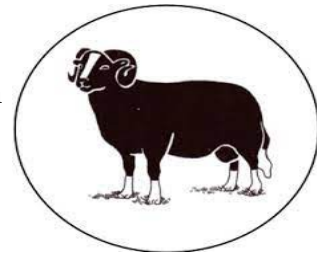


Balwen Welsh Mountain Sheep Society
Cymdeithas Defaid Mynydd Cymreig Balwen

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Newsletter February 2026

A warm welcome to our new members and to everyone

Membership

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2026 subscription. We guess some of you were unable to contact your bank in time to alter the figure to the new subscription of £45 for family and £30 for individual. Junior (under 16) is still £10. We ask that you use your flock membership number as your reference. (If you're not sure of it please contact me – details above)

Balwen Welsh Mountain Sheep Society - sort code - 53 – 81- 07 account number - 08134898 NatWest

Please ensure payment is made before 31st March at the latest, especially those of you on the Judges list and if you wish to vote at the forthcoming AGM.

Where relevant the balance will be collected at an Inspection day.

2026 Inspection Dates

Sunday 7th June venue – Rhayader market (only pre RWAS inspection)

Saturday 1st August venue – Bryncir

Monday 3rd August venue - Raglan

Wednesday 5th August venue – Llanybydder

Friday 11th September venue – Melton Mowbray

Saturday 7th November - venue Rhayader (last inspection of the year)

other Inspections to be arranged at English venues as required

Lambs only need their EID tag in an ear to travel

Please say on your sheet, at an Inspection if you have borrowed or hired a ram.

Society Show and Sale

Saturday 19th September **Please note that the closing date will be Friday 21st August.**

This is earlier than in past years and there will be no late entries accepted.

The committee have agreed a £10 fine if members do not notify the Auctioneers of a substitution sheep in advance.

Advertisements

Please contact Anne on 07749376895 if you would like to place an advert in the forthcoming Flock Book. This could be for your flock, craft items, or holiday let etc. The cost is £75 for a full page (A5) and £40 for half a page. Adverts need to be with Anne before the end of February.

2026 National Show

Please see the leaflet below produced by the Show committee. This promises to be an excellent day out. Please note this is a CASH ONLY show. The judge will be Niki Owen.



Cymdeithas Defaid Balwen
Sheep Society

Yn dathlu dros 40 mlynedd o Gymdeithas Defaid Balwen
a hanes di-dor
defaid Balwen yn Nyffryn Blaenau Tywi

Ar y cyd â
Sioe a Threialon Cŵn Defaid Rhandir-mwyn
Ddydd Sadwrn, 29 Awst 2026

Bydd Sioe a Chystadleuaeth Genedlaethol ar gyfer
Defaid Balwen
11 Dosbarth, tlysau a gwobrau gan gynnwys Trafodwyr Ifainc

Bydd hwn yn gyfle i ddod â hyrddod, mamogiaid ac ŵyn ynghyd
o gynifer o ddiadelloedd Balwen cofrestredig â phosibl

Felly, rhowch y digwyddiad hwn yn eich dyddiadur. Ni ddylid ei
golli gan fridwyr a selogion Defaid Balwen ledled y wlad!

Cyswllt: Ian Watts 01550 760 136: szeski9@gmail.com



Cymdeithas Defaid Balwen
Sheep Society

Celebrating Over 40 years of the Balwen Sheep Society
and the unbroken history of
Balwen sheep in the Upper Towy Valley

In conjunction with the
Rhandir-mwyn Show and Sheepdog Trials
On Saturday, August 29th 2026

There will be a National Show and Competition for
Balwen Sheep
11 Classes, trophies and awards including Young Handlers

This will be an opportunity to bring together rams, ewes and
lambs from as many registered Balwen flocks as possible

So, add this event to your diary - not to be missed for Balwen
Sheep breeders and enthusiasts nationwide!

Contact: Ian Watts 01550 760 136: szeski9@gmail.com

Cymdeithas Defaid Balwen Cenedlaethol NATIONAL BALWEN SHEEP SOCIETY

Sioe Flynyddol Annual Show

29 Awst | August 2026



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| 1. Hwrrdd 2 mlwydd neu hyn. | 1. Aged Ram |
| 2. Hwrrdd Blwydd | 2. Yearling Ram |
| 3. Oen Hwrrdd | 3. Ram Lamb |
| 4. Dafad 2 Flwydd neu hyn. | 4. Aged Ewe |
| 5. Dafad Flwydd | 5. Yearling Ewe |
| 6. Oen Fenw | 6. Ewe Lamb |
| 7. Par o Ddefaid | 7. Pair Ewes |
| 8. Par o Wyn Benw | 8. Pair Ewe Lambs |
| 9. Grwp o 4 (2 Gwrw, 2 Benw) | 9. Group of 4 (2 Males 2 Females) |
| 10. Tywyswyr ifanc dan 7 oed | 10. Younghandler under 7 |
| 11. Tywyswyr Ifanc 7 - 12 oed | 11. Younghandler 7 - 12 |

Sioe Rhandirmwyn | Rhandirmwyn Show

Shows with Balwen Classes

There is a list of Shows on the Society Website. If we have missed a show from the list please let us know. Diolch. [HOME | Balwen Sheep Society](http://www.balwensheepsociety.com) <http://www.balwensheepsociety.com>

Pembrokeshire County Show

There will be Balwen classes at the above show on 20th August. Please support this, to allow these classes to continue in future years.

Show Points Competition

This is being updated, within Wales there will be eight shows chosen of which members can attend up to six. If there is only one exhibitor in a class this will not count. Neither the Show and Sale or Usk show will count. The RWAS will have points awarded up to sixth place, please note that they are not double points. All other Show will have points awarded up to third place. For the Wales Show Points Trophy shows must be judged by a Society judge.

Annual General Meeting

The Society's AGM will be held on Sunday 10th May 2026 at the new time of 1.00pm., at Howey Village Hall, near Llandrindod Wells.

If you are interested in becoming involved please write a short paragraph about yourself. This must be with me before 18th March to ensure it goes out with the papers.

Four committee members have come to the end of their term of office, but are eligible to stand again if they wish to. All AGM paperwork and details will be circulated in time for the meeting.

Flock of the Year Competition

This is open to all members. A five minute video to be sent by 3rd September.

There are to be no people or voices heard in it. A ram must be included, with a minimum of 8 ewes. The judge will be Martin Groucott

Photographs and items of interest

Please forward these to Hanna and Rhian for inclusion on the website and on the social media sites.

Please could everyone ensure that I have an up to date phone number incase your email address doesn't work. Many thanks.

Lets hope we have some good weather for lambing

take care,

Sue