

**DUTCH SPOTTED** | SHEEP SOCIETY  
**MEMBERS****BULLETIN**

SUMMER 2026



# NEWS FROM THE OFFICE...

## REGISTRATIONS AND BIRTH NOTIFICATIONS

Animals should be fully registered before they leave the breeder's flock. Only the breeder can register sheep they have bred, and it is not the responsibility of the purchaser to register a sheep after it has been sold.

Please note that **pedigree certificates cannot be issued for birth-notified sheep.**

## NEED HELP?

There are many things you can do yourself, using Grassroots, such as amending your own personal details, registering sheep, transferring sheep out of your flock, but if you have any questions or need assistance with memberships, registrations, transfers, or Grassroots, please contact Penny who will be happy to help with any queries, and guide you through the process if needed.

## TRANSFERS AND TRANSFER FEES

To help keep records up to date, please ensure that sheep transfers are completed as soon as possible after a sale. Delayed transfers can cause issues, including delays in registering lambs or entering sales.

With immediate effect, the transfer fee of £3.60 will be doubled if a transfer is not completed within 60 days of the sale.

- If you sell a sheep, please transfer it out of your flock using Grassroots.
- If you purchase a sheep and the seller has not yet transferred it to you on Grassroots, please ensure you have either:
  - a pedigree certificate from the seller, with a copy of the movement licence, or
  - an invoice clearly showing the sheep's EID number, together with a copy of the movement licence.

Further information about transfers can be found on page 14 of the current yearbook.

## VET INSPECTIONS AT SALES –

### REMINDER TO MEMBERS

Please follow the timetable supplied by the auction marts for timings of the vet inspection. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE START OF THE INSPECTION** – large costs are incurred to the Society if animals are late for the inspection.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

A reminder that membership renewals are due on **1 May each year**. The annual membership fee is **£36**. Invoices were sent in advance in April, and we have allowed a one-month grace period; however, membership fees do need to be paid before any further registrations can be processed. If you are unable to access Grassroots, this may be because your membership fee is still outstanding.

Invoices have been reissued several times as reminders. If you have not seen yours, please check your junk or spam folder, or contact Penny for assistance.

Please note that if membership is unpaid for 3 months, an additional admin charge will be added, doubling the fee for any outstanding years.

NOTICE TO ALL FULLY PAID MEMBERS OF THE DSSS

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2026 AT 7.30 PM

AT  
FOXY'S RESTAURANT,  
CARLISLE UNITED  
FOOTBALL GROUND,  
WARWICK ROAD,  
CARLISLE  
CA1 1LL



**Full details will be emailed directly to all members**  
(Paper versions will be sent to those members not on the email list)

# PRIMESTOCK

## SHOWS 2026



If you're interested in showing at primestock shows later in the year, have a look at the events below which the Society are supporting, contact the events directly for further information.

**Primestock Shows that the Society are supporting:**

### **Borderway Agri-Expo**

**Friday 30 October 2026**  
(Any Other Continental Breed)  
[www.borderwayagriexpo.uk](http://www.borderwayagriexpo.uk)

### **Agri-Fest South West**

**Wednesday 4 November 2026**  
(Dutch Spotted Sired Class)  
[info@agrifestsouthwest.co.uk](mailto:info@agrifestsouthwest.co.uk)

### **Royal Ulster Beef & Lamb Championships**

**Tuesday 24 November 2026**  
(Dutch Spotted Sired Class)  
[www.beefandlamb.org.uk](http://www.beefandlamb.org.uk)

### **Gleno Valley YFC Ballymena Fatstock Show**

**Thursday 26 November 2026**  
(Dutch Spotted Sired Class)  
[Gleno.valley.yfc@hotmail.com](mailto:Gleno.valley.yfc@hotmail.com)

### **Livescot, Lanark Market**

**Friday 27 & Saturday 28 November 2026**  
(Pedigree DS classes Friday, Primestock DS classes Saturday)  
[www.fatstockclub.co.uk](http://www.fatstockclub.co.uk)

### **Royal Welsh Winter Fair**

**Monday 30 November & Tuesday 1 December 2026**  
(Dutch Spotted Sired Class)  
[www.rwas.wales/winter-fair](http://www.rwas.wales/winter-fair)

### **Rugby Primestock Society Christmas Show & Sale**

**Sunday 6 & Monday 7 December 2026**  
(Any Other Continental Breed)  
[rugbyprimestocksociety@outlook.com](https://www.rugbyprimestocksociety@outlook.com)

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



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## SUMMER SALE REMINDERS:

All members are emailed sales schedules & entry forms aswell as being posted on social media platforms.

Keep checking the website  
[www.dutchspottedsheep.co.uk/sales](http://www.dutchspottedsheep.co.uk/sales)  
to see all the latest sales news and information.



**Worcester** - 11 July - *Entries closed 12/6/26*

**Ballymena** - 25 July - *Entries close 3/7/2026*

**Carlisle** - 31 July - *Entries close 26/6/26*

**Exeter** - 14 August

**Welshpool** - 21 August

**Carlisle** - 29 August

**Melton Mowbray** - 5 September

**Leek** - 11 September

**J36** - Saturday 19 September

**Thainstone** - Tuesday 22 September

### Society Secretary

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