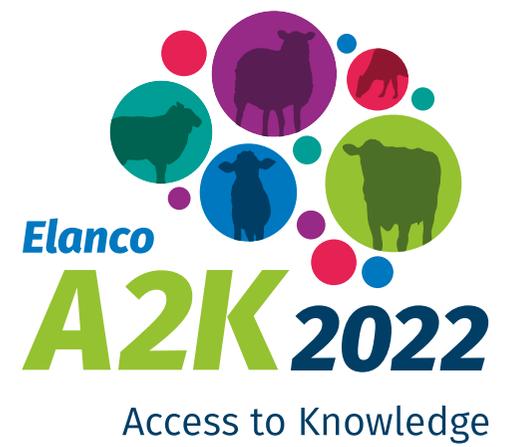




# The Elanco Access to Knowledge Summer Event



Tuesday 5th July  
12-2pm



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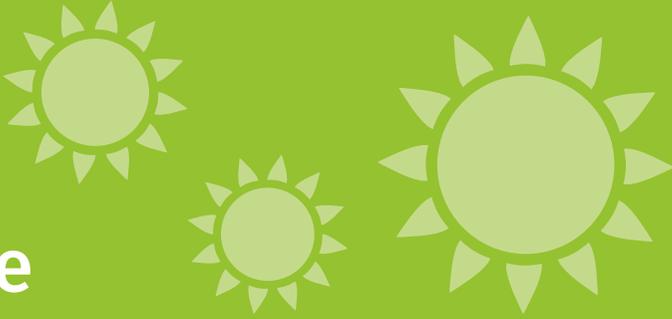
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# Welcome



We are delighted to introduce the A2K Summer 2022 event hosted by Adam Henson.

A2K provides a series of educational talks & discussion, designed to bring industry leaders together within a hybrid event whilst providing practical information for farmers and CPD for RAMAs and veterinarians.

This event will have a focus on the Animal Health and Welfare (AHW) Pathway and what this means for the sheep farming industry stakeholders and your customers. There will also be access to a number of resources through MyElanco to pick up additional CPD points and check your knowledge.

You will be able to post questions to be answered by our panel during the live Q&A at the end of the speaker presentations and of course, your Elanco representative will be on hand following the event to answer any questions you may have.

Make sure you take a look through the brochure now to see the topics and to get thinking of the questions you'd like our speaker panel to discuss. Please do share the registration link with your RAMA colleagues at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kngWsd2QSWKh4Y649fk0fA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kngWsd2QSWKh4Y649fk0fA)

## The Elanco Ruminant Team

More information and resources can be found at [myelanco.co.uk](https://myelanco.co.uk)

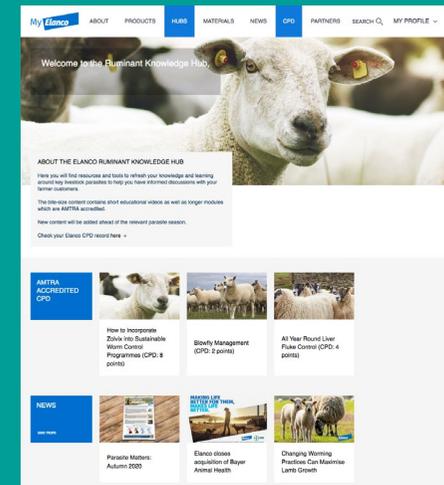


## Earn your AMTRA CPD points as you learn!

Earn 13 CPD points for our virtual event on 5th July between 12-2pm (in order to be eligible for your CPD points you must participate and watch the full event).

Additional CPD content available all via [myelanco.co.uk](https://myelanco.co.uk) on our RAMA Knowledge Hub including

- Test your knowledge with our quick fire **multiple choice question series** - earn 1 CPD point per 10 multiple choice questions
- Access our **case studies** and assess your understanding by answering the scenario questions – earn 1 CPD point per case study
- Watch the videos and read the content on our disease led video learning topics
- Complete our training modules

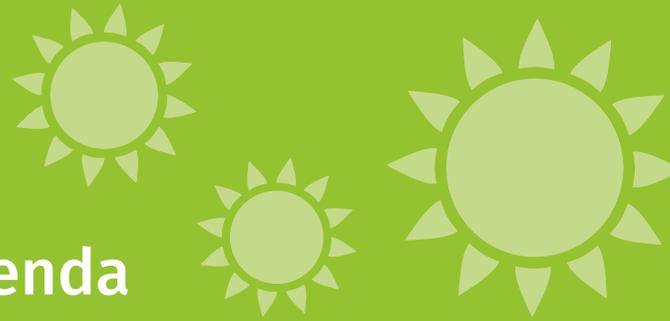


Remember, you must register your AMTRA RAMA (SQP) number on your MyElanco profile to ensure we can allocate your AMTRA CPD points. If you're watching with your colleagues, ensure you contact Elanco and confirm who you are watching the event with.

To join the event click here



## Event Agenda



12:00 **Welcome** **Adam Henson**

Introduction to the AHW Pathway, and the opportunities that lie ahead for all sheep farmers and other industry stakeholders **Adam Henson and Kevin Harrison**

**AHW Pathway: What we know so far** **Rebecca Mearns**

**Making the most of veterinary time on farm** **Fiona Lovatt**

**Live Q&A** **Rebecca Mearns and Fiona Lovatt**

**Moving from routine treatment to sustainable practices** **Tomas 'Ernie' Richards**

**Essential measurements for improving productivity** **Matt Blyth**

**Live Q&A** **All speakers**

14:05 **Event end**



There will be a live poll between each presentation to get your feedback and Slido interaction



## Host

Being a farmer myself, I understand the seasonal challenges and rely on my RAMA for advice on which products to use and when. Your contribution to the industry in terms of experience, advice and farmer support doesn't go unnoticed and the ruminant team at Elanco also recognise your hard work and want to support you in your role. Which is why they created these A2K events and why I am delighted to be part of them.

Adam Henson

### Adam Henson

We are delighted Adam is once again hosting our 2022 A2K events. Adam is a well-known author and broadcaster, however farming and conservation are his passions and when the camera stops rolling, there is still plenty of work to be done on his tenanted farm in the Cotswolds.

Having succeeded the Farm tenancy from his father Joe, Adam now runs the 650-hectare estate with Duncan Andrews, growing wheat, spring barley and oilseed rape, alongside a flock of 350 commercial ewes. They also run the Cotswold Farm Park which pioneers rare breed conservation. Set up in 1971 by Adam's father, this award-winning tourist attraction now welcomes over 100,000 visitors a year.

We could think of no-one better to host these events, his knowledge of farming and the challenges it brings are second to none and coupled with his presenting experience will ensure the event is engaging and topical as well as educational.



## Speakers

### Opportunities lying ahead for all sheep farmers and other industry stakeholders

As a leading sheep farmer, Chairman of SCOPS and Chairman of the NSA English Committee, Kevin has vast knowledge and experience of farming. Kevin discusses with Adam the future challenges and opportunities facing the sheep farming community, in light of new government initiatives.

#### Kevin Harrison

Kevin Harrison has been Farm Manager for JT Baylis Farming for the last 22 years. The mixed farm near Bath has a flock of 550 North Country Mules producing commercial lambs. The farm is on challenging ground and sits on the edge of the Cotswold Escarpment. He is Chairman of SCOPS, Chairman of the NSA English Committee and also sits on their Policy and Technical Committee. Kevin is a member of ROSA (Register of Sheep Advisers) and was sheep advisor for Clarkson's Farm. He believes that an educated and proactive approach to sheep health and welfare should be of paramount importance if we are to have a sustainable and successful sheep industry in the future.



## Speakers

### The Animal Health and Welfare Pathway: What we know so far

As the President of the Sheep Veterinarian Society and a Senior Veterinary Advisor at Biobest, Rebecca has a great understanding of the sheep farming industry and government initiatives in the sector. In her presentation, Rebecca walks us through the structure of the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway, exploring its features and requirements and highlighting the opportunities of farmers, SQPs and vets working together to improve flock health and welfare as well as productivity and profitability.

#### Rebecca Mearns

Rebecca graduated from Cambridge University in 1998 and spent time in mixed practice before undertaking a role in the southern districts of Malawi with Voluntary Service Overseas. On return, Rebecca undertook the RCVS Certificate in Sheep Health and Production in 2004 whilst in mixed practice in Cumbria, before spending over 10 years as a Veterinary Investigation Officer firstly for SAC in Edinburgh and then for APHA at the Penrith site. During and since this time Rebecca has co-authored several publications and developed collaborations with scientists working on key diseases affecting sheep. In 2015 Rebecca joined Biobest Laboratories and has led on sheep diagnostics, including launching the Moredun-developed sheep scab ELISA blood test. She is an external member of the APHA Small Ruminant Species Expert Group, a RCVS Advanced Practitioner in Sheep Health and Production and current President of the Sheep Veterinary Society.



## Speakers

### Making the most of veterinary time on farm

Fiona is passionate about getting pro-active veterinary involvement on sheep farms and enthusing both vets and sheep farmers to interact better through both proactive individual flock health planning and Flock Health Clubs. In her presentation, she discusses how all stakeholders can capitalise on this collaboration encouraged by the new Animal Health and Welfare Pathway.

**Fiona Lovatt** BVSc PhD FHEA DSHP DipECSRHM MRCVS  
*RVCS Recognised specialist in sheep health and production*

Fiona runs Flock Health Ltd – the sheep veterinary consultancy business, which works collaboratively with veterinary surgeons, farmers, processors, retailers and pharmaceutical companies in both UK and abroad.

Fiona is also a European Recognised Specialist in Sheep Health and Production, a clinical associate professor at the University of Nottingham, a past president of the Sheep Veterinary Society and the clinical lead for the RCVS Knowledge Farm Vet Champions initiative.



## Speakers

### Moving from routine to sustainable controls

In this session, Ernie presents his first hand experience as a farmer who noticed worm resistance on his farm. Making informed decisions based on best practice, Ernie shares the steps he's taken to transition from a routine treatment strategy to more sustainable practices, as well as his future plans to ensure optimal productivity from his flock.

#### Tomas 'Ernie' Richards

Ernie Richards is a first generation young entrant working as a shepherd on a 150 hectare upland Farm overlooking Hay-On-Wye, Powys, where he helps manage a closed Flock of a 1000 Pedigree Lleyn Ewes at an altitude of 1100ft.

Embracing the farming lifestyle, Ernie lives on the farm with his girlfriend Anna, and their young son Harry. Growing up, at every opportunity he helped his grandparents on their small sheep farm, which sparked his interest in farming and his passion for agriculture.

Ernie studied Bsc Agriculture with Animal Science at Aberystwyth University, and in recent years he has undertaken a variety of industry courses to increase his skills, culminating recently by winning the Farming Connect Young Learner of Year at the Lantra Wales Awards.

Outside of work, he is an active and strong supporter of YFC, taking up its vast opportunities, and has undertaken a variety of positions. His interests relate to agriculture and rural affairs and he regularly attends discussions by industry organisations.



## Speakers

### Essentials measurements for improving productivity

**A recognised expert in collecting and using data in the sheep and beef industry, Matthew shares the different measurements that provide essential data to ensure flock health and productivity. He highlights the importance of planning, monitoring, reviewing and analysing data on farm.**

#### Matthew Blyth

Matthew studied general agriculture, specialising in sheep and beef management at Kirkley Hall College before starting an apprenticeship on a progressive pedigree sheep and beef farm. Matthew managed a commercial sheep flock for five years before joining Didling Farms Ltd for the next 15 years. He progressed from shepherd to flock manager to overseeing the entire Didling Farm business.

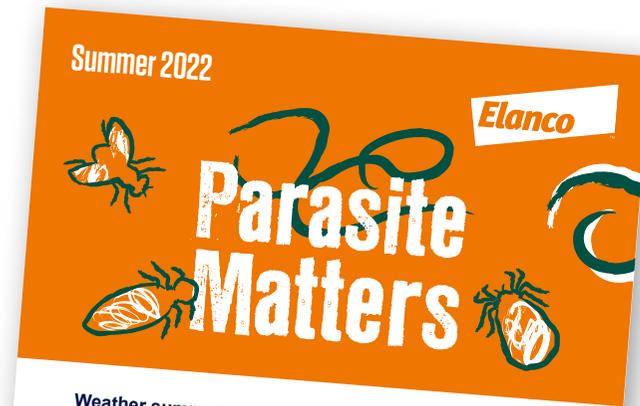
Matthew set up Blyth livestock advisor services (BLAS) in Nov 2019. Now Matthew works full time with different consultants and farmers with training and support on collecting and using data to help make an informed decision. Matthew is an AMTRA L-SQP/RAMA and a member of the National sheep Association register of sheep advisers (RoSA). Matthew has also been awarded a Nuffield scholarship in 2021, looking at the cost-benefit of using EID in the sheep and beef industry.



# Parasite Matters

The Parasite Matters Bulletin is sent to farmers and prescribers on a quarterly basis providing a short summary of the key parasite challenges farmers need to be aware of.

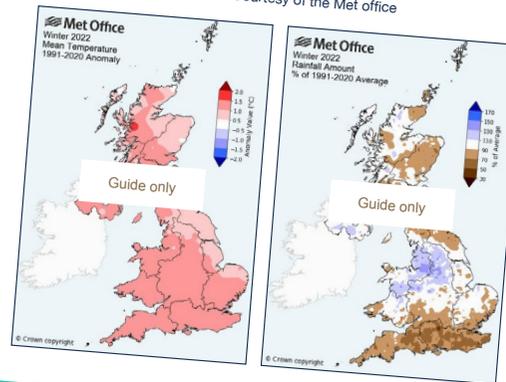
**Sign up to Parasite Matters here**



### Weather summary

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Weather Charts Spring 2022 Courtesy of the Met office



### Worms

Anthelmintic resistance in sheep is one of the biggest challenges to their health and profitability. Resistance is gradual and often invisible but will have detrimental impacts on growth rates in particular – which is why we need to change current practices and adopt a more sustainable approach to worm control. Applying a “test don’t guess” approach, by doing regular faecal egg counts (FEC) throughout the grazing season will allow you to both avoid unnecessary wormer treatments and treat before too much damage has been done. Visit [elancoanimalhealth.co.uk](http://elancoanimalhealth.co.uk) to make use of our useful tools such as the Elanco Sheep Wormer Checker and video on how to FEC.

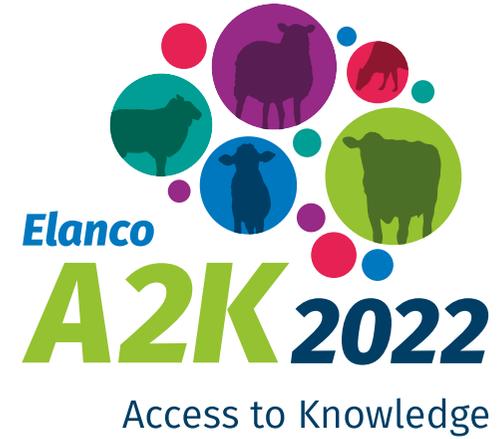
### Nematodirus

Started end of March and risk continues





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