

Sheep Veterinary Society, Autumn meeting
Metropole Hotel Venue & Spa, Llandrindod Wells
Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th September 2025

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Chair person: Matt Colston			
Time	Title	Speaker(s)	Affiliation
09.30 – 11.00	CPD – Sheep nutrition for the new or recent (or refresher) graduate Practical nutrition tips and diet assessment for on farm discussions with your client	Kate Phillips Nerys Wright	Independent Sheep Consultant Sheep Consultancy

11.00 am – 11.30 am Tea/Coffee break

12.00 - 13.00	Basic diet formulation and ideas for pre lambing ewes, lactating ewes and growing lambs.	Kate Phillips Nerys Wright	Independent Sheep Consultant Sheep Consultancy
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13.00 pm – 14.00 pm Lunch and registration

Chair person: Kim Hamer			
14.00 - 14.10	President's welcome	Kim Hamer	President, SVS
14:10 - 14.20	Welcome to Llandrindod Wells with a local vet and farmer	Liz Jones Ben Gaskell	Ddole Road Vets, Llandrindod Wells Argoed Fawr, Llandrindod Wells
14.20 - 14.45	National Sheep Association Industry Update	Phil Stocker	CEO, National Sheep Association
14.45 – 15.05	One Health approach to understanding risks and management of ticks and tick-borne diseases in upland sheep flocks	Laura Mackenzie	Liverpool University

15.05 pm – 15.35 pm Tea/Coffee break

15.35 - 15.55	A new generation vaccine against louping ill with a novel route to commercialisation	David Griffiths	Moredun Research Institute
15.55 – 16.10	The Tick dashboard	Rebecca Mearns	APHA
16.10 – 16.30	The changing epidemiology of Haemonchosis in the UK	Rob Kelly	The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies
16.30 – 17.45	Parasite control and anthelmintic selection! What advice do I give my farmer?	Jonathan Hobbs, Dave Bartley, Nerys Wright, Rebecca Mearns, Phillipa Page and Matt Colston	North Park Vet Group, Moredun Research Institute, SCOPS, APHA, Flock Health Ltd and Elanco Animal Health

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17.45 – 18.00	SVS AGM	Kim Hamer	SVS, President
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19.00 pm – 19.30 pm **Drinks reception - Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health UK Ltd**

19.30 pm **Conference Dinner (Dress code: smart/casual)**

Entertainment **Builth Male Voice Choir - Côr Meibion Llanfair-ym-Muallt**

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Chair person: Dave Charles

Time	Topic	Speaker (s)	Affiliation
09.00 – 09.50	Mapping perceived and actual fluke infections risk on farms	Dr Rhys Jones	Aberystwyth University
09.50 - 10.10	Developing tools for future fluke control	Dr Russ Morphew	Aberystwyth University
10.10 – 10.30	A case of rumen fluke and other interesting findings!	Lucy Sullivan	APHA, Carmarthen
10.30 – 10.50	Fluke cases from the postmortem room!	Claire Jones	Wales Veterinary Science Centre
10.50 – 11.20	Hydatid disease: A re-emergent disease in the UK?	Marisol Collins	University of Liverpool

11.20 am - 11.40 am **Tea/Coffee break**

11.40 – 12.15	Surveillance - BTV update	Rudolf Reichel	APHA
12.15 – 13.00	Antibiotic Stewardship Roadmap Panel session involving key Welsh stakeholders	Gwen Rees Kristen Reyher Fiona Lovatt	Arwain DGC Iechyd Da WLBP Flock Health Ltd

13.00 pm – 13.45 pm **Lunch**

Farm Visit to Elan Valley 14.15 – 17.45	Dams and Lambs. Learning about the reservoirs of the Elan Valley built 100 years ago to supply clean water to Birmingham, alongside extensively managed sheep production in the Cambrian mountains. Intro by Liz Jones and hosted by Rob Lewis
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19.30 pm **Dinner**

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Short Papers

Chair person: Heidi Svensgaard			
09.00 - 09.15	A case of Chondrodysplasia - reaching the diagnosis rather than in the condition	Harriet Fuller	Independent sheep vet
09.15 – 09.30	Ram MOT's and inspections for sale - Managing expectations'	Wendy Phillips	Arrowfield Vets
09.30 - 09.45	Use of serum total protein as a proxy for passive transfer status in lambs	Rob Kelly	The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies
09.45 – 10.00	IP Glucose – a skill development project for Welsh farmers	Leighanne Jones	Priory Vets Cardigan
10.00 – 10.20	Effect of training on recognising OPA from ultrasound scans	Kate Hovers	Independent sheep vet
10.20 – 10.30	Sheep and Goats in Tanzania: Farming Practices, Health Challenges, and Opportunities	Paul Buyugu	Visiting vet from Tanzanian

10.30 am – 11.00 am

Tea/Coffee break

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11.00 – 11.15	Enferplex test result and an interesting case of Visna in sheep	Claire Jones	Wales Veterinary Science Centre
11.15 – 11.30	A thin ewe investigation project on a group of Welsh commercial sheep farms	Phillipa Page Lucy Sullivan	Flock Health Ltd APHA Carmarthen
11.30 – 11.45	Results from RVC ORF survey	Beth Reilly	RVC
11.45 – 11.55	A new approach to the management of orf in sheep flocks	Emily Wingate Collins	Westpoint Farm Vets
11.55 – 12.20	'Liver la vida loca': Optimizing trace element management in sheep – an EIP project	Joe Angell	Wern Vets
12.20 – 12.35	A novel aid to manage an emerging problem? Ulcerative Dermatitis and NoBACZ Ambugreen	Miranda Macinnes	Calwetton Vets
12.35 – 12.50	An interesting case of Rabies in sheep and cattle from across the pond	Jon Higgins	Acorn Farm Vets, USA
12.50 – 13.00	Close of conference	Phillipa Page	SVS, President

13.00 pm – 14.00 pm

Lunch and depart