



First Delivery Session – February 2017

Monday 13th February

TIME	SESSION
10am	Arrive at Bella Vista Farm, Hartcliffe, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 9FN, by kind invitation of Graham Pears. Graham farms and operates an animal rendering business, so has a small conference room for meetings. Graham says it's nothing fancy but there will be plenty of refreshments on arrival and throughout the day.
10.30am	Welcome / NSA Next Generation introduction – with Phil Stocker, Joanne Briggs and Hannah Park, NSA
10.50am	Ambassador introductions.
12 noon	Getting to know each other and target setting.
12.45pm	Lunch.
1.15pm	Embracing preventative medicine and understanding good vet spend versus bad vet – with Fiona Lovatt, independent sheep vet with Flock Health Ltd.
2.15pm	Farm tour with Graham Pears. Graham runs a 5,000-ewe flock and has recently started working with Fiona on a flock health plan. He will show us the flock and also talk about why he's developed an interest in preventative medicine.
3.45pm	Interactive session on reducing lambing losses – with Fiona.
5pm	Depart for Campanile Hotel, 6 Roydsdale Way, Euroway Estate, Bradford, BD4 6SA. We are staying here for two consecutive nights.
6.30pm	Roundtable discussion about the future of the UK sheep sector – with Phil, followed by an evening meal (kindly provided by British Wool Marketing Board).

Tuesday 14th February, by kind invitation of British Wool Marketing Board

8am	Breakfast.
8.30am	Travel from hotel to Wool House, Sidings Close, Canal Road, Bradford, BD2 1AZ.
9am	Arrive at Wool House. Tea and coffee on arrival.
9.15am	British Wool Marketing Board tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to BWMB • Viewing of the sales auction • Tour of North of England Wools grading depot • Wool promotional work and the Campaign for Wool
12.15pm	Lunch.
1pm	Travel to Haworth Scouring by minibus.
1.15pm	Tour of Haworth Scouring.
2.15pm	Travel back to Wool House.
2.30pm	Tea/coffee break.
2.45pm	Using faecal egg counts reduction tests – with Lesley Stubbings, SCOPS (via Skype).
3pm	A farmer's experience of taking a young person into a share farming experience – with Samuel Wharry, NSA Chairman from County Antrim.
4.30pm	Return to Campanile Hotel, followed by free time.
7pm	Meet in hotel bar.
7.30pm	Our evening meal will be at Aakash, where Bradford does what Bradford does best – curry! This will be an informal evening to appreciate why ethnic markets are some of the lamb sector's best customers. Taxis to be provided.

Wednesday 15th February

TIME	SESSION
8am	Breakfast.
8.30am	Travel from hotel to Wool House, Sidings Close, Canal Road, Bradford, BD2 1AZ.
9am	Arrive at Wool House. Tea and coffee on arrival.
9.15am	Morning ice-breaker – the £1,000 sheep challenge.
9.45am	Sharing your NSA Next Generation Ambassadors experiences.
10.45am	Tea/coffee break.
11am	Body condition scoring and its importance in driving output in your flock – with Katie Brian, AHDB Beef & Lamb.
12.15pm	Lunch.
1pm	Genetics and the tools available for recording performance and buying on performance – with Sam Boon, Signet.
3pm	Finish and depart.



Second Delivery Session – May 2017

Monday 22nd May

TIME	SESSION
From 10am	Arrive at Stonehill Barn, Stonehill, Swallowcliffe, Salisbury, SP3 5PL, to meet Martyn Fletcher, NSA South East Region Committee Member and shepherd for Perin and Sonja Dineley. We will leave at <u>10.25am at the latest</u> , sharing vehicles to go out and view how Martyn works alongside Perin and manages his part of the farming set-up.
10.30am	Session with Martyn, looking specifically at how he captures data on the flock of New Zealand Romneys and stud of New Zealand Suffolks, particularly for selecting top performing females. Martyn will also talk about his grassland management, handling and EID systems, and how he's recently started working more to SCOPS principles for parasite control.
1pm	Return to Stonehill Barn for lunch.
1.30pm	Managing parasite burdens in sheep without encouraging anthelmintic resistance development – with Lesley Stubbings, independent consultant / SCOPS advisor.
3pm	Travel to Fernhill Farm, Cheddar Road, Compton Martin, Somerset, BS40 6LD to meet our hosts for the evening Andy Wear and Jen Hunter. www.fernhill-farm.co.uk .
4pm	Farm walk with Andy and Jen, taking in the sheep flock and diversification ventures including farm and craft therapies, eco-venue for weddings and celebrations, events, festivals, meetings and workshops.
6pm	Pre-dinner discussion on driving farm efficiency – with Matt Blythe, NSA member and West Sussex sheep farmer running 2,000+ Lleyn and Lleyn cross ewes.
7.30pm	Evening meal prepared by Jen with home-grown produce and (if weather permits) an evening around the fire pit.
	Note on the accommodation: We will be staying in Andy and Jen's bunk house. Bedding will be provided but please bring your own towels. We are a very long way from a pub so please bring your own refreshments for the evening!

Tuesday 23rd May

TIME	SESSION
8.30am	Breakfast.
9am	Catch up on what you have been up to since the last session / progress on your personal targets – with Hannah Park, NSA.
9.30am	Getting the most from your farm accounts: managing the figures, VAT and tax liabilities, and preparing a business plan for a loan – with Mark Seager and Adam Sealey, Old Mill Accountancy Group.
11am	Business planning and benchmarking session – with Marc Jones, Adas consultant, HCC scholar and sheep farmer from Welshpool, Powys.
1pm	Lunch.
1.30pm	Continuation of business planning and benchmarking session, including one-to-one sessions with Marc to go through personal costings.
3.30pm	Finish.



Third Delivery Session – July 2017

Monday 17th July

TIME	SESSION
From 10am	Meet at NSA Head Office, The Sheep Centre, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6PH. Tea and coffee on arrival.
10.30am	Personal development session with Wyn Owen, Organisational Development Consultant. Wyn is from a farming background in Wales but now provides personal development training for (mainly) rural businesses. He will aim to help you develop your skills in time management, conflict resolution, delegation and negotiation, among other things.
1.30pm	Lunch.
2pm	Afternoon session with Wyn Owen.
3.15pm	Travel to Premier Inn, Ledbury Road, Ross-On-Wye, HR9 7QJ, and check into overnight accommodation.
4.15pm	Travel by minibus to the Kilpeck Inn, Hereford, HR2 9DN to meet Frank Lloyd of The Dorelands, Abbey Dore, Hereford.
4.45pm	Farm tour with Frank Lloyd, who runs a mainly sheep enterprise with an emphasis on getting the most out of the land available to him. He will share his views on how nutrition and genetics has allowed him to make a significant improvements.
7pm	Back to the Garway Moon Inn, Garway, Hereford, HR2 8RQ for tea.
11.30pm	Travel by minibus back to accommodation.

Tuesday 18th July

TIME	SESSION
7.15am	Breakfast.
7.45am	Travel to Cropvale Farm, Smokey Lane, Cropthorne, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 3NF. This is a grass breeding site ran by Barenbrug, who are generously hosting us for the day.
9am	Take as fewer vehicles as possible to Orchard Farm, Boston Lane, WR11 2RD for Love Lamb Week photoshoot - with AHDB Beef & Lamb and Hannah Park, NSA.
10.15am	Return to Cropvale for welcome from James Ingles (Barenbrug) and Bill Reilly (AHDB Beef & Lamb), with an introduction to Cropvale.
10.30am	Technical presentations on grass and legume species, better utilisation of forages and selecting the right mixtures.
12 noon	Tour of trials and demonstrations.
1pm	Lunch.
1.30pm	Soil structure, fertility and health.
2.30pm	Travel to Vicarage Farm, Lower Quinton, Stratford-on-Avon, CV37 8RY.
3.15pm	Farm tour with Antony Spencer, NSA Marches Region Chairman, with a specific focus on finishing lambs and using growth rates for sustainable anthelmintic use.
5pm	Travel to Best Western Banbury House Hotel, Oxford Road, Banbury, OX16 9AH, to check into overnight accommodation. Free time before evening meal.
7pm	Pre-dinner discussion on different routes into the industry and keeping a sheep flock on track within a mixed enterprise – with Kevin Harrison, NSA officeholder and employed farm manager running Mules ewes on a mixed farm in Gloucestershire.

Wednesday 19th July

TIME	SESSION
8.15am	Breakfast
9am	Depart for Suzuki HQ, Steinbeck Crescent, Snelshall West, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK4 4AE.
10.15am	Tour of Suzuki GB.
12 noon	Travel to 'Experience the Country' / lunch.
12.30pm	Split into three groups for sessions on ATV handling, maintenance and attachments. Please wear bring suitable clothing, boots that offer ankle protection, wet weather gear and gloves. Helmets will be provided by bring your own if you have one.
3.15pm	Finish and depart.



Fourth Delivery Session – September 2017

Monday 18th September

TIME	SESSION
From 10am	Meet at Craven Cattle Marts, Gargrave Rd, Skipton BD23 1UD.
10.30am	Meet auctioneer Ted Ogden for an introduction to CCM and a tour of Skipton market. This will be followed by an opportunity to look round the market and watch sales taking place that day.
12.15pm	SCOPS session with Lesley Stubbings via Skype.
12.45pm	Lunch in the market cafe.
1.15pm	Travel to Pot Haw Farm, Moorber Lane, Coniston Cold, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 4ED.
1.30pm	We will be met at Pot Haw by David and Harry Coates. David has been part of a share farming agreement since the 1980s with landowner John Henderson, while also setting up a successful diversification venture – Craven Country Ride. His son Harry has recently returned to work on the family farm. The pair will share their views on how share farming might work more widely around the UK, as well as discussing how they operate a successful sheep enterprise alongside the equine venture.
3.15pm	Travel to our accommodation for the night - Holiday Inn Express Preston South, Reedfield Place, Preston, PR5 8AA. Check-in to overnight accommodation.
4.30pm-5.30pm	Free time before travelling to evening meal.
5.45pm	Travel by taxis to Shaw Hill Resort, Chorley, Lancashire, PR6 7PP where we will be joined by Steve Powdrill, AHDB Beef & Lamb, and Rachel Gilder, Dunbia, ahead of the live/dead day tomorrow.
6pm	Meet in the Stanley Suite for briefing with Steve ahead of the live/dead day tomorrow.
7pm	Our guest speaker before dinner will be John Geldard. John started as tenant farmer in the Lake District and has since built up a thriving family business covering several enterprises. He founded Plumgarths Farm Shop and supplies several local retailers and larger supermarkets in the South Lakes area.
7.45pm	Dinner

Tuesday 19th September, kindly hosted by Dunbia

TIME	SESSION
7.30am	Breakfast.
7.50am	Travel to Dunbia, Church Road, Preston, Lancashire, PR5 6AJ.
8am	Welcome from Rachel Gilder, Dunbia followed by live/dead training with Steve Powdrill, AHDB Beef & Lamb.
12 noon	UK versus NZ taste comparison test and discussion.
1pm	Lunch
2pm	Retail factory tour with Rachel and other Dunbia staff.
3.30pm	Finish and depart.



Fifth Delivery Session – November 2017

Tuesday 14th November

TIME	SESSION
From 10am	Arrive at Welshpool Livestock Market. Tea and coffee on arrival.
10.30am	Media training – with Joanne Briggs and Hannah Park, NSA Communications Team.
1pm	Lunch.
1.30pm	iSAGE focus group discussion with Stefano Orsini. iSAGE is a research project NSA is involved in, part of which involves evaluating the sustainability of its initiatives such as the Next Generation Ambassador programme.
2.30pm	Social media training session with Ryan Wood, Farmers Guardian. Ryan is head of technical content and engagement at FG. His role involves boosting user numbers and time spent on its website, making sure readers are getting the most from FG's digital offerings.
3.30pm	Giving the consumer what they want with Rhys Llewelyn, HCC.
4.30pm	SCOPS session with Lesley Stubbings via Skype
5.15pm	Depart for bunkhouse accommodation at Severn Caravan Park, Cilcewydd Farm, Forden, Welshpool, SY21 8RT and check in. We're staying here both nights.
6.30pm	Depart for the Royal Oak Hotel, The Cross, Welshpool, SY21 7DG.
6.45pm	We will be joined for a pre-dinner discussion on progressing in the sheep industry by Carmarthenshire farmer Ben Anthony. Ben and partner Diana Fairclough have made several changes to their sheep farming business since taking it over in 2010, with everything from genetics to grassland management evaluated.
7.30pm	Evening meal.

Wednesday 15th November

NSA Next Generation event, by kind permission of Welshpool Livestock Sales

TIME	SESSION
8.15am	Depart for Welshpool Market, SY21 8SR where breakfast will be available.
9am	Help with set-up for NSA Next Generation event
10am	NSA Next Generation event – see www.nsanextgeneration.org.uk/event ** see separate itinerary on next page **
3.45pm	Help with break-down from NSA Next Generation event.
4.30pm	Return to bunkhouse accommodation at Severn Caravan Park.
6.45pm	Depart for evening's social activities. Meet at the Westwood Park pub, Salop Road, Welshpool, SY21 7EA, and then walk to Spice Fusion Curry House, 29 Severn Street (0.3 miles walk).
7pm	Evening meal and social with NSA Next Generation Ambassadors from previous years' programmes.

Thursday 16th November

TIME	SESSION
9am	Depart for Welshpool Market, Buttington Cross, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8SR where breakfast will be available.
9.45am	Ensuring the NSA Next Generation Ambassador legacy – with Joanne and Hannah alongside Ambassadors from previous years' programmes.
1pm	Lunch / Goodbyes, depart and finish



**NSA Next Generation Annual Open Event
Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 10am
Welshpool Livestock Market, Buttington Cross,
Welshpool, SY21 8SR**

10am: Registration, tea and coffee

10.25am: Welcome from NSA

10.30am: Guest speaker - Rhidian Glyn, sheep farmer from Machynlleth, Powys.

- Rhidian and his wife Elen have continued to build their sheep enterprise after starting with 15 ewes and seven acres. In 2014 the pair took on a 10-year Farm Business Tenancy on a 530-acre hill farm. The flock comprises 900 improved Welsh ewes and 200 replacement ewe lambs.

11am: NSA Next Generation Ambassadors on '*Future proofing your sheep enterprise*'

- Caryl Hughes, Wrexham on 'Taking on responsibility on the family farm'
- Richard Taylor, Wiltshire on 'Starting a new sheep enterprise'
- Lisa Adams, Suffolk on 'Managing shepherding contracts'
- Matt Haydon, Staffordshire on 'Working as an employed shepherd'

11.30am: Q&A

11.50am: Work stations – Session 1

12.30pm: Lunch

1.10pm: Work stations – Session 2

1.50pm: Change-over

1.55pm: Work stations – Session 3

2.35pm: Change-over

2.40pm: Work stations – Session 4

3.20pm: Closing comments

3.40pm: Finish



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Welshpool, SY21 8SR

Work Station Options

Session	Background	Run by
Straightforward farm finance: Know your options	When it comes to farm finance, you want to know what your options are. Find out what your options could be around borrowing for your business.	Tony Evens, Morris Marshall & Poole Partner
Using genetics to get the most from your flock	Consider how genetics could improve your flock output. Whether you've been monitoring genetic performance for a while, or are considering what options could be best for your flock for the first time.	Gwawr Parry, HCC Development Officer
Get the land you want!	There are many different routes into sheep keeping. From grazing lets to FBTs, contract farming to share farming agreements. Consider your options here.	Ian Cairns, Farming Advice Service
Flock health: What to watch this season	Find out more about effective, preventative measures for every scenario. Every season is different, so taking periodic assessments and planning accordingly is key.	Philip Skuce, Moredun
Meeting those all-important market specifications	With so many market requirements out there, see how easily lamb finish can alter a carcass with a live butchery demonstration to make sure you're on target.	James Ruggeri, HCC, alongside a trained butcher
Getting the most from your working dogs	Would you be lost without your four-legged companion? Get some tips and tricks to make sure your dogs are working for you.	Meirion Owen, International Sheep Dog Society
What are the options when it comes to joint ventures?	Want to get into farming? Ever considered a joint venture? Farming Connect's matchmaking service could be what you're looking for.	Einir Davies, Farming Connect