

**Sheep Veterinary Society, Autumn meeting
Morpeth.
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th September 2024**

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Chair person			
Time	Title	Speaker(s)	Affiliation
09.30 am – 11.30 am	Useful CPD for recent graduates, returning to work or mixed practice vets! Start with a brew and breakdown of the day. Including common on farm scenarios, how to engage with sheep farmers, how to make use of current farming schemes and the things that you have in the back of your car!	Alberto Luca Castro Phillipa Page Davinia Woodhouse Kaz Strycharczyk	University of Edinburgh Flock Health Ltd Practitioner Black Sheep Farm Health - practitioner

11.30 am – 11.50 am Tea/Coffee break

11.50 am - 13.00 pm	Practical on a local friendly farm looking at how to approach a wide variation of cases including – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are these ewes thin?’ • My lambs are not doing’ • What should I worm with next? Plus any of your questions answered and discussed in a safe friendly space by a knowledgeable friendly team!	Alberto Luca Castro Phillipa Page Davinia Woodhouse Kaz Strycharczyk	University of Edinburgh Flock Health Ltd Practitioner Black Sheep Farm Health – practitioner
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13.00 pm – 14.00 pm Lunch and registration

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14.00 pm - 14.15 pm	Welcome to Morpeth	Joe Henry	SVS, President
14.15 pm - 14.45 pm	The sustainability agenda	Phil Stocker	National Sheep Association
14.45 pm - 15.20 pm	Herbal leys and managements	Rhidian Jones	RJ Livestock Systems Ltd
15.20 pm – 15.50 pm	Regenerative Ag systems	Tom Fairfax	Farmer

15.50 pm – 16.20 pm Tea/Coffee break

16.20 pm - 16.40 pm	Carbon foot printing tools for sheep farmers.	TBC	Bishopton Farm Vets
16.40 pm - 17.00 pm	Potential toxicities with feeding herbal leys and other forage/environmental scheme crops	Alan Murphy	APHA, Thirsk
17.00 pm – 17.20 pm	AGM	Joe Henry	SVS, President

19.00 pm Conference Dinner at the Alnwick Gardens, transport provided (Dress code: smart/casual)

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9.00 am - 9.30 am	Setting the scene for the day	Joe Henry	SVS, President

10.00 am	<p>Depart from the Hotel for the farm visits Transport, refreshments and lunch will be provided.</p> <p>3 similar sized farms, all have changed in the last 5 years from similar starting points to quite different businesses now.</p> <p>Farm 1 - Alnham farm run by the Sordy family, NE66 4TJ. 3000 acres with 1000 Blackface ewes, 2000 Easycare, Chevease and North Country Cheviot ewes and 250 Angus/Simmental spring calving suckler cows. There is also some arable ground. The Sordys have been Monitor farm for last three years which has seen changes in management with one of the hills switching from running Cheviot ewes with singles in the summer to deferred grazing to winter suckler cows on while running the sheep on lower cow silage ground which is not needed now the cows are eating deferred hill grass.</p> <p>Farm 2 - Prendwick farm run by the Jamie Wood and his family, NE66 4UZ. They have 1200 Blackface ewes, 400 NC Cheviots, 500 homebred mules, small pedigree Suffolk flock and 50 Valais Blacknose ewes alongside 200 Spring and Autumn calving Angus suckler cows and a few fields of arable on their 2900 acres. They feel the stratified system is working well for them and Valais are diversified income generating from sale of breeding sheep and export of embryos.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***For those who would like we can walk across the lower hill from Alnham to Prendwick, however transport will be provided***</p> <p>Farm 3 - Hepple estate, owned by Riddell family NE65 7LN. 3000 acres plus forestry used to be home to 2000 Blackface ewes, some mules and an Angus suckler herd. This has changed with the main focus now being biodiversity and nature restoration. All the sheep have been sold and the habitat is managed by Longhorn suckler herd and small herd of Dartmoor ponies. Due to the wild Juniper which grows on this farm it has diversified into gin production. An opportunity to look around the distillery and taste some Hepple gin.</p>
18.00 pm	Return back to the hotel

19.30 pm Dinner at the Hotel

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Short papers Chair person			
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09.00 am – 10.00 am	<p>Control of Joint Ill:- Beyond Navel Dipping</p> <p>Epidemiology, Sources and Routes of Transmission of <i>Streptococcus dysgalactiae</i> bacteria (SDSD) Joint Ill Bacteria</p> <p>Efficacy of a Autogenous Vaccine against SDSD infection a Randomised Control Trial</p> <p>New Approach to Control of Joint Ill on Farms</p>	Jennifer Duncan Louise Jackson Joe Angell	University of Liverpool University of Liverpool Practitioner
10.00 am – 10.15 am	How a vet can in help in the event of Livestock Worrying?	Emily Gascoigne	Synergy Farm Health
10.15 am – 10.30 am	DNA protocols for sheep attack	Nick Dawnay BSc, MSc, PhD, MCSFS	PBS Forensic Science Research

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11.00 am – 11.15 am	RVC student cases – Survey of UK sheep farmers and their use of pain relief in lambs at tailing and castration.	Beth Reilly Fran Mansfield	Royal Vet College
11.15 am - 11.30 am	Orphan Lambs	Beth Reilly	Royal Vet College
11.30 am – 11.45 am	Lateral flow liver fluke test	Alison Howells	University of Liverpool
11.45 am – 12.15 pm	BTV 3 situation	Rudolf Reichel	APHA, Surveillance Intelligence Unit
12.15 am – 12.30 pm	SBV differentials found this year in negative SBV arthrogryptic lambs	Ana Gomez-Vitores	APHA
12.30 pm – 12.45 pm	A randomised controlled trial to compare the use of a novel product (NoBACZ Navel) versus iodine to protect navel and ear tag sites of neonatal lambs	Fiona Lovatt	Flock Health Ltd
12.45 pm – 13.00 pm	Close conference	Kim Hamer	SVS, President
13.00 pm – 13.45 pm	Lunch and depart.		