

Yew Tree News

Here at Yew Tree we are longing for Spring time and especially some dry weather! To help get you through to the end of this cold, wet spell we have a fabulous offer on our alpaca socks – buy 3 pairs and get £5 off – see end of newsletter for further info.



Alpacas brave the mud & snow!

This Winter is definitely the MUDDIEST YET. We have kept Alpacas at Yew Tree for 8½ years and have never seen so much rain and water over the Winter. The Yew Tree fields are very waterlogged and covered in mud at the present time so our white alpacas have turned grey/black as they daily plod around in the mud.

Our mums and their young are currently in their shelters every night to give their feet time to dry, otherwise foot rot could become a distinct possibility.

Additional dried grass as well as hay has been required for all the herd over the Winter to compensate for the lack of grass. Can't wait for SPRING!



Weanlings soon for sale

February is the time for weaning our 'baby' alpacas born in Summer 2017. They have done well over Winter despite the weather, but the difficult time when they leave mum will soon be here.

The young ones stay together as a group for the first 3 months to minimize the trauma of separation. Sometimes it's mum who is the more upset.

There will be a group of three boys and a group of three girls available for sale from early May. If you are interested in owning alpacas or adding to your herd then do get in touch. Note we have an **intro workshop on Sat March 3rd** for those interested in ownership. Book via our website or Tel 01763 848 257. Email for further info is info@yewtreealpacas.co.uk



FREE Alpaca Adventure tickets

We are taking part in the HERTS BIG WEEKEND an initiative organised by Visit Herts where hundreds of free tickets are available for Hertfordshire attractions, most but not all on the weekend of 24th and 25th March.

Yew Tree are offering 30 free tickets valid for an alpaca adventure for two on **Saturday 28th April at 10.30am (15) and 2.30pm (15)**. These will go into the BIG VISIT WEEKEND ballot which opens on the 8th February.

These free tickets are only available if you are successful in the ballot. You can apply via the ballot for as many tickets/attractions as you want including the Yew Tree Alpaca adventure (each BIG WEEKEND ticket is worth £44 for two).

Log onto www.hertsbigweekend.co.uk for more info & to see details of our Adventure ticket offer.



Yew Tree's Felix taken by Juliet

ALPACA Photography Workshop NEW for 2018

On **Saturday March 17th (10am - 3.30pm)** there's a chance to spend a day immersed in alpacas and taking photos. A day of theory and practical advice with professional photographer Juliet Hedges-Robinson. Suitable for beginners and intermediates alike, bring your Smartphone or digital camera.

The excellent price of £75 also includes lunch with home-made sandwiches and desserts. Maximum 8 places available. For more details and to book go to our website www.yewtreealpacas.com/alpaca-events/photography-workshop or telephone 01763 848257

Intro workshop

Thinking about owning alpacas but not sure what's involved then our introductory workshop is just for you.

Our next workshop is fast approaching, Saturday March 3rd 11.30am – 3.30pm

It includes a mix of theory and practical. Learn about what's involved and then go to visit the real thing and get a chance to handle, halter and lead an alpaca, then see how feet are trimmed and teeth checked. You'll also walk our fields to see fencing and shelter requirements. Lunch is included as are workshop notes. You can book online and see a typical programme.

<http://www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/shop/alpaca-activities/intro-to-alpacas-detail>

Comments from a previous attendee ...

I just wanted to thank you for such a great course on Monday. I learnt so much and now feel far more confident with the alpacas. Jackie, Nov 2017



Essential for looking after alpacas, poo picking equipment!



Learning how to handle and catch alpacas

Fabulous February OFFER

GET £5 OFF YOUR ORDER WHEN YOU BUY any three pairs of alpaca socks* from our website

Our alpaca socks are an unmissable addition to your winter wardrobe. Most of you have already tried these brilliant super warm socks, so as an extra incentive to try them out or add to your sock collection we are offering £5 off your order if you buy 3 pairs of any type of our alpaca socks. Use voucher code FEB18-3P-5 Valid to Feb 28th 2018.

*Offer only covers alpaca socks. It applies to online orders only.

Minimum order value £25.



Walking socks – calf length



Luxury Bed socks



Contrast socks

ALPACA PILLOWS NOW ONLINE!

It's taken us a while to get the alpaca pillows launched online but at last they are up there! You can now buy the following from our website

- Firm pillows (standard size)
- Medium pillows (standard size)
- Travel pillow/cushion (small size)
- Pillow fleece refill/refresh 500g
- Pillow fleece refill/refresh 300g

<http://www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/shop/alpaca-pillows>

Note you can still call and order over the phone

Delivery

Collect from Yew Tree with no delivery charge or pay for courier delivery
£7.50 for one pillow, £11.50 for two pillows

