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GREYSTOKE CASTLE FARM

Wednesday 4th June 2025

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EVENT TIMETABLE

8:45am	• Judging of Stand Competitions
8:45am	• Seminar 1 - Building resilience post BPS within your farming business (45mins - Mainstage)
9:30am	• Farm tour begins
10:00am	• Opening Ceremony followed by presentations of Stand Competition winners (Mainstage)
10:00am	• Ben Struggnell Post mortem demonstration (Animal Health Area - 45mins)
11:15am	• Haemonchus workshop (Animal Health Area - 30mins)
11:15am	• Butchery: Shoulder cuts (Cookery Theatre - 20mins)
11:15am	• Seminar 2 – Identifying the positives of hefting: Preserving the legacy (1 hour - Mainstage)
11:45am	• Cookery: Slow-cooked lamb curry (Cookery Theatre - 40mins)
12 Noon	• Roundworms workshop (Animal Health Area - 30mins)
12:45pm	• Liver Fluke workshop (Animal Health Area - 30mins)
1:00pm	• Seminar 3 – Understanding the Journey to greater sustainability and Net Zero. (1 hour - Mainstage)
1:00pm	• Exports Insight (Cookery Theatre - 25mins)
1:30pm	• AHDB Challenge Sheep session (Animal Health Area - 30mins)
1:30pm	• Butchery: Loin breakdown (Cookery Theatre - 20mins)
2:00pm	• Cookery: Flavoured lamb chops (Cookery Theatre - 40mins)
2:15pm	• Ben Struggnell Post mortem demonstration (Animal Health Area - 45mins)
2:30pm	• Seminar 4 – Marketing for the next generation. (1 hour - Mainstage)
2:45pm	• Butchery: Mastering the leg (Cookery Theatre - 20mins)
3:00pm	• Speed Shear Competition starts
3:15pm	• Cookery: Herb-marinated lamb leg steaks (Cookery Theatre - 40mins)
4:30pm	• Farm tour final trailer
5:00pm	Event closes

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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Test your stockjudging skills** – Cumbria YFC invite you to take up the challenge of judging a selected pen of sheep.
- **Sheep Shearing Demo** – A showcase of shearing within agriculture showing all the skills involved in shearing, from clipping to skinning, and the importance of a good fleece. Would you like to be involved? A team from British Wool will be on hand giving training on the day.
- **Farm tour** - Farm tours will run throughout the day, offering a rare chance to explore the Peile family's commercial farming enterprise at Greystoke Castle Farm, Cumbria. The tour will include the farm's 1,000-acre prime grazing pasture, 1,000 acres of rough grazing, and a self-replenishing sheep flock. Their new milking unit allows them to milk 150 cows, while their beef cattle and sheep are bred for high-quality meat.
- **The Peile family** has farmed Greystoke Castle Farm since 2013 and in 2022 they took on the full tenancy. The farm consists of 700 acres of prime grazing pasture, 1,000 acres of rough grazing and 500 acres of rough grazing. The Peiles run a diverse operation including a dairy herd, beef cattle and a self-replenishing sheep flock. Their new milking unit allows them to milk 150 cows, while their beef cattle and sheep are bred for high-quality meat.
- **John Peile says:** "We are delighted to be hosting NSA North Sheep at Greystoke Castle Farm and to welcome people from all corners of the sheep industry. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our passion for farming sustainably and producing quality food in harmony with the environment."

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Seminar 1
Title: Building resilience post BPS within your farming business
Bio: Join NSA, GSC Gray and Defra for the return of the hugely popular NSA Breakfast Club live! This engaging session will cut through the confusion surrounding future funding schemes and the reality of post-BPS support options for farm businesses navigating the agricultural transition. Hear firsthand from Robert Sullivan and James Bush, Directors at GSC Grays, as they share real-life examples of how farmers can adapt to reduced income and build a more resilient future for livestock farming.

Chair: Eddie Eastham - NSA Northern Committee Member
Speakers: Robert Sullivan - GSC Grays, James Bush - GSC Grays, Defra representative

Seminar 2

Title: Identifying the positives of hefting, preserving the legacy

Bio: This session will explore the positive benefits of hefting in the context of current upland farming challenges. It will provide insights into how this traditional practice supports effective flock management, enhances sustainability and optimises land use. The discussion will offer valuable guidance for farmers navigating today's pressures, helping to maintain healthy, productive systems that benefit both livestock and upland ecosystems.

Chair: Phil Stocker - NSA CEO

Speakers: Jennifer Dodsworth - Research Associate at the Oxford University Will Rawlings - Chair of West Lakeland CIC & Chair of the Herwick Sheep Breeders Association, Louise Maquire - Rural Strategy Manager at Defra

Seminar 3

Title: Understanding the Journey to greater sustainability and Net Zero - The journey for farmers to a Net Zero future and turning the challenge to opportunity

Bio: Carbon and biodiversity are central to the future of sustainable farming. This seminar will provide farmers with clarity on how auditing these factors can enhance efficiency and productivity. Experts from Trinity AgTech will present the results of a comprehensive carbon and biodiversity audit conducted on the host farm, offering insights into the Peile family's pathway towards Net Zero. The session will explore practical strategies for reducing carbon emissions, enhancing biodiversity and optimising opportunities for long-term farm resilience.

Chair: Viv Lewis - NSA Northern Committee Member

Speakers: Brian Richardson - Virgin Money, Anna Woodley - Trinity Ag Tech, John & Liz Peile - Host Farmer

Seminar 4

Title: Marketing for the Next Generation

Bio: An invaluable insight into understanding evolving consumer trends, market dynamics and sustainable practices. Hear how the industry is adapting to changing demand, enhancing profitability and navigating the challenges and opportunities which are shaping the future of the lamb industry.

Chair: Thomas Garrick - NSA Northern Committee Member

Speakers: Awa Fuseini - AHDB, Jane Spillman - Cranstons Butchers, David Bowman - Hopes Auction Auction



ANIMAL HEALTH AREA

Introducing the Sheep Health Area, in partnership with AHDB, Moredun and SCOPSI. Join us for a day of interactive sessions packed with expert insights and practical advice to support flock health and productivity.

10:00am - 10:45am & 14:15 - 15:15pm - Ben Struggnell PM demonstration

Title: Demonstration of disease diagnosis and possible mitigation

Speaker: Today's sessions will explore the pathology behind common causes of sheep losses, highlighting how diseases develop and strategies to reduce their impact. Covering both infectious and non-infectious conditions, the demonstrations will provide practical insights into disease surveillance, post-mortem diagnostics and flock health management.

11:15am - 11:45am - Haemonchus: Live interview style

Title: Is Haemonchus a Real Threat in the North of England?

Speakers: Alasdair Nisbet and Dave Bartley, Moredun and Nerys Wright, SCOPS
Content: Haemonchus seems to be a frequent topic of discussion currently. In this seminar we will address the fact that haemonchus diagnosis seems to be increasing in some regions of the UK. We will discuss what haemonchus is, how it differs from other roundworms, how to identify it, and the available treatment options.

12:00pm - 12:30pm - Roundworms: Interactive session using the FEC Check App

Title: Efficiently Manage Worm Egg Count Reports with the FEC Check App

Speakers: Fiona Kenyon and Lynsey Melville, Moredun
Content: An interactive look at roundworm species and anthelmintic resistance. How the Moredun's recently developed award winning, FEC Check App could help you ensure best practice roundworm control to optimise flock performance.

12:45pm - 1:15pm - Liver Fluke: Live interview style

Title: Liver Fluke Control in Sheep - Getting ahead of a rapidly adapting parasite.

Speakers: Philip Stuce, Moredun and Nerys Wright, SCOPS

Content: Liver fluke is changing with the weather and climate. Administering a dose on a set date in the calendar is no longer proving effective. We will discuss how to determine your farm's fluke risk and the various testing options, including a new lateral flow test. Additionally, we will provide a reminder on which stage of the liver fluke lifecycle the different chemicals are effective against.

1:30pm - 2:00pm AHDB Challenge Sheep session

Title: Future Breeding Goals – Health, welfare and the environment

Speakers: Samuel Boon, Signet Breeding Services

Content: Signet Breeding Services has spent the last 25 years developing advanced breeding values that go beyond growth and carcass traits – helping breeders improve flock efficiency, health, welfare, and reduce carbon footprint. This session explores how ram breeders are using cutting-edge tools like genomics to breed the sheep of the future.



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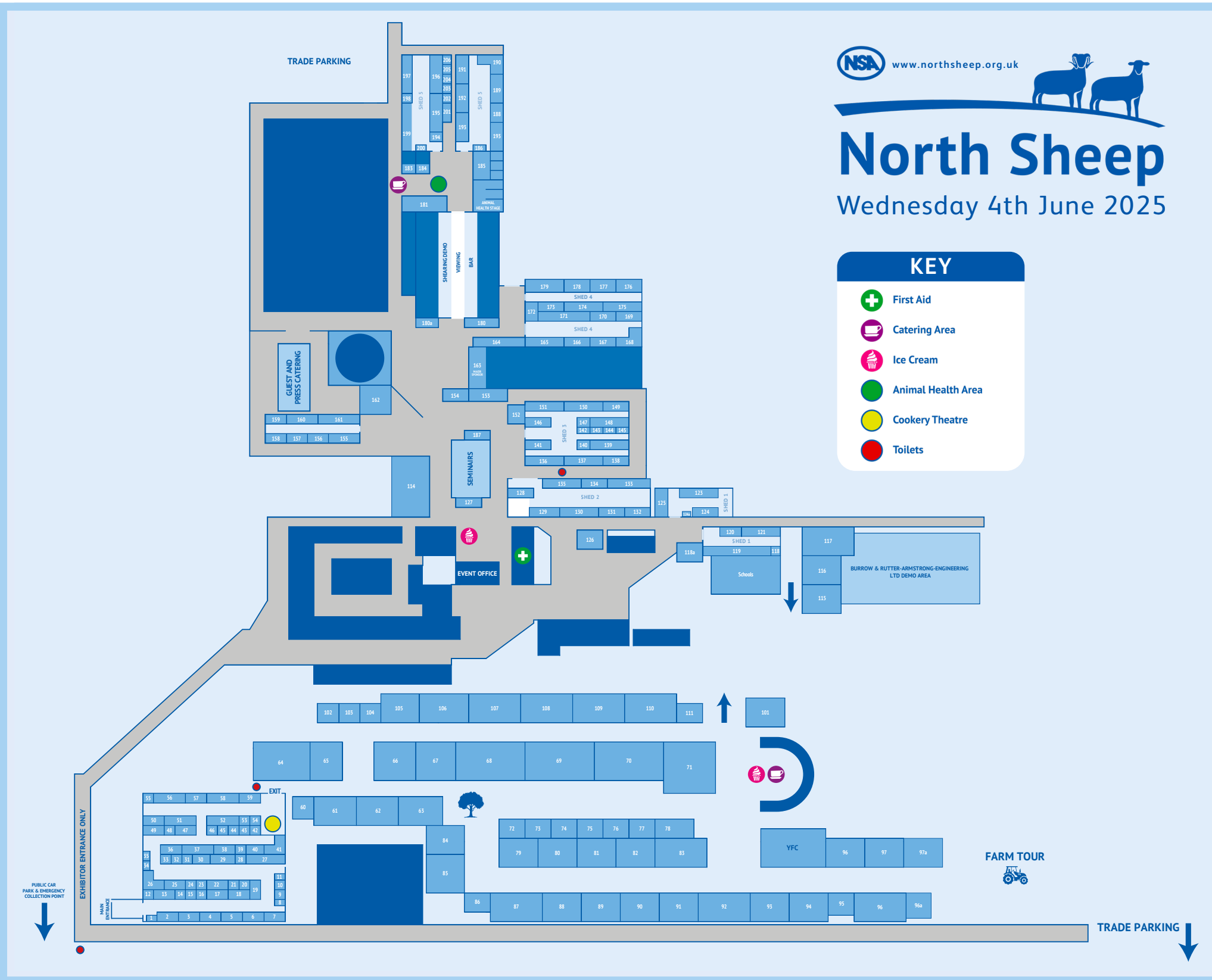
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