

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EXPERIENCE

From the arrival of our first four females in 2008 I have been totally focused on knowing as much as I can about breeding and genetics in order to continually improve our herd. This quest for knowledge led me down the BAS judge training route leading to my qualification as a BAS Fleece and Halter Judge in 2017.

I believe in order to judge well it is important to see and breed high quality alpacas and this has been our intention from the start. We decided to concentrate on top quality Huacaya genetics, and have bought top lines from the UK, Australia and New Zealand. We now own around 160 alpacas and have more agisted. I am constantly researching and assessing traits in order to keep improving our herd, and only bred from females who are sound in conformation as well as having superior fleece qualities.

The welfare of our herd is of upmost importance. My background as a Critical Care Nursing Sister has proven to be very useful in this area. I am also currently Chair of the North West Alpaca Group and regularly organise welfare related webinars

Our first Suri females arrived in July 2016. By February 2017 we had 9 females, a young potential stud, and had purchased the Brown Champion Suri Male from the Australian National Show (2016). The Suri still make up only 10% of our herd, however, the 2019 show season saw two of our home bred Suri males take Supreme Championships. We continued have with a successful autumn show season in 2021.

We have a highly performing herd, both in fleece and at halter shows. I am passionate about showing, and the promotion of alpaca in general. Whilst a BAS board member in 2014, I was instrumental in organising the BAS National Show at Telford (for the first time at the new venue). I remained as Chairman of the show for three years and I am still a committee

member. I also have an organiser's role in the NWAG Alpaca Championships, Westmorland Show and the Northern Fleece & Halter Shows.

In 2021 I started tutoring on the BAS training course for those wishing to improve their knowledge and for those wishing to go on to judge training.

I have been fortunate to have had many opportunities for continuing development, including attending calibration clinics with:

Jude Anderson
Natasha Clark
Cheryl Ghley
Amanda VandenBosch

I have also attended workshops presented by:

Cameron Holt
Brett Kaysen
Andy Merriweather
Jim Watts
Paul Vallely

2021

Sept – Fleece Show Germany

Oct- YAG Halter 2-day show

2020

- all appointments postponed

2019

Jan – Re-certification halter and fleece pass

April – Heart of England Fiesta (halter 240 entries)

May – Cornwall Camelid Show (halter)

July – Fleece Show Poland

Aug – Fleece Show Sweden

Fleece Show Norway

Oct- International Alpaca Festival Italy (halter and fleece)

2018

April - Alpaca Association Benelux – Halter

April – Southern Ireland National Show – Halter

June – Three Counties Fleece Show

Oct – Halter & Fleece Show Rothenturm. Switzerland

Nov – Northern Fleece Show

2017

May – Northern Ireland Halter Show

Sept – Westmorland County Show – Halter

Sept - Heart of England – Fleece

2017

February – certified as BAS judge