



**BLUEFACED LEICESTER**  
SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders' Association

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Dear Member

The following items are enclosed:

- ✓ 2026 Tag order Form
- ✓ Notes for Guidance 2026 & Step by Step Guide for Access to Grassroots
- ✓ On reverse of this letter, tag cost price details
- ✓ Trustee Nomination Form

Tags can be ordered at the lower rate of £8.50 plus VAT until the 31<sup>st</sup> May, after this date, any tags ordered will be at the higher rate of £17.00 plus VAT. All tags must be ordered before 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**New Members** can order tags up to the 1<sup>st</sup> November and **always pay the lower rate in their first year only**

**The price of £8.50 is made up of £1.00 for a pair of tags and £7.50 administration costs**

### Members in England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland

There are two options for payment of tags:-

1. **BACS** – Paid direct in to the bank – the UK bank details are printed on your tag form - **if you choose to pay by this method please use your name and membership number as a reference for the payment. Please indicate on your completed tag form if you have paid via BACS.**

**BACS is the preferred method of payment.**

2. **Cheque** – please make cheques out to Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders' Association

**Please note all cheques will be cleared through the banking system (this can take up to 7 working days) before Tags are ordered and your registration form is forwarded to you.**

**\*SOUTHERN IRELAND MEMBERS\* – OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT IS BY DIRECT PAYMENT INTO THE BANK – THE EURO BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS ARE PRINTED ON YOUR TAG ORDER FORM - IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO PAY IN £'S STERLING PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR THE UK BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS. **WE NO LONGER ACCEPT EURO CHEQUES.****

**WHICHEVER METHOD OF PAYMENT YOU CHOOSE NO ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED UNLESS A COMPLETED TAG ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE**

A VAT receipt will be returned with your Registration Document.

Spare copies of the tag form are available to download from the website at [www.blueleicester.co.uk](http://www.blueleicester.co.uk)

### **Important Information for all Members**

**When completing your Tag Order Form, please ensure you complete it **IN FULL** and tick the box at the bottom of the form if you give your consent for your Form to be forwarded to Allflex for processing.**

Tags can only be ordered by those who have returned their registration form for the previous year (with the exception of new members who have joined this year), tags will not be ordered for anyone until their breeding history is fully up to date. If you are unsure if you have returned last years registration form please telephone the office to check **BEFORE** forwarding your tag order form to us. **You must make sure your membership is paid up to date before ordering tags.**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office should you have any queries whilst completing your tag order form.

Yours sincerely,

*Helen*

Helen Carr-Smith  
Secretary

**Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders' Association**

**2026 Tag Price (Inc Registration Fee)**

tags ordered up to 31st May 2026 please pay the lower rate of £8.50 plus VAT per pair

tags ordered after this date please pay the higher rate of £17.00 plus VAT per pair

**All Tags must be ordered by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

No Tags	Net Amount	V.A.T.	Total Cost		No Tags	Net Amount	V.A.T.	Total Cost
1	£ 8.50	£ 1.70	£ 10.20		21	£178.50	£ 35.70	£ 214.20
2	£ 17.00	£ 3.40	£ 20.40		22	£187.00	£ 37.40	£ 224.40
3	£ 25.50	£ 5.10	£ 30.60		23	£195.50	£ 39.10	£ 234.60
4	£ 34.00	£ 6.80	£ 40.80		24	£204.00	£ 40.80	£ 244.80
5	£ 42.50	£ 8.50	£ 51.00		25	£212.50	£ 42.50	£ 255.00
6	£ 51.00	£ 10.20	£ 61.20		26	£221.00	£ 44.20	£ 265.20
7	£ 59.50	£ 11.90	£ 71.40		27	£229.50	£ 45.90	£ 275.40
8	£ 68.00	£ 13.60	£ 81.60		28	£238.00	£ 47.60	£ 285.60
9	£ 76.50	£ 15.30	£ 91.80		29	£246.50	£ 49.30	£ 295.80
10	£ 85.00	£ 17.00	£ 102.00		30	£255.00	£ 51.00	£ 306.00
11	£ 93.50	£ 18.70	£ 112.20		31	£263.50	£ 52.70	£ 316.20
12	£102.00	£ 20.40	£ 122.40		32	£272.00	£ 54.40	£ 326.40
13	£110.50	£ 22.10	£ 132.60		33	£280.50	£ 56.10	£ 336.60
14	£119.00	£ 23.80	£ 142.80		34	£289.00	£ 57.80	£ 346.80
15	£127.50	£ 25.50	£ 153.00		35	£297.50	£ 59.50	£ 357.00
16	£136.00	£ 27.20	£ 163.20		36	£306.00	£ 61.20	£ 367.20
17	£144.50	£ 28.90	£ 173.40		37	£314.50	£ 62.90	£ 377.40
18	£153.00	£ 30.60	£ 183.60		38	£323.00	£ 64.60	£ 387.60
19	£161.50	£ 32.30	£ 193.80		39	£331.50	£ 66.30	£ 397.80
20	£170.00	£ 34.00	£ 204.00		40	£340.00	£ 68.00	£ 408.00
45	£382.50	£ 76.50	£ 459.00		50	£425.00	£ 85.00	£ 510.00
55	£467.50	£ 93.50	£ 561.00		60	£510.00	£102.00	£ 612.00
65	£552.50	£110.50	£ 663.00		70	£595.00	£119.00	£ 714.00
75	£637.50	£127.50	£ 765.00		80	£680.00	£136.00	£ 816.00
85	£722.50	£144.50	£ 867.00		90	£765.00	£153.00	£ 918.00
95	£807.50	£161.50	£ 969.00		100	£850.00	£170.00	£1,020.00

## **2026 TAG ORDER FORM GUIDANCE**

Enclosed is your 2026 Tag Order Form. The completed form must be returned to the office by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 to be eligible for the lower rate, or 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 for the higher rate.

### **RETURN YOUR TAG ORDERS TO:**

**Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders' Association, Riverside View, Warwick Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 2BS.** You can also return your form by e-mail to [info@blueleicester.co.uk](mailto:info@blueleicester.co.uk) or by WhatsApp to 07818 515488. Payment can be made by cheque or via BACS, our bank details can be found on your tag order form.

\*For Southern Ireland Members you will find the Euro Bank Account Details on your Tag Order Form. Please indicate on your tag form if you have paid via BACS – **WE NO LONGER ACCEPT EURO CHEQUES.**

### **WHICHEVER METHOD OF PAYMENT YOU CHOOSE NO ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED UNLESS A COMPLETED TAG ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE**

#### **Bluefaced Leicester Side of Tag:**

This records your BFL Flock number and lamb tag numbers W001 upwards and will be your EID tag.

#### **UK Side of Tag:**

This records your UK six-digit identification number **and** the sequential number of the lamb. The sequential number will be allocated automatically from the Defra database.

#### **Secondary Tag:**

The Association will include a secondary tag as part of your registration fee. This year it will be a **WHITE** button tag. This tag will not only record the same UK identification and sequential number as on the EID button tag, but will also be printed with your Bluefaced Leicester information, and these tags will fulfil the UK compulsory double tagging requirements.

### **MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THE ASSOCIATION ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE MATCH UP TAGS**

UK numbers can only be issued if the relevant part of the form is completed accurately, including your Country/Parish/Holding number. You must be registered as a Sheep Keeper with your Animal Health Office and your UK Flock Number should be registered to the CPH number quoted.

For Northern Ireland members you must provide your **Business Identifier Number** as well as your XI flock number. A valid AAF1 form must be logged with the tag suppliers before tags will be issued to Northern Ireland Members.

For Southern Ireland members you must provide your **IE Flock Number.**

### **Please provide all relevant information at the time of ordering your tags and this will improve our service for you**

#### **COST OF TAGS (including REGISTRATION FEE):**

**£8.50 + £1.70 VAT IF ORDERED BY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY**

**£17.00 + £3.40 VAT IF ORDERED AFTER 31<sup>st</sup> MAY BUT BEFORE 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

This year our supplier will remain as Allflex.

If you require Allflex taggers – then please complete the necessary section on the Tag Order form. They are available to buy at a cost of £13.20 (11.00 plus £2.20 VAT)

**REPLACEMENT EID & VISUAL TAGS CAN BE ORDERED**, if the sheep requiring the replacement tag is not homebred, one of the following is required: the old tag, the Breeders consent to re-issue, or proof of purchase.

**N.B. REPLACEMENT TAGS MUST BE ORDERED THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE & ARE SUPPLIED FREE OF CHARGE AGAIN THIS YEAR.**

#### **2026 Registration Form Information**

**AS FROM 2022 ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED EITHER ONLINE VIA GRASSROOTS OR BY RETURNING YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO THE OFFICE BY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2026, ALL LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL INCUR A £15.00 PER LAMB LATE REGISTRATION FEE**

**If you supply an e-mail address on your tag order form this year - your 2026 Registration forms will be e-mailed to you, to the address you provide.**

Members, please read the following information carefully to ensure you complete your registration form correctly.

- A) The recording of Embryo Transferred Lambs must be shown on the registration form in the tick box provided – this information will appear in the flock book and will be required for Association Sale Catalogues, this information is **COMPULSORY**, this change was discussed and voted on at Council and it has been compulsory to provide this information since 2016.
- B) As from 2024 a column for the Date of Birth and Birth Number will be included on your registration form. **In 2026 it will be voluntary for this information to be provided.**

## **REGISTERING LAMBS ONTO THE GRASSROOT SYSTEM – A STEP BY STEP GUIDE**

At present your flock details are held on a Database called Grassroots. When your registration forms are sent to the office all the information is uploaded manually and entered online in a read only format. However, as a breeder you have the opportunity to manage your flock online by recording deaths and transfers. You can also register your lambs online rather than using the registration forms although any alterations are authorised by the account manager which is the Bluefaced Leicester Association office.

Grassroots is used by different breeds and their database uses the phrase Birth Notification. The Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders Association do **NOT** birth notify.

**You MUST have your Association tags before registering any of your lambs.**

### **Entering Grassroots**

1. Go 'on-line,' go to the Association Website at [www.blueleicester.co.uk](http://www.blueleicester.co.uk)  
Click on 'MANAGE YOUR FLOCK' or the picture of the sheep (top right-hand side of the screen).  
Now click on 'Manage your flock'.  
Enter you Flock Number with leading zeros to make up to a five-digit number e.g. 00123  
Enter your 4 or 6 letter password (all in lower case). If you have forgotten your password, please contact the office and a password reset link can be sent.  
Enter a valid email address.

### **Registering Lambs**

2. **For Births - Click on Menu Bar ☰ The Manage My Animals menu will Appear.**  
**Click on 'Births'**  
**Sire** - Click on My Males (brings up a list of all Rams in your Flock) or Click on All Males (a search option will appear to enable you to search for any Ram).  
**Dam** - Click on My Females (brings up a list of all Females in your Flock) or Click on All Females (a search option will appear to enable you to search for any Female).  
**Conception Type** - Select if AI or ET  
**AI/ET Date** - Can be recorded but not compulsory.  
**Number Born** – Detail here how many are in the litter (not all of the litter need to be registered now).  
**Log Now** – Select number of Males & Females you wish to register now in this litter.  
**CLICK Next (bottom right of screen)**  
**A table will appear for you to add in the following details;-**  
**UK Tag** - Needs to be completed in full with the UK number and individual number i.e. 123456 00010  
**THIS NUMBER IS COMPULSORY & UNIQUE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL – DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON YOUR PEDIGREE TAGS.**  
**BFL Tag No** - enter complete tag number e.g. 1234/W001 (**DO NOT** enter leading zeros here). This information is Compulsory.  
**Individual Name** - The Flock Prefix is sufficient, an individual name is **not** needed.  
**Scrapie Results** - Can be included at this stage but are not compulsory.  
**CLICK Add To List.**

When all animals are entered **CLICK Display List to Submit** (top right hand-side of screen).

**Click on the Tick Box** to confirm acceptance and then **CLICK Submit** (bottom right of screen).

Your transactions will appear in your shopping basket, there is no Fee to pay so **CLICK Pay by Cheque to clear your Shopping basket.**

### **Recording Deaths and Transfers**

3. **For Deaths – Click on Menu Bar ☰ The Manage My Animals menu will Appear. Click on 'Report Deaths'.**  
**deaths'**, Click on the box beside the relevant animal – then click on 'Continue'. Type in the date of Death and then **CLICK Submit.**  
**For Transfers – Click on Menu Bar ☰ The Manage My Animals menu will Appear. Click on 'Transfers'**, click on the box beside animal to be transferred. If you have sold or transferred to a member, click on continue. Enter the date sold. If the purchaser is a member, use the Find a member option to transfer to their flock or if sold to a non member, Select Add a Buyer 'Search for a New Owner' and this will open a search screen. If you transferred to a non-member, click on 'Enter Buyer Details' and complete the details. If you do not know the buyer, just type on 'Not Known'. Then **CLICK Submit.**

### **Purchased Animals**

4. If you purchase an animal you will have to let the office know by email, telephone, WhatsApp or letter and the office will process the transfer into your online flock.

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