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Dear Members

Welcome to your latest edition of the newsletter.

Yearletter 2025

The Year Letter for 2025 born lambs (1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025) is N

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All Male lambs must be named with names beginning with N, female lambs is optional but if named the names need to begin with N

The name of the animal must not exceed 21 characters including your prefix and spaces.

ZSA OFFICE

Please note that over the festive period the ZSA will be closed on

Tuesday 24th December
Wednesday 25th December
Thursday 26th December

Tuesday 31st December
Wednesday 1st January

Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are due on 1st January 2025, if you pay by standing order thank you otherwise could you please forward your payment, payment can be made by cheque Payable to Zwartbles Sheep Association by bank transfer or via PayPal. Full membership is £45 and Junior membership is £22.50

You can pay by logging onto Grassroots and clicking on the drop down box and selecting subscription renewal and then selecting full member or junior member.

Members Flock Return (Annual Survey)

It is that time of year again when we ask you to complete your annual flock return. The annual flock return (Survey) is a list of animals in your flock as of the date you complete it, excluding any newborn lambs and we kindly ask you to check the list any make any changes necessary so that the national Zwartbles flock records are accurate and up to date, if you do not own any sheep then you do not need to complete this.

The Survey is now open online in Grassroots and I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to complete it online as soon as possible to save on printing and postage costs of sending out hard copies, if you complete your survey online you won't be sent a copy in the post. It is very easy to complete your return online, go to the website and in the top left-hand corner click on Grassroots Registrations, then click on manage your flock enter your membership number ie (00123), password in lowercase and then complete your survey. The system will not allow you to do anything else until you have completed your survey! Once you have completed your survey you need to wait for the office to update the system and then you will be able to access all the other parts of the Grassroots system.

Lamb Registration Fees

Please remember to register your lambs before they turn 6 months of age or you will incur late fees.

Paper Registrations:

Females

£6.00 each with a emailed certificate

£7.00 each with a printed certificate

(this fee increases to £16/£17 after five months old)

Males

£25.00 each with a emailed certificate

£26.00 each with a printed certificate

(this fee increases to £35/£36 after six months old)

On-Line Registrations:

Females

£5.00 each with a emailed certificate

£6.00 each with a printed certificate

(this fee increases to £16/£17 after five months old)

Males

£25.00 each with a emailed certificate

£26.00 each with a printed certificate

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2025 Year Letter



Members details

Please remember if you have changed your address, telephone or email, then please up date this online in grassroots or contact the Secretary.

30th Anniversary !!!!

The Zwartbles Sheep Association celebrates 30 years in 2025

Planning is underway to host a dinner and dance event at the

**Great Yorkshire Showground
on
Saturday 4th October 2025**

The night will feature special guests and a raffle with some AMAZING prizes up for grabs

We will keep you up to date with the plans as they are finalised but for now make a note of the date in your diaries.



2025 Official Sale Dates

Northern Ireland – 25th July

Carlisle Premier – 1st August

Worcester – Saturday 9th August

Exeter – 15th August

Welshpool – TBC

Carlisle in-lamb—14th November



Association Council

Directors and Trustees of the Zwartbles Sheep Association are:

Ally Baird (interim Chair)	Flock 818	Becky Hurd	Flock 433
Pam Browne	Flock 312	Dylan Jones	Flock 1385
Carrie Bissett	Flock 790	Colin Rae	Flock 430
John Case	Flock 645	Anne Robinson	Flock 1224
Bob Gibson	Flock 261	Joan Rowlands	Flock 98
Brian Gibson	Flock 804	Laura Simpson	Flock 660
Raymond Heigh	Flock 305	Gillian Smith	Flock 849

ZSA President Martin Preston

ZSA Secretary Christina Cormack



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Junior membership is £22.50

NSA Sheep Events 2025

Welsh Sheep

21st May, Tregoeed Farm, Brecon

NorthSheep

4th June Greystoke Castle Farm, Penrith

Highland Sheep

11th June Midfearn Farm, Ardgay

Sheep South West

25th June Weston Farm, East Knowstone, Devon

Sheep Northern Ireland

1st July Dungiven, County Londonderry

Stock for sale

You can advertise your stock for sale on the ZSA website free of charge.

If you have any stock for sale then please go to the website and place your advert, you can include up to 2 photos.



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Sheep
Association**



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