

COUNCIL'S REPORT

Another year has passed and once again the Council have faced difficult decisions with the sales as the result of the Blue Tongue Disease. Many Officers meetings have been held and also the Council was convened as well to try to come to some sort of a compromise and give all members the best possible opportunity to sell their stock. With different ruling in force in the United Kingdom, the Council decided to withdraw the ruling regarding the number of rams eligible for sale against females, but they still maintained the maximum of six rams per flock. This decision was taken for the later sales, Welshpool and Carlisle. Also, a decision was taken to help members to sell their sheep was to move the Welshpool sale from the Saturday to the following Tuesday.

Sales were held at different markets in the UK and also Southern Ireland and these proved to be quite successful and the averages for all group of sheep was encouraging and therefore bringing substantial income through commission to the Society. Thank you to all members who supported the sales, the income received from the commission is being spent in promoting the breed to all the members of the Society. We would like to encourage more members to support the official sales.

Ram inspections were held during the summer of 2025 with them all being held in markets and none on farms, except Northern Ireland where they are held, by the kind permission of the Kennedy Family, on their farm for which we are thankful to them. The number of rams forward for inspection was encouraging. As usual we are thankful to the Ram Inspection Team for their hard dedicated work – thank you both! Thank you all as members for bringing your rams forward for inspection in order that the Society can keep high standards with the rams and we would like to encourage more members to do this.

It gives great pleasure to report that the meeting of young members under the name of 'Next Generation Gathering' is going from strength to strength – this in itself is very pleasing to see young people showing interest in the breed, and we hope that they will still carry on with the good work to secure the breed's success in future years.

Also, we have to thank the members of the two sub-committees, The Breed Development and Promotions, for their dedication in their work in looking at different ways to improve and secure the future of the Lleyen breed.

Their work is of utmost importance to make sure that the breed is continuing to flourish. Both sub-committees report back to the Council.

Just a quick reminder and to ask all members to consider carefully the Council's request to give the office their current e-mail address as we are aiming to go paperless in the very near future. Sending information out by e-mails will cut postage costs and this money will therefore be better spent in promoting the breed further to ensure that Lleyn will be the breed well sought of. Of course, those of you without an e-mail address and cannot access one through a family member/friend can still have their paperwork in hard copy but please let us know.

Finally, a reminder that subject to full payment of your subscription fee you may appoint a person (whether a member of the Society or not) to attend the meeting as your proxy and speak and vote on your behalf. Every such appointment shall be in writing and signed by yourself and shall be produced by the proxy to one of the Society's Officers before the authority given by it is exercised **and before the start of the Annual General Meeting**. Please note that no person shall act as proxy for **more than one member**.