Cotswold Sheep Society Newsletter





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INTRODUCTION

Hi, I am the recently appointed secretary for the Cotswold Sheep Society and wanted to introduce myself to you all. Many of you will have met me at Society functions as well as Shows and I look forward to meeting more of our members.

As well as Secretary I also manage the Website and Newsletter, this being my first issue. Please do get in touch with anything you would like included on the website or articles for the newsletter. As a member myself, I love to hear of anything highlighting our fantastic breed.



I farm full time splitting my time between our Cotswold flock and pedigree Dexter herd in Herefordshire with my parents and my commercial and pedigree flocks and beef cattle in Carmarthenshire, with my partner, Aled.

Our Waterloo flock of Cotswolds was established by my late sister, Victoria, with a Kespar ewe kindly gifted by Steve Parkes. Now a predominantly homebred flock, our foundation stock was built from Kespar, Stowell Park and Tingewick lines. Like my sister, I also enjoy showing and my mother, Kathryn and I have continued showing in Victoria's memory.

Although we enjoy showing, our Cotswolds are also expected to perform as well as our commercial sheep. We very often top our

local market and similar to showing, this is a great window to show others that Cotswolds can perform just as well as other breeds and should not be predefined by their rare status. Do share your successes and be proud of your breed.



Lastly I would like to thank those that have supported us and continue to do so after our tragic loss of Victoria.

I hope to see many of you at our Winter Social, please do not be shy and do get in touch!

THE
VICTORIA
WHEELER
MEMORIAL
CUP



2024—D Stanhope, Tingewick Flock 2025—JF Palfrey & BT Stayt, Roelcots Flock

A true Cotswold country girl, growing up at Waterloo Farm, 10 miles from Moreton in Marsh, it seemed only right that this would be the show for Victoria's memorial trophy.

A new class from 2024, sponsored by Kathryn, Nicholas & Elizabeth Wheeler this trophy is presented for the best pair of lambs at the National Cotswold Sheep Show at Moreton in Marsh Show.

A trophy which we as a family hope will keep Victoria's memory alive in the show ring for many years to come.

THE COTSWOLDS

The Cotswold Sheep.

Except for a single flock, which may be seen near Aldsworth, the Cotswold sheep are almost extinct, a surprising fact when one considers their fame and utility. But as H. A. Evans reminds us "the farmer has had to look for his profit to the mutton rather than to the wool, and by crossing the purebred Cotswold with the Hampshire Down, he has produced

THE COTSWOLD SCENE

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an animal of smaller size, and though the fleeces are less

heavy the mutton is of superior flavour."

In view of the former importance of the breed it is worth perpetuating the following account of their characteristics:-"They have clear, fine white faces with a slightly Roman profile and rakish-looking locks of silky wool hanging down over the forehead. The effect of this 'lovelock' is unique and is one of the distinguishing points of the sheep. Long, level and broad backs, with slightly overhanging rumps, with frame with well-sprung ribs, good legs of mutton, neck somewhat long and moderately thick, especially at the base, and arching upwards. Prominent eyes, chest standing well forward, and full, clean, white legs; a grand and noble bearing. Tall enough to look over the hurdles by which they are surrounded. Fleece open and curly and of considerable weight, sometimes in the case of hoggets exceeding fourteen pounds. . . ." UNDER LUGE

A passage from 'Guide to the Cotswolds', one of the volumes of illustrated guides to areas of the United Kingdom published by Ward, Lock and Co. Limited, 1910 onwards (depending on edition). With thanks to Adrian Loker and Caroline Cunningham for sharing.



The Cotswold Sheep Society warmly invite all members, their family and friends to our Annual Prize Giving and Society Winter Social.

- > Two Course Meal
- ♦ Raffle
- ♦ Annual Prize Giving



WINTER SOCIAL 2025

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Arrival from 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm

Aldsworth Village Hall, Sherborne Lane, Aldsworth, Gloucestershire, GL54 3QU

MENU

Chicken, Ham & Leek Pie *or*Vegetable Cottage Pie with Sweet Potato Mash
With
Fresh Vegetables and Potatoes

Apple & Blackberry Pie with Custard or Fresh Fruit Salad with Cream

Tea and Coffee

Wine and soft drinks available to purchase

Tickets: £20 per person

Please make payment direct to Cotswold Sheep Society

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Please add the reference 'Surname Winter Social'

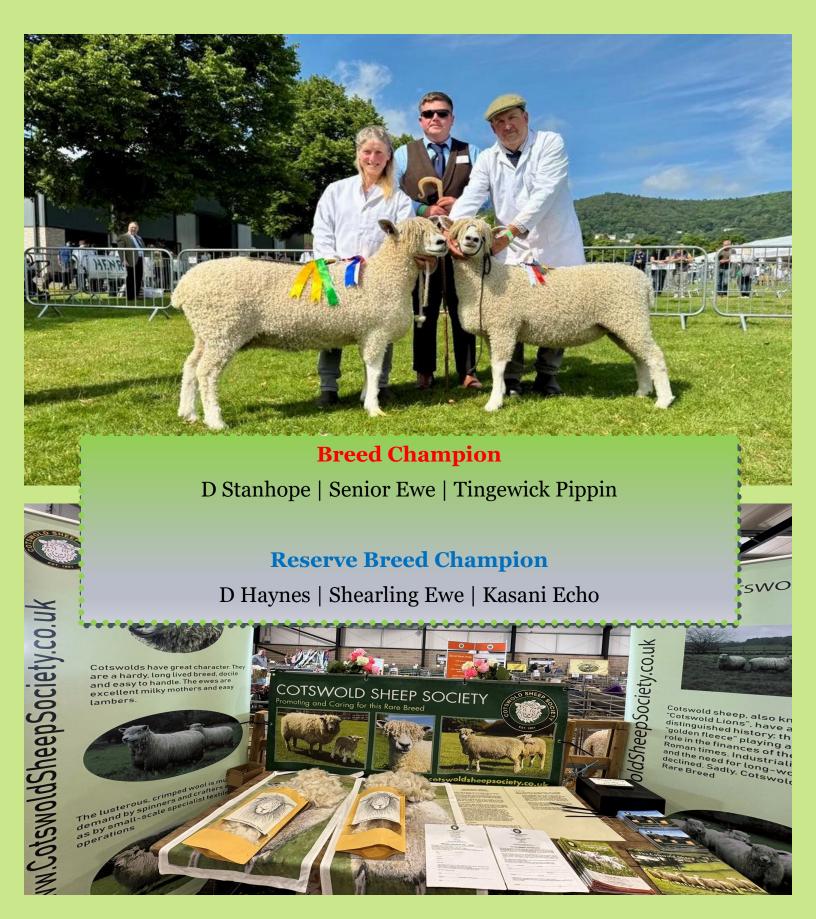
RSVP to Lizzy Wheeler by Saturday 15th November 2025

With your meal choices and confirmation of payment secretary@cotswoldsheepsociety.co.uk 07464 754399



ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW

Judge: Mr BT Stayt, Roelcots Flock



Senior Ram

- 1. K, V & E Wheeler
- 2. Dixon & Sadiq
- 3. S Parkes

Ram Lamb

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. K, V & E Wheeler
- 3. Dixon & Sadiq

Shearling Ewe (Clipped)

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. D Stanhope
- 3. D Haynes
- 4. D Stanhope

Exhibitor Bred Pair

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. K, V & E Wheeler
- 3. Dixon & Sadiq
- 4. S Parkes

Shearling Ram

- 1. K, V & E Wheeler
- 2. D Haynes

Senior Ewe

- 1. D Stanhope
- 2. D Haynes
- 3. D Haynes
- 4. S Parkes
- 5. Dixon & Sadiq
- 6. Dixon & Sadiq

Ewe Lamb

- 1. K, V & E Wheeler
- 2. S Parkes
- 3. K, V & E Wheeler
- 4. D Haynes
- 5. Dixon & Sadiq

Group of Three

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. K, V & E Wheeler
- 3. Dixon & Sadiq
- 4. S Parkes

Female Champion

D Stanhope | Senior Ewe, Tingewick Pippin

Reserve Female Champion

D Haynes | Shearling Ewe, Kasani Echo

Male Champion

D Haynes | Ram Lamb, Kasani Ferdinand

Reserve Male Champion

K, V & E Wheeler | Shearling Ram, Waterloo Ivan







Kenilworth Show

Judge: Mr Joshua Brigg





Champion: D Haynes | Senior Ewe | Kasani Cranberry

Reserve Champion: JF Palfrey & BT Stayt | Ram Lamb | Roelcots Hurricane

Reserve Native Interbreed Champion | D Haynes | Kasani Cranberry

Male Champion

JF Palfrey & BT Stayt - Ram Lamb

Reserve Male Champion

Dixon & Sadiq - Senior Ram | Kespar Virgil

Female Champion

D Haynes - Senior Ewe

Reserve Female Champion

D Haynes - Ewe Lamb | Kasani Femme

Senior Ewe

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. D Haynes
- 3. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 4. Dixon & Sadiq
- 5. Dixon & Sadiq

Shearling Ewe

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. D Haynes
- 3. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 4. D Haynes
- 5. Dixon & Sadiq

Ewe Lamb

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 3. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 4. Dixon & Sadiq

Ram, Any Age

- 1. Dixon & Sadiq
- 2. D Haynes
- 3. N Stone
- 4. Dixon & Sadiq

Ram Lamb

- JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 2. D Haynes
- 3. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 4. Dixon & Sadiq
- 5. N Stone

Hanbury Show

Judge: Mr Jon King

Champion

D Haynes

Senior Ram | Kasani Casper

Reserve Champion

D Haynes

Shearling Ewe | Kasani Echo



Ram, Any Age

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. D Haynes
- 3. S Parkes
- 4. J Evans

Ram Lamb

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 3. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 4. K, V & E Wheeler

Senior Ewe

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. D Haynes
- 3. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 4. S Parkes

Shearling Ewe

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 3. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 4. D Haynes

Ewe Lamb

- 1. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 2. D Haynes
- 3. S Parkes
- 4. K, V & E Wheeler

Group of Three

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 3. S Parkes
- 4. Dixon & Sadiq



Cotswolds made their presence known with David Haynes' Shearling Ewe, Kasani Echo winning the Rare Breed Interbreed and JF Palfrey & BT Stayt's Senior Ewe, a Harford Ewe, taking reserve.

Champion Wool on the Hoof was awarded to K, V & E Wheeler's Ewe Lamb, Waterloo Jemima and Reserve to Dixon & Sadiq's Senior Ram, Kespar Virgil.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN...

It was a long while ago when I read about my grandson's story on how he got into Cotswold sheep. The other side from Grandad will make you smile, and some of you reading this may have already had the same journey.

I took the children out for a day at Burford Wildlife Park, a bit of a drive from over the border in Warwickshire. We had an enjoyable day, my grandson came to me, 'Grandad I have found some sheep'. He took me by the hand to see, we read the plaque:

COTSWOLD SHEEP (LION OF THE COTSWOLDS)

His little face looked up at mine, 'Grandad, can we have some?' Me being me, told him they are rare breed sheep for a reason. I told him I would take him to Worcester Market and get a couple of good ones, not Cotswolds. His little shoulders dropped like a sinking peddle in a pond. His face told it all! Later on that day, sat having an ice-cream, my daughter told me I was in the wrong, that my grandson didn't ask for the biggest or the best sheep, he asked about Cotswolds and my promise of a successful day at the market was not a good idea. The drive back home had given me plenty of time to think on my swift actions earlier, I felt like the worst grandfather.

So, the mission began, I asked a few people about these sheep but no one knew where they were or anything. I had a stroke of luck when I saw a sale on at Worcester market.

The time came for me to make good word to my grandson, my son came with me as it was a secret mission. The sale read 'Mrs Quinn, Harford Flock' (some of you may have heard the name). The sale came to an end that day with us having our first two Cotswold sheep. This would put everything right for grandad and grandson and Nanny because she wasn't happy too. After paying a lady came over, 'what are you going to do with them? Do you wish to register them?' I explained they were for my grandson, but

he wasn't at the sale. The lady kindly offered help and advice and was only a call away, she wrote the telephone number on an envelope and enquired if we showed sheep. I explained that we didn't and that was that.

The following Saturday the grandson came, his usual route of checking the sheep then the cattle. But this time there was two beautiful Cotswolds standing there nose to nose with him. 'GRANDAD', he shouted, 'they are the ones with saw at Burford!' So, all was well, grandad was in everyone's good books.



His love for the Cotswolds grew and grew, the grandson said we need Cotswold lambs! Many hours were spent online looking for inspiration or a miracle but came to nothing. The envelope with the number was my last hope. The lovely lady at the market was a fountain of knowledge, also her husband was a regular showman too. Mr & Mrs Parkes set us off on the road all things Cotswolds. We had found some, Mr and Dr Threadingham. We drove over to Cheltenham to see about two shearling ewes. On arrival the pen of eight ewes was amazing. I explained we only wanted two. She said, 'let out what you don't want'. Like all good men, I asked the wife first, 'what do you think?' But I had my grandson by my side, so things went well for him, not so much for me. We left that field with four in the trailer.



The following year his first lamb, Archer, was born. We took him to the shows, and it was truly the best time for all the family. He never got placed in any classes, but he did well in the Young Handlers, we were proud. The first time I got to watch my daughter carry the sign for the Cotswolds and my grandsons walk the grand parade myself and my wife were the proudest people there.

I must say that the Cotswold sheep have grown on me and my entire family. I watch my grandsons growing in their capabilities and confidence with the sheep and how they can inspire young people as well. I have been welcomed by every person in the society and guided every step of the way.

I would say if you have any registered Cotswold sheep please come along to one of the shows. You, your children, or grandchildren would love it. I hope that you get as much out of it as my family has.

To be continued...

Society Summer Show

Judge: Mrs Caroline Cunningham

Senior Ram

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. S Parkes
- 3. K, V & E Wheeler
- 4. D Stanhope

Shearling Ram

- 1. D Haynes
- 2. D Stanhope
- 3. K, V & E Wheeler
- 4. D Stanhope

Ram Lamb

- 1. D Stanhope
- 2. K, V & E Wheeler
- 3. D Stanhope
- 4. D Haynes

Senior Ewe

- 1. D Stanhope
- 2. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt 4. M Parkes
- 3. D Haynes
- 4. S Parkes

Shearling Ewe

- 1. D Stanhope
- 2. D Stanhope
- 3. A Reid
- 4. K, V & E Wheeler

Ewe Lamb

- 1. D Stanhope
- 2. S Parkes
- 3. K, V & E Wheeler
- 4. D Stanhope

Group of three

- 1. D Stanhope
- 2. D Haynes
- 3. S Parkes
- 4. K, V & E Wheeler

Newcomers

- 1. M Nicholas
- 2. N Stone

Young Handlers (7-11)

- 1. A Partridge
- 2. M Sadiq
- 3. A Sadiq

Young Handlers (12-16)

- 1. K Sadiq
- 2. A Hanks





Eric Freeman Trophy | Breed Champion

Millenium Trophy | Best Senior

D Stanhope | Senior Ewe | Tingewick Pippin

Pensham Trophy | Best Opposite Sex to the Champion

Millenium Cup | Best Shearling

D Haynes | Shearling Ram | Kasani Emperor

Millennium Salver | Best Lamb

D Stanhope | Tingewick Ewe Lamb

Wool on the Hoof / Fleece

Judge: Mr Ian Brooksbank

Shearling & Older

- 1. K, V & E Wheeler
- 2. Dixon & Sadiq
- 3. D Stanhope
- 4. D Stanhope

Lamb

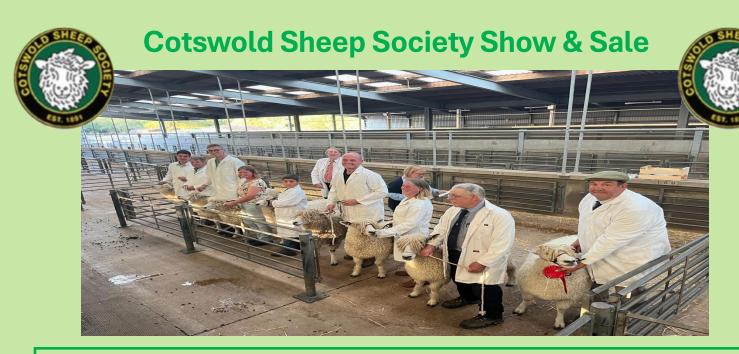
- 1. D Stanhope
- 2. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 3. A Reid
- 4. D Stanhope

Merlin's Trophy | Wool on the Hoof Champion

K, V & E Wheeler | Senior Ram | Waterloo Hunter

Fleece Competition

- 1. A Reid
- 2. S Parkes
- 3. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
- 4. S Parkes



This year's Society Show and Sale was held at Worcester Market on Saturday 9th August with the Show taking place the evening before. Card grading was carried out by Caroline Cunningham, Adrian Loker & Elizabeth Wheeler. 20 sheep were forward, which were all red carded to reflect the quality of sheep offered at this year's sale.

Pre-Sale Show

This year's pre-sale Show was judged by Mr S Higgins. The society wish to thank Mr Higgins for spending his Friday evening with us.

Champion

N Bohemia | Shearling Ram Mortimer Merlin

Reserve Champion

D Haynes | Shearling Ewe Kasani Elderflower

Senior Ram	Senior Ewe
1. N Stone	1. N Bohemia
Shearling Ram	Shearling Ewe
1. N Bohemia	1. D Haynes
2. D Stanhope	2. D Stanhope
3. D Stanhope	3. D Stanhope
	4. N Bohemia
Ram Lamb	5. D Haynes
1. D Haynes	
2. D Haynes	Ewe Lamb
	1. D Haynes
	2. D Haynes

Senior Ram: 1 forward, 1 sold: Top 120gns

Shearling Ram: 5 forward, 4 sold: Top 450gns, Average 250gns

Ram Lamb: 2 forward, 1 sold: Top 150gns Senior Ewe: 1 forward, 1 sold: Top 250gns

Shearling Ewe: 9 forward, 7 sold: Top 400gns, Average 265gns

Ewe Lamb: 2 forward, 2 sold: Top 250gns, Average 205gns



Moreton In Marsh Show

Judge: Mr Tom Davis



Senior Ram	Shearling Ram	Ram Lamb	<u>Senior Ewe</u>
1. D Stanhope	1. D Stanhope	1. K, V & E Wheeler	1. D Haynes
2. K, V & E Wheeler	2. D Stanhope	2. D Stanhope	2. D Stanhope
3. D Haynes	3. K, V & E Wheeler	3. D Haynes	3. D Haynes
4. S Parkes		4. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt	4. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
Shearling Ewe	Ewe Lamb	Pair of Lambs	Group of Three

Young Handlers (7-11)

D Stanhope

D Haynes

1. M Sadiq Reserve Champion Young Handler

- 1. A Sadiq
- 2. E Furlong Hatch
- 3. A Partridge

4. T Parkes

- 2. D Stanhope
- JF Palfrey & BT Stayt 3. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt 3. D Stanhope
- 4. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt 4. S Parkes

- 2. D Haynes
- 4. K, V & E Wheeler
- 1. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt 1. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt 1. JF Palfrey & BT Stayt
 - 2. D Haynes
 - 3. D Stanhope
 - 4. K, V & E Wheeler

Young Handlers (12-16)

1. K Sadiq Champion Young Handler

Moreton In Marsh Fleece Competition

Lustre Class

1. S Parkes



Tony Foster Challenge Trophy | Champion

D Stanhope | Senior Ram | Tingewick Warrior

The Les Arnold Trophy | Best Lamb

JF Palfrey & BT Stayt | Ewe Lamb | Roelcots Halo

The Colburn Cup

D Stanhope | Senior Ram | Tingewick Warrior

Victoria Wheeler Memorial Cup | Best Pair of Lambs

JF Palfrey & BT Stayt | Roelcots Halo & Roelcots Hurricane

The Oakhill Cup

D Stanhope | Shearling Ram | Tingewick Tobias



The William Garne Trophy | Best Female

D Haynes | Senior Ewe | Kasani Cranberry

Breed Champion

Rare Breed Interbreed Champion & Reserve Champion Overall Interbreed

D Stanhope | Senior Ram | Tingewick Warrior

Reserve Breed Champion

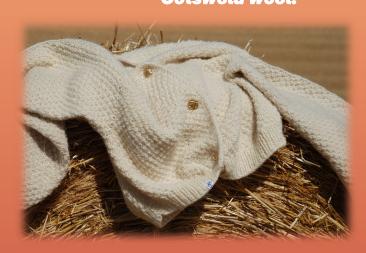
JF Palfrey & BT Stayt | Ewe Lamb | Roelcots Halo



Falling in Love with Cotswold Wool: The Beatrice Bayliss Story



When I first set out to create Beatrice Bayliss, I had a clear vision: I wanted to build a fashion brand that felt good in every sense of the word, good for the planet, good for the people who make it and good for the people who wear it. But I never expected one of the most important parts of that journey would be discovering and falling completely in love with Cotswold wool.





Who are we?

Beatrice Bayliss is a sustainable luxury knitwear brand with big ambitions. We're passionate about proving that fashion doesn't need to come at the expense of the environment. Everything we do is grounded in transparency and sustainability, from the fibres we choose, to the way we design and make our clothes.

Our mission has always been simple: to create timeless, beautiful pieces that will last a lifetime and connect people back to the story of the materials they wear.



Discovering Cotswold wool

I still remember the first time I came across Cotswold wool on my Grandad's farm, there's a natural glow to the fibre that's unlike anything else, when I ran it through my fingers I could feel it's strength as much as it's softness. It's a fibre with real character and I knew straight away it belonged at the heart of our collections. The more I learned about it, the more I fell for it. This is a wool with history, once known as the 'golden fleece of England'. It speaks of heritage, tradition and craftmanship but it's also incredibly relevant to today's fashion industry. At a time when we're all searching for natural, local and sustainable alternatives, Cotswold wool ticks every box.

Why we love it

Cotswold wool is versatile enough to be spun into something delicate, but strong enough to create garments that truly last. For us, that's essential, we don't believe in fast fashion or throwaway culture. Every jumper, cardigan or accessory we create with Cotswold wool is designed to be worn, loved and passed down. There's also something deeply rewarding about knowing that by choosing this fibre, we're supporting British farmers and keeping a traditional industry alive. Each piece carries a sense of place and connection to the Cotswolds: the rolling hills, the gentle sheep, the farmers who care for them. That story becomes part of the garment and our customers feel it too.

Our Products

Working with Cotswold wool has inspired us to create pieces that celebrate its natural beauty. Our knitwear collections feature simple, timeless designs that allow the fibre to shine. We keep things versatile and understated, so our customers can wear them season after season but there's always that touch of luxury in the way the wool catches the light or feels against the skin.

Every product is made in small batches, with care and attention to detail.. We want each one to feel special, not just another item of clothing, but something you'll treasure.



Looking ahead

Cotswold wool has become much more than just a material for us. It's a symbol of what we believe fashion should be. Sustainable, local, meaningful and beautiful. We're so proud to be working with it and to be part of it's story today.

At Beatrice Bayliss, we'll keep creating pieces that honour this incredible fibre and we'll keep sharing the love we have for it with our customers. Because once you've felt Cotswold wool and understood it's history, it's impossible not to fall in love so come and explore our range of Cotswold wool pieces, either on our website or across our stockists both in the UK and USA.



www.beatricebayliss.com @beatricebayliss



- **Registrations** All Registrations should have been with the Registrar by 30th September. If you have not yet completed your registrations and have lambs that you would like included in the 2025 Flock Book, please ensure to complete these by **31st October**. All lambs can be Birth Notified, which is free of charge. If you are undecided which lambs to register as long as they have been Birth Notified in their year of birth, they can be registered the following year at a small additional cost. Any registration queries can be sent to **registrations@cotswoldsheepsociety.co.uk**
- **Transfers** Please remember that when selling breeding sheep that it is essential to notify the Society and to send the new owner's details to the Registrar. Breeders will not be able to register lambs to mothers which have not been transferred into their ownership.
- **Trademarks** There are two Society Trademark schemes one for Pedigree Cotswold Lamb and the other for Cotswold Wool. For further information or to join either, or both schemes, please contact the Secretary, **secretary@cotswoldsheepsociety.co.uk**
- **Website/ Social Media** The website and social media platforms are for members to enjoy as well as to showcase our breed to the wider public audience. Please remember to regularly send photographs, show results, market prices, sheep/fleeces for sale or wanted... anything Cotswold sheep related that you would like to share. These can be sent to **web@cotswoldsheepsociety.co.uk**
- **Newsletters** As well as Cotswold sheep news and photographs, members are invited to send in articles for upcoming newsletters. Articles can be short, long or mainly photographs any contribution is greatly appreciated and will be enjoyed by fellow members.
- Clothing Branded Cotswold Sheep Society clothing can be purchased directly through GG-Gear Clothing. There is a wide range of clothing available from polo shirts and hoodies to baseball caps and beanies. For the full range, pricing and ordering, visit https://www.gggear.co.uk/cotswold-sheep-society-434-c.asp



