



# Newsletter 85

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Dear Members

Welcome to your latest edition of the newsletter.

2025 is an exciting year for the breed as we celebrate 30 years of Zwartbles.

*You are Invited*  
TO CELEBRATE

**30** YEARS  
OF THE  
**ZSA**

4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025, HARROGATE  
DINNER DANCE  
INCLUDING AN EXCITING CHARITY RAFFLE WITH  
PROCEEDS GOING TO SEPSIS UK & MY NAME'S  
DODDIE FOUNDATION

MY NAME'S DODDIE foundation

THE UK SEPSIS TRUST

Turn over the page to see what we have organised to mark this milestone in Zwartbles breeding.

## 30th Anniversary

The Zwartbles Sheep Association celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025. To mark the occasion and a chance for all members, past and present to celebrate the occasion and with a chance to see, and catch up with friends old and new a Gala Dinner is being arranged, to be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025, at The Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Pavilions is part of The Great Yorkshire Events Centre, alongside Fodder and Harrogate Caravan Park, they are a family of commercial businesses located on the Great Yorkshire Showground and owned by the Yorkshire Agricultural Society. The Society is a registered charity and all profits from these businesses fund the charitable work of the Society, helping to develop an environment where farming, food and the countryside thrives and grows.

Profits raised from all of the commercial businesses contributes to the funding of the Society's charitable initiatives. By booking an event at the Great Yorkshire Events Centre, you are supporting a variety of programs which promote farming and the countryside

The dinner will begin with a drinks reception, hosted by the association, with a Black-tie dinner in the Calder and Derwent rooms of this fantastic complex, followed by music and dancing through until 12.30am .



In partnership with Cedar Court Hotel, Queen Building, Park Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5AH to assist with ease for people travelling to the event we have held an allocation of bedrooms at the preferential rates detailed below. These rates will be available for booking until **Friday, 22nd August 2025**. After this date, any rooms booked will be at the best available rate and subject to availability at the time of booking.

Rooms are available @ £150.00 (Standard Room, Sole Occupancy, Bed & Breakfast per room, per night) / £162.00 Double / Twin Occupancy Standard Room, Sole Occupancy, Bed & Breakfast per room, per night) to include overnight parking for guests staying.

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To make a reservation:

1. **By Telephone:** Call directly at the hotel on **01423 858585**. Quote that you are attending *Zwartbles Sheep Association event at the Pavilions*.
2. **By Email:** Contact [reservations.harrogate@cedarcourthotels.co.uk](mailto:reservations.harrogate@cedarcourthotels.co.uk), Quote that you are attending *Zwartbles Sheep Association event at the Pavilions*.



For anyone interested in seeing sheep before the event, an informal visit has been agreed by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Peter and Susan Addison to the Champion Northern Area Flock Competition 2024 winners at Hayberries Farm, Mickleton, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham DL12 0LP at 1.30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October. (Please note that this will be an informal visit lasting approx. 1 hour with no catering, just a look and walk around the sheep prior to the evening's dinner) There is also an invitation to visit the Viking Flock of Mr & Mrs A R Houseman on the morning of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October details to be finalised.

Also, as part of the celebration the association is organising a grand 30<sup>th</sup> Raffle with cash prizes of £1000, £500 and £250 as well as other sheep related prizes. The proceeds will be split between My name's 5 Doddie foundation, Sepsis UK and the Zwartbles Sheep Association.

Tickets will be available from all Council members soon and will be on sale at shows and Association events throughout the summer.

# Lamb Registration Fees

At the a council meeting at the beginning of 2024 registration fees were discussed and it was agreed that the female registration fees would remain the same, however the ram registration fee would increase by £5. It was also agreed at Council to extend the length of time you have to register lambs before incurring a late fee from 5 months to 6 months, this relates to Males and Females.

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 six 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 six months old)

**Males** £25.00 each with a emailed certificate  
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## 2025 Year Letter



The Year Letter for 2024 born lambs  
(1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024) is N

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 30 characters including your prefix and spaces.

## Association Sales

**Northern Ireland – 25th July**  
**Carlisle Premier – 1st August**  
**Worcester – Saturday 9th August**  
**Exeter – 15th August**  
**Welshpool – TBC**  
**Carlisle in-lamb—14th November**

A reminder that all of the Association sales are open to MV and Non MV Sheep. Please try and support the sales.

Closing dates must be adhered to and any sale that **does not have 60 entries** at time of closing will not go ahead and will be cancelled so please get you entries in on time and by the closing dates.

## Closing Dates for Entries

<i>Sale</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>Closing date for Entries</i>
Northern Ireland	Friday 25th July 2025	4th July 2025
Carlisle	Friday 1st August 2025	27th June 2025
Worcester	Saturday 9th August 2025	18th July 2025
Exeter	Friday 15th August 2025	25th July 2025
Welshpool	TBC	TBC
Carlisle in-lamb sale	Friday 14th November 2025	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Reminder

**ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED 6 WEEKS PRIOR TO ANY ZSA SALE, Do not leave them until the last minute and do not send them in with your entry form as they will not be accepted.**

# Association Council

Directors and Trustees of the Zwartbles Sheep Association are:

Ally Baird (Chairman)	Flock 818	Rebecca Hurd	Flock 433
Carrie Bissett	Flock 790	Dylan Jones	Flock 1385
Pamela Browne	Flock 312	Colin Rae	Flock 430
John Case	Flock 645	Anne Robinson	Flock 122
Bob Gibson	Flock 261	Laura Simpson	Flock 660
Brian Gibson	Flock 804	Gillian Smith	Flock 849
Raymond Heigh (Vice)	Flock 305		

**ZSA President** Martin Preston

**ZSA Secretary** Christina Cormack

## \*\*\* Registering your Sheep \*\*\*

We understand that from time to time we can all make errors when registering our sheep and we encourage you to check your pedigree certificates when you receive them to check that they are correct. If you find any errors then please contact the office immediately and within 28 days of the pedigree certificate being issued.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Council have introduced the following ruling regarding registrations. Members have 28 days from the date of the pedigree certificate being issued to inform the office of any errors, after the 28 days grace period pedigree information can only be changed with DNA evidence/verification.

**EMBRYO LAMBS.** If you have done any embryo work then you need to send in the paperwork to the office prior to registering your lambs as no ET lambs will be registered without the appropriate paperwork being received in the office. Thank you

## National Show

The ZSA National Show this year is being held at The Great Yorkshire Show which runs from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July.



Sheep pen bookings open at 9am on the 31st March and entries open at 9am on 13th May. You must book pens to be able to enter any sheep.

You can access the booking system directly from the Great Yorkshire Show website.

## Showing Sheep

Please remember the ZSA rule regarding shearing your sheep for showing. 'All sheep being shown must be shorn bare after the 1st January and before 1st May in the year of showing'

A polite reminder that if you don't do this and you trim back your sheep then please note that all judges are being advised that sheep that haven't been shorn should be placed down the line.

## 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.



**Zwartbles  
Sheep  
Association**



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