

# HSA one-day seminar for the meat and livestock industry: Animal Welfare at Slaughter and Killing – Hot Topics 2023

The Arden Hotel, Solihull (Birmingham International)  
Wednesday 18 October 2023

09.00 - 09.30 **Registration and coffee**

09.30 - 09.40 **Charlie Mason** (*Technical Director, HSA*)  
Welcome and Introduction

## 09.40 - 10.55 **Session One**

09.40 - 10.05 **Collin Willson** (*Food Standards Agency (FSA)*)  
Update on CCTV in abattoirs and the WATOK review

10.05 - 10.30 **Roy Melsert** (*MHS Consultancy*)  
Using AI and CCTV to improve animal welfare at slaughter

10.30 - 10.55 **John Mettrick** (*representing the Sustainable Food Trust*)  
Results of 2022 Abattoir Users' Survey

10.55 - 11.15 **Coffee Break**

11.15 - 11.40 **Birte Nielsen** (*Research Director, HSA*)  
Update on killing of day-old chicks in hatcheries

11.40 - 12.05 **Julian Sparrey** (*Livetec Systems Ltd*)  
Poultry welfare during mass depopulation operations

12.05 - 12.30 **Lesley Moffat** (*Eyes on Animals*)  
Improved pig handling for high-voltage electrical stunning systems

12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch**

## 13.30 - 15.00 **Session Two**

13.30 - 13.45 **Jenna Murdoch** (*Nottingham University, School of Veterinary Sciences*)  
Livestock Transport Project

13.45 - 14.10 **Claire White** (*National Farmers Union*)  
Update on 'Demonstration of Life' procedures for Halal certification in conjunction with pre-slaughter electrical stunning

14.10 - 14.35 **Owen Marlow** (*Defra*)  
Financial support for small abattoirs

14.35 - 15.00 **John Mettrick** (*National Craft Butchers and small abattoir FBO*)  
Allocation of funding to maximise animal welfare in small abattoirs

15.00 - 15.15 **Coffee Break**

15.15 - 16.30 Questions and discussion - Chair: **Birte Nielsen** (*HSA*)

16.30 Close of meeting - **Charlie Mason** (*HSA*)

For registration details, go to: [www.hsa.org.uk/seminar2023](http://www.hsa.org.uk/seminar2023)