



# New Flocks Presentation 2025

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**British Charollais  
Sheep Society**



# What we are going to talk about

- ▶ Lambing - keep records, tagging, registration, faults, when and how via Grassroots.
- ▶ Sales - where to sell your stock, how to enter, presentation, inspection
- ▶ Shows - local shows, trimming, training, ring skills
- ▶ DNA and scrapie testing - what Society requirements are, why and how to carry it out
- ▶ Office - who and how we can help you
- ▶ Social Media - FB, Instagram, website
- ▶ Regions - your region and why take part in activities

# Lambing Time

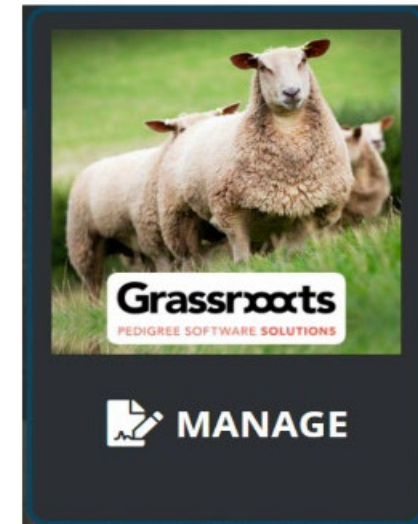
- ▶ Important to keep accurate records - tag or number early
- ▶ Tags - your choice
- ▶ Numbering system - year + flock letters + 5 digit EID number
- ▶ When to register with the Society - 2 months from birth
- ▶ What not to register - faults
- ▶ Grassroots - how to log on and register
- ▶ Why register

# GRASSROOTS

- ▶ Head to our website [www.charollais sheep.com](http://www.charollais sheep.com) and click on the grassroots logo
- ▶ Log in using your flock letters and your password –
- ▶ if you have forgotten your password contact the society



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- You will see these icons below at the top right of your home screen once you have logged in.



**SEARCH**

ANIMAL SEARCH  
MEMBER SEARCH



**TRANSACTION  
TALLY**

LIST OF TRANSACTIONS  
BIRTHS/DEATHS ETC.



**MENU**

MY ANIMALS  
BIRTHS  
REGISTER PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED  
TRANSFERS  
DEATHS



**LOG OUT**

LOG OUT OF GRASSROOTS

**MY ANIMALS**

- To view your animals in :



# Birth notifications



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- ▶ Click on **MENU**
- ▶ **BIRTHS**
- ▶ Enter all the details – DOB, conception type, sire, dam and number born.
- ▶ Click **NEXT**
- ▶ Fill in **GENDER**, **EID TAG** and **REG TYPE** (listed or notified)
- ▶ Click **ADD TO LIST** if you need to enter more click the **ENTER A NEW BIRTH** box
- ▶ Once done click **NEXT**
- ▶ Tick the box to confirm details are correct
- ▶ Once you have added all births go to transaction tally
- ▶ Select payment method (our accounting system is separate to grassroots so payment can be made by card, direct debit which can be set up or by BACS, please use your flock letters as reference)
- ▶ Your details will have been sent to us to be processed. You will receive an invoice once received.



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# REGISTER PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED

- ▶ Click on **MENU**
- ▶ Select the **REGISTRATION TYPE** – register with either card or email registration
- ▶ Click **NEXT**
- ▶ **SUBMIT**
- ▶ Click on **TRANSACTION TALLY**
- ▶ **SELECT PAYMENT METHOD**
- ▶ This has now been sent to us to be processed and invoiced

# TRANSFERS



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- ▶ Click on the **MENU** button
- ▶ Select the animals you want to transfer
- ▶ Add the new owner by selecting one of the following buttons
- ▶ Search members, add manually or I don't know the buyer
- ▶ Click **SUBMIT**
- ▶ This has been sent to the society



# DEATHS



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- ▶ Click on the **MENU** button
- ▶ Select the animals which have died
- ▶ Click **CONFIRM**
- ▶ This has been sent to the society

# Scrapie testing



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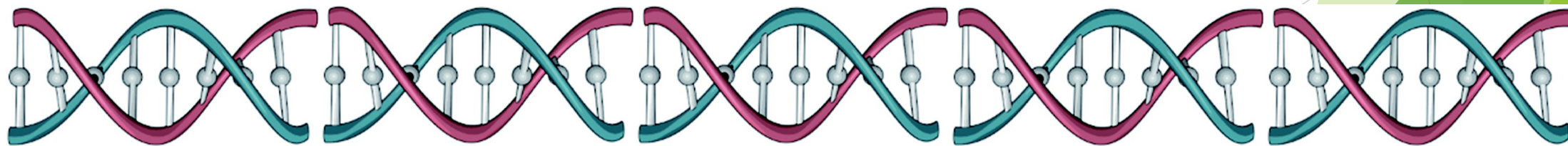
- ▶ All rams to be upgraded to full pedigree must have an individual test for scrapie to the office
- ▶ This will be entered onto the sheep database and appear on the pedigree certificate and in society sale catalogues
- ▶ You can request a scrapie test kit from the society this is the same kit used for DNA parentage testing
- ▶ For entry in Worcester Premier Sale all sheep are tested and have the genotype ARR/ARR

# DNA



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- ▶ For all 2023 born lambs, and beyond, it will not be possible to register them unless a DNA parentage test has been submitted for their sires.
- ▶ As a breeder you do not receive any 'result' from this analysis. But the DNA information is stored with Neogen for future work. If your animals have data stored it is, then possible to parentage check their progeny.
- ▶ For 2023 born lambs we now require that the sire of these lambs have had a DNA sample taken. To upgrade a ram for pedigree use they will require both a Scrapie Genotype result and evidence of a DNA sampling having been completed.





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## DNA TESTING

- Contact the office for a kit
- You will receive a test kit and a Neogen form to fill out
- To do the test wash your hands first
- The puncture site is the upper lip
- Twist the tab off the blue applicator
- Place the applicator firmly against the upper lip and press until you hear a click
- Open the blood card and collect enough blood to fill the circle
- Fill in the details on the card and form and send back to the Charollais office
- You will receive a confirmation email once we have received the sample and again when DNA has been stored

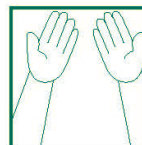
### Neogen Genomics Sheep Sampling Instructions

#GSKCHV2

#### IMPORTANT: READ BEFORE USE

These instructions are for use in collecting sheep DNA samples using the Neogen Genomics Sheep Sampling Kit #GSKCHV1. Please read instructions carefully prior to collecting blood samples from your flock.

#### Instructions For Use



1. Ensure hands and tools are clean.



2. Identify the desired puncture site (upper lip).



3. Twist off tab to break the seal and discard.



4. Position lancet firmly against puncture site as illustrated. Hold safety lancet between fingers.



5. To activate, press safety lancet firmly against the puncture site. Do not remove the device until an audible click is heard.



6. Dispose of lancet safely. Do not reuse or return.



7. Use the Neogen blood card to collect a sample by positioning the card on the blood droplet. At least a full drop of blood is required, do not saturate the card. Allow card to dry before closing

#### 8. Returning Your Samples

1. Write the animal's UK tag number on the blood card in the space provided.
2. Complete provided sample submission form.
3. Place only the collected blood DNA sample cards only and sample submission form in the provided return envelope and return to Neogen.



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# SALES



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- ▶ A full list of official sale dates and venues are in your members handbook
- ▶ If you have any questions about which sale you would like to enter please contact the office
- ▶ See breed standard on page 24 of your members handbook to make sure your sheep meet the requirements for sales

# Inspection



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At all official sales the society may appoint a panel of inspectors who shall consider the points below

1. The animals identification corresponds to the ear number as entered for the sale
2. The animal is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease
3. All rams have two adequately sized testicles of approximately the same size and consistency
4. The animal adheres to the breed description of adequate weight with no malformation in structure
5. The teeth are in the correct position (account will be taken of age of animal)
6. There is no abnormal deviation in the structure of feet and or legs
7. Ewes shall be sound in udder



# Breed characteristics

**Loin** - This should be long, wide and deep. The eye muscle should be full. Animals should not be over fat across the loin.

**Gigot** - The gigot should be thick, deep and full. The rump should be thick and wide. Narrow, sloping rumps are undesirable.

**Growth** - Growth is important in the breed, therefore well grown sheep are of merit. However, sheep that are just tall and without good fleshing qualities are not of merit. Big is only beautiful if accompanied with good loin and gigot.

**Head** - A good Charollais head is full of character, alert without wool. The skin colour is pink with a varying amount of creamy, sandy or white coloured hair. The varying amount of hair gives animals within the breed a difference in appearance. A distinctive feature of the breed is a white flash above each eye. Regional / breeder preferences as to amount and colour of head hair are acceptable. Heads should not be too small in the muzzle and should be broad between the eyes. Females should have a kind head and rams a stronger masculine head.

**Fleece** - The breed should have a good quality fleece; dense but not too long nor open. It should be complete over the body without breaks but not extending down the legs or over the head.





# Show presentation

## STRUCTURAL CORRECTNESS

**Teeth** - Teeth should ideally be short, straight and directly onto the pad. Deviations away from this optimum either back, forward or splayed are undesirable.

**Feet and Pasterns** - Feet should be neat and balanced, cleats should not be open nor misshapen. Pasterns should be short, straight and upright.

**Shoulders and Topline** - Shoulders should be well fleshed and level. They should not be narrow and pointed nor too heavy and coarse. The breed should not carry excessive fat over the shoulder. Topline should be strong and level with good length.

**Front Legs** Straight, balanced legs are most desirable; neither too close nor too wide apart. They should be a good colour. Bone should neither be too fine or heavy. Soundness of movement is important.

**Back Legs** - Legs should be set well apart but not extreme. There should be a good definition of hock; not over bent or too straight. Again, bone should neither be too fine or too heavy. Good balanced mobility is important.

# Showing regulations



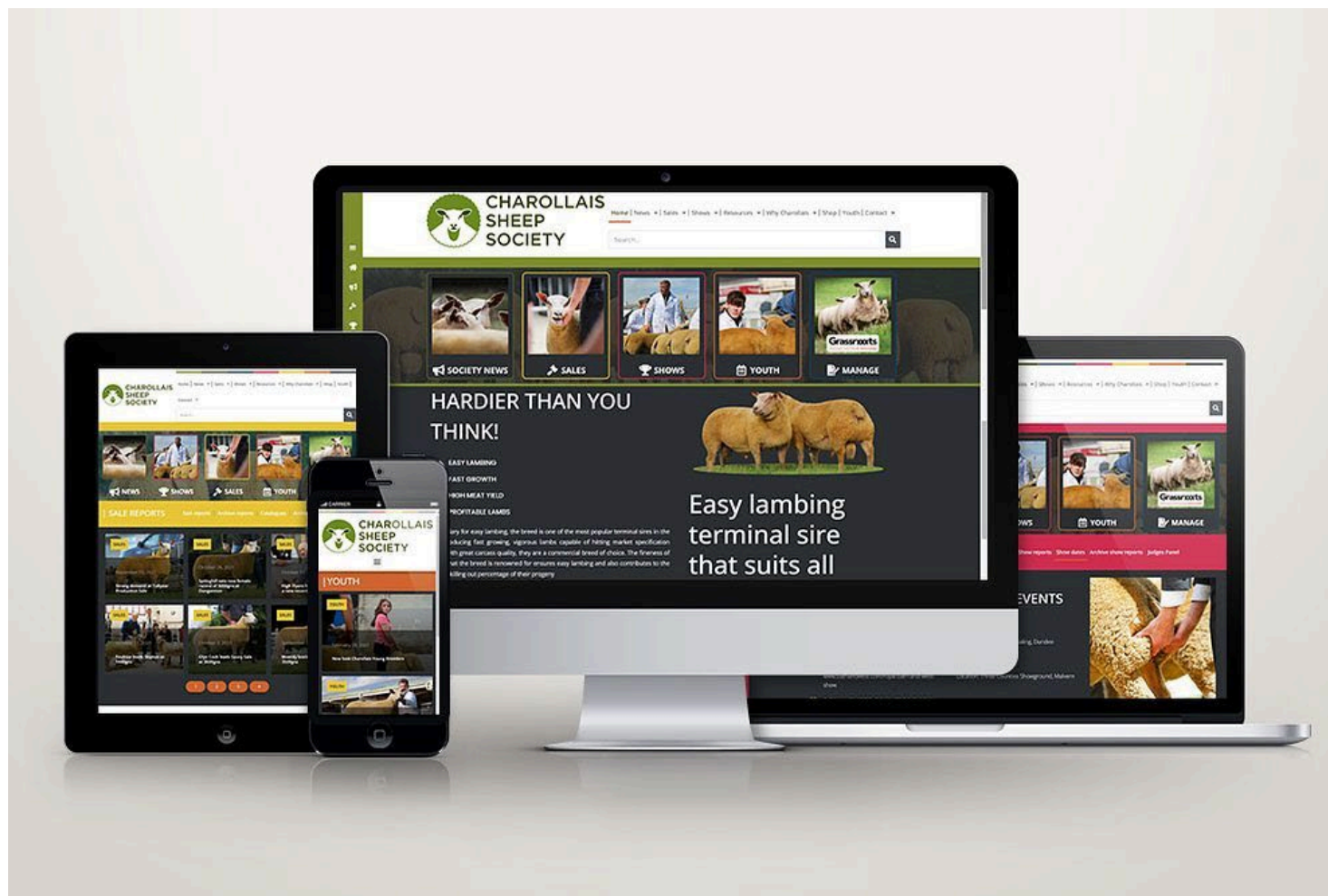
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1. All sheep must be identified as specified by the Society and current UK legislation and registered with the Society.
2. Sheep must be shorn bare on or after 1st December
3. With regard to the haltering of sheep for show, exhibitors must adhere to the regulations of the relevant Show Authority and the direction of the stewards.
4. The exhibition of sheep with black spots is discouraged.
5. The exhibition of sheep with shaved heads is strongly discouraged and judges are encouraged to discriminate against animals presented in this manner.
6. Exhibitors may use natural colouring to enhance the appearance of their animals.

# Website



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- ▶ [www.charollaissheep.com](http://www.charollaissheep.com)
- ▶ You can find all the latest news on features, sales reports show reports and much more...
- ▶ All sales catalogues will be available to view and download
- ▶ View our shop
- ▶ View breeders Facebook pages, regional contacts, staff contacts
- ▶ Don't hesitate and view our website today



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# Social media

- ▶ Facebook, Instagram and TikTok @charollais sheep
- ▶ Follow for all the latest news including market reports, sale dates and shows
- ▶ Each region has their own Facebook page follow them to keep up to date with everything that's happening in your region
- ▶ **Scotland @ScottishCharollaisSheep**
- ▶ **North of England @CharollaisSheepRegion3northofEngland**
- ▶ **East of England @CharollaisEasternRegionBreeders**
- ▶ **Central @CentralRegionCharollaisSheep**
- ▶ **Wales @WelshRegionCharollaisSheep**
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- ▶ **Northern Ireland @NICharollaisSheep**