



Lanes
farm vets

Newsletter

June 2022

Dates for your diary:

Friday 10th June–Flock Health Club, 12-2pm. Lunch included. Venue to be confirmed. Grassland talk on getting the most from your grass including soil health and herbal leys. Speaker: James Bretherton

Wednesday 27th July–Ignite–Agri forum 7pm at The Crofters.

Guest speaker is Lizzie Billington from Wild Fox Gin.

Food & gin tasting provided, please book your place for food.



We are moving!!

We are hoping to be moved to our new building at Brockholes Arms Auction Mart., by **Friday 1st July**. Pop in to say 'hi'!

Watch our Facebook page for details of our opening 'do'.

If you want to continue to collect from Garstang please order before 10am for collection after 12 noon. Any queries call us either on the same phone number 01995 602468 or our additional new number 01995 641000.

Changes to bank details:

Please note our bank details will be changing from 1st June 2022. Direct debits will automatically be switched. For online payments the new details are:

Account name: **Lanes Farm Vets (t/a Lanes Vets Ltd)**

Account number: **28745353** Sort code: **01-03-33**



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Animal Health and Welfare Pathway

As part of the Sustainable Farming Initiative (SFI) the first stage of animal health and welfare pathway will direct money from direct payment schemes to supporting farmers to improve animal health and welfare by funding a 2-3 hour health planning vet visit annually for up to three years. Visits should be used to focus on a specific area on your farm that will boost livestock performance and diagnostic testing can be included where appropriate (for example: wormer resistance testing, mastitis testing or antibody testing for certain diseases).

The recommendations arrived at between vet and farmers will remain valid for a year. This means that as grant funding becomes available, welfare improvements which are eligible will be covered under those recommendations.

All BPS eligible farms are eligible to register (minimum 10 cows, 20 sheep or 50 pigs). You do not have to already be actively involved with health planning with a vet but likewise you are not excluded if you are. It is open to anyone who thinks they would benefit from 2-3 hours of funded vet time to improve health, welfare and/or production. It was initially planned for a start date of spring 2022 but this has been delayed. We are happy to discuss any thoughts or queries you have whilst awaiting registration opening.

Priority areas for cattle (beef & dairy):

- tackle Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) which costs the industry an estimated £14 million each year and raises greenhouse gas emissions from cattle
- reduce lameness and mastitis to improve health and welfare, increase productivity and decrease the environmental impacts of farming
- upgrade housing: many farm buildings are not optimally designed for cattle, especially calves - we will encourage improvements in ventilation, cow comfort, loafing areas and enrichments such as scratching brushes
- improve pain management during disbudding, dehorning and castration through greater adoption of prolonged analgesia to improve the welfare and performance of calves
- improve the welfare of cattle at pasture through improvements in shelter, drainage, gateways and tracks that support the normal behaviours associated with grazing and being outdoors

Animal health & Welfare pathway cont.

Priorities for sheep farming:

- tailor health screening to address a range of endemic diseases, estimated to cost the sector around £85 million each year - initially this will focus on internal and external parasites (and associated anthelmintic resistance), mastitis, 'iceberg' diseases and those inducing abortion
- reduce lameness as it is one of the most common signs of ill health and discomfort among sheep, affecting animals' mobility, productivity and longevity
- better ewe sustainability, optimising body condition so that ewes are less susceptible to disease, produce better quality milk and can rear a greater number of healthier lambs
- improve pain management during castration and tail docking: we want to support the licensing and uptake of pain relief to reduce the impact of these procedures

Priorities for pigs:

- improve biosecurity to control endemic pig diseases and help prevent the introduction of exotic disease threats
- tackle Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome virus which costs the industry an estimated £52 million each year and increases antibiotic use
- reduce sow confinement during farrowing: by supporting producers in shifting to less confined alternatives for the sow, whilst ensuring the welfare of her piglets. We are also exploring potential reforms around the use of farrowing crates, which can restrict sows' normal behaviour such as nesting
- reduce stressors to keep tails intact: we want to support farmers in addressing the underlying causes of high stress levels in pigs which trigger tail biting, such as poor environmental enrichment, so that farmers feel confident to not dock tails

Fly Strike alert

We have seen a lot of cases of maggots in the past 2 weeks, mainly in sheep. Prevention involves keeping sheep & lambs free of faecal soiling (dagging and avoiding loose muck) and in some cases strategic chemical prevention:

Chemical	Product name	Treatment/Protection	Withdrawal period
Cypermethrin	Crovect, Ectofly, Vectocert 1.25%	Treats, 6-8 weeks' protection	8 days
Alpha-cypermethrin	Dysect, Zermasect Sheep	Treats, 8-10 weeks' protection	49 days
Diazinon	Osmonds Golden Fleece, Paracide 62	Treats, Up to 6 weeks' protection	49-70 days (depending on product)
Deltamethrin	Deltanil, Fly & Lice Spot On, Spotinor 10mg/ml	Treatment only	35 days
Dicyclanil	CLiK, CliK Extra, CLiKZiN	8-19 weeks' protection (depending on product)	7-40 days (depending on product)
Cyromazine	Vetrazin	10 weeks' protection	28 days

Please note CLiK and Vetrazin will only prevent fly strike, they are not suitable to treat cases of strike. Please call Helen on 01995 602468 if you want to talk maggots (it's her favourite subject!!).



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