#### WINTER NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2021

### **SWALEDALE SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**

# NEWSLETTER



### A word or two from the Chairman...

It hardly seems five minutes since I was writing the last Chairman's update but here we are, tup sales over and tups either being let off or about to be. Congratulations to those breeders who had great success at the sales; success breeding Swaledale tups is always well deserved as a lot of hard work and knowledge goes into it.

We had a short but enjoyable trip to Ireland mid-September where I had been asked to judge the first official SSBA show and sale of Swaledales at Ballybofey, I was hugely impressed by the sheep put before me and the sale went well with some pleasing prices for the breeders who had obviously put a lot into getting the sheep to the standard they were.

Whilst we missed out on most of our Centenary celebrations due to Covid we are still holding a dinner at Shap Wells on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend what should be a great evening.

Council has just agreed to do a database for researching breeding, so rather than having to have a stack of flock books to go through, members will be able to do it online. This is also hoped to bring considerable savings with respect to the printing of the flock book. It won't be available for a while as it will take quite a bit of work to set up. Do not worry, though, the hardback book version of the Flock Book will continue to be produced for all members.

There is some movement on exporting of sheep to Northern Ireland, members can apply for temporary Scrapie monitoring status, Members need to satisfy themselves of the rules and apply before the 31st of December this year but you will only be able to use group 1 scrapie genotyped sheep i.e. 'A' test rams as stock sires, it is very important members read the rules very carefully.

Finally we are holding the AGM on the 15th of December at Stanhope Show Pavillion. From next year we intend to get back to holding the AGM in June as normal and potentially having a guest speaker on relevant issues.

Will Cockbain



## News from the Office...

What started off as being a second year of lockdown, resulted in a near-normal life from mid-August, with shows taking place, sales allowed to have shows, and most importantly, everyone allowed to attend these events.



**Facebook** – this has been key to keeping members and all interested parties uptodate on events, results, and prices. Followers of the page reached 5000 in October 2020, and I didn't believe that we would make the next milestone this year, but we did, 6000 came and went during Kirkby Stephen tup sales. The most notable figure from Facebook was the views of the livestream video taken at Hawes of Jack and Adam Lawson's Reserve Champion, at the time of writing, there has been 30,100 views and over 50 shares – could be classed as going viral!

**Merchandise** – the range of merchandise was launched on the website during the Summer, this is a select range of clothing, embroidered with the Association logo, and on some items, the website address. If you would like any items ordering for Christmas presents, please order by 6<sup>th</sup> December to ensure you receive them in time.

**Swaledale Gin** – We were very fortunate to work with The Spirit of Swaledale Gin Company during the year, keeping all things 'Swaledale', the Company produces gin, and other products from their byre at Greenses, in Upper Swaledale. All Champions at the sales received a bottle of gin, and Richard and Gail Harker managed to receive two! Well done to everyone.

**Database** – At a recent Council Meeting it was agreed that the Association invests in a Grassroots database. For many involved with other breed societies', you will be familiar with the concept of looking up pedigrees online prior to sales via an

App on your phones/tablets etc. This won't happen overnight, but anticipate it rolling out over the next 18 months, then the

breeding generations will build up going forward over the years. The software will be a positive step for the Association to keep up with the requirements of the youth of Swaledale Sheep Breeders.

**Scrapie Genotyping** – Several members experienced re-testing problems when scrapie genotyping rams during the summer. There is a 'Good House Keeping' list below with tips on best practise in taking the samples. One major point is to allow plenty of time for samples to be processed, at least 3 weeks, and then if you have re-tests, a further 3 weeks, so, testing should ideally be completed no later than the beginning of July to ensure results are back for the end of August. Please also remember to use full EID tag numbers when sending off samples, this is in the byelaws of the Association.

**Centenary Dinner** – Anyone wanting tickets for the dinner on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February, at Shap Wells, please contact me on 07958 540 749. This will be a great night for everyone to meet and celebrate all that has been achieved by the Association and the breed over the past 101 years.

All that remains for me to say, is to thank all of Council and in particular Chairman, Will Cockbain, for their support over the past year, and to all members and enthusiasts of the breed who keep us at the forefront of the hill sheep breeds.

Kind regards

Rachel

Head Secretary

## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS NOSE-PRICK TESTS FROM INNOVIS

#### When Scrapie Genotyping rams, please use the following 'house-keeping' rules:

- 1. Pat dry the rams nose where the sample is to be taken from with a clean tissue. Use a clean tissue for each ram to be tested.
- 2. Ensure hands are free of any signs of blood from testing one ram to the next.
- 3. Ensure hands are dry, clean and not contaminated between each ram with water, muck etc.
- 4. Make sure there is sufficient blood taken from each ram, and that the blood has absorbed through all layers of the sample.
- 5. Make sure the sample of blood is not contaminated with water.
- 6. Make sure you test your rams in sufficient time to get results back no later than the end of August.

 Samples sent to Innovis are on a 3-week turnround to be safe to receive results. Allow plenty of time in-case any samples need re-testing, these re-tests can take a further 3 weeks.

## Swaledale breed transforms Northern Ireland farm business

By Chris McCullough (as published in The Scottish Farmer)

## SWITCHING his breeding policy to use only Swaledale sheep has totally transformed Paddy Corbett's farm business by lowering input costs, increased prolificacy and producing stronger lambs.

Paddy farms hill land in the Sperrin mountains close to the village of Draperstown in Co. Derry/Londonderry with his wife Emma and three young children. Both work off the farm with Paddy spending three weeks in six working offshore on oil rigs in the North Sea, while Emma is a nurse.

With these demanding work and parental schedules, Paddy's goal was to run a sheep breed that complemented the hill land and were easy to manage, resulting in a good work life balance.

After trying a few different breeds Paddy discovered, quite by chance, that the Swaledale breed was exactly suited to the characteristics of his hill land and his method of farming.

Since starting to see the benefits of the Swaledale breed, Paddy has decided to sell off the remainder of his commercial flock of 300 ewes and concentrate on a new flock of pedigree Swaledale sheep, currently numbering 150 ewes.

"Whilst being involved in sheep farming all my life I didn't start hill farming until 2006 and have learned the hard way since then," said Paddy. "Over the years we tried the various traditional hill sheep breeds, as well as a number of crosses, but could never find the right balance in a breed that could thrive on our hill.

"On this farm we traditionally ran over 400 hill sheep. Over the past couple of years since introducing pedigree Swaledales, our commercial numbers have decreased to 300 Swaledale x Lanark ewes. We fatten most of our male lambs, which by using kill sheet data, has proved to be a great way of benchmarking the performance of each of the hill breeds and crosses we have tried over the years.

"Eight years ago we bought our first Swaledale shearling rams and started crossing them with the Blackface Lanarks," said Paddy. "These Swaledale shearling rams were well bred sheep from the north of England. In the first cross we saw the differences very fast and the lambs were slightly bigger, healthier and were easy lambed. We also noticed the carcasses were forming quicker and were able to carry more weight.

"Prior to using the Swaledale breed our scanning percentage was between 1.2 and 1.3 lambs per ewe with average finished carcass weights running between 19.5kg to 20.5kg. After introducing the breed we were clearly achieving a larger lamb, with increased hybrid vigour that was more suited to our hill conditions. Also, in subsequent years as the Swaledale/Lanark cross gimmer hogs progressed into the flock, there was a notable increase in prolificacy," he said.

Normally Paddy lambs the flock in April time and would run the store lambs on the hill until November before bringing them indoors to fatten them with concentrates. This system proved costly with the lambs from the traditional breed crosses as he had to bring them in earlier to get them to the right weights.

However, over the years as the Swaledale breed grasped a stronger influence in his flock, Paddy started to save on concentrates as the lambs were naturally heavier coming off the hill, being only grass fed. Paddy said: "The male lambs were ready to sell much quicker and thus also gave us access to the store lamb market. This new move not only meant we had a viable lamb to sell earlier but also saved us substantial money on concentrate costs. The ewe lambs were twice the size of the ones we started off with from the traditional hill breeds.

"On top of this, we were also introducing hybrid vigour to the flock which had a multitude of benefits in the long run."

In order to pursue and enhance the Swaledale trait in his flock Paddy knew he had to source new lines of genetics, but he didn't realise how infectious this was to become.

"We needed new Swaledale genetics to introduce into our flock and about four years ago started sourcing some pedigree females and tups over in England," said Paddy. "At that time I didn't realise how bad I was about to catch the Swaledale bug and how the breed was about to totally transform my farming business."

As Paddy witnessed more benefits with the Swaledale sheep on his farm, he took the decision to go full pedigree and sell out the entire commercial flock. Paddy and Emma have since established Meadow Park Pedigree Swaledales, a name that is now widely recognised across both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland sheep farming sectors.

Another benefit of using pedigree Swaledale sheep that Paddy encountered was his lambing percentage increased therefore he had more lambs on the ground to sell and use as replacement stock.



"We imported the first pedigree female Swaledale sheep from Hoggarths Farm belonging to Chris and Raymond Calvert, and Patrick Sowerby at Oakbank Farm.

"The females we brought in had all been tupped across the water. Our first scans averaged 1.92 lambs per ewe which was a big increase for us.

"The pedigree Swaledale is performing very well indeed on our hill land and we currently have a selection of shearling rams from the top Swaledale bloodlines for sale. They have grazed the hill all summer and are in excellent order at around 90kgs. "Among them are sons of the £21,000 Stoney Hill Jester bred by Michael Watson, and grandsons from the £38,000 Oakbank Delboy ram," he said.

With over 70 years of breeding records personally to hand, Paddy really goes the extra mile to achieve the best results from his pedigree flock. He keeps a very close eye on which bloodlines of the breed are achieving the best results at the Swaledale shows and sales and can trace his own flock genetics back to 1920 when the Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association was formed.

"Starting down the pedigree route was quite daunting at first but with much needed help from the Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association and the members of the association, our journey towards being pedigree breeders has been made possible," said Paddy. "I like to ensure I introduce the best genetics into my flock that have a proven performance history and will do well for me.

"I'm totally convinced going full pedigree will improve our farm management and our work life balance, as I can go to the oil rigs for three weeks at a time knowing the sheep can fend for themselves up on the hill," he added.

Paddy runs his own facebook page called Meadow Park Pedigree Swaledales.

## Swaledale M&S Scotbeef Lamb Scheme

The Members Producer Group who supplied the M&S Lamb scheme in 2021 met in August with Bill Mackinnon from Scotbeef and Peter Kennedy from M&S. Another successful year for the scheme was reported with just over 11,000 lambs being supplied from the end of December 2020 through to Mid-May 2021. Bill and Peter announced details of a new scheme to begin at the end of 2021 with some small adjustments, these being:

- Same specifications as 2021 but the bonus is 10p rather than 15p.
- Haulage has reduced from £2.60 per lamb to £2.00 per lamb but if fuel continues to rise, Derek Armstrong will review and advise if there are any changes.
- Payment on carcases up to 22kg, but bonus is only paid on lambs up to 21kg.
- Bulk of lambs to be killed at Vivers, Annan.
- Lamb won't be promoted as being Swaledale, but will go into the core supply for M&S which is 100% British sourced.
- Other breed lambs can be sent, but bonus only applies to Swaledales.

If any members are interested in supplying the scheme for the forthcoming season, please contact Rachel on 07958 540 749. All suppliers new to the scheme need to have completed the M&S audit prior to lambs being sent to the <u>abattoir.</u> **Producer of 2021** - All Producers had received their own results for lambs hitting the specifications of the scheme prior to the meeting, and on the day, a presentation was made to J Allison & Sons, Seal Houses for topping the charts once again, this is the second year in a row that Seal Houses have won this.





# Sales Reports



# Southern Irish Sale

**CHAMPION MALE** 

Ballybofey & Stranolar - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

To begin with I would like to thank our Main sponsors AXA Ireland and sub sponsors whose support helped make the sale happen.

It was amazing to witness vendors , bidders and purchasers travel from all corners of Ireland to our Sale , thanks to Will Cockbain for judging the first Association show and Sale, Rachel Buckle for making the trip with Wayne Hutchinson Photography and to the Sales Committee , the lads who helped the sale go so smoothly, Ballybofey & Stranorlar Co-operative Livestock Mart for staging the sale and last but not least Browne Printers Ltd for producing a great catalogue for us.



	OTEARCE	SHEAREINGRAM				
Aaron Boyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Aaron Boyle - Garv	1 <sup>st</sup> Aaron Boyle - Garvan		AVERAGE RAM €881		
sold to Joseph McGill for €2350	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaron Boyle - Garv	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaron Boyle - Garvan		OTHER LEADING RA	M PRICES (EUROS):	
RESERVE MALE	3 <sup>rd</sup> Brian Carter - Fahai	3 <sup>rd</sup> Brian Carter - Fahan Hill Swaledales		Willy Dowling - Furryhil	l €1680	
Aaron Boyle	4 <sup>th</sup> Noel Hegarty - Rosmore			Brian Carter - Fahan Hill	€1300	
sold to Michael Healy for €2050	5 <sup>th</sup> Victor Barber - Yeats County			Noel Hegarty - Crove	€700	
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Michael McMonagle	Sold for €360	J&TM	٩cClo	skey	Sold for €400	
SHEARLING EWE	EWE	LAMB	1	AGED	EWE	
1 <sup>st</sup> J&T McCloskey- Heather Hill	1 <sup>st</sup> Aaron Boyle - Garvan			1 <sup>st</sup> Michael McMonagle - Glenview		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaron Boyle - Garvan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Patrick McGill - Braeface			2 <sup>nd</sup> Patrick McGill - Brae	eface	
3 <sup>rd</sup> J&T McCloskey - Heather Hill	3 <sup>rd</sup> Victor Barber - Yeats County			3 <sup>rd</sup> Patrick McGill - Brae	face	
4 <sup>th</sup> Patrick McGill - Braeface	4 <sup>th</sup> Sean Byrne - Cashel Hill			4 <sup>th</sup> Aaron Boyle - Garva	n	
5 <sup>th</sup> James Lafferty - Glen Valley	5 <sup>th</sup> Jason Murphy - GlanValley			5 <sup>th</sup> Christopher Begley	- Glenalla	
TOP PRICE SHEARLING EWE €720	TOP PRICE EV	VE LAMB €330	1	TOP PRICE EV	/E LAMB €360	
	AVERAGE €124			AVERAGE €138		

SHEARLING RAM



Champion Male & the top price went to Aaron Boyle for the 1<sup>st</sup> Shearling Ram, sold for 2350 Euros Champion Female went to Michael McMonagle for the 1<sup>st</sup> Aged Ewe, which sold for 360 Euros.

## **E** District Ruswarp, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Friday 8th October 2021 saw E district's annual ram sale held at Richardson & Smiths auction mart Ruswarp, Whitby, the auctioneer was Robert Smith.

The pre-sale show was judged by John Stephenson, with a great turn out in all classes, and in particular, the tup lambs was John's most difficult decision.

There were 17 aged rams put forward, the highest price was £600 from Reg Pierson, bred by J & E Waggett, and sold to C Padgett; 21 shearlings sold to a top of £650 from Mark Graham, sold to Sean Myers (Rosedale) and 2 ram lambs peaked at £500 for a telephone bid for Jack Hallam's entry, which sold to A Iveson (Hawes).

I would like to thank all involved in anyway at the sale, auctioneers, the judge John Stephenson, Head Secretary, Rachel Buckle, sponsors, sellers and purchasers.

#### Show results:

#### **Supreme Champion**

..... M Graham, Hunt House with the 1st Large **Breeder Tup Shearling** 

#### Aged Ram

1<sup>st</sup> R Peirson 2<sup>nd</sup> S Thompson 3<sup>rd</sup> R Sellars

#### **Shearling Ram** Large Breeder

- 1<sup>st</sup> M Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> Breck House
- Enterprises
- 3<sup>rd</sup> B Wheeldon

1<sup>st</sup> Ram

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#### **Shearling Ram** Small Breeder 1<sup>st</sup> S Snaith 2<sup>nd</sup> L Barraclough 3<sup>rd</sup> S Snaith

#### **Best Conformation**

- 1<sup>st</sup> B Wheeldon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> S Snaith 3<sup>rd</sup> S Snaith

#### **Ram Lamb** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> P Metcalfe 2<sup>nd</sup> J Hallam

**Reserve Champion** 

P Metcalfe with the 1<sup>st</sup> Ram Lamb

**Best Shearling Ram** bred by exhibitor 1<sup>st</sup> M Graham

2<sup>nd</sup> Breck House Enterprises 3<sup>rd</sup> S Snaith

Michelle Fawbert E District Secretary

LEADING PRICES (£)				
Aged Rams				
R Peirson	600, 500			
S Thompson	500, 280			
R&J Myers	300, 280			
Shearlings Rams				
L Barraclough	300			
RL Garbutt	420, 380			
GJ Allison	500			
S Snaith	500			
M Graham	650, 400, 350			
Ram Lambs				
J Hallam	500			
P Metcalfe	190			
Averages				
Aged Rams	£230			
Shearlings	£293			



Supreme Champion & top price was the 1st shearling from **M** Graham which sold for £650

## NORTH WEST AUCTIONS

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**Best Shearling Ram** 1<sup>st</sup> M Graham

## **D** District St Johns Chapel, 12th October 2021

The 2021 'D' District Ram Sale returned to it's home venue at St Johns Chapel Auction Mart on Tuesday 12th October 2021 after a years absence due to Covid. Purchasers travelled from as far afield as Argyll and Bute, East Ayrshire, Lancashire, Sheffield and Devon. The day kicked off with the judging which saw more than 30 shearlings pulled out for the Large Breeders class and 12 for the Small Breeders. After some deliberation and the referee being called upon in the Large Breeder class the Championship honours finally went to Michael Lee, Harwood Shield with Reserve Champion going to A Peart & Sons who won the Small Breeders class.

Starting the sale off was the Aged Rams which peaked at £800 from JA Wilkinson, Pry Hill.

Following this, attention then turned to the Shearling's which St John's Chapel vendors' have a reputation for producing both conformation and quality and these powerful shearlings were especially in demand.

The Top price of the day was £5500 for an outstanding Shearling Ram from Jonathan Archer, White Hill Farm, Sparty Lea Hexham this Ram was the Winner of the Conformation Class and 4<sup>th</sup> In the Large Breeders and was sold for £5500 to N&J&S Taylor, Sheffield.

#### Show results:

**Supreme Champion** MJ Lee, Harwood Shield - 1<sup>st</sup> Large Breeder

**Reserve Champion** A Peart & Son - 1st Small Breeder

#### **Shearling Ram** Large Breeders

- 1<sup>st</sup> MJ Lee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> D Humble
- 3<sup>rd</sup> K & HA Ridley
- 4<sup>th</sup> J Archer
- 5<sup>th</sup> JR Dalton
- 6<sup>th</sup> D Humble
- **Shearling Ram** Small Breeder 1<sup>st</sup> A Peart & Son 2<sup>nd</sup> CA Ridley 3<sup>rd</sup> J Thompson
- 4<sup>th</sup> RJ&RJ Airey
- 5<sup>th</sup> B&E Collingwood
- 6th DM Short
- Aged Ram ..... 1<sup>st</sup> JA Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup> D Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> JA Wilkinson 4<sup>th</sup> D Smith
- **Best Conformation** 1<sup>st</sup> JL Archer 2<sup>nd</sup> T Vickers 3<sup>rd</sup> J Pritchard 4<sup>th</sup> ALee 5<sup>th</sup> J Pritchard
- 6<sup>th</sup> J Thompson

1400

CA Ridley 3200

W Watson 1000

1400, 1100

B&E Collingwood 3800

N Dalton 1100

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MJ Lee 2400, 1600, 1000, 1600, W Parker 1200, 3000, 1000, 850, \_\_\_\_\_ K&HA Ridley 2800, 1000, 700 ..... T Collingwood & Sons 1700, 2500, .....

G&A Carrick 2200, 1000, 2000 PE Staley 1300, 1400

1700
RJ&RJ Airey 2000
PH McVittie 1100
W&J Raine 1000, 1100
TW Vickers 1600
J Collingwood 1300
JA&CM Dalton 1400
JL Archer 5500, 1400
J Pritchard 1200, 2300

#### Leading prices (£1000+) TA Wigham 1400

JRD Short 1000 D Humble 1800, 1500, 1000 ..... E&S Gotland 1500 ..... T Hall & Son 1000, 1000, 2400, 1300, 2000, 1500, 1200 ..... JT Green 1000 K&SM Johnson 700,2100, 1100 D Collingwood 1200, 1100 JP Lee 2400, 1400, 1400, 1400 C Lee 1500

A Lee 1500, 1000, 1200, 1300 A Peart & Son 1600 JH Emerson 3300, 1500 . . . . . . . . . . . . . J Reed 2500 I Collinson 3200 JC White 2200 RJ Wigham 1600 ..... JR Dalton 1500, 1400, 1000 . . . . . . . JA Alderson 900, 1000 S&K Emmott 5000, 2000, 2200

Overall Championship went to MJ Lee, Harwood Shield, Hexham and was sold for £2400 again to N&J&S Taylor, Sheffield.

Small Breeders' and Reserve Championship -A Peart & Son, Woodcroft Farm, Frosterley. Sold for £1600 to Messrs Robinson, Thirlmere Top price of the day went to JL Archer, White Hill Farm, for his 1st Conformation ram selling for £5,500 to N&J&S Taylor, Sheffield.



£265

£812

Fay Johnson D District Secretary

#### SALE AVERAGES (£) \* 23 Shearlings sold for £2000 or above

\* 55 Shearlings sold for £1000 or above

4 Aged Rams

**260 Shearling Rams** 

## A District Middleton in Teesdale - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The SSBA A District held its 104<sup>th</sup> Great Annual Sale of Registered Swaledale Rams and Ram Lambs at Middleton in Teesdale Mart on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

A total entry of 267 rams were catalogued for sale which drew a large company of potential purchasers who had travelled from near and far, with lots of welcome new faces.

Trade was brisk, with the shearlings average improving on the year by £87.65.

We had an outstanding 35 rams out to show, which led to the Overall Champion & Reserve Champion being won by F & MP Allinson, West Briscoe. The Champion 'West Briscoe Sparkler' later sold for £16,000 to Messrs Graham, Hunt House, Whitby.

The Reserve Champion sold for £3000 to Messrs Alderson, Barras Farm, Kirkby Stephen.

This year's top price shearling was £17,000 from MF & KC Stobart, Grains O Beck, Lunedale which sold to S & K Emmott, Whitelees Farm, Blanchland.

Aged rams sold to £700 for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize ram from H Pierson & Son, Friar House Farm, Whitby which sold to Messrs Ogden, Keighley.



Caroline Colling A District Secretary

We had 16 ram lambs forward, with the Champion from Burncroft Farm, selling for £650 to Messrs Dalton, Burtreeford, Cowshill.

On behalf of the A District Tup sale committee, I would like to thank everyone who made the day such a great success, and we look forward to welcoming you all back next year.

#### Show results:

Supreme Champion F&MP Allinson, Briscoe - 1<sup>st</sup> Large Breeder Shearling Ram

#### Shearling Ram Large Breeder

- 1<sup>st</sup> F&MP Allinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> F&MP Allinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Weardale Estates
- 4<sup>th</sup> D&M&I Brown
- 5<sup>th</sup> JW Dent & Sons
- 4<sup>th</sup> J Fletcher 5<sup>th</sup> H&JCowperthwaite 6<sup>th</sup> A Stobart

2<sup>nd</sup> T Eccles

3<sup>rd</sup> S Buckle

**Shearling Ram** 

**Small Breeders** 

1<sup>st</sup> TW Hutchinson

#### Leading prices (£1000+)

TW Hutchinson 2200 MJ Lee 1800 ME&CM Bell 3100, 1800, 1000 M&EM Wilson 1100 S Hunter 1200 JR Walton & Son 1300 N&A Bainbridge 1200 Weardale Estates 9000, 2200 RM Dixon 1000 N&N Foster 1600, 1200, 1400, 1400 Conformation Class 1<sup>st</sup> E Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> CR Raine & Sons 3<sup>rd</sup> TW&K Hutchinson 4<sup>th</sup> A Dent

5<sup>th</sup> M Stobart

F&MP Allinson - 2<sup>nd</sup> Large Breeder

**Reserve Champion** 

Shearling Ram

Champion Ram Lamb Burncroft Farm – 1<sup>st</sup> Large Breeder

#### Aged Ram

1<sup>st</sup> R Peirson
2<sup>nd</sup> B Staley
3<sup>rd</sup> M Iceton

Ram Lamb Large Breeder 1<sup>st</sup> Burncroft Farm 2<sup>nd</sup> Burncroft Farm 3<sup>rd</sup> S Hunter 4<sup>th</sup> Burncroft Farm 5<sup>th</sup> S Hunter

### Reserve Champion Ram Lamb

Burncroft Farm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Large Breeder

#### Ram Lamb Small Breeder

- 1st D011C--++
- 1<sup>st</sup> R&H Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> R&H Scott
- 3<sup>rd</sup> R&H Scott
- 4<sup>th</sup> R&H Scott
- 4 Reff Scot

JE&DJ Hutchinson 1000 W Richardson & Son 2200 C&JC Stephenson 1200 W&H Stephenson 1100 GM&V Bayles 1200 MW Dent 1200, 2000, 1000 JE&AJ Mitchell 3400, 1400 R Hutchinson 1000, 2600 TW&K Hutchinson 2300, 1400, 1500, 1200 E&K Bland 1800 DC&KL Hutchinson 1200 L Smith & Co 2200, 3000, 2000 .A&J Harrison 1500, 1400, 1000, 1600 JC White 3500 AE Iceton 1000 M Watson 2600 CR Raine & Sons 2200, 7000, 1500 F&MP Allinson & Son 16000,

10000, 1000, 700, 3000, 3000, 1400, 800, 3000 JW Dent & Sons 1500

J&SE Bainbridge 1000, 1200
Messrs Cockbain 1400
D&M Brown 4500
MF&KC Stobart 17000, 1800, 400
AM Stobart 7000
S Buckle 2500, 1000
R Hutchinson & Sons 2800, 1400 1600, 1200, 1400

#### SALE AERAGES: 5 Aged Rams £350 16 Ram Lambs £200 177 Shearling Rams £1237.85



Top price came from MF&KC Stobart, Grains O Beck for Lot 224 which sold for £17,000 to S&K Emmott. Supreme Champion from F&MP Allinson & Son, West Briscoe sold for £16,000 to M/s Graham, Hunt House. Reserve Champion from F&MP Allinson & Son, West Briscoe sold for £3,000 to JA Alderson, Barras.

## C District 20th October 2021 **Kirkby Stephen Aged Rams & Ram Lambs**

Harrison & Hetherington held the opening day of the three day annual 'C' District ram sale.

Topping the sale at £4500 was the Champion Aged ram, a 5-shear receiving the Silver Challenge Cup given by Stan Davies. Haltcliffe Officer bred by M/s Ridley, was consigned by JC Walker & Son, Brennand Farm, Clitheroe, and DA&MJ Pedley, which sold in a half share between M/s Pedley, Yore House and M/s Pedley, Prospect House.

The Champion ram lamb was from Burncroft Farm, Egglestone, sold for £2000 to N Richardson, Big Ferny Ford Farm, Buxton.

Ram lambs topped at £4000 for an entry from G&C Marwood, Hill Top Farm, Newsham which was bought by F Brennand, Ellerbeck, Chapel le Dale.

Aged rams also sold to £4000 for a 4-shear, Kettlepot Baron, bred by M/s Beckwith, New Hall and consigned by LC&D

Ram above 2 yrs -

2<sup>nd</sup> TW Hutchinson

Small Breeder

1<sup>st</sup> JB Fletcher

3<sup>rd</sup> R Sellars

4<sup>th</sup> T Eccles



Wilf Buckle C District Secretary

Wearmouth, Parkside, Barnard Castle which returned to New Hall with Messrs Beckwith.

#### Show results:

**Supreme Champion & Best Ram** in C District 

#### Aged Ram 3yrs and upwards

Walker & Pedley

- 1<sup>st</sup> Walker & Pedley 2<sup>nd</sup> D&M Brown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> P&P Walker
- 4<sup>th</sup> G&M Wearmouth
- 5<sup>th</sup> C Nelson & Sons
- 6<sup>th</sup> P Lightburn

#### **Two Shear Ram**

- 1<sup>st</sup> J Rukin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> M Wills 3<sup>rd</sup> A Hartley
- 4<sup>th</sup> TW Cowperthwaite
- 5<sup>th</sup> SR Taylor

#### Leading prices Aged Rams (£1000+)

LC&D Wearmouth 4000 CW&Y Dixon 1000 JC Walker & Son & DA&MJ Pedley 4500 CR&MJ Birbeck 1000 W Watson 2000, 1600 J Rukin 1200 GA&JM Maw 1000

M Wallace 1200 N&A Frith 1200 D&M Brown 2000 JC White 2000 RT Tennant 1200 N&N Foster 1000 TD&M Moore 1200

**Reserve Champion** 

JB Fletcher

A Hartley 1200, 1600

C Nelson & Sons 2100, 700 S&D Robinson 2200 JE&DJ Hutchinson 2000 P&PI Walker 2000, 2000 JB Fletcher 1800 TW Cowperthwaite 1200, 1000

GT&MA Wearmouth 2200

#### **Champion Ram Lamb** Burncroft Farm

5<sup>th</sup> Burncroft Farm

Ram Lamb - Small

Breeder 1<sup>st</sup> D Birbeck 2<sup>nd</sup> R&H Scott 3<sup>rd</sup> KG Sowerby 4<sup>th</sup> R&H Scott 5<sup>th</sup> KG Sowerby

#### **Reserve Champion Ram Lamb** Burncroft Farm (2<sup>nd</sup> LB)

**Best 3 Lambs** 1<sup>st</sup> Burncroft Farm

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> R&H Scott Best lamb in C

District

D Birbeck

#### Ram Lambs (£500+)

R Marwood & Son 4000, 1800, 3500, 500, 600, 1000, 1000, 1000, 700, 1400, 1200, 500, 1400, 3000, 800, 1500, 500, 1200, 2000 WF Gill 500 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

KG Sowerby 1000 R&H Scott 900, 700 NJ Bland 900 D Birbeck 800, 600 C Nelson & Sons 1300

#### SALE AERAGES:

76 Aged Rams	£827
72 Ram Lambs	£764

Champion Aged Ram & Top Price from JC Walker & Sons, & DA&MJ Pedley sold for £4500.

Champion Ram Lamb from Burncroft Farm sold for £2000 to N Richardson.



Reserve Champion Aged Ram from JB Fletcher. East Friar House sold for £1800.

> **Top price** ram lamb from G&C Marwood sold for £4000 to F Brennand.

Ram Lamb - Open 1<sup>st</sup> Burncroft Farms 2<sup>nd</sup> Burncroft Farm 3<sup>rd</sup> Burncroft Farm 4<sup>th</sup> Burncroft Farm

Burncroft Farm 2000, 2000, 1800, 500, 500, 550, 1200, 2200, 600

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#### Kirkby Stephen Day 2 Shearling Rams - 21st October 2021

Once again it was great to see a packed ringside with buyers from all over the country attending the annual C District sale at Kirkby Stephen, with demand for big powerful tups stronger than ever for the number one hill breed in England. Over the 2 days 22 more tups found new homes over last year and the average was up some £223.16 on the year, boosted by a massive total of 39 tups hitting the magical five figure bracket to £2709.20 for the 641 shearlings sold. The highlight of the first day's sale was the Overall Champion from Mark & Fee Ewbank, Intake Farm, Middlesmoor. This cracker of a tup was by the £30,000 Clive Dent they bought out of Hawes 2 years ago, and out of a ewe they showed by the old £5000 Grayrigg tup. In a strong class with over 40 tups to judge, the judges Stuart Buckle and Brian Thornborrow saw their judgement fully backed as their pick went on to fetch £45,000 selling in a two-way split between David Allinson, Briscoe and Messrs Iceton, High Birk Hatt.

#### Show results:

#### **Supreme Champion**

Mark Ewbank - 1<sup>st</sup> Large Breeders

#### Shearling Ram - Large Breeders

1<sup>st</sup> M Ewbank 2<sup>nd</sup> W Richardson & Son 3<sup>rd</sup> P Ewbank 4<sup>th</sup> JW Dent & Sons 5<sup>th</sup> J&JE Bradley Commended JC White

#### Shearling Ram - Small Breeders

1<sup>st</sup> G Cartmel 2<sup>nd</sup> J Kelsall 3<sup>rd</sup> B Richardson, Fernyford 4<sup>th</sup> W&K Hutchinson 5<sup>th</sup> T Bainbridge Commended J Nicholson

### nall Best in C District

W Richardson & Son - 2<sup>nd</sup> Large Breeder

**Reserve Champion** 

1<sup>st</sup> W Richardson & Son 2<sup>nd</sup> G Cartmel

Best Pair W Richardson & Son Early on the first day of the sale Clive Dent set the pace with his 4th prized Large Breeders ram, Naby Unbeatable. He was by the £5000 Grayrigg tup that was behind the cracking pen of tups they had a couple of years ago. His mother is by the old Stevie Clarkson tup, which has done well, with many of the flocks' top shearlings out of ewes by him. Bidding was solid for this lively boy, with the hammer falling at £38,000 for him, selling in a three-way split to Richard Harker, Grayrigg Hall, David Harker, Overthwaite and Richard Hargreaves, Meadow Bank.

Another much-admired tup on the Thursday was from Robert Wear, Howe Green flock. He is by a homebred tup that they used as a lamb, with his twin selling as a shearling last year at Hawes for £30,000, whilst they decided to retain this one. His bloodlines go back to the £86,000 Stonesdale tup. Buying this one were the trio of Stephen Bland, Cote Gill, John White, Rigg Farm and Martin Wilson, Arngill House.

#### SALE AERAGES:

305 Shearling Rams

£2323.98

#### Leading prices (£1000+)

EW&JR Parkinson - 6000, 1500 N Richardson - 1000 B Richardson - 3500 R&E Cowperthwaite - 4800 D&CE Marston - 4000 . . . . . . EJ&AM Fox - 1600 ..... G Cartmel - 3800 JW Dent & Sons - 38000 Dent Bros - 2000 Dent & Dixon - 1200, 2200, 1200 JE&AJ Mitchell - 3000, 4500, 2000 TJ Tunstall - 5500 WA&A Booth - 9000, 4000, 1800 Bank House Farm - 2000, 1100 N&N Foster - 1800, 1200 MM&CL Whitehead - 4500, 4000, 5000

SJ Clarkson - 2000

R&H Hird - 2000 J Kelsall - 16000 J&JE Bradley - 2500 P Ewbank - 2200, 1500, 10000 M Ewbank - 45000, 2000 JR Dalton - 4500, 3500, 3000 JW Porter & Sons - 1500, 3800 WJ Porter - 3000 K&SM Johnson - 3000, 1000 PE&KA Sowerby - 18000, 1000, 5000 K Huck - 2000, 1500, 1800 GL Hutton - 6500, 2500, 1000, 1000, 1200 JS Cloughton - 1800

Haltcliffe - 1200, 7500, 4500

J Archer - 4000, 1000

JA Alderson - 12000, 4000, 1500

I Collinson - 1200, 1000

MJ Conway - 2000 JH Pedley - 1200, 3000, 1200 M Wallace - 2500 W&K Hutchinson - 2500 JD&M Capstick - 1400 . . . . . . . J Capstick - 2800 M&R Pattinson - 2000 ..... . . . . . . M/s Cockbain - 2200, 2500, 3500, 2200 ..... S Bentley - 6000, 5000, 1800 JC White - 12000, 2000, 5500, 1200 RJ White - 2200, 3000, 5000, 1800 W Richardson & Son - 9000, 4500, 7000, 13000, 3500 . . . . . . . . . JC Walker & Son - 6000 JE Cowperthwaite - 13000, 1600 JR Addison & Sons - 1200 GA&DE Slack - 3800, 3500, 4000,

7000, 4500

1200, 1800, 1600 G Calvert & Sons - 1200, 3000, 1200, 1400 -----JE&DJ Hutchinson - 4000 GD&JP Nelson - 2300 J&S Tennant - 3500, 1400 RM Dixon - 1500, 1000, 1800 AM Dixon - 1400 KM&KJ Curwen - 2500 J Nelson & Son - 25000, 28000, 10000, 2000, 1500, 2500 EJ&RJ Wear - 25000, 5000, 1800, 2500, 1200, 1500 GT&MA Wearmouth - 3200 AE Iceton & Sons - 1200, 2000 M/s Lawson - 10000, 1000 DC&KL Hutchinson - 2000, 4000

M/s Beckwith - 8000, 7000, 2500,

Supreme Champion from M Ewbank sold for the days top price of £45,000 to F&MP Allinson & M/s Iceton, High Birkhatt



Reserve Champion from W Richardson & Son sold for £9,000 to M/s Dixon, Yoad Pot.

It was one of the last lots into the ring which topped the trade for the 3-day sale, with Paul & Sue Hallam from High Birkwith selling their 2<sup>nd</sup> prize shearling, High Birkwith Hellboy 1, for their highest ever price. This son of a homebred tup, which they sold a half share in 2 years ago in a £35,000 deal, combined length and power and great colour, along with some great bloodlines, his mother being by the £18,000 Summer Lodge. He was sold for £60,000 to John Tully, Burncroft, sharing the deal with John White, Rigg Farm and Alice Iveson, Hawes. The Hallam family enjoyed a great trade despite being in so late, with son Robbie taking a £14,000 bid for his 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize small breeder and daughter Megan getting a sale of £10,000 for her 5th prize small breeders shearling.

Setting the trade on fire early on the Friday was the Grayrigg Hall flock from Richard and Gail Harker.They took they days Champion, which was their first into the ring for them. This tup was by the Bull & Cave tup that excelled with shearlings last year and sold for £25,000, to Stanhope Gate. This was just the start of wave after wave of bids for the Grayrigg Hall consignment. Their next tup in was by "The Irish tup" as he is known, bought off Irish breeder Martin Conway. He was out of a top pen Haltcliffe ewe and by a Haltcliffe tup. Richard bought a half share privately with Craig Ridley and these were his first progeny. The first sold in a £32,000 deal to Robert Wear, Howe Green, with Richard keeping a share. Another by him sold for £18,000 to Geoff Porter, Riddings and John Prescott, Harkerside. The Gravrigg flock had another by a John Thorpe sire fetch £25,000, this selling to Catlow, Bobby Blades and Brogdens, Helbeck. The Gravrigg flock finished with a cracking average of just over £10,000 for thirteen tups forward.

John Bland, Thwaite Bridge, enjoyed a storming trade with his shearling, a son of a Brogden bought out of Kirkby Stephen a couple of years back and out of a ewe by the £40,000 Blades. Bidding was keen for this lad, one that John said was the best he has ever bred. A bid of £30,000 landed him, with Mark Nelson, Bull & Cave joining forces with Robin Booth, Feizor to get him.



**Reserve Champion** 

SA&ADC Raine - 1st Small Breeder

**Best in C District** 

M/s Lightfoot

**RS Harker & Son** 

**Best Pair** 

#### Show results:

Supreme Champion RS Harker & Son - 1<sup>st</sup>Large Breeder

- Shearling Ram Large Breeders 1<sup>st</sup> RS Harker & Son
- 2<sup>nd</sup> P&S Hallam
- 3<sup>rd</sup> F&MP Allinson
- 4<sup>th</sup> M/s Lightfoot
- 5<sup>th</sup> S&P Brogden
- Commended D Humble

#### Shearling Ram - Small Breeders

- 1<sup>st</sup> SA&ADC Raine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TW Hutchinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> R Hallam
- 4<sup>th</sup> L&F Brown
- 5<sup>th</sup> M Hallam
- Commended JE Hutchinson

A brace of shearlings made £28,000 apiece. The first came from the Bull & Cave flock with Bull & Cave Lionheart. This shearling was by a tup bought from Bentley & Mallon at Kirkby Stephen 2 years ago, where he was the very first tup into the ring, and out of a ewe by a homebred tup. He sold in a three-way split to Christine Clarkson, Graham Scarr and Thomas Iveson. Bull and Cave also saw another two by the same sire hit five figures. His first tup into the ring was knocked down for £25,000 to John Bland, Trevor Blades, with Mark retaining a share himself. His next tup made £10,000 selling to Messrs Ireland, Stackhow Hall.

The other to hit £28,000 came very late in the sale on Friday evening. This was from Robert Hutchinson, Valley Farm, his pen leader, Valley Jazzman, was by the £19,000 Kisdon tup and out of Roberts show ewe, by an old Ewbank tup which has done really well in the flock. Buying back a bit of their old bloodlines were the Ewbank boys, Mark, and Paul, with Rob Tennant, Hemplands, getting a share in him too. Robert enjoyed a great trade throughout his pen with another hitting £20,000. This one was by the Bull & Cave tup, the same as the days champion from Grayrigg Hall, this one selling to Messrs Porter, Oxnop and another son heading to Buddle House for £11,000, whilst Johnny Cowperthwaite, Howith, took home another by the Kisdon tup for £12,000.

The Helbeck pen is never far away from the leading prices and again they enjoyed a great trade with their pen of tups. Their pen leader from Stanley and Pat was Helbeck Unique 4<sup>th</sup>, a son of their homebred tup. He sold for £25,000 to Stephen Clarkson, Low Whita and Tom Metcalfe, Usha Gap.

Report kindly written by Wayne Hutchinson.

#### SALE AERAGES:

333 Shearling Rams

#### £3084.98



Friday's Champion from R Harker, Grayrigg Hall, sold for £25,000 to CR Raine & Sons, Stanhope Gate. Reserve Champion from S Raine sold for £6,000 to R&H Hird, Shepherds Lodge. Top price on Friday came from P&S Hallam, High Birkwith Hellboy 1 sold for £60,000 to Burncroft Farm, JC White & A&AJ Iveson.

#### Leading prices (£1000+)

C Nelson & Sons - 1000, 2100, 3500, 1400 M Dent - 3500 Owlands Farm - 1200 ..... TW Hutchinson - 3000 JEH Hutchinson - 10000 RS Harker & Son - 25000, 32000, 18000, 12000, 4500 JE Harker - 2500, 1500, 25000 CO Harker - 1600, 6000, 2000 M&EM Wilson - 8000, 3000, 7000, 5000, 4000 ..... GM Wilson - 2200 K&M Sowerby - 2000 ..... GS Coates - 1000 GE Harker - 3500, 1500, 1000, 1200, 1900, 2000, 1000 ..... ..... E&K Bland - 12000, 2200, 3000, 2200 . . . . . . . . . ..... RS&BA Harker - 3500 ..... SA Harker - 9000

WM Hutchinson & Sons - 6000, 1000 ..... J Nutter - 4000, 1000, 1200 K Fawcett - 2200, 5500, 4000 W Watson - 1800, 1200, 2200, 1000 L&F Brown - 7000 ..... JR Brown - 1000 CA Brown - 1000 . . . . . . . . . . . . S Buckle - 14000, 8000, 2000, 2000 JW&M Buckle - 4200, 6000, 2200, 2100 \_\_\_\_ K&HA Ridley - 5500, 4500, 3700 ..... . . . . . . . . H Crocker - 3000, 1000 B Thornborrow - 1200, 1400, 1000 F&MP Allinson - 18000, 12000, 3000, 2500, 5500, 3500, 3500 M Allinson - 1000, 2500 ..... P&PI Walker - 1100, 1800, 1100, 1200 G Harker & Son - 5000, 3500, 2400, 2500

A Hartley - 3200, 3000, 1200 M&S Sunter - 7000 BR Lawson & Son - 4000, 1200 M/s Folder - 22000, 9000, 2200, 1500 \_\_\_\_ S&P Brogden - 25000, 3500, 1500, 4000 ..... T Brogden - 2200 ..... P Capstick - 3500 ..... R&PE Hargreaves - 7000, 1200, 1500, 2500 ..... A&J Harrison - 2800, 7000, 3000, 4500 ..... H Harrison - 9000, 3500, 1500 CR&MJ Birbeck - 2800, 2000, 5000, 1200, 1600, 1600 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . TW Cowperthwaite - 2000, 3200, 5000, 1400 5000, 1400 JR Walton & Son - 2500, 1000 M/s Lightfoot - 20000, 4000, 1200, 6000, 6800, 2800, 1200, 5500, 1200 AT&A Bainbridge - 3000, 3000

THE OVERALL AVERAGE FOR THE TWO DAYS SHEARLING RAMS:

RC Bainbridge - 19000, 2500 Tiplady & Bainbridge - 2800 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . RJ Tiplady - 2500 SA&ADC Raine - 6000 CR Raine & Son - 10000, 15000. 7000, 5000, 2500, 1200 CT Raine - 4500, 2800 D&M Brown - 6500, 1000 M&L Rukin - 1800, 1600 J&SJ Bland - 30000, 1500 AM Walton - 5500, 5500, 2500 D Humble - 10000, 2500, 4000 R Hutchinson & Sons - 11000. 28000, 20000, 4500, 12000, 3000, 2000, 5000 JK Hutchinson - 4500 P&S Hallam - 60000, 6000, 3800 ..... S Hallam - 2000 ..... M Hallam - 10000 ..... . . . . . . . . . . . . R Hallam - 14000

#### **SALE AERAGES:**

333 Shearling Rams

£3084.98

#### 641 Shearling Rams (day 2)

£2709.20

## **B** District

#### Hawes, Day 1 Shearling Rams - 27th October 2021

Despite the clashy weather outside, the trade inside the Hawes auction mart ring was red hot, as over the two-day sale only 9 sheep exited the ring unsold from the 493 forward, meeting an unprecedented demand for all types of tups. The sale saw 55 more tups sold on the year and a very healthy average of £2241 over the course of both days, with buyers once again from all over the UK digging deep into their pockets, with a further 29 lots hitting the five-figure mark.

Topping the trade on the first day was Jack Lawson and his son Adam. This one, Hundith B&C 5, by a £38,000 Bull & Cave tup and out of a ewe by a Quarry tup stood first in the large breeders and was pipped to the championship by the winner of the small breeders class. As Jack was presented the large breeders' trophy, Auctioneer Raymond Lund, quipped that Jack was prone to the odd exaggeration but this time he had come up with the goods as he had told Raymond earlier in the autumn that "He was going to win Hawes" inevitably with the best tup he has ever bred...and maybe this time he was right. The bidding started at £5000, with the hammer eventually landing at the princely sum of £50,000, selling to Robert Wear and Peter Lightfoot.

Setting a personal best at the sale were the Marston family from Easegill Head, with a bid of £20,000 for their only tup at the sale, Easegill Head Majestic. This son of an £18,000 Bail Hill was out of the flock's best ewe by a Paul Hallam tup. The hammer dropped in a four-way split to K Fawcett, S Buckle, Messrs Bainbridge, Owlands and Henry Crocker.

Close behind with a £17,000 bid was Neil Richardson from Fernyford, with a shearling by a £4000 Oakbank tup out of a ewe by the £42,000 Eric Coates tup which has bred exceptionally well for them. This tup was sold in a two-way spit to JR Walton, Swarthymere and Michael Watson, Stoney Hill, both Middleton in Teesdale.

#### SALE AVERAGES:

#### 238 averaged £2091



David Alderson B District Secretary

#### Show results:

Supreme Champion and Best in B District Hunter & Whitehead – (1<sup>st</sup> Small Breeder)

Reserve Champion

M/s Lawson – (1<sup>st</sup> Large Breeder)

#### Large Breeders Shearling Ram

- 1<sup>st</sup> M/s Lawson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> F&MP Allinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> M/s Lightfoot
- 4<sup>th</sup> D&CE Marston
- 5<sup>th</sup> RT Tennant
- Commended N Richardson

#### Small Breeders Shearling Ram

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hunter & Whitehead
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SC Cowperthwaite
- 3<sup>rd</sup> G&DA Allison
- 4<sup>th</sup> A Bennet
- 5<sup>th</sup> M Taylor
- Commended Clarkson & Stoddart

#### Leading prices (£1000+)

B Thornborrow - 8500, 2200, 5200, 1600
R Marwood & Son - 1000
AD Coates & Son - 8000, 15000, 3800
GS Coates - 4000
CR&MJ Birbeck - 1000
Haltcliffe - 1800
MM&CL Whitehead - 3500
SJ Clarkson - 6000
I Collinson - 2200
R Stubbs - 2400
JE Cowperthwaite - 4800
W Mason & Sons - 1200
J Hirst - 1600
JW Porter & Sons - 6500, 4000
M&L Rukin - 10000, 1000, 1000

K Huck - 1100, 2000, 1100
WH Harker - 1200
MW Dent - 1600
JA Alderson - 3200, 1400
RE Cowperthwaite & Son - 2500
SC Cowperthwaite - 4500
DC&KL Hutchinson - 1600
JT Dixon & Son - 1000
A&TA Blades - 3700
A&J Harrison -1600, 3400
R&R Airey - 1000, 2800
F&MP Allinson - 7000, 8000, 7500
M Allinson - 2400, 6000, 3000
S Reynoldson - 1500, 2000
Clarkson & Stoddart - 1400
C Sowerby - 1000
A Fawcett & Sons - 2000

M/s Lawson & Son - 50000 E&K Bland - 5000, 1000, 1400 RT Tennant - 14000, 11000, 2400, 1400 \_\_\_\_\_ J&SJ Bland - 2000 . . . . . . . . . . . M&L&G Bland - 1200 FC Walker & Son - 1000 TW&K Hutchinson - 3200, 1400 D&CE Marston - 20000 J Kelsall - 2000 M/s Lightfoot - 12000, 11000, 6000, 1000 G Cartmel - 2600 R Walton - 2400 N Richardson - 17000, 5000 J White - 1300 W Richardson & Son - 1400, 7000, 1400

JE Thorpe - 1000
A Bennett - 2200, 1400
D&M Brown - 1200
S&K Emmott - 2800, 2600, 1600
C Nelson & Sons - 1900, 1200, 1300
JG Brunton - 2200, 3800, 10000, 2300
M&S Sunter - 1100
JC&E Pedley - 3800
WP Walker & Son - 2600
S Bentley - 2800
TM lveson - 5000
J Nelson & Son - 11000
Hunter & Whitehead - 9000 R&H Hird - 1500, 3400

Supreme Champion from Stuart Hunter & Ken Whitehead, sold for £9,000.



Reserve Champion and the days top price from Jack & Adam Lawson, which sold for £50,000.

#### Hawes Day 2 Shearling Rams - 28th October 2021

Topping Day 2 at Hawes was Usha Gap Setmabanning 1st from Tom, Phillip and James Metcalfe from Usha Gap. He is by a £6000 Hutton tup bought out of Kirkby Stephen 2 years back and his mother by a Stevie Clarkson, a son of their top breeding Bull & Cave tup. He sold for £52,000, selling in a three-way split to David Allinson, West Briscoe, Peter Lightfoot, Gillside and Geoff & Carol Marwood, Hill Top. The £6000 investment into the Hutton tup looked even shrewder as the Usha Gap second tup came into the ring and sold for £22,000 for a tup, the same way bred. This one sold in a four-way split to J Allison & Sons, Sealhouses, Mark & Linda Rukin, Stonesdale, Brian & Dot Thornborrow, Frith and Chris Rukin, Park Lodge.

Following on from an extraordinary sale late on the Friday at Kirkby Stephen, Robert Hutchinson continued his form with Valley Jewel, a son of the £19,000 Kisdon tup bought 2 years earlier in partnership with Stanhope Gate. This smart shearling was out of one of Roberts favourite ewes by the £42,000 Oakbank tup and sold for £24,000 to Neil Richardson, Big Fernyford farm, Derbyshire.

Another to hit £20,000 was Fawcetts Diamond, from Graham Scarr. He was by a homebred son of an Aygill tup and out of a ewe by the old £34,000 Bull & Cave tup which has certainly left his mark within the breed over the last decade. He sold to the Porter Family, Low Oxnop.

A brace of shearlings made £18,000. The first was an early entry into the ring, from the Hallam family. Their pen topper, High Birkwith Hundith 1 was by a £3000 Hundith tup which went back to Ewbank bloodlines and out of a ewe by the £92,000 Kisdon. He was bought by Trever Reynoldson, Thwaite. Paul & Sue Hallam enjoyed a great run with the rest of the pen, hitting £9000 twice, once with another son of the Hundith and another by the Oakbank tup bought out of Kirkby Stephen 3 years ago, and another making £5000. The next to make £18,000 came from Paul Ewbank in the middle of the sale. This tup was by the £30,000 Clive Dent bought two years ago out of Hawes, and already leaving its mark, siring the champion at Kirkby Last week, and out of a ewe by the old Grayrigg Hall tup. He sold to the Porters from Riddings and Jack Lawson, Hundith. A son of a Hallam tup purchased 2 years ago and out of a ewe by the same Grayrigg tup, hit £10,000, selling to Matthew Lawson, Buddle House.

Trade over the two days was strong from the bottom up, and the strong presence of Scottish buyers was welcome, putting a good bottom in the trade and with Raymond & Co coaxing bids out of them, they really helped the sale be the success it was. As the pedigree sales draw to a close on the back of a very successful season for sheep breeders, we all hope that the demand continues, and that the sheep industry can continue to flourish.

Report written by Wayne Hutchinson.



Supreme Champion from RS Harker & Son, Grayrigg sold for £14,000 to J Thorpe. Reserve Champion from R Dixon, Garnthwaite sold for £10,000 to R Tiplady, AT&A Bainbridge & M/s Collingwood. Top price on the second day at Hawes from T Metcalfe & Son, Usha Gap sold for £52,000 to M/s Lightfoot, F&MP Allinson & G&C Marwood.

#### Show results:

Supreme Champion RS Harker & Son – 1<sup>st</sup> Large Breeder **Reserve Champion** R Dixon – 2<sup>nd</sup> Large Breeder Best in B District RS Harker SALE AVERAGES:

238 averaged £2091

#### Leading prices (£1000+)

TA&JA Dixon - 10000 P&S Hallam - 18000, 2200, 9000, 5000, 9000 R Hallam - 1200 JC Walker & Son - 1600, 1600, 1400 JR&SL Pratt - 3500 -RS&BA Harker - 2500 ..... Messrs Folder - 1600 J&S Tennant - 1800, 1500, 1300 JS Cloughton, Carpley Green -5600 RS Harker & Son - 13000, 11000, 3000, 6500, 14000, 3400, 2500,

9000, 6000, 11000, 1800

TW Cowperthwaite - 1400, 4200 SA&ADC Raine - 7000 ..... . . . . . . . B&GV Mudd - 2200, 1200 G Calvert & Sons - 4000 JR Blades - 1200 S&P Brogden - 7200, 2000, 1000 T Brogden - 5200 JR Bainbridge - 15000, 1100 F Hogg - 1000 S&D Robinson - 1200, 1000 .... P Addyman & Son - 1000 . . . . . BR Lawson & Son - 1000 S Bell & Sons - 1000

M Ewbank - 6500, 5000, 1500 P Ewbank - 18000, 10000, 5000, 2200, 1200, 1200 G Harker & Son - 3000, 2000 J Handley - 2200 ..... S Buckle - 3500 . . . . . . . . . . . . . RM Dixon - 10000 T Metcalfe & Son - 52000, 22000, 1200 BR Fawcett - 1000, 1000 Diriuneee A Dixon - 1400 R Hutchinson & Sons - 24000, 1800, 1200 \_\_\_\_ JK Hutchinson - 3000 ..... , . . . . . . . . . PE&KA Sowerby - 12000 ..... ..... EJ&RJ Wear - 5000

JS Cloughton - 12500, 2000, 4500 GJ Scarr - 20000, 6000 M&EM Wilson - 6000
M&EM WIISOII - 0000
KM&KJ Curwen - 2500
MF Beadle & Sons - 2200
JW Dent & Sons - 5500, 2000, 1000, 5000
WM Hutchinson & Sons - 10000, 1000
MM Hutchinson - 11000
JS Calvert - 1400
GL Hutton - 4500
SW Porter - 12000, 1000
J Rukin - 2800, 2400, 1000
WA Dinsdale & Son - 1300

#### Hawes, Aged Rams & Ram Lambs - 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

A small entry of aged rams and ram lambs for B District was staged at Hawes on 4th November. Top price aged ram came from R Marwood & Son, for Ashes Frisby which sold for £2,200 to B Acton.

Ram lambs from R Marwood & Son also led, at £4,000 to N Richardson, Fernyford, and at £3,000 to J&SE Bainbridge.

SALE AERAGES:		
6 Aged Rams	£596.67	
8 Ram Lambs	£1193.70	

Top priced ram lamb from R Marwood & Sons, Long Green sold for  $\pounds4,000$ .



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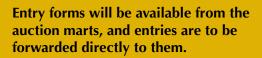
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HAWES FARMERS' AUCTION MART on SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2022

**KENDAL J36, NORTH WEST AUCTIONS** on SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

**BENTHAM AUCTION MART** on SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

KIRKBY STEPHEN AUCTION MART on THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND DAY OF THE WEEK







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2022 PROVISIONAL SALES CALENDAR (All sale dates to be confirmed)

#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February SWALEDALE SOCIETY SALE OF INDIVIDUAL IN LAMB EWES & SHEARLINGS

Also Gimmer Lambs Also this day Multi Breed Sale of Other Hillbred Individual Sheep

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February Annual Show & Sale of Swaledale Prime Hoggs

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May Annual Special Sale of Swaledale Ewes with Lambs at Foot

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** Great Annual Show & Sale of 5000 Swaledale Draft Ewes, Gimmer Shearlings & Gimmer Lambs A premier sale in the North West of quality Swaledale breeding Sheep from Noted Flocks

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October Annual Show & Sale of Swaledale Aged Rams & Shearling Rams

> Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2<sup>nd</sup> Sale of Swaledale Draft Ewes, Gimmer Shearlings & Gimmer Lambs



Call Rachel on 07958 540 749 to place your order, or email rachel@swaledale-sheep.com



Top price 2021 Sale - £4700 Messrs Collinson, Billing Shield.

#### SALE OF **CROWNED SINGLE IN-LAMB** EWES, also GIMMER HOGGS THURSDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2022 (entries close Monday 24th January)

### SPECIAL SHOW & SALE OF Swaledale Prime Lambs

Tuesday 25th January 2022

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SWALEDALE SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

celebration dinner

AT SHAP WELLS HOTEL, CA10 3QU ON SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2022 **7PM FOR 7.30PM** 

#### **Tickets £35**

3 Course Dinner, Guest Speaker & Disco

For tickets, call Rachel on 07958 540 749 or email: rachel#swaledale-sheep.com For accommodation call Shap Wells Hotel directly on 01931 716 628

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