from 1st October 2021.

If **objection** to the proposed regulation change is received by the Society (**email objections to Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com**) from fewer than 5% of the valid voting membership within 21 days of the notification to members then the proposed changes shall come into effect.

If objection is received by 5% or more of the voting membership within 21 days of notification of the proposal then the BAS Board shall either withdraw the proposal or arrange for an EGM to be convened to discuss and approve the proposal. If the proposal is passed by Ordinary Resolution by a straight majority of those voting at a BAS EGM or BAS AGM the proposal shall be passed.

**CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR
OBJECTIONS is 9 am 22nd October
2021**



BAS Education 2021-2022 Webinars

Please find below the confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 21/22. Other titles will follow as they are confirmed.

In a change from last year the links are made available here to members so you don't need to register your interest and a link will not be emailed to you personally.

7.00pm - Thursday 21st October 2021

Paul Vallely - Fleece analysis explained

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87504038960>

7.00pm - Thursday 11th November 2021

Neil Payne - Business Diversification (with alpacas)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83273737876>

7.00pm - Thursday 9th December 2021

Victoria Barrett - Camelidynamics

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84267771106>

2021 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email

Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com

Thursday	14-Oct	Affiliate Course- Staffordshire
Saturday	16-Oct	Affiliate Course- Devon
Sunday	17-Oct	Affiliate Course- Devon
Thursday	21-Oct	Webinar - Paul Vallely, Fleece Analysis
Friday	22-Oct	Intermediate Alpaca Assessment
Saturday	23-Oct	Intermediate Alpaca Assessment
Sunday	24-Oct	Intermediate Alpaca Assessment
Wednesday	03-Nov	BAS AGM
Wednesday	10-Nov	Affiliate Course- Staffordshire
Thursday	11-Nov	Webinar-Neil Payne, Diversification
Saturday	04-Dec	Advanced Alpaca Assessment
Sunday	05-Dec	Advanced Alpaca Assessment
Thursday	09-Dec	Webinar-Victoria Barrett, Camelid dynamics

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!

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.

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates; 16th and 17th October 2021

Judge: Mrs Barbara Hetherington

Venue: York Auction Mart, Murton, York YO19 5GF

Organiser James Stanger, Email: jameslstanger11@gmail.com Tel: 07757687378

Northern Fleece Show

Date: 23rd October 2021

Judge: Roger Clarke

Max entries 80

Organiser: Stuart Ramsey Email: stuart@velvethall-alcapas.co.uk Telephone
07787508448

Fleeces delivered to **WESTYETT FARM, LANARK, ML11 8NT**

Northern Halter Show

Dates: 31st October 2021

Judge: Tim Hey

Venue: Penrith Auction Mart

Entry fee: £22 +VAT

Organiser: Ian Mitchell, treasurer@bas-uk.com, 07813 145013

A hog roast event will be held on the Saturday evening (30th October) priced at £10 and is open to all.

Midlands Championship Halter Show

Date: 6th November 2021

Judge: Tim Hey

Venue: Three Counties Show Ground

Entries open: Monday 13th Sept 9 am

Entries Close: 17th Oct

Entry fee: £32.40 +VAT

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IAIN SHARP iain.c.sharp@gmail.com 07722953635

JAY HOLLAND jay@purealpacas.co.uk 07789257222

NEBAG Halter Show

Date: 20th November 2021

Venue: Hexham Mart, Northumberland

Judge: Roger Clarke

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Fleece Show

Date: 27/ 28th November 2021

Judges: Rob and Shirley Bettinson

Venue: Chop Gate Village Hall

Entries open: 19th October

Entries Close: 12th November

Entry fee: £25.2 inc VAT

Entries limited to 120

Organisers: Deborah@fangdalealpacas.co.uk 01439 798168 /07753836502

National Show

Date: 25th, 26th and 27th March 2022

Judges: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith and Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Telford International Centre

Entries open for pre booking: 1st December 2021

Organiser: Duncan Pullar 07496 578781, ceo@bas-uk.com

NWAG Halter Show

Date: Saturday 2nd April 2022

Judge: Mary-Jo Smith

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle.

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

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates; 23rd and 24th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Entries open: 18th February 2022

Entries Close: 24th March 2022t

Entry fee: £22 inc VAT

Organiser Stuart Ramsay

