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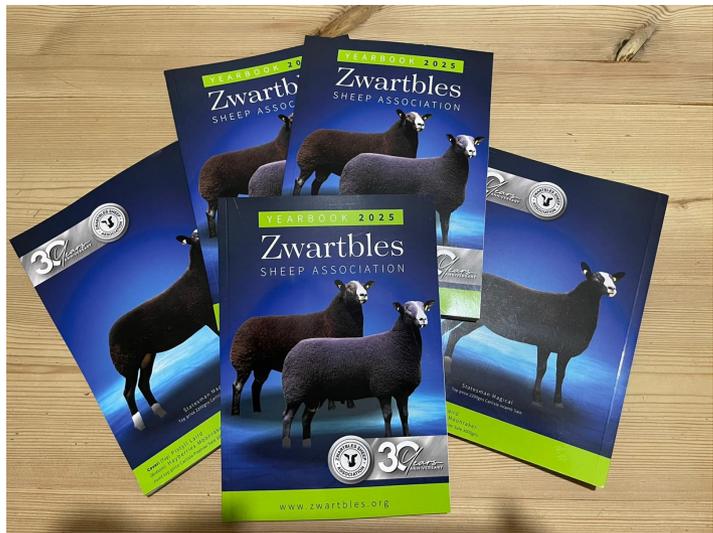
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Dear Members

Welcome to your latest edition of the newsletter.

Enclosed with this newsletter is your copy of the Zwartbles Sheep Association's 2025 Yearbook. We hope you enjoy reading it and find it informative.



30th Anniversary



The Zwartbles Sheep Association celebrates its 30th Anniversary in 2025. To mark this milestone we are giving, all members, past and present a chance to celebrate and catch up with friends old and new. at a Gala Dinner being held on

Saturday 4th October 2025, at The Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Discounted rooms in nearby hotel available, details in the March newsletter or contact the office.

30th Anniversary Tie



* NEW *

30th Anniversary Ties (Navy) are now available to purchase. Priced at £15 plus £2.00 p&p

You can order with the office or you can purchase them from the secretary at the following shows

Balmoral, Royal Highland, Great Yorkshire or Royal Welsh.



Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets are now available and will be on sale at shows and Association events throughout the Summer. Contact your local Council member to purchase tickets.

Prizes include, £1000, £500 and £250 cash,
Sheep donated by the Wallacetown and Hayberries Flocks
Personalised animal portrait by Chloe Cormack Art
4ft Black hook over trough
Westcountry cream tea posted to winner
£200 I'Anson voucher
2 night stay for 2 people at Marton Arms in Thornton in Lonsdale
Clothing bundle embroidered with your flock name
1 ton of Galloway & Macleod feed
Sheep Headstock
Zwartbles Wool throw
Shepherds Crook
1 years membership to Royal Highland Show and many more

In aid of the ZSA, My Name's Doddie Foundation and The UK Sepsis Trust

Zwartbles Sheep Association
Registered Charity No 1062319

30TH ANNIVERSARY GRAND DRAW
In aid of ZSA, My Name's Doddie Foundation & The UK Sepsis Trust

1st Prize: £1000 Cash
2nd Prize: £500 Cash
3rd Prize: £250 Cash

Plus Many Other Prizes!

To be drawn on Saturday, 4th October 2025 at the Anniversary Dinner - The Pavilions, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate

Promoter: Mr Martin Preston, Greenhill Crag Farm, Lady Lane, Bingley, BD16 4AU
Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with City of Bradford, MBC 230424

Tickets £5 each



Showing your sheep

The Show season has started, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a successful and enjoyable show season with your Zwartbles.

I would also like to remind you all of the rule regarding sheep that are trimmed back and not shorn:



All adult sheep (shearling and above) being shown, must be shorn bare between 1st January and 1st May in the year of showing. Sheep not conforming to this rule change and have been trimmed back and not shorn will be placed down the line by the Judge.

Lamb Registration Fees

At 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
£26.00 each with a printed certificate
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2025 Year Letter

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The Year Letter for 2025 born lambs
(1st January 2024 to 31st December 2025) 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 – 22nd August
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 August 2024
Welshpool	Saturday 22nd August 2025	1st August 2025
Carlisle in-lamb sale	Friday 14th November 2025	17th 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
Brian Gibson	Flock 804	Laura Simpson	Flock 660
Raymond Heigh (Vice)	Flock 305	Gillian Smith	Flock 849

ZSA President Martin Preston

ZSA Treasurer Cyril Cromie

ZSA Secretary Christina Cormack

Members details

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

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.

National Show

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



** 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



**Zwartbles
Sheep
Association**



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Office hours
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Welshpool – 22nd August**

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