



The Welsh Mountain Sheep Society Open Day 2025 is being hosted by the Maldwyn branch at **12 noon on Saturday 27th September**, courtesy of Mr Meilir Jones, Tŷ Gwyn, Aberhosan.



The event will take place on the farm's hill land, where the flock of Welsh Mountain sheep graze all year round. The enclosed hill area of 450 acres, ranging in altitude from 1,250 to 1,700 feet, is located in the Dylife area. An additional 150 acres, adjoining the hill, are rented from two neighbouring farms.

The flock consists of around 450 Welsh ewes and 120 yearling ewe lambs. Around 150 of the older ewes are crossed with Aberfield rams. 330 Aberfield x Welsh ewes are kept and mated using Beltex x Texel rams. Scanning rates vary from 145–165% for the Welsh ewes, and 170–180% for the crossbred ewes. All lambs are sold at the local market in Machynlleth through Farmers Marts, from July onwards.

Parcels of land were improved back in the 1970s and 1980s. Another parcel has recently been re-seeded under the "Growing for the Environment" scheme to increase winter forage on the hill land. Silage bales were made from this land this year for the first time ever.

Meilir is the second generation to farm Tŷ Gwyn, a 120-acre farm near Aberhosan, where he lives with his wife Siwan and their children, Greta, Aron and Guto. His parents, Ieuan and Mair Jones, farmed there until Meilir took over the tenancy. At Tŷ Gwyn there is a suckler herd of 20 crossbred cows and a Limousin bull. Store cattle are sold at Dolgellau at 18–20 months of age. The lambs come down from the hill to Tŷ Gwyn in summer/autumn to be fattened on improved fields that have been developed in recent years. For the first time, sheep and lambs are also grazing on neighbouring farmland under an 11-month grazing licence, which has added around 200 acres to the farm.

Light refreshments will be provided by Dyfi Diner, free of charge. Remember to collect your food ticket on arrival. The event will include a tractor tour of the mountain (weather permitting).

Travel Directions: Mynydd Dyfngwm, Rhydyorthmyn, Dylife, Llanbryn-mair, Powys, SY19 5BW
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From the North: In Llanbryn-mair, turn towards Staylittle and Llanidloes. Before reaching Staylittle, turn right towards Dylife and Machynlleth. Signs will be provided along the way.

From the South: In Machynlleth, turn towards Llanidloes. Follow the road until just before you reach Dylife. Signs will be provided along the way.

