



Inspiring the Next Generation of Sheep Farmers

Wednesday 12th November 2014

Abbey Home Farm, Burford Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5HF

- 10.30am Registration / Tea and coffee
- 11am Welcome: Joanne Briggs, NSA
- 11.10am *Sheep farming career options: Facilitated by Phil Stocker, NSA*
- Taking over from Dad! Driving a family sheep farm forward: Marc Jones, Powys*
Sheep farming as an employed shepherd: Kevin Harrison, Somerset
Running a success sheep enterprise without owning land: Andrew Foulds, Norfolk
Supporting the sheep sector as a service provider: Eileen McCloskey, N. Ireland
Starting from scratch as a share farmer: David Coates, North Yorkshire
- 12.30pm Question and answer session
- 12.45pm Lunch and Farm walk
The farm walk will be led by John Newman, Farm Manager at Abbey Home Farm, who has worked closely with Will and Hilary Chester-Master, the managing partners of the family business, since 1992. He will focus on the sheep enterprise, where his son Ollie is employed as shepherd, and also explain how output from the various elements of the farm (sheep, beef, dairy, pigs and vegetables) are sold to the organic farm shop/cafe and off the farm. A light lunch of soup, bread and cheese, all made on the farm, will be served.
- 2.15pm *Inspiring the Next Generation: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats in the UK Sheep Sector: Facilitated by Chris Lloyd, Eblex*
- Introducing the NSA Next Generation Programme*
Meet the NSA Next Generation Ambassadors
Breakout session: SWOT analysis of the future of the sheep sector
Conclusions from the SWOT analysis
- 4.20pm *Take home messages from the day: Charlotte Johnstone, RASE*
- 4.30pm Close