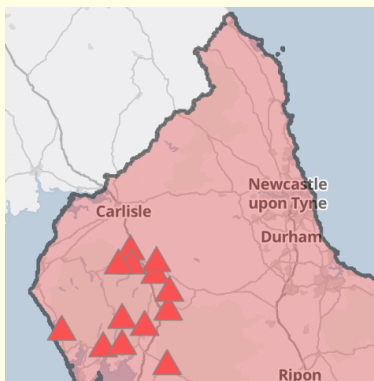


June 2026 NEWSLETTER



Bluetongue Restrictions

Please be aware, movement restrictions into Scotland from the RZ (England & Wales) are in place from 1st June until 9th September.



Animals moved into Scotland during this time require:

- EXD645 completed by keeper ahead of move to Scotland
- Negative PCR test for bluetongue within 7 days of the move. Animals moving direct to slaughter or cattle that have completed a vaccination course using the Bultavo-3 vaccine with 21 days elapsing since completion of the primary course or that have received a vaccine booster, are exempt from testing.
- Record of vaccine purchase/dosage/date of administration if applicable.
- Insecticide pour-on treatment within 7d of move to Scotland. Talk to one of the vets about product choice.

Kelso Tup Sales

Kelso tup sales are being held this year on 11th September. This is after the **provisional** end to movement restrictions into Scotland which apply during the high risk vector period, from 1st June until 9th September.

Therefore, there should be no requirement for BTV blood testing before Kelso. This is, however, subject to change.

How to Wean Lambs?

It is important to consider feed quality and availability. Ideally, all lambs need to be weaned onto a high quality, high-protein diet. If you intend on feeding novel feedstuffs after weaning, expose lambs to the new feed source whilst still with their dams.

Although it is not always the easiest option, **ewes should be moved away from lambs, rather than lambs away from ewes.**

This ensures that lambs are left in a familiar environment, and do not struggle with novel feedstuffs or finding water during the stress of weaning. This should help to minimise the 'check' at weaning. Even just 48hrs in a new environment is sufficient time for lambs to get their bearings, before taking the ewes away to barer grazing for dry off.

Clipping Injuries

Clipping injuries are somewhat inevitable due to the nature of the job, so its best to be prepared for injuries ahead of shearing. It can be frustrating to pause clipping to attend to these wounds, but they are best dealt with as soon as possible in order to avoid complications.

Simple skin wounds heal best when clean skin edges can be held in place; wounds can be cleaned with an antiseptic and skin staples can be used as emergency first aid to close the skin.

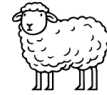
Consider wound sprays, fly-treatments and pain relief once the wound has been closed.

For more complicated wounds, ie wounds involving the pizzle/udder/scrotum/vulva/tendons, deep or long wounds, or wounds that bleed excessively, please phone the office for advice.

Sheep Pathway– CLAIM NOW!

Now that lambing is finished for another year and ewes and lambs are all at grass, we have to begin thinking about worms again. Worm egg counts are a useful tool to monitor burdens in lambs and can contribute towards the first part of the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway for sheep. AHWP funding ends in June 2027– flocks that act now may still have time to claim AHWP twice before then.

If your 12-digit pathway number begins 'IAHW', there is no need to reapply, just follow the steps below! Please get in touch with Emili or Claire if you need any help with the pathway.



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