

## Exmoor Women in Farming Group – September 2016

### RAM MOT Evening with Mike Glover from Torch Farm Vets

#### Key Points

- Pre Topping MOT – 10 weeks prior (August time)
- Move away from fat rams – risk of poor fertility
- You want a FIT not FAT Ram
- Antibiotics will not affect fertility
- You want a ram that moves well, will find ewes and two testicles.
- Teeth must be good, cheek teeth do the chewing
- Check brisket – sores from raddles
- Don't be afraid to clip Scrotum – air to circulate
- Ideal condition score – between 3 and 3.5
- Fibre and a protein diet are important

For more information click on the AHDB links below:

<http://beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Leaflet-Ram-MOT.pdf>

<http://beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Manual-11-Target-ewe-fertility-for-better-returns.pdf>

<http://beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Booklet-Fit-for-purpose-rams-A-blueprint-for-breeders.pdf>

