

Blue Texel Sheep Society – Registration Guidelines

The Blue Texel Sheep Society Register is administered by Grassroots Systems Ltd on behalf of the Blue Texel Sheep Society (BTSS).

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Flock Prefix

Only members of the BTSS can register sheep with the BTSS. There is a £10 joining fee which includes registration of a flock prefix and flock letters. The prefix may only be used for animals born within that flock. Annual membership is £35 due on 1st January each year.

Identification

All lambs **MUST** be identified in accordance with Defra regulation, with two tags, one of which is an EID. These must carry the farms DEFRA UK flock number and a unique individual number, regardless of colour. A Society tag incorporating your flock letters is optional.

Births

All lambs should be at least notified, to the BTSS registry, in the year in which they are born.

Only the breeder, ie the registered owner of the dam on the day the lambs was born, can notify or register that lamb.

All lambs **SHOULD** be logged with the registry in the year they are born

- via the Menu button (Top right) Births section of the Online Registry
- or by sending an excel spread sheet report from an 'on farm' computer system. This must include the sex, date of birth, EID tag number, sire and dam tag or registration number, and names if required (year letters apply). Please email as an attachment to :
BTSS@Grassroots.co.uk.

The registry fees change on 1st October each year when the Flock Book is produced

January – end of September

Full Registration- Ewe lambs - £15,00 Ram Lambs £30.00

Lambs born this year can be Fully Registered straight away, without needing to 'Notify' or pay an additional Notification fee.

Notification - Ewe lambs - £2.40, Ram Lambs £2.40

Lambs born this year can be Notified – eligible for full registration next year, or the year after. **All lambs SHOULD be notified in their year of birth if you may wish to register them at a later date**

Register last year's lambs (ie yearlings) - Must have been notified in their year of birth.

Ewe lambs - £15,00 Ram Lambs £30 00

Late Register 2 year old or older sheep – Must have been notified in their year of birth.

Ewe lambs - £30, Ram Lambs £60

October - December

Full Registration - Ewe lambs - £17.40, Ram Lambs £32.40

Lambs born this year can still be Fully Registered straight away, but both the Registration and Notification fees apply.

Late Registration of animals not notified in their year of birth.

This is not encouraged but the following modification to the rules was agreed in May 2016 to accommodate animals in this situation:

The breeder must have been a paid up member in the year of the animal's birth and every subsequent year (or make relevant back payments for membership at the time of seeking late registrations). Late registrations will be charged at twice the prevailing rate at the time the application is made. This applies to both males and females and there is no negotiation on this charge.

Late Register – not notified in the year of birth; Ewe lambs £60, Ram Lambs £120**Embryo Transfer**

Normal fees apply, but copy of the signed embryo transfer paperwork is also required and should be submitted prior to logging the lambs.

Imported Sheep - £60 each

A copy of the Dutch certificate should be sent with the fees to the registry office.

Lambs with pedigree Registered White Texel parents - Not eligible for registration. This section of the flock book closed at the end of 2015.

Pedigree Certificates

Registration Certificates are issued in PDF format but can be sent in hard copy if requested. Three generation pedigree certificates are provided for all registered animals.

Transfer of Ownership

On the sale of pedigree stock, vendors please notify the transfer 'on line', **or** fill in the details of the new owner on the tear off slip and return it to Grassroots Systems Ltd.

Transfer Fee £6 Payable by the purchaser

Breeders will not be able to register lambs to mothers which have not been transferred into their name.

Online Registry

The pedigree flock book is available 'Online' via the Blue Texel Sheep Society web site www.blue-texel-sheep.com or direct at <https://breeds.grassroots.co.uk/BTSS>

Members will require their flock letters and a password in order to access the Online Registry. Please contact Grassroots at btss@grassroots.co.uk if you have mislaid your password.

The site gives access to full pedigree information, and the option to: notify births, register stock, tell us about transfers and deaths/sale for meat, flag animals available for sale or hire.

Payments for all BTSS registry services must be made by cheque made payable to BTSS.

And sent to : PO Box 251, Exeter, EX2 8WX. A VAT invoice will be sent once the Societies VAT number has been confirmed