

August, 2011

Dear Member

Membership renewal for 2011-2012

Please find enclosed your annual registration forms for 2011 – 2012.

Membership renewal falls into two stages:

1. Complete the enclosed forms and return them to the office **no later than Friday, 16 September, 2011.**
2. You will then be sent an invoice for the total amount due. Payment of the balance of this invoice must reach the office **no later than 20 October, 2011 for guaranteed inclusion in the Flock Book.**

Regrettably, those who do not meet these deadlines ARE UNLIKELY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FORTHCOMING FLOCK BOOK.

Please remember that any females that you wish to retain in your flock or sell as registered sheep **MUST** be registered with the Society using a registration form. Please send two copies (one white, one yellow) to the office and the yellow copy will be returned together with pedigree certificates as proof of registration once payment has been received. If you need a new pad of ewe registration forms please let me know.

Commencing with the year letter “J”, i.e. all sheep born on or after 1st September, 2006, must have the flock number in one ear and the year letter appertaining to the year of their birth, and individual number in the other ear, in order to be sold as registered pedigree.

No sheep may be offered for sale, as registered, unless they bear legible tattoos as above.

Costs are as follows:

Full Membership :	£52.00 + VAT
Associate Membership :	£25.00 + VAT (to include Flock Book)
Individual Females :	£2.00 + VAT each (up to 12 months old, £2.60 + VAT each, (over 12 months old)
Ram registrations :	£20.00 + VAT each

Please fill in all your flock numbers and any other information as previously in order to maintain the flock book correctly.

Rams - all retained homebred rams and those purchased in the last year must be registered. **A completed pro forma must be included for each ram.** Please contact the office if you require a pad of pro formas, which are £20.00 + VAT.

All breeders must register the rams they breed for sale and pay the registration fee to the Society.

If you are registering any rams the pro forma must be **returned with the Annual Registration Form.**

The Flock Book will be printed with a soft back cover which every Full & Associate member will receive, but there will be a number of hard back copies available at a cost of £22. If you would like a copy in hard back please could you tick the box on the annual return form.

Again, due to being cost prohibitive the female registrations will not be printed in the flock book but if you would like a full list of female registrations (at a cost of £10 + VAT) please tick the appropriate box on the annual return form. All members will receive a print out of their own female registrations.

As previously published we are advised that we have to charge VAT on all membership subscriptions, even for those members who live overseas. Evidently you are not allowed to reclaim this even if you are VAT registered in your own country.

Members in Eire are requested to issue STERLING cheques or add £10.00 to cover bank charges.

Gift Aid

As mentioned previously the Society is eligible to claim Gift Aid on subscriptions. Gift Aid is a means of charities gaining a proportion of the tax paid by members on their subscriptions.

N.B. To qualify for gift aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax annually must be equal or more than what we will claim in the tax year.

If you are a tax payer, please do tick the box on the back of the annual return. It costs you nothing. If you tick the box and I have not previously received a signed declaration form from you I will just have to send you the form to sign – I will not be troubling you every year – you only have to sign it once! There will always be a box on your annual return to tick every year to confirm that you are still a tax payer.

Data Protection Act

The information you supply on this form will be held on our computer database. The Association is committed to upholding the eight Data Protection Principles of good information handling practice.

Finally, if you have any queries, please contact the office which is normally open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. and Fridays between 8.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Tel/Fax: 01305 262126, e-mail: mail@dorsetsheep.org

Yours sincerely

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