

DUTCH SPOTTED | SHEEP SOCIETY MEMBERSBULLETIN

AUTUMN 2026



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE...



INSPECTION RULES

*Amendment to Rule 8 with
immediate effect*

Original wording has changed from:

Sheep rejected from the sale must be marked with a YELLOW DOT ON THE LOIN and should be moved well away from the sale's penning area and not further exhibited for sale; no advertising, promotion or sale of such sheep is allowed on market premises.

To:

Sheep rejected from the sale must be marked with a YELLOW DOT ON THE LOIN and should be **immediately** moved well away from the sale's penning area and not further exhibited for sale; no advertising, promotion or sale of such a sheep is allowed on market premises.

INCREASE TO TRANSFER FEES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

Rule 5 - Rules & Objectives

I. Transfers of sheep should align with movement dates provided to relevant regional movement licensing authorities (Scot EID/EID Cymru/NIFAIS/LIS). Transfers not completed within 60 days of sale will be subject to double transfer fees per animal.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS YEAR'S LAMB REGISTRATIONS IS LOOMING

30 November is the final date lamb registrations should be submitted by, and this includes any already birth notified you wish to upgrade to full registration.

After this date, animals can be registered, but all fees will double.

PAYMENT REFERENCES

It is very helpful if you can use the customer code shown on all invoices as a payment reference so payment allocation is less time consuming.

The reference is unique to you and is always your Dutch Spotted member number and the first four letters of your Dutch Spotted prefix.

Socials UPDATE

One of our top posts...
Cannon Halls Champion and Reserve at Peninstone Show currently at
80K VIEWS!

INSTAGRAM
Over **36K** views
and over **100** new followers!

FACEBOOK
Views have increased **64%** this month!
420K views

TIKTOK
Over **15K** views on videos and reposts!

Keep following, liking and sharing!

NEWS FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Over 60 members attended the AGM held at Carlisle United Football Ground at the end of August. The Chair, Gemma Stanford gave an overview of the year and thanked members for their support. She thanked outgoing Trustees, Robbie Alman-Wilson, Cnwch Flock and Cath Difford, Hilltop Flock for their contribution throughout their terms as Trustees.

The following were elected to the Board of Trustees, all for 3-year terms:



Andy Beattie, Carlaustan Flock



Eilidh Hortin, Murtles Flock



Marty Quinn, Mourneview Flock

YEARBOOK 2026/2027

Plans are well in hand for the forthcoming Yearbook, and the great news is that advertising rates are remaining the same!!!! To get the book delivered to you all sooner, the deadline for advertising has been brought forward to 30 November.

Members Flock Adverts

¼ Page - £90 (inc. VAT)

½ Page - £150 (inc. VAT)

Full Page - £210 (inc. VAT)

Commercial Adverts

¼ Page - £180 (inc. VAT)

½ Page - £240 (inc. VAT)

Full Page - £360 (inc. VAT)

Female Sales

2026/27

Ballymena

Saturday 14 November

Melton Mowbray

Saturday 21 November

Thainstone

Monday 23 November

Carlisle

Friday 11 December

Welshpool

Thursday 17 December

J36 Kendal

Saturday 2 January 2027

Booking forms will be emailed to the membership at the beginning of October, if you would like any further information before then, please contact the office.

PRIMESTOCK SHOWS 2026



The following Primestock Shows will be offering classes for prime lambs sired by a Dutch Spotted Ram, subject to sufficient entries*:

Borderway Agri-Expo

Friday 30 October 2026
Entries close 25 September
www.borderwayagriexpo.co.uk

Agri-Fest South West

Wednesday 4 November 2026
Entries close 12 October
www.agrifestsouthwest.co.uk

Royal Ulster Beef & Lamb Championships

Tuesday 24 November 2026
www.beefandlamb.org.uk

Gleno Valley YFC @ Ballymena

Thursday 26 November 2026
Gleno.valley.yfc@hotmail.com
& Facebook

Livescot, Lanark Market

**Friday 27 & Saturday
28 November 2026**
Entries close 4 October
www.fatstockclub.co.uk/livescot

Royal Welsh Winter Fair

**Monday 30 November
& Tuesday 1 December 2026**
Entries close 7 October
www.rwas.wales/winter.fair/

Rugby Primestock Society Christmas Show & Sale

Sunday 6 & Monday 7 December 2026
rugbyprimestocksociety@outlook.com
& Facebook

The winner of the Dutch Spotted Sired class or the highest placed lambs sired by a Dutch Spotted ram in the Any Other Continental (if no DS specific classes) – to receive a £200 voucher to be redeemable at any Dutch Spotted Sheep Society sale. Vouchers expire 10 January 2028.

(Prize to be administered by the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society).

Please note * - it is up to the event organisers to determine how many 'sufficient' entries equates to. The DSSS voucher will be sent to the winner of the class after the event confirms details of the winning exhibitor.

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