



First Delivery Session – February 2016

Monday 22nd February

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 10am | Arrive at NSA Sheep Centre, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6PH. Refreshments on arrival |
| 10.30am | Welcome / NSA Next Generation introduction – led by Phil Stocker and Joanne Briggs, NSA |
| 10.50am | Ambassador introductions |
| 12 noon | Getting to know each other and target setting |
| 12.45pm | Lunch |
| 1.30pm | The sheep sector by numbers – with Katie Brian, AHDB Beef & Lamb |
| 2.15pm | The £1,000 sheep challenge |
| 3pm | Tea/coffee break |
| 3.15pm | Genetics and the tools available for recording performance and buying on performance – with Sam Boon and Steve West, Signet, and local Meatlinc breeder Richard Vines. |
| 6pm | Travel to accommodation (approx. 10 mins) Abbey Hotel, Abbey Road, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 3ET |
| From 7pm | Pre-dinner drinks in the bar |
| 7.30pm onwards | Dinner followed by guest speaker Samuel Wharry, NSA national chairman and share farmer from Northern Ireland |

Tuesday 23rd February, sponsored by AHDB Beef & Lamb

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 8.15am | Breakfast |
| 8.45am | Travel from hotel to NSA Sheep Centre, Malvern, WR13 6PH |
| 9am | Morning ice-breaker |
| 9.30am | Sharing your NSA Next Generation Ambassador experiences |
| 10am | Body condition scoring and its importance in driving output in your flock – with Nerys Wright, AHDB Beef & Lamb |
| 11am | Tea/coffee break |
| 11.15am | Vet's Corner – the importance of flock health planning, reducing lamb losses and biosecurity – with Phillipa Page, Wood Veterinary Group, Gloucestershire |
| 1.15pm | Using faecal egg count reduction tests – with Lesley Stubbings, SCOPS (via Skype). |
| 1.30pm | Lunch |
| 2pm | Travel to farm (approx. 30 mins) Bradley Farm, Bradley Court Road, Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire, GL17 0DR, to meet Kate Robinson, NSA Next Generation Ambassador 2014 and shepherd for the 1,100 Lleyn and Charollais sheep at Bradley Farm. |
| 2.30pm | Farm walk looking at heath planning, collecting performance data at lambing time and running a sheep enterprise along arable, beef and milking goats – with Kate Robinson and Phillipa Page. |
| 4pm | Quick debrief before people leave, with the option to stay on and see the cattle at Bradley Farm for those who wish to. |



Second Delivery Session – May 2016

Tuesday 24th May

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 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 show us his handling and EID systems and, time permitting, talk about the grazing management and forage crops grown. |
| 12noon | Managing parasite burdens in sheep without encouraging anthelmintic resistance development – with Lesley Stubbings, independent consultant / SCOPS advisor. |
| 1.30pm | Lunch. |
| 2pm | 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 . |
| 3.30pm | Getting your hands on land! Securing grazing lets, negotiating FBTs, setting up share farming agreements and succession planning on owned units – with Kate Russell, Central Association of Agricultural Valuers. |
| 5pm | Farm walk – with Andy, taking in the sheep flock at Fernhill Farm and its other work offering farm and craft therapies and serving as an eco-venue for weddings and celebrations, events, festivals, meetings and workshops. |
| 7pm | Pre-dinner discussion on driving farm efficiency – with Kevin Harrison, Gloucestershire sheep farmer and NSA Marches Region Chairman. |
| | To be followed by a 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. |

Wednesday 25th February

| TIME | SESSION |
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| From 6.30am | Optional shearing session – with Andy, who hosts BWMB shearing courses and is a champion blade shearer. |
| 8.30am | Breakfast. |
| 9am | Catch up on what you have been up to since the last session / progress on your personal targets – with Phil Stocker, 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. |
| 1.45pm | Continuation of business planning and benchmarking session. |
| 3.45pm | Finish. |



Third Delivery Session – July 2016

Monday 25th July

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| 10am | Meet at the Sheep Centre, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6PH. |
| 10.20am | 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, negotiation etc. |
| 1.20pm | Lunch. |
| 1.50pm | Afternoon session with Wyn Owen. |
| 3.20pm | Travel to Woodside Lodges Country Park, Falcon Lane, Ledbury, Herefordshire.. |
| 4pm | Travel by minibus to the Garway Moon Inn, Garway, Hereford, HR2 8RQ, to meet Richard Sparey of Lodge Farm. |
| 4.45pm | Farm tour with Richard, 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 improve output per hectare. |
| 7pm | Back to the pub for tea. |
| 11.30pm | Travel by minibus back to Woodside Lodges Country Park. |

Tuesday 26th July

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| 8.30am | Leave Woodside Lodges Country Park. |
| 9am | Breakfast in the Farm Shop at Clive's Fruit Farm, Upper Hook Road, Upton Upon Severn, Worcestershire, WR8 0SA. |
| 9.45am | Leave Clive's Fruit Farm. |
| 10.15am | Arrive at 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. |
| 10.30am | Welcome from James Ingles (Barenbrug) and Dr Liz Genever (AHDB Beef & Lamb). |
| 10.45am | Introduction to Cropvale - James Ingles. |
| 11am | 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 | Return to NSA Sheep Centre, Malvern, WR13 6PH for 'virtual farm walk' with Campbell Tweed, NSA Northern Ireland Chairman, Easycare and Wiltshire Horn breeder, and grassland enthusiast. |
| 4.15pm | Travel back to Woodside Lodges Country Park to change for dinner. |
| 6.15pm | Travel to the NSA Sheep Event Dinner in the Severn Hall, Three Countries Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR12 6NW. |
| 11.30pm | Travel by minibus back to Woodside Lodges Country Park. |

Wednesday 27th July – NSA Sheep 2016 - Leave Woodside Lodges at 7.30am. Event closes at 5pm. You may leave any time after 3pm. See separate timetable for responsibilities during the day.



Fourth Delivery Session – September 2016

Tuesday 27th September, by kind permission of British Wool Marketing Board

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 10am | Arrive at Wool House, Sidings Close, Canal Road, Bradford, BD2 1AZ. |
| 10.15am | Introduction to BWMB and viewing of the sales auction. |
| 11.30am | Tour of North of England Wools grading depot. |
| 12.45pm | Lunch. |
| 1.15pm | Presentation on work of BWMB and Campaign for Wool. |
| 1.45pm | Travel to Haworth Scouring by minibus. |
| 2pm | Tour of Haworth Scouring. |
| 3.15pm | Travel back to Wool House. |
| 3.30pm | SCOPS update on drench resistance test results. |
| 4.30pm | Travel to Campanile Hotel, Bradford, 6 Roydsdale Way, Euroway Estate, Bradford. |
| 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 with BWMB and a chance to look at why ethnic markets are some of the lamb sector's best customers. Taxis to be provided. |

Wednesday 28th September

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 8.15am | Breakfast |
| 8.45am | Travel to Craven Cattle Marts, Gargrave Road, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 1UD. |
| 9.15am | Meet Ted Ogden for an introduction to CCM and a tour of Skipton market. This will be followed by an opportunity to watch the store cattle sale, but no sheep on a Wednesday unfortunately. |
| 11am | Short visit to the nearby Keelham Farm Shop (five-minute walk) to look at their public engagement messages and red meat product offering. |
| 12.15am | Return to Skipton for lunch in the market canteen. |
| 1pm | Travel to Pot Haw Farm, Moorber Lane, Coniston Cold, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 4ED. |
| 1.15pm | We will be met at Pot Haw by John Henderson and Harry Coates. John set up one of the first share farming arrangements in the UK in the 1980s, with Harry's dad David. John is a huge advocate of the share farming concept and will share his views on how it could work more often in the UK, while Harry will talk about his role in the family farm since returning to work on the beef and sheep unit. |
| 3.15pm | Travel to Shaw Hill Golf Resort and Hotel, Shaw Hill, Chorley, Lancashire, PR6 7PP. |
| 5.50pm | Meet in the Stockley Room. |
| 6pm | Briefing with Steve Powdrill, AHDB Beef & Lamb, ahead of the live/dead day tomorrow. |
| 7pm | Our guest speaker before dinner will be James Robinson, an organic dairy farmer from Cumbria. He will talk about his roles as www.thisisdairyfarming.com ambassador and Shorthorn Cattle Society President, as well as his enthusiasm for public engagement, particularly via Twitter. Follow him at @JRfromStrickley. |
| 8pm | Dinner, with lamb kindly supplied by Dunbia. |

Thursday 29th September, by kind permission of Dunbia

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 7.15am | Breakfast. |
| 7.45am | Travel to Dunbia, Church Road, Preston, Lancashire, PR5 6AJ. |
| 8am | Live/dead training with Steve Powdrill, AHDB Beef & Lamb. |
| 12 noon | UK versus NZ taste comparison test and discussion. |
| 1pm | Lunch. |
| 2pm | Sessions with Dunbia staff to cover:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retail primal specs• Balancing carcasses• NPD• Consumer shopping habits, buying trends and demands. |
| 3.45pm | Finish and depart. |



Fifth Delivery Session – November 2016

Wednesday 16th November, with facilities kindly provided by Rare Breed Survival Trust

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 10am | Arrive at Rare Breeds Survival Trust, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG. Tea and coffee on arrival. |
| 10.30am | Media training with Joanne Briggs and Hannah Park, NSA Communications Team. |
| 1pm | Lunch at Farmers Fayre Farm Shop, five-minute walk away. |
| 2pm | Social media training session with Vickie Robinson, Farmers Guardian Head of Technical Content. |
| 3.30pm | Giving the consumer what they want with Gareth Renowden of AHDB Beef & Lamb Domestic Marketing. |
| 5pm | Depart for Stratford Upon Avon Central, Payton Street, Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6UQ |
| 6pm | Meet in Premier Inn meeting room for final SCOPS session with Lesley Stubbings |
| 7.15pm | Meet in reception to go to evening meal, with guest speaker Hillary Mann. Hillary will speak about how her family have successfully secured a farm tenancy and added value to the sheep flock and farm site. |

Thursday 17th November

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 8.30am | Breakfast |
| 9am | Travel to Vicarage Farm, Lower Quinton, Stratford-on-Avon, CV37 8RY. |
| 9.15am | Farm walk with Antony Spencer, an NSA member and sheep farmer managing sheep across a number of mostly-rented land parcels. |
| 11.15am | Depart for Stratford Livestock Market, Campden Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 8LP. |
| 11.30am | Feedback session to reflect on 12 months as an NSA Next Generation Ambassador. |
| 1pm | Lunch |
| 1.30pm | We will be joined by the NSA Next Generation Ambassadors from 2015 and 2014 for an interactive session looking at the year you've spent together as Ambassadors, what you've achieved and what your plans for the future are. This session will be with Samuel Wharry, NSA Chairman and share farmer. |
| 4pm | Return to accommodation. |
| 7pm | Social evening in Stratford with Ambassadors from 2014 and 2015 and NSA staff. |

Friday 18th November, NSA Next Generation event, by kind permission of Bletsoes

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 8.15am | Breakfast |
| 8.45am | Depart for Stratford Livestock Market, Campden Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 8LP |
| 9am | Help with set-up for NSA Next Generation event |
| 10am-3.45pm | NSA Next Generation event – see www.nsanextgeneration.org.uk/event **PLEASE WEAR YOUR BLUE TSHIRTS AND/OR NEW BODYWARMERS** |



Inspiring the Next Generation of Sheep Farmers

On Friday 18th November 2016

**At Stratford Livestock Market by kind permission of Bletsoes
Campden Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 8LP**

10am Registration / Tea and coffee

10.30am *Welcome:* Samuel Wharry, NSA Chairman and share farmer

10.50am *Guest speakers:* Different routes into the sheep sector

- Jacob Anthony, Bridgend, on taking more responsibility on the family farm
- Euan Cumming, Suffolk, on starting a new share farming agreement
- Hannah Jackson, Cumbria, on working as a self-employed shepherd
- Robert Spink, Norfolk, on managing multiple grazing agreements



11.50am *Work stations: Session 1**

12.30pm Lunch

1.10pm *Work stations: Session 2** [Five minutes change-over]

1.55pm *Work stations: Session 3** [Five minutes change-over with tea, coffee and cake]

2.40pm *Work stations: Session 4**

3.20pm *Closing comments and presentations*

3.40pm Finish and depart

* PTO for work station details. It is essential you attend the stations you've selected, in the order indicated on your name badge.





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Work Stations

| Which session? | What's the purpose? | Who's it led by? | Where will I find it? |
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| Making the most of performance recording | With more flocks offering performance information on stock for sale, find out how to make it work for your flock – look for figures appropriate for your system and know the right questions to ask. | Steve West, Signet | Covered Outside Area 1 |
| Practical sheep handling | Efficient use of mobile handling systems is a key skill. Pick up top tips on selecting lambs, checking ewes and administering vet meds from a sheep farmer handling large numbers on a regular basis. | Kevin Harrison, sheep farmer and NSA regional chairman | Covered Outside Area 2 |
| Reporting and recording sheep movements | Movement recording/reporting can be the trickiest thing about keeping sheep. Get to know the legalities and how forthcoming changes to CPHs might help, particularly for people with several land parcels. | Ian Cairns, Farming Advice Service | Covered Outside Area 3 |
| Keeping sheep healthy | Take a risk assessment for your sheep and find out how to protect them. What health threats might already be lurking what preventative measures can you take against diseases like footrot and abortion? | Phillipa Page, vet | Canteen |
| Getting your hands on land! | From short-term grazing lets to full FBTs, share farming agreements to contract farming, there are many routes into keeping sheep and lots of options new starters can take advantage of. | Chris Templar, Bletsoes | Auction Ring |
| What makes a successful livestock business? | Understanding the success factors of high performing businesses and how to compare performance, against yourself each year and other similar flocks, whether you're just starting out or running a large enterprise. | Mark Topliff, AHDB Beef & Lamb | Ashwin Suite |