

What WE at the British Coloured Sheep Breeders Association (BCSBA) DO

The BCSBA was formed in 1985 to promote the interests of coloured sheep breeders, wool producers and crafters who work with wool. Since we started we have continued to bring people together from all over the British Isles, so they can share ideas, advice and support one another. Our stands always make an impression at various shows, for example, the Woolfest, Wonderwool Wales and Fibre East. We have promoted coloured sheep in this way for many years now. The wide variety of characteristics of fleeces from cross bred sheep are celebrated in our group, just as much as those from pure breeds. For us, it is the attention to wool quality that is key and the choice of every conceivable natural hue.



The Benefit of BCSBA Membership

- A copy of our Coloured Sheep News (PDF), published three times a year to keep up with what is going on with the BCSBA, providing you keep sending in enough 'copy' for the Editor.
- *You can choose to be included in the Coloured Sheep and Fleece Directory.* This publication lists members who keep various breeds of sheep and sell their wool according to our 'Code of Practice' and other products as well as those who provide valuable services. This publication is now available to members of the public all over the world. Being a PDF with links, the reader is only one click away from your website. There are usually a couple of editions of the Coloured Sheep and Fleece Directory (PDF) per year. Being in a PDF format it can be read on your mobile gadgets and the links make it far easier to access information.
- *Full access to the BCSBA website bcsba.org.uk* Last year, we had our website updated to include a forum and Market Place where members can sell their products and we can post videos too when people send them in. Perhaps you would like to send in video links in giving advice on the practical side of keeping sheep or a particular technique while crafting. As well as all that we have a Facebook page. In a world of increasingly more sophisticated technology, there is now the potential for us to forge more friendships with many more like-minded individuals.
- As a BCSBA member you can now have *three free adverts* on the BCSBA Market Place (each lasting four weeks).
- *Sell your produce on the BCSBA stand at High Profile SHOWS at a reduced rate.* All we ask is 15% of the selling price, to go towards insurance and the cost of the stand which is supervised by volunteers.

So there are many reasons to be a BCSBA member, but on top of all that it's nice to be one click away from likeminded individuals who value coloured sheep and their wonderful wool.