



## Update from the President

April 2025

Dear SVS members,

This spring, I write to you with a backdrop of successive notifications of exotic disease in the UK and Mainland Europe. Therefore, as lambing progresses and the sun starts to shine again, we are asking members to remain vigilant about reporting unusual or suspicious clinical presentations. It remains essential to investigate losses and unexpected clinical presentations, as we wrote in our recent 'Schmallenberg and Bluetongue at lambing time' release (<https://sheepvetsoc.org.uk/news/schmallenberg-and-bluetongue-at-lambing-time/>). This helps to both confirm where exotic disease is present and reassure keepers where they are not.

More guidance on Bluetongue is available from the Battle Bluetongue Campaign <https://ruminanthw.org.uk/bluetongue-virus-information-for-vets/battlebluetongue-vet-information/>, and Bluetongue updates are available from the Ruminant Health and Welfare website: <https://ruminanthw.org.uk/bluetongue-virus/>



Also, the **lambing survey** run by University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Science and Medicine is being repeated this year. It was previously run during the initial Schmallenberg virus outbreak of 2012/13 and again during the 2017 and 2023 outbreaks.

For more information, please go to <https://sheepvetsoc.org.uk/news/2025-uk-lambing-survey/>

Nominations are being requested for the **Harry Steele-Bodger memorial travel scholarship**, a financial award to support a research project. If you know a final or penultimate year veterinary student, or recent graduate (up to 3 years qualified), please encourage them to apply here

<https://www.bva.co.uk/membership/bva-student-membership/travel-grants-for-vet-students/>.

Entries for all awards close at 12pm on 2 June 2025.

**Travel grants for vet students and recent graduates**

The committee have been attending all sorts of meetings on behalf of the Society. These meetings are far reaching, so if you have anything you would like to raise, please let us know. Recent meetings have included:-

- Ruminant Health and Welfare
- Pathway Review
- BBSRC Endemic Livestock Disease Initiative
- Red Tractor
- Sheep Welfare Strategy
- Sheep Antibiotic Guardian Group

At SVS, we are looking for someone to represent the Society on the **BVA Scottish Committee**. If you would be interested in this role, or would like more information, please contact Hazel Rice at [secretariat@sheepvetsoc.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@sheepvetsoc.org.uk).

We have the virtual spring meeting coming up on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, which promises to be very interesting, see enclosed programme.

### **Forthcoming events**

- SVS will be talking at the BVA Live 2025, Birmingham, 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- SVS Autumn conference in Llandrindod Wells, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- 11th International Sheep Veterinary Congress (ISVC), 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October in Woolongong, Australia

### **Membership fees**

Reminder to members that your membership was due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Please check your standing order is for the correct amount. Please contact our secretariat to arrange payment.

If you are interested in further details on any of the content, please get in touch with Hazel Rice via the [secretariat@sheepvetsoc.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@sheepvetsoc.org.uk).

I look forward to seeing many of you in online in May and at industry events over the summer.

Thanks to all members and the committee for the continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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President  
Sheep Veterinary Society

## Nominations for Membership of the Sheep Veterinary Society

<u>Name</u> <i>From September 2024</i>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Anna Zakharova	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Rebekah Martin	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Nadia Mansour Dehghan	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Ashleigh Bevis	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Alice Forster	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Daniel Brooks	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Emily Postlewaite	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Matthew Upright	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Hannah Beckett	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Tessa Pengelly	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Anna Knight	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Spiridoula Athanasiadou	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Angelica Mazzone	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Lindsay Heasman	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Associate member
Sharon Cooksey	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Lauren Maas	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Nia Jones	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Amy Howard	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Gemma Barnes	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Associate member
Alice Webb	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Sophie Goodings	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Elaine Gardiner	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Zoe Lloyd	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Associate member
Katie Dadswell	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Nienke Snijders van de Burgwal	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Aaron Le Couteur	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Associate member
Sasha Nuttall	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Caileigh Troup	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Emily Hatch	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Olwen Seward	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Sarah O'Dwyer	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Hannah Stott	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Student & New graduate
Verity Atkins	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member
Charlotte Layton	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Full member

### Refugee FREE membership

Oleksandra Cherniavska	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Rebaz Abdulla Hassan	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Rabih Elia Nassar	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Donya Mehrabi	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Radmehr Shafiee	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Abdelkareem Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Yasmine Radi Korany Ali	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Sayed Mohammadreza Pourrahim Aliabadi	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Volodymyr Bzhasso	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Maryna Romaniuk	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership
Viktor Lemeshchuk	Kim Hamer	Phillipa Page	Refugee membership



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Division of the British Veterinary Association

## **Ordinary General Meeting of the Sheep Veterinary Society**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Online**

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. AGM minutes from Morpeth meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
3. Matters arising
4. Items arising from Executive Committee Meeting
5. Election of new members
6. Any other business

Rudolf Reichel  
Honorary Secretary