

Dear Members,

Just a short note to introduce myself having the honour to be Chairman of the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society.

My name is Alan Brimble, I have been breeding Kerry Hill Sheep for many moons in North Somerset and with my late Father who had Kerry Hills back in my childhood when they were used to cross with the Suffolk ram for the meat trade. I have been showing Kerry's for 10+ years, which is hard work, but enjoyable. Enough about me.

The Society now has the Grass Roots System in place for registered KH sheep which will make life easier for traceability. We now also have the PedEWeb system for you to register your own sheep which should be up and running soon. A letter of explanation and instructions for you to register to the system will be sent out to you all by Libby Henson, together with your current Flock Book. For those of us who are not good with computers, paper forms are still available from Pam.

On that note - Please remember that all sheep **have** to be registered before they are sold, whether privately, or at Society sales. For those with Ewe Lambs and Ram Lambs for sale at this year's sales, can they please make sure they are registered **NO LATER** than 1<sup>st</sup> July.

I hope that you have all had a successful lambing season. May I wish all exhibitors the best of luck at the Major and Local Agricultural Shows, which is one of the best shop windows for this traditional breed. I will sign off now, but if you have anything you wish to discuss then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Pam. You will find our telephone numbers in the Flock Book.

Pre 2009 females:

Please note that in the new Flock Book some Females born pre 2009 will have a registration number of eg: F1234 or F1234AA. The actual Registration Number of 1234 has not been changed. The old Registration Number of 1234 will now read either F1234 or F1234AA.

Regards to you all,

Alan Brimble,

Chairman to the KHFB