



**BLUEFACED LEICESTER**  
SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders' Association

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Membership costs only £25.00 annually which we prefer by Standing Order. (The mandate is attached for annual payment on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year). You will receive each year a Spring Looking Ahead Magazine, an Autumn Review Magazine and also the Yearly Flock Book. You must be a paid member for each year that you have lambs to register. **If you are joining after January, please send a cheque for £25 for membership for this year.**

The cost of registering lambs is only £8.50 each plus VAT. The Registration fee includes the cost of an E.I.D. Button tag printed with the official Bluefaced Leicester ear tag number, and the reverse side will be printed with your UK Flock mark and consecutive number. A secondary tag with UK information will be provided free of charge. Tags can be ordered later in the year, but the cost is doubled, and they may take longer to process. Lambs must be registered in the year they are born and must be registered by the breeder. The deadline for New Members ordering Registration Tags is the 1<sup>st</sup> December and the registration form must be completed and returned to the Association Office by the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

On receipt of your application form we will check your choice of prefix (please list a first and second choice of prefix in case your first choice has been used in the past, in which case it cannot be used again). When this has been approved you will be allocated an Association Flock Number, this will be imprinted on your ear tags and will also be your Standing Order mandate reference. We will forward to you confirmation of both your Bluefaced Leicester Flock Number and Prefix once your application has been processed and the membership fee received.

Due to changes in the data protection act the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come in to force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. In order to meet the requirements from the GDPR we need members consent for the Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders' Association to process and hold personal data (including sensitive personal data) that we collect from you in accordance with our Privacy Policy which can be viewed on our website or a printed copy can be supplied on request. Consent will be collected in the use of tick boxes.

Your data will be used in the compiling and publishing of the Association flock book, compiling Association sale catalogues, promotion of the breed through magazines, website, publicity leaflets, display stands at national shows and events. There may be instances where we need to share your data with third parties these are the chosen tag company, authorised printers for magazines and sale catalogues. Auction companies who officiate at our Association Sales, our Association Accountants and Auditors. And when you order branded merchandise. Tick boxes will be used to gain consent.

If you would like to join the association, please can you complete and return the completed pink application form remembering to tick the consent box, the standing order mandate and also details of any registered animals you own to me at your earliest convenience. **\*\*If the applicant is under 18 years of age a parent or legal guardian must give their consent for the individual to apply for membership**

If you require any further assistance to help to complete the application, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

*Helen*

Helen Carr-Smith  
Secretary

***The Association is established for the purpose of promoting agriculture by;***

- a) Encouraging the breeding and maintaining the purity of Bluefaced Leicester Sheep.
- b) Establishing and publishing a flock book of recognised pure bred Bluefaced Leicester sheep.
- c) Registering the progeny of Bluefaced Leicester sheep.
- d) Doing all things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1) A Flock book of registered stock is published annually and sent to each member as part of the Annual Subscription.
- 2) The Association emblem is an 'L' within a hexagon and all tags bear this.
- 3) The flock is given a number by the Secretary on joining the Association.
- 4) The flock 'prefix' or flock name is the breeder's choice, but must differ from any other prefix already issued.
- 5) The Annual General Meeting of the Association is held in May each year.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual subscription is £25, the VAT on which is paid by the Association. The subscription is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January and is usually paid by standing order.

**REGISTRATION OF LAMBS**

- 1.a) To be eligible for registration, both sire and dam must be registered.
  - b) Lambs may only be registered by their breeder, even if they are sold.
  - c) Tags must be ordered before 31<sup>st</sup> May otherwise a double charge will incur.
  - d) Registration Forms with breed details of the sire of the lambs tagged must be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> December otherwise no tags will be issued in the following year.
  - e) Black lambs cannot be registered.
2. **All new members will be contacted by a Council Member who may deliver the first years order of tags and also carry out a flock inspection at this time. Flocks will be visited on a random basis and inspected where it is felt there is a need.**
3. Inspectors will be appointed by Council of management to inspect all sheep at Association sales.

The following guidelines are issued on the presentation of sheep at Association Sales:

**FAULTY TESTICLES:** If a ram is found by the inspectors to be marginally incorrect in the testicles, he will be given an identification mark by the inspectors and the vendor must notify the Auctioneers and have the fault announced in the ring at the time of sale and warrant the ram a stock getter.

**CUDSPILLING:** Any sheep found by the inspectors to be cudspilling will be removed from the mart and the tag left in. Any complaint by the buyer for cudspilling must be lodged with the auctioneers before the sheep is removed from the premises. Any dispute is between vendor and purchaser.

**SHAVING OF HEADS:** No shaving or clipping of hair in front of the eyes will be permitted. The sheep will be removed from the mart and the tag left in.

**SUB-STANDARD SHEARLING AND AGED RAMS;** Will not be allowed to be sold. The same standards will apply to all sheep, with the exception of mouths on shearlings and aged rams, where the teeth must touch the pad. Any variation will be at the discretion of the inspectors.

**MOUTHS; The teeth of lambs must touch the pad, neither over nor under.**  
**Adult Rams** of good general conformation but considered to be marginal in the mouth will be marked by the Inspector and accepted for sale upon the Exhibitor undertaking to bring the defect to the attention of the Auctioneer and announced at time of sale.

**BREED TYPE/COLOUR/SKIN/CONFORMATION;** This will be left to the discretion of the inspectors at each sale. If a lamb is rejected for being sub-standard in any of these categories, the tag will be cut out and the sheep removed from the mart.

**BLACK WOOL;** Black wool must be declared by the vendor at the time of the sale but inspectors still have the right to reject sheep for black wool so extensive as to seem not true to breed type. If black wool is not declared and found by the purchaser before it leaves the mart, the sheep can be returned on that day.

**DISPERSALS;** Usual inspection standards apply to all ewe lambs.

ANY SHEEP REJECTED BY THE INSPECTORS WILL HAVE THEIR TAG LOGO CUT OUT AND MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY FROM THE MARKET.

**IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH ANY PROBLEMS OR QUERIES, WHICH YOU MAY HAVE AS A NEW MEMBER. THIS WAY WE CAN SORT THINGS OUT OVER THE TELEPHONE AND PREVENT ANY CONFUSION AT A LATER DATE.**