

Smallholder Scheme



Black Sheep Farm Health Dedicated farm vets

Black Sheep Farm Health is an independent practice based in Rothbury, Northumberland. We serve farms all over the county and are dedicated to engaging with all of our farming clients, irrespective of size.

While the biology of a sheep or a cow is the same regardless of farm size, we recognise that smallholders often have different aims and expectations to many farmers. Likewise, many enthusiastic smallholders find themselves wanting to do the best by their livestock, but are unsure of where to go for guidance.

To this end, we have put together the **Smallholder Scheme** to provide a tailored service and build a smallholder community. For a small monthly or annual fee, you can now have access to practical and proactive healthcare for your livestock.

In this way we aim to not only improve the health and productivity of livestock on smallholdings, but also the knowledge and satisfaction of their keepers.



What's included in the Smallholder scheme?

Members of the Smallholder Scheme receive:

- A **complimentary visit on signing up** to meet you and your stock.
- An annual **Holding Health Plan** visit, with a written document that sets out a purchase policy, preventative health care, parasite control and more.
- A **dedicated vet assigned to your holding** to ensure consistency of service (within normal hours).
- Regular **worm egg counts and fluke tests** as needed.
- A **seasonal newsletter** covering topical issues and important diseases in plain English.
- **Discounted access to courses** run by Black Sheep Farm Health.
- **Access to smallholder resources** (paper and electronic copies).

£10 per month or £120 annual payment (ex. VAT)

If you are yet to embark on your smallholding but would like advice on how to best plan for animal husbandry, health and welfare, do not hesitate to get in touch.

What do we have to offer?

The entire team at BSFH is committed to the livestock under our care, and their keepers.

We have a strict 'no stupid questions' policy and all client concerns are taken seriously. Our location is convenient with plenty of parking and we endeavour to always provide service with a smile.

As a Black Sheep Farm Health client, you would have access to:

- **A 24 hour service.** There are always 2 vets on call out-of-hours to answer your questions or attend emergencies.
- **Competitive prices on drugs, lab fees and visits** – smallholders receive the same rates as commercial farmers.
- **Expertise in less common species** - Jenny Hull is the practice lead for goat medicine and a member of the Goat Veterinary Society. Jack Sheldrake is the practice lead for pig and camelid medicine, having a background in pig breeding, rearing and showing.



How to sign up

If you would like to sign up to the Smallholder Scheme, or would just like to ask some questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Alternatively ring through to the practice and we will be pleased to speak to you. You can even stop into the practice and get a cup of tea!