# FOLD NEWS MAY 2026

**Bluetongue** – an update on the current blue tongue situation was emailed to all clients at the beginning of April, if you haven't seen a copy please let us know and we can provide you with one. If you would like to discuss vaccination for your flock/herd, please give us a ring. There are specific requirements to move into Scotland full rules are available at https://www.gov.scot/publications/bluetongue/pages/movement-restrictions-from-1-june-2026/

**The Fold Herd and Flock Plans** - We introduced flock and herd payment plans in 2025 to enable clients to budget effectively for their routine vet work. The plans are a fixed price per month depending on the headage of either sheep or cattle. They include a reduced visit fee and all the routine vet work you could possibly need.

Herd plans from £85.40 per month include -

Pregnancy diagnosis, semen testing, in house FWEC, quarantine testing, heifer checks, trace element screens, metabolic pre calving bloods, fluke testing sample collection, annual blood sampling for Johnes, Lepto, BVD and Neospora, BVD check test.

Flock plans from £98 per month include -

Basic semen test, quarantine testing, cull ewe screen, trace element screen, metabolic pre lambing bloods, fluke testing sample collection, annual blood sampling for MV/CLA/EAE.

The monthly payment doesn't include lab fees, drugs or none preventative work – for example sick animals, post mortems, vasectomies, dehorning castration, aborting heifers or TB testing etc.

Full details are available on our website

Farm Health Packages - THE FOLD FARM VETS

**Zone Days** – Will take place every Tuesday, rotating between 2 zones each week. This is to offer more visits at the affordable zone price of £20 + VAT. There is a new colour coded map available on our Facebook page and website to show which zone you fall in.

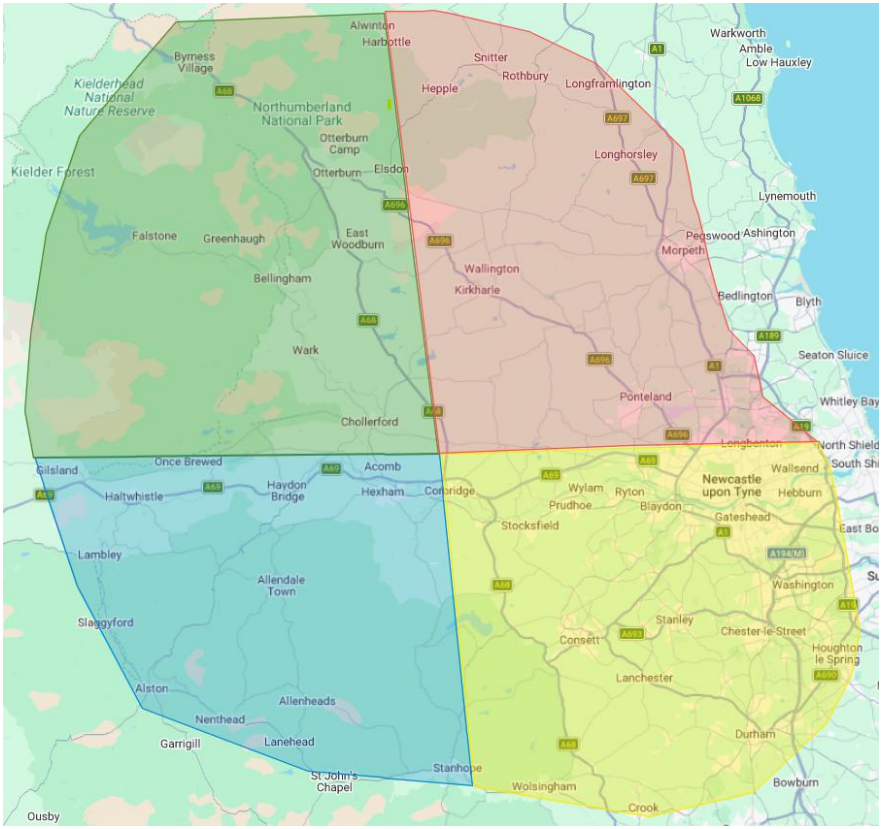
Tuesday 5th and 19th May - Morning - ZONE B BLUE (Hexhamshire, Allendale, Haltwhistle, Alston)

Tuesday 5th and 19th May - Afternoon - ZONE D RED (Stamfordham, Ponteland, Matfen)

Tuesday 12th and 26th May - Morning - ZONE A GREEN (Falstone, Bellingham, Wark, Elsdon)

Tuesday 12th and 26th May - Afternoon - ZONE C YELLOW (Riding Mill, Consett, Lanchester, Wolsingham)

*Zone days will take place until the end of October.*



## AHWP Pathway – apply now!

There has been an increase in funding available for veterinary services through the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway. There have been a couple of changes to the framework from 2025. There is an opportunity to apply for multiple species and there are now two 'phases' of funding. You must fulfil phase 1 – An animal health and welfare review - before you are eligible for phase 2 – an endemic disease follow up.

This is an easily accessible fund & we would recommend applying, please see the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/farmers-how-to-apply-for-funding-to-improve-animal-health-and-welfare

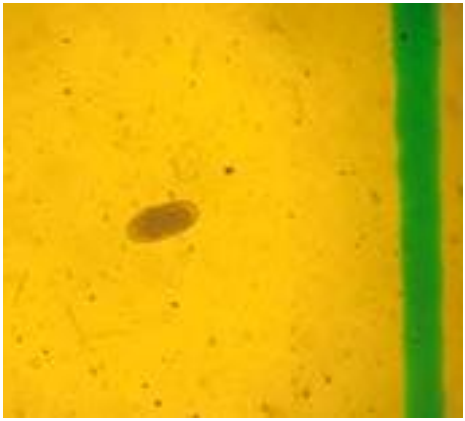
## Cattle Bulletin

**Artificial Insemination Services** – as in previous years we are offering fixed time AI post synchronisation. The protocol is modernised and success rates are far better than they ever used to be. Sexed semen in beef is becoming more readily available and there is a chance of introducing some high profile genetics into your herd without an expensive bull or buying in replacements. Please ring for a chat.

## Lamb Bulletin

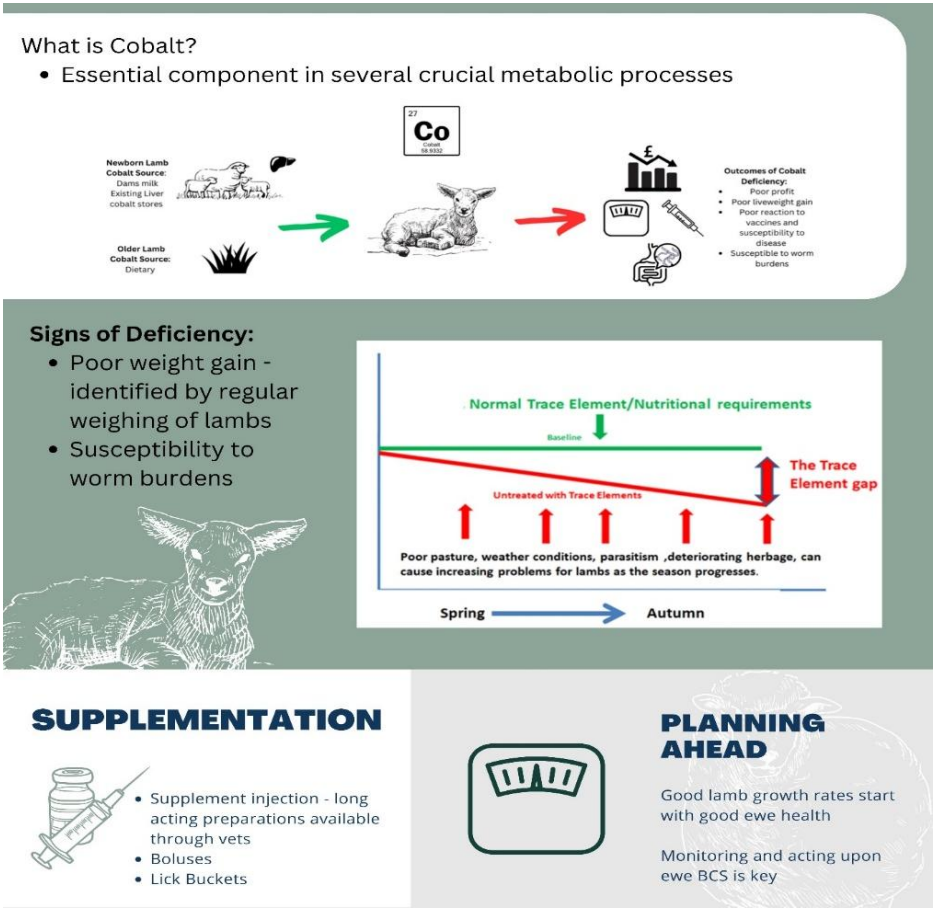
**Worm update -**

Please keep an eye on your emails for our weekly parasite updates. If you are not receiving these, let us know and we can add your email address to the mailing list.



## Cobalt Dosing for Lambs -

Try not to miss out on dosing deficient lambs with cobalt – now is the time to get ordering and planning your doses.
There are several options available all with their own pros and cons – feel free to give us a ring to discuss the most efficient and cost-effective option for your farm.




## Dates for your diary

### Mastering Medicine Course

Thursday 21st May
1pm to 3pm at the Surgery
£55 + VAT per person
Book online or ring the surgery to book a place.