Llythyr Newyddion yr Hydref 2026

Autumn Newsletter 2026

Neges y Cadeirydd / Chairman's Message

As we come towards the end of what has been a very busy and memorable year for the Society, it is a pleasure to look back on some of the highlights of the past few months.

Once again, we enjoyed a fantastic display of Badger Face Welsh Mountain sheep at the Royal Welsh Show. It is always a highlight of our calendar and wonderful to see both the Torddu and Torwen so well represented, with breeders old and new coming together and showcasing the very best of our two breeds.

One of the biggest occasions of the year was, of course, our special 50th Anniversary Show at Y Fedw. It was a tremendous day and a fitting way to mark such an important milestone in the Society's history. With over 220 sheep entered, from 42 flocks, it was a wonderful day with the biggest class being the Torddu ewe lamb class with 36 ewe lambs forward. My sincere thanks go to everyone who sponsored, exhibited, stewarded, helped behind the scenes or simply came along to support and celebrate with us. Days such as this remind us that whilst the Society is about the sheep – it is also about the friendships, families and shared enthusiasm that have sustained it over the past 50 years.

We were also very fortunate to enjoy an excellent Open Day with Bethan Watkin, Blaenwaun farm. It provided another opportunity for members to get together, exchange ideas and knowledge, and enjoy a sociable day amongst fellow breeders. A huge thank you to Bethan and her family and everyone involved in making the day such a success.

Most recently, we held our Annual Society Show & Sale at Brecon, and what an occasion it proved to be. Records were broken for both breeds, which was wonderful to see. In the Torddu's 50th anniversary year, a fantastic new breed record of £5,000 was achieved – a particularly fitting milestone in such a special year. The Torwen also had an exceptional sale, reaching £2,000 and setting a new female and centre record.

These achievements are a great reflection of the quality of stock being bred by our members and the continued demand and enthusiasm for both the Torddu and Torwen.

As Chairman, I would like to thank our members, committee, judges, stewards, sponsors, buyers and everyone who has supported the Society throughout the year.

A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes to make our events possible, and that contribution is very much appreciated.

As we look towards the winter months, I hope everyone can reflect with pride on what has been a very successful year for the Society. Our 50th anniversary has given us an opportunity not only to celebrate our history, but also to look forward with confidence to the future of this very special breed and our Society.

As we look forward to the end of the year there is one last event in the calendar. The Autumn meeting and Anniversary dinner will be held at the White Hart, Llandeilo. Further details can be seen within the newsletter. Some members are also busy preparing for the Winter Shows and I wish you all the very best of luck and thank you for promoting our breed at these shows.

Thank you all for your continued support and , and I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the White Hart.

Huw Williams

Cadeirydd / Chairman









The Royal Welsh Show 2026

Torddu Judge: Mr Gareth Jones

Champion: C, R & A Joseph



Torwen: Mr Geraint Jones

Champion: Brown Family



50th Anniversry Show – Fedw Equestrian Centre

Torwen Judge: Mr Timothy Evans
Torddu Judge: Mrs Bethan Watkin

Overall Championship Judge: Mr DP Jones, Society President

Supreme Champion: Gareth Lloyd, Torwen Aged Ewe

Reserve Supreme Champion : C, R & A Joseph, Torddu Aged Ram



Congratulations to all that took part in the 50th Anniversary Show at Fedw Equestrian Centre. Pictured are the three judges, Huw Williams, Chairman 2026 & Overall Championship Sponsor, Champion Torwen, Champion Torddu and Ms Lucy Levinge, Torddu Championship Sponsor.

A few words from the judges – Mrs Bethan Watkin & Mr Timothy Evans

Firstly I would like to thank our Committee for the honour of judging the Torddu section at our Society 50th Anniversary Show at Y Fedw on 22nd of August, 2026. It was a truly memorable experience, all classes were extremely well supported with excellent quality sheep.

My Champion was a ram jointly owned by the Joseph Family and J & R Williams. He was immaculately turned out, and I felt ticked all my boxes. He was a hardy type with good conformation and not too high off the ground, correctly marked, and had prominent black britches.

My Reserve Champion was a ewe from the Joseph Family. She was an outstanding ewe with depth of body, well marked and full of character. Diolch am y gwahoddiad.

Mrs Bethan Watkin

Both my Champion and Reserve Champion were excellent examples of the breed, and it was a privilege to judge the Torwen section.

The 50th Anniversary Show was a fantastic display of the very best quality Badger face sheep within the society .I felt very honoured and privileged to have been invited to adjudicate at this unique show .

There was a fantastic turnout in the Torwen section. The first class of the day was the adult ram class .Although not a large the class there was a good standard throughout and the winner shown by Teleri Mazurczak showed great type and colour .The next class was the yearling ram class .This was a very well supported class with a large entry .The winner of this class was owned by Mr Gareth Lloyd .This was a typey well marked yearling that was very well produced .This class had several. nice animals which were lacking a bit on the white lower jaw white marking that is required .The ram lamb was a very large class of 18 entries and it was from this class that my eventual male champion emerged .This was the very promising well marked ram lamb of Huw and Kate Williams .

The female section commenced with the breeding ewe class .My winner here was an outstanding ewe shown by Mr Gareth Lloyd .In this ewe I found what I had been hoping to find .She was a very sharp ewe of true Welsh type and produced to perfection she had a lovely head and small years .Indeed a lovely ewe .The yearling ewe class had a good entry of 20 exhibits .This and the next class of ewe lambs were both very good classes with a good even standard throughout .My winner of the yearling class was owned by Mr Aled Groucott .She was produced to perfection to win a class that anyone of the first 6 could win on another day .The winner of the ewe lamb class of 25 entries was owned by Llewellyn Evans .This was a little gem and went on to stand reserve to the adult ewe class as my female champion .

When it came to my overall Champion I was more than happy to award this to the special ewe of Gareth Lloyd with the winning ram lamb of Huw and Kate Williams in Reserve .I would like to conclude by thanking my very able steward Mr Dafydd Lewis for all his help and support during my judging at the show It was also the icing on the cake when our President Mr Price Jones awarded my Torwen Champion Ewe the Supreme Champion of the show. Diolch yn fawr i chi gyd.

Mr Timothy Evans





Native Lamb Taste Test Competition – Royal Welsh Winter Fair 2026

The 2026 RWAS Winter Fair will be once again holding the 'Native Lamb Taste Test Competition' The aim of this competition is to help promote all the Native Welsh breeds of Lamb and to encourage more interest in the different tastes between the various Welsh breeds, with a hope to market Welsh lamb as a premium product. These lambs must have been born, bred and reared in Wales and we will require proof of its traceability from farm to the Show ground, including the slaughterhouse and butcher used.

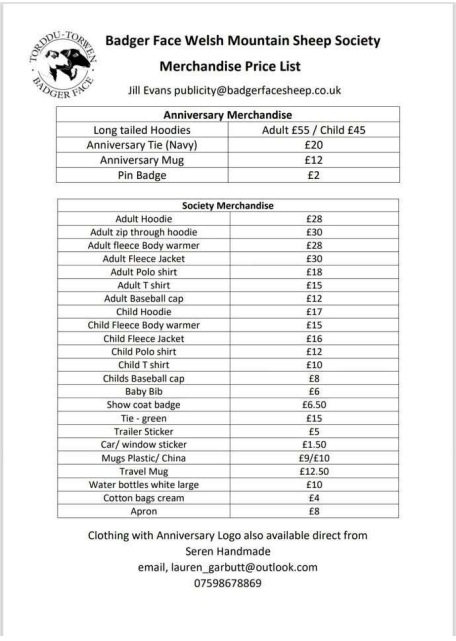
Each Breed will need to supply 2 boned legs of lamb (on Sunday 29th November, or between 7.00am and 7.30am on Monday 30th November to the steward in the Carcass Hall).

Only one leg will be cooked. Once the competition has been judged (and awards presented) in the Cambrian Training Pavilion (opposite the Band Stand), the uncooked legs (with rosettes) will then be displayed in the Carcass Hall. If you wish to compete please contact the Secretary before Wednesday 11th November.

Merchandise

Don't forget the Society has plenty of merchandise that would make great Christmas gifts. Last order dates are 3 December for items that need ordering and 10 December for in stock items. Please contact Jill Evans publicity@badgerfacesheep.co.uk





Badger Face Welsh Mountain Sheep Society

Merchandise Price List

Jill Evans publicity@badgerfacesheep.co.uk

Anniversary Merchandise	
Long tailed Hoodies	Adult £55 / Child £45
Anniversary Tie (Navy)	£20
Anniversary Mug	£12
Pin Badge	£2

Society Merchandise	
Adult Hoodie	£28
Adult zip through hoodie	£30
Adult fleece Body warmer	£28
Adult Fleece Jacket	£30
Adult Polo shirt	£18
Adult T shirt	£15
Adult Baseball cap	£12
Child Hoodie	£17
Child Fleece Body warmer	£15
Child Fleece Jacket	£16
Child Polo shirt	£12
Child T shirt	£10
Childs Baseball cap	£8
Baby Bib	£6
Show coat badge	£6.50
Tie - green	£15
Trailer Sticker	£5
Car/ window sticker	£1.50
Mugs Plastic/ China	£9/£10
Travel Mug	£12.50
Water bottles white large	£10
Cotton bags cream	£4
Apron	£8

Clothing with Anniversary Logo also available direct from
Seren Handmade
email, lauren_garbutt@outlook.com
07598678869

Membership Officer

The Society is looking for a new membership officer from 1 January 2027. This role is paid an honorarium. If you are interested in supporting both new and current members then please contact the Secretary for a copy of the role description and express your interest before Saturday 14 November.

Glyn Hawker Young Shepherd Award

The Society is pleased to remind all of our Junior members about the Glyn Hawker Young Shepherd Award. The committee wishes that members nominate any young member for this award. The young members will then be invited to create a short video or have a discussion with one or two committee members – whichever the young member feels confident in doing. Please can we ask for nominations before 30th November. The award will be presented at the AGM 2027.

Registrations

Don’t forget to get your ewe lamb registrations in before 30 November 2026. After this date the cost will increase to £6. All 2026 born lambs must be registered before 30 June 2027.

Open Day – Blaenwaun, Borth, Ceredigion

The Society is so grateful to Bethan Watkin & Family for hosting the Society Open Day back in September. There was no better location for the Open Day as Bethan is one of the daughters of the late Alun Isaac, a founder member of the Society.

The committee asked Bethan to sum up the day for her:

When I agreed to host an Open Day as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations, I really wasn't sure what I was letting myself in for, but knew what an honour it was. My involvement with the Society started 50 years ago, and it is thanks to our founder members for their vision, hard work and commitment that we are where we are today. Little did I think 50 years ago that the breed would have been such a big part of my life.

I wanted our Open Day to be a celebration of the Society reaching 50 years, and that members could relax and enjoy the day without the work and stresses that go with showing, so there wasn't a white coat, or show sheep in sight! We had several interesting items running during the day, the always popular stock judging was one, where our younger members and not so young members put their knowledge to the test. There was a pen of ram lambs, and Geraint Jones and Sean Jeffreys gave advice on what to look for when choosing a ram lamb. I hope this was helpful to some of our newer members. Huw Williams gave us a very interesting talk on showing and judging etiquette. Christie Joseph gave a fantastic trimming demonstration. He made it look so easy, and encouraged some of our younger members to have a go. Kate Hovers gave us a talk on Blue Tongue Disease. A current problem which has affected several of our members. Kate, as always, has a wealth of information at her fingertips, and we are extremely fortunate to have her in our Society.

Then came something a little different. We had a panel of 6, and members were encouraged to ask for the panel's opinion on various topics within the breed. This was very informal, and taking care of the proceedings was Malcolm Evans. Malcolm worked the room and encouraged members to ask the panel questions. This was a great success, and as somebody said, Malcolm you have a wasted talent.

Well, that was an insight to our Open Day. But the day would not have got off the ground without the help and encouragement I had. I do not wish to mention names, but I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart, who helped make the day a success.

Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Bethan Watkin

Show & Sale 2026

A full sale report can be seen on Facebook and the Society website. Thank you to all vendors, buyers and underbidders for your continued support.

Torwen:

Judge: Mr Mathew Brown
Champion: Mr Timothy Evans
Junior Judge: Miss Mared Jones
Reserve Champion: Huw & Kate Williams



Torddu:

Judge: Mr Aron Hemmings
Champion: Mr Matthew Bevan
Junior Judge: Mr Iestyn Dillon
Reserve Champion: G & I Jones



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Autumn Meeting & 50th Anniversary Dinner
14.11.2026

Cyfarfod / Meeting: 2pm
Swper / Meal: 7pm

Cost: £27.50
Plant/Children: £13.75

Dress code: Smart
Names & Payment: 4.11.2026
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