



## Summer Symposium

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

Members and non-members are invited to join a two day summer gathering in Norfolk. With a diverse agenda, it will include a tour of one of the largest commercial flocks of Hebrideans in the UK.

### DAY 1- 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026

Venue: Stonehouse Farm, West Harling, Norwich, Norfolk, NR16 2SD

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9:30 Onwards Arrivals

10am-11am **Performance Recording and Hebrideans** (Sam Boon Senior Livestock Consultant AHDB)

*Sam will cover: What is Performance Recording? What is involved? Hebrideans and Performance Recording. What does genomics mean for the future?*

11:00-11:15 *Tea and Coffee*

11:15-11:45 **Update on the Split Upper Eyelid Deformity** (Emily Smith, Hutton Flock)

*Emily will cover: SUED a brief resume, outline the genomic work done by the society and the AHDB team and our current understanding of the condition*

11:45-12:15 **Marketing of Hebridean Hogget and getting more from your spare lambs** (Dale Huddlestone, Revel Flock)

*Dale will cover: the Authentic Hebridean Hogget Scheme, how members can get involved and why marketing of meat products are key to the ongoing success of the Hebridean sheep*

12:15 Lunch and travel time

14:00- Farm Walk with HSS members the Evans family (R&S Evans, Stonehouse Flock)

*Stonehouse Farm is a family run livestock farm situated on the Norfolk/Suffolk border. The Evans family run a herd of Sussex cattle, 500 performance recorded Lleys, 500 homebred shedding composites and a large commercial flock of 800 Hebrideans. The farm is run with an environmental focus and the aim of farming with a positive impact on the unique Breckland Landscape. Most of the Hebrideans graze large blocks of heathland where it is important to manage the grazing to support ground nesting birds such as Stone Curlew and Skylark.*

Evening Meal- (Reservation made 6:30 for 7:00) The Nags Head, East Harling, [Market Street East Harling, Norwich NR16 2AD](#)



## DAY 2- 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

The Norfolk Wool Trail. 10am start meeting in front of the Forum of Norwich for a walking tour of Norwich with a wool theme! Norwich was built on the wool trade in Tudor times before cloth production moved north to Yorkshire.

The tour, led by a City of Norwich tourist guide, lasts about 1h 45m and finishes at the Cathedral. After a look round the Cathedral, a short walk to the Britons Arms, a medieval, timber-framed, thatched building, for lunch at 13:00.

Tour £9 per person (to be paid by cash or card on the day).

[Optional- 15:30 Evensong in the Cathedral]

### Accommodation suggestions

- *The Dower House caravan and leisure park: camping plus pods and a bar, in Thetford Forest, 5 mins from the farm.*
- *Thorpe Woodlands camping site, 10 mins from farm.*
- *Travel Lodge Thetford Hotel, 15 mins from the farm.*