



Delivery Session Four – 27th – 29th September

Tuesday 27th September

TIME	SESSION
10.30am	Arrive at West Shields Farm, Tow Law, County Durham, DL13 4HN for a farm tour with previous NSA North Sheep hosts 2017, the Smith Family.
10.45am	Farm tour with David Smith to view the family's 900 acre traditional mixed farm. Looking at the commercial sheep flock of 1350 Mules and some Texel's, with a addition of 300 commercial suckler cows. The family also has invested in renewable energy with wind turbine installed in 2012 alongside solar panels and a biomass boiler which feeds three houses.
1.15pm	Lunch at West Shields Farm
2.00pm	Depart for Hexham market (NE46 3SG)
2.40pm	Arrive at Hexham Market for media training and a session on promotion of the UK sheep sector with Joanne Briggs, NSA Operations Director.
5:30pm	Leave for accommodation: Station Inn, Hexham NE46 1EZ
7.00pm	Dinner – at Station Inn

Wednesday 28th September

TIME	SESSION
7:45am	Breakfast at Hotel
8.45am	Depart for Hexham mart.
9.00am	Arrive Hexham mart for Personal development session with Wyn Owen. MSc DipPsych NSch. 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.
12.00pm	Lunch at Hexham mart
12:45pm	Finish session with Wyn Owen
2.00pm	Meet Robert Addison, Director at Hexham & Northern Mart for a update on business and market trends and tour of the Mart
2.45pm	Return to Tyndale suite for session with Andrew Robinson, Partner and Head of Agriculture for and on behalf of Armstrong Watson LLP & Samantha Charlton / Head of Engagement (Beef & Lamb)

	Andrew & Samantha to discuss business planning and benchmarking for your business.
6.00pm	Depart Hexham mart for accommodation
7.30pm	Meal at Golden Dragon Chinese restaurant in Hexham followed by farewell drinks!

Thursday 29th September

TIME	SESSION
7:45am	Breakfast at Hotel
8.30am	Depart for farm tour at Willy & Christian Woodman's
9.00am	Arrive at Chesters Farm,
	The family farm 2130 acres that are located at two bases, 30 miles apart, Bradford House Farm near Ponteland has 930 acres and 1,200 acres at Great Chesters, a hill farm in the shadow of Hadrian's Wall. They have a lowland flock, of 250 Mule ewes and 200 Texel cross ewes at Bradford house farm and 700 Blackface ewes, 250 are bred to the blackface for replacements ewe lambs, the other 500 are put to the Blue Faced Leicesters to breed mule lambs at Chesters farm. In addition, they also have 270 cattle, mainly Limousin crosses with a few British Blue crosses, with 50 to 60 bulling heifers.
12.00pm	Refreshments before departing for home