



CAERWYS

Veterinary Surgery

Winter Newsletter

Winter 2025/26 Farm Newsletter

Opening Times:
Monday – Friday:
9am-6:30pm
Saturday/Sunday:
Emergencies
01352 720203

**Emergency Farm
Animal Service 24
hours, 7 days a
week**

Zoë, Chloe,
Lauren,
Ruby, Emma,
Olwen and
Amelia

Staff Changes

A lot of you have probably already met them but we would like to officially welcome Amelia and Olwen to the Caerwys Vets team.

Amelia joined Caerwys in 2024 after graduating from the University of Liverpool. She has loved getting stuck in to all aspects of farm practice. Before this she spent time at the Grosvenor Estate Farm managing cry cows and calves, which cemented her interests in young stock and obstetrics. She is keen to get more involved in the farm side of the practice as her career develops. Outside of work, she is a rugby player, coffee enthusiast and currently enjoying her new obsession with Hyrox. She also loves cooking and baking for family and friends and life at home is never boring thanks to two very demanding cats. She looks forward to meeting you all at some point in the future, if she hasn't already.

Olwen graduated in 2022 from the University of Liverpool. She has been working part time at Caerwys since the end of 2024 but moved to full time in October. She has worked in a mixed practice in Aberystwyth and a farm & equine practice in Lancashire before joining Caerwys. She enjoys dairy work as she used to play a role in herd management at a 2000+ head dairy herd so has seen her fair share of calvings!

Finally, Ruby is going off on maternity leave at Christmas. We wish her all the best in welcoming her second child in the new year.

Sustainable Farming Scheme

For those of you planning on applying for the sustainable farming scheme from January 2026; as part of Universal Action 12 you will need to complete an AHIC (Animal Health Improvement Cycle) and a BAIS (Biosecurity Assessment for Incoming Stock) with your vet.

Chloe has completed the training in order to be able to complete this with you. If you are planning on entering the scheme please contact Chloe at the surgery (available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) to arrange an appointment for this or to discuss any queries you may have about the scheme.

Bird Flu

There is now an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone in force across the whole of Wales.

Any keepers of 50 or more birds or those who sell or give away eggs must house their birds.

For more information please see the APHA website.

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Bluetongue Update

There have been 11 cases of Bluetongue in Wales to date.

As there is unlikely to be any midge activity over the winter, the Chief Veterinary Officer has announced an All-Wales Restricted Zone from 10th November.

This revokes the temporary control zone and means that there is now free movement of livestock between England and Wales without enforced vaccination.

Vaccination is still the best method of controlling the disease and it is worth thinking about doing so before the next active transmission period in Spring 2026.

If you would like to discuss vaccinating for Bluetongue please give us a call at the surgery.

Watery Mouth Disease Survey

Do you have experience in dealing with Watery Mouth Disease in your flock?

Want to talk about your experience and help improve the treatment of the disease? The University of Bristol, as part of Arwain DGC are researching into this disease in order to improve prevention and treatment in Welsh Flocks.

Take 10 minutes of your time to complete the survey and be in with a chance to win a Shearwell EID Reader Bundle worth £775!

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/svs/watery-mouth-disease>



Farmers' Meeting

We are planning on holding a meeting on calf rearing in the new year. If you would like to register your interest please give us a call at the practice.

Also if you have any areas you would like to see covered in future meetings please feel free to let us know.