



## **NSA BREED SOCIETY FORUM**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Edenhall Country House**  
**Edenhall, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 8SX**

### ***'A strong working relationship between NSA and breed societies'***

*It is now three years since the NSA changed its Articles of Association, which means this fifth NSA Breed Society Forum is a good time to look at the way we work together and how this can be developed for the future. The day will take a look at the current working relationship between NSA and breed societies, as well as topical areas of NSA activity. It will also provide a platform for other people/groups that NSA has links with, and conclude with an excellent farm walk.*

### **Agenda**

- 9.45am**      **Registration, tea and coffee**
- 10.15am**     **Welcome** from Samuel Wharry, NSA Chairman
- 10.25am**     **NSA strategy and structure, and the Articles of Association** with Phil Stocker, NSA Chief Executive, and Samuel Wharry
- 11am**        **NSA policy areas** with NSA staff members. To include updates on current activity on CAP, carcass splitting, farm assurance, sheep identification and movements
- 11.35am**     **Break**
- 11.50am**     **Guest speaker David Hall.** As the regional representative in North West England, David will provide an update on the latest activity from Eblex. He will talk about the latest forecasting information for the lamb sector, trends in lamb demand and promotional activity, as well as current technical work from Eblex and Signet.
- 12.20pm**     **Guest speaker Amanda Carson.** Many of you will know Amanda as Secretary of the Herdwick Sheep Breeders Association, but she is also the sheep veterinary lead for APHA's Surveillance Intelligence Unit and sits on the Farm Animal Genetic Resources Committee (FAnGR). Amanda will talk about the work of FAnGR and also Defra's interpretation of zootechnical legislation, using the Herdwick society's experience of the benefits of registering as a fully-recognised breed society for export opportunities, legal indemnity, and recognition for grants and funding
- 1pm**         **Lunch**
- 1.40pm**     **Depart for farm walk:** Please note that the farm walk is for attendees of the Breed Society Forum in the morning; you cannot attend the farm walk only.
- 2pm**         **Farm walk at Whinfell Park:** Details overleaf
- 3.30pm**     **Finish and depart**



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## **Farm Walk at Whinfell Park, Penrith** **By kind permission of Messrs Jenkinson**

Clifton Moor Farm, Clifton, Penrith, CA10 2EY  
Roughly a six-mile drive from the morning venue

Messrs Jenkinson opened the gates at Whinfell Park, Penrith, for NSA North Sheep in June 2005, so it will be interesting to see how the business has developed since. Farm manager Nick Scholefield will show how the 3,000-ewe flock of Mule and Texel Mules fits in alongside other farm enterprises in the Eden Valley-based business, including pedigree Limousins, arable and shooting. The flock uses Texel and Beltex sires to produce prime lambs sold in batches of 200 from 14 weeks of age throughout the summer.

### **A description of the farming enterprise from Messrs Jenkinson:-**

*Located in the lush landscape of the upper Eden Valley, the Messrs Jenkinson Farms set benchmark standards in bovine genetics, cattle, sheep and arable productivity.*

*Throughout the holdings, the policy is one of continued improvement of land, livestock and facilities, tempered by a recognition that Jenkinson's are stewards of the land; respectful custodians for its future occupants.*

*The farm comprises six formerly separate holdings now operated as a single, efficient unit. Bringing the highly successful business culture of the A.W. Jenkinson companies to work on the farm has reaped rich rewards at a time when farming is a hard bitten industry.*

*Activities on the farm are made up of a blend of bovine genetics, cattle, sheep, arable and shooting land. The Limousin herd comprises 150 breeding females, which calve down to high quality pedigree stock bulls. The farm also holds around 3,000 ewes; these Texel/North Country Mule crosses produce in excess of 5,000 lambs per year.*

*The combined livestock land totals around 1,100 acres; the remaining 700 acres is given over to an arable rotation of winter wheat, oilseed rape, spring oats, and winter and spring barley. The Jenkinson arable land contributes almost the entire feed requirements of the farm, as well as providing a marketable surplus of barley, wheat and oilseed rape.*

*Finally the farm also operates a series of premium quality game shoots. French partridge and pheasant are reared on site and there is also an active program to reintroduce the increasingly scarce native grey partridge. In line with A.W. Jenkinson's wider fiscal policy, the farm is entirely self-financed from within the Group. A high degree of investment in the latest machinery and farming innovations; from a satellite-driven guidance system for precision farming to advanced crop return-to-treatment monitoring; helps drive maximised yield, whilst keeping use of agrochemicals to cost-efficient, environmentally responsible levels.*

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