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Message from the Chairman...



Welcome everyone to the latest edition of the SSBA Newsletter, the first I have written as Chairman of the Association. This is a role that I am very honoured to have and will most certainly strive to continue the hard work and dedication of my predecessors. Swaledale sheep have always been a big part of my life and a passion from a very young age and although I may be biased, I think we have one of the best breeds and some of the best sheep breeders across the country. It is my role, alongside all of you, to continue to support the development of the Association and ensure everyone else is aware of what a fantastic breed we have!

As our previous Chairman mentioned in the Spring Newsletter we have had continued contact with the PM Rishi Sunak. This resulted in a meeting with him at the end of May. This was an opportunity for some members and farmers to chat to him and expressed their concerns. We discussed the new support scheme, and the lack of help for upland farmers as well as other pertinent matters to our industry. I would say I felt he took all on board and was very personable, however we are still waiting to see any major benefits from SFI for upland's, although I am optimistic things may start to move in the right direction.

The summer weather (if that's what you can call it) certainly made hay making difficult for many of us. However, I am a big believer in their being a positive side to everything and it did mean there was plenty of grass across country which certainly helped the Mule gimmer lamb trade. Unfortunately, this trade didn't quite pass on to the Swaledale female breeding trade with most people seeing a reduction on their year on year average. I think we all went into the tup sales with a little bit of pessimism but actually I think we got a pleasant surprise.

As with all sales some vendors do better than others but certainly the trend I witnessed was that tups with good carcass and conformation and harder wearing colours were good to sell.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Richardson family at Ghyll House for breaking the record for gaining the highest price for the breed, and then to the Lightfoot family at Gillside matching it the following day. Both tups were a credit to the hard work and dedication of the vendors - very well done!

The showing season came and went and I would like to thank everyone who takes the time to prepare and take Swaledale

sheep to shows around our Districts. It is time consuming, but a great way to advertise what we sell and a way of keeping up social contact which can be difficult at busy times. Farming can be a very lonely profession at times and it is important we take time for ourselves and reach out to others for support, often the social side of shows and sales allow us time to meet with friends and others in the profession and I personally often come away thinking 'we are not alone, others are in the same boat and have the same problems that we do'.

Shows and sales also gives us the opportunity to talk to the public and explain and celebrate all the positive things sheep farmers do for the uplands. I would like to congratulate the Hutchinson family from Hebblethwaite Hall on winning the championship at the Highland show especially when it's their first time showing and to John Dixon and family, Stainton for their success at the Yorkshire show.

Last but not least I would like to thank our secretary Rachel for all her hard work (much of it unseen). Her dedication to the breed and her forward thinking in ways to promote the breed means I think we're in safe hands moving forward. A special mention to the social media coverage across the sales period which has been commented positively by many. Finally, to Council for all their thoughts and support in my first few months, in particular to Graham Carrick our Vice-Chairman.

Wishing you all a successful tugging time and hopefully a mild winter and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Greg Dalton

Greg Dalton

News from the Office...



James Herdman, winner of the guess the weight competition at North Sheep



Rachel Tiplady, winner of the tup valuation at North Sheep

It's quite unbelievable how I've just got used to writing 2023, and we're looking towards 2024, it's only the beginning of November, and the Christmas adverts on television have begun in earnest!

Since the May Newsletter, the weeks have flown by, with Spring and Summer shows, NSA events, a new sale in Northern Ireland, the launch of a book to celebrate 100 years of the Association, as well as records being broken for the sale of two shearing rams at Kirkby Stephen in October.

Sheep Events – The bi-annual flagship event for sheep farmers in the North of England took place on the East side of the country in Northumberland at the beginning of June, followed by an on-farm event, in Northern Ireland in July. The stand at these events welcomed lots of visitors, with many positive comments on the stock on display and how the stand looked. Thanks to members from D District, and Northern Ireland for their help in sourcing the sheep and support on the day.

Royal Highland Show – The Association worked with NEMSA at this year's event, reducing costs by sharing transport, but also working together to promote both breeds.

Great Yorkshire Show – there was a similar number of sheep forward at this event, but with a new software programme in place for entering, the number of pens allocated for Swaledale's was insufficient for those wanting to enter resulting in some not being able to attend. The Show bases pen allocation on the previous 4 years entries, but the Association has requested more pens, and a decision will be made in February by the show organisers. The message remains that if you would like to enter at these National shows, please enter as soon as possible after the entries open.

Sponsors – Many thanks once again to the Spirit of Swaledale Gin for sponsoring the Champion prizes at the ram sales, and to all those who have placed an advert in this publication.

Video Clips – In conjunction with NEMSA, we created three short promotional videos through the summer, aired on the Facebook page, a YouTube link will be available shortly on the website for anyone who missed them. Many thanks to the Hutchinson

Family, Hebblethwaite Hall, the Porter Family, Ridding's and the Raine Family from Stanhope Gate for giving their time and access to view their stock.

'Swaledales – A Glorious Century' – A book to celebrate 100 years of the Association was launched at Muker Show in early September. Council agreed that all paid up members should receive a complimentary copy as part of their membership, further copies were sold at the show, and are now available to buy in the Yorkshire Dales National Park Shops, Hawes Auction Mart, Kirkby Stephen Auction Mart, Dales Countryside Museum Hawes, and Usha Gap Camp Site. Many thanks to Catherine Raine for helping to promote and sell the book. There are still plenty to buy, so if anyone is looking for a Christmas present idea, they retail at £20.

Facebook – this continues to be a major form of promotion for the breed and the work of the Association. The number of followers from the Page, has now increased to 11,000, and this year's most notable fact was the video of the sale of M/s Lightfoot's Reserve Champion on the Friday at Kirkby Stephen, which has now had 269,000 views!

Record Breakers – after 21 years, the record price for the sale of a shearing ram was broken on the Thursday at Kirkby Stephen, followed by it being equalled the following day. Congratulations to W Richardson & Son, Ghyll House and M/s Lightfoot, Gillside for both selling their rams for £105,000.

Finally, I would like to thank Council, our Chairman, Greg Dalton, and the District Secretaries for their work throughout 2023.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rachel
Head Secretary



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Sales Reports

Male Champion & Top price from Sean & Tara Byrne

South of Ireland District

Ballybofey & Stranorlar 15 September 2023



Carol Gillespie
Secretary

FEMALE CHAMPION
M McMonagle - Aged Ewe
RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION
P McGill - Gimmer Shearling

MALE CHAMPION
S Byrne
RESERVE MALE CHAMPION
B Carter



Female Champion
from Micky Joe
McMonagle

BEST CONFORMATION SHEARLING RAM
1 st O McLaughlin
2 nd S Godfrey
3 rd B Carter
4 th E McGowan
5 th K Connor
6 th L Ward

EWE LAMB
1 st O McLaughlin
2 nd O McLaughlin
3 rd O McLaughlin
4 th J & J McNulty
5 th K O'Connell
6 th J & T McCloskey
TOP PRICE €265
AVERAGE - €110.43

GIMMER SHEARLING
1 st P McGill
2 nd P McGill
3 rd J & T McCloskey
4 th D McGoldrick
5 th D McGoldrick
6 th B Carter
TOP PRICE €445
AVERAGE - €191.59

AGED EWE
1 st M McMonagle
2 nd P McGill
3 rd B Carter
4 th P McGill
5 th J Joyce
6 th P Campbell
TOP PRICE €225
AVERAGE - €121

SHEARLING RAM
1 st S Byrne
2 nd B Carter
3 rd A Boyle & C Gillespie
4 th B Carter
5 th V Barber
6 th M McMonagle
TOP PRICE €1220
AVERAGE - €498.66



Reserve Female Champion from Patrick McGill



Reserve Male Champion from Brian Carter

Northern Ireland Sale

Beatties, Omagh

30 September 2023



Joanne McSwiggan
Secretary

NEW SALE

FEMALE CHAMPION

J Blaney - Gimmer Shearling

MALE CHAMPION

F & J Loughridge

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

E Haughey - Aged Ewe

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

E Haughey - Shearling Ram

SUPREME CHAMPION

F & J Loughridge

RESERVE CHAMPION

E Haughey

AUCTIONEER
RICHARD BEATTIE

GIMMER SHEARLING

1st J Blaney

2nd B Conlin

AVERAGE - £109.20

GIMMER LAMBS AVERAGE - £74.90

AGED EWE

1st E Haughey

2nd J Blaney

AVERAGE - £82.53

SHEARLING RAM

1st E Haughey

2nd E Haughey

3rd M Conway

AVERAGE - £335

AGED RAM

1st F & J Loughridge

2nd M Conway

3rd F & J Loughridge

AVERAGE - £400

The first Northern Ireland Swaledale Breeders Show and Sale was strongly supported by the leading breeders keen to make a success demonstrated by the impressive 250 sheep brought forward.

The earlier part of the day saw the judging left in the hands of Tom Robinson, Catlow Farm. The Reserve Champion was awarded to Eddie Haughey with a Shearling Ram, Cloonemeane Bowie, Sire Oakbank Hercules C45246 and Dam got by Bull & Cave Icon C42745.

The Champion of the day went to Fred & June Loughridge with an Aged Tup, bred by I Collinson, Billing Rattler, Sire, Bull & Cave C40770, Dam Sire High Draymans. The day continued with the sale with a good turnout of bidders, online bidders and buyers keen to get their hands on quality stock. The judge was

impressed with the quality of tups brought forward with females very much in demand with a 98% clearance.

Thanks to the judge and his wife for making the trip from England and to all the sponsors that contributed towards the Show and Sale to help make it all happen, it was very much appreciated. Thanks to all the bidders, buyers and sellers for making the day a successful outcome.

It is great to see the Swaledale Breed gaining popularity and farmers recognising their great qualities and renowned mothering abilities and with the help of the Shows and Sales we look forward to an expanding future with the breed in Northern Ireland.

Joanne McSwiggan



Supreme Champion from Fred & June Loughridge



Reserve Supreme Champion from Eddie Haughey

E District

Ruswarp

6 October 2023



Michelle Fawbert

E District Secretary

The strong pre-sale show classes, judged by Neil Tarn, Middleton in Teesdale, saw the aged ram class being the most hotly contested with twelve rams forward. G Allison, Low Cow Helm took first place with Randalholme Usha 1st.

This followed with the days Champion from Mark Graham, Hunt House Farm, Goathland. Hunthouse Lee 1st, placed at the top of the line in the Large Breeders Shearling ram class, which went on to make the day's top price of £1350 and was bought by Rebecca Spooner from Derbyshire.

Leath House White 2nd, a shearling from RA Thompson, Westerdale sold for the next highest price, he made £800 and sold to TH & M Noble.

Reserve champion was claimed by George Allison's aged ram, bred by W & J Raine, which sold for £380, to Dennis Wilson Farndale.

This was my last ram sale as secretary of E District as I have decided to step down. I would like to wish my successor well, and am sure that members from the District will show them the same support as they did to me.

Show results:

Supreme Champion

M Graham - 1st Large Breeders Shearling Ram

Reserve Champion

GA & J Allison - 1st Aged Ram

Aged Ram

1st GA & J Allison & Son
2nd GA & J Allison & Son
3rd R Peirson

Large Breeders Shearling Ram

1st M Graham
2nd J Pritchard
3rd GA & J Allison

Small Breeders Shearling Ram

1st R Peirson
2nd GJ Allison
3rd R Peirson

Best Conformation

1st J Pritchard
2nd S Snaith
3rd JS Wood

AUCTIONEERS - RICHARDSON & SMITH

SALE AVERAGES

Aged Rams - 19 av £150.55

Shearling Rams - 21 av £323.81

Tup Lamb - 1 av £50.00

Below Left: Supreme Champion and top price from M Graham, Hunt House

Below Right: Reserve Champion from GJ & A Allison, Low Cow Helm



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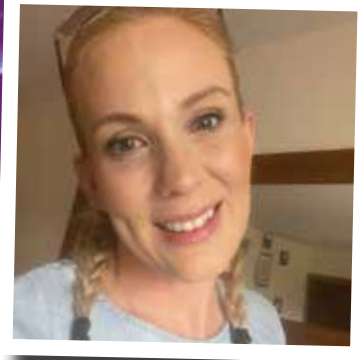
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GIMMER SHEALINGS & GIMMER LAMBS



D District

St Johns Chapel

10 October 2023



Fay Johnson
D District Secretary

The Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association D District held their annual prize show and sale of Swaledale Rams at St John's Chapel (Barnard Castle Auction Mart) with a catalogued entry of 282, comprising 1 Aged Ram and 281 Shearling Rams.

The well supported show classes saw 29 shearlings pulled out for the Large Breeder class, 16 in the Small Breeder class, 18 in the Conformation class and 3 in the Group of Three.

The Championship was decided by judges Steven Bland and Robert Hutchinson who selected the 1st Large Breeder shearling from John Reed, Knarr Farm as the Overall Champion and the 1st Small Breeder shearling from Vanessa Reed, Knarr Farm as their Reserve Champion - a fantastic achievement for the father and daughter duo from Slaggyford.

Following a short presentation to Maurice Oxley as a show of thanks from D District for his long service on SSBA Council before retiring earlier this year, the Champion was first into the ring and what a way to start the sale. The shearling, Knarr RH1,

which was sired by a ram purchased from R Harker & Son, Grayrigg Hall, sold in a three-way split to Robert Hutchinson, Valley Farm, Peter Lightfoot, Gillside and David Allinson, West Briscoe, for £20,000. The Reserve Champion followed into the ring only a couple of shearlings later selling for £4,000 to Martin Wilson, Arngill House.

Mick Emmerson took the Conformation class title which sold for £3,400 to Tom Edgar, and Eric Gowland was placed 1st with his Group of Three, and they all sold in excess of £1,000.

It was great to see so many people around the pens and ringside, both

old and new faces created a fantastic atmosphere, credit must go to all vendors for presenting some tremendous shearlings which saw competitive bidding throughout the sale.

The sale saw 252 shearlings forward with 239 being sold making a clearance of 94.84%.

Many thanks to the following people: Libby and Maurice, auctioneers, all BCAM staff, the judges, sponsors, Sarah Harvey Design (catalogue), Rachel Watson photography, Rachel Buckle, Greg Dalton, Graham Carrick and everyone who helped in supporting me in the run up to the sale.

Finally I would like to thank all vendors, purchasers, and spectators, many of whom travelled great distances to be at the sale and for making it a success; we look forward to welcoming you back to St John's in 2024.

SALE AVERAGES (£)

Shearling 239 av. £889

AUCTIONEERS
BARNARD CASTLE AUCTION MART

Show results:

Supreme Champion

J Reed - 1st Large Breeder

Reserve Champion

V Reed - 1st Small Breeder

Shearling Ram Large Breeder

- 1st J Reed
- 2nd D Humble
- 3rd S & K Emmott
- 4th E Gowland
- 5th N Dalton
- 6th D Humble

Shearling Ram Small Breeder

- 1st V Reed
- 2nd M Emerson
- 3rd R Pattinson
- 4th J Collingwood
- 5th R Burniston
- 6th R Pattinson

Best Conformation

- 1st M Emerson
- 2nd D Hall
- 3rd J Bowes
- 4th T Edgar
- 5th J Pritchard
- 6th JP Le

Leading prices (£1000 and over)

J Reed - 2000	RJ Wigham - 2000	T Edgar - 1800, 1200	W & J Raine - 1000, 2800	T Hall & Son - 2100, 2000, 4000, 1100, 1600
V Reed - 4000	M & R Pattinson - 2500	MW Emerson - 3400, 3500, 2500, 1400	JL Wilkinson - 1000	JT Green - 1600, 1400
S & K Emmott - 1100, 1700	GA & JM Maw - 1100	JH Emerson - 2000, 3200, 2000	J Pritchard - 1800	JP Lee - 4800, 2500, 1600
JC White - 1600, 1300	L Smith & Co - 2000	W Parker - 2000, 1800, 1800	K & SM Johnson - 1200	MJ Lee - 3700, 2400, 4100, 2600, 1900, 1900
H Huddleston - 1300	PH McVittie - 1800, 1100	JL Archer - 2600, 3800, 2100, 2200	G & A Carrick - 2500, 2000, 1800	
J Bowes - 1400, 2400	T Collingwood - 2200		E Gowland - 3500, 1400, 2500, 2000, 1050, 1800	
K & HA Ridley - 1100	JRD Short - 1000			

1st LB & Overall Champion, from John Reed, sold for £20,000 to P Lightfoot, D Allinson & R Hutchinson



1st SB & Reserve Champion from Vanessa Reed, sold for £4000 to Martin Wilson



Swaledale Lamb Producer Scheme

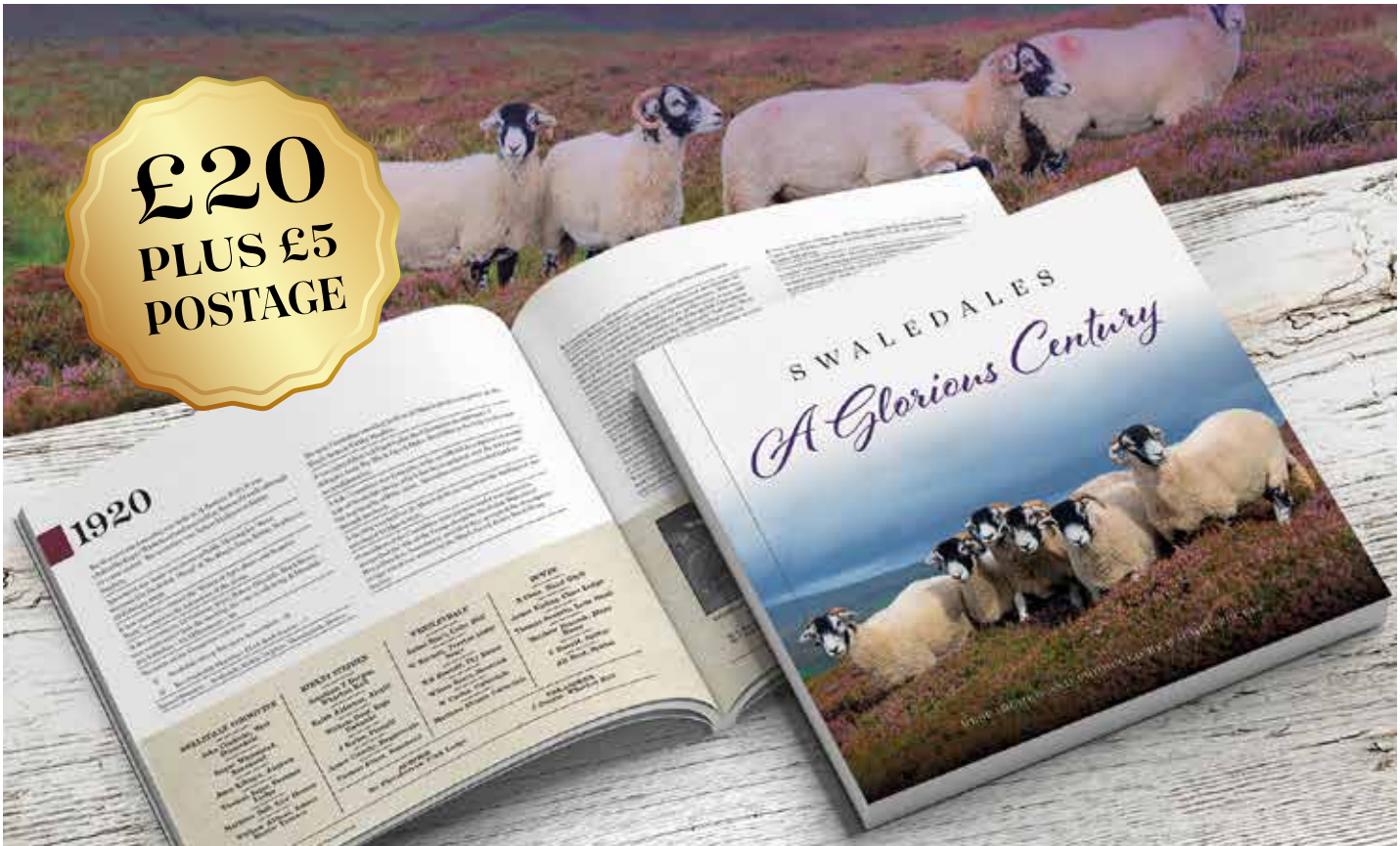
Following over 10 years of the Swaledale Lamb Producer Scheme, due to Scotbeef being sold to ABP, and M&S varying their store formats and simplifying the lamb they offer, the original scheme has ended. M&S have decided to remove their top tier Swaledale lamb offer, and remain focused on fresh British lamb all year round with increased marketing.

The Producer Group supplied over 10,000 lambs from January through to May 2023, successfully organised by the Association, and Derek Armstrong haulage. At the time of writing, there are discussions with various processors about a new scheme, any news regarding this will be announced as and when any agreements are made.

There hasn't been a Producer Group meeting, however, the results of the Producer of the Year are as follows:

- 1st James Huck, Church House Farm, Hubberholme, near Skipton
- 2nd GH & ME Walker & Sons, Whitendale Farm, Dunsop Bridge, near Clitheroe
- 3rd Ellis Bros, Cragg House Farm, Moorside Lane, Addingham, West Yorkshire

Once again, many thanks to all those that have worked together with the Group, it has been a unique scheme for a sheep breed Society, and one that everyone should be proud of.



All fully paid-up members will have by now received a copy of the recently launched book, celebrating 100 years of the Association. If anyone would like to buy additional copies of the book for Christmas presents, please contact the office on 07958 540 749 or email office@swaledale-sheep.com.

An order form is available on the website: www.swaledale-sheep.com/resources/

Alternatively, the book is available to buy at the following outlets:

- Yorkshire Dales National Park Visitor Centre Shops ● Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes
- Kirkby Stephen Auction Mart ● Hawes Auction Mart ● Usha Gap Camp Site Shop, Muker

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Middleton in Teesdale

11 October 2023



Kayleigh Robinson
A District Secretary

Confidence was reinstated at Middleton in Teesdale Mart with an abundance of people in attendance, from vendors to buyers and general spectators, there was an evident buzz of excitement about the mart and a positive atmosphere.

Vendors produced a good quality show of Rams which made for a good line up during the show which saw 27 shearlings enter the Large Breeders class and 16 shearlings enter the Small Breeders class.

A large crowd of buyers ensured a brisk trade was witnessed with great competition ringside to see averages lift for the shearlings to an impressive £1,272.79 which is £287.89 up on last year with a 85% clearance rate, an increase of 19% on the year.

The sale leader this year was consigned by Adam Stobart, Grains O Beck with Cross Hill Kicker, the 2nd prize Small Breeders shearling, which sold for £14,000 to RS Harker, Grayrigg Hall. Second highest price of the day was consigned by E & K Bland, Cotegill with Cotegill Xray, the 4th prize Conformation shearling, which

sold for £10,000 to T.W Cowperthwaite, Tennant Gill.

Overall Champion was the 1st Large Breeders shearling from R Hutchinson & Son, Valley Farm, Valley Lorenzo, which sold for £3000 to Raymond Hutchinson, Dirt Pit Farm. Reserve Champion was 1st Small Breeders shearling from TW Hutchinson, Bail Hill with Kingshaugh Indy, which sold for £1,500 to N Hardisty.

Ram lambs topped at £1,200 for the 1st prize Large Breeders lamb from J Tully, Burncroft Farm which sold to R Collingwood, Stewart Shield Meadows.

Aged rams topped at £700 from AA Walton & Son Bail Green, bred by N&A Bainbridge, Laneside and sold to TR & KM Wallace, Farney Shields.

Finally, thank you all those who were involved in the organisation of the Ram Sale, both before and on the day and to all vendors for producing an excellent show of tups and buyers for coming to our sale and seeing what Middleton has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming current and new faces next year.

Show results:

C* = Commended

Champion Shearling Ram R Hutchinson & Sons – 1st Large Breeder

Champion Ram Lamb Burncroft Farm – 1st Large Breeder

Reserve Shearling Ram TW Hutchinson – 1st Small Breeder

Reserve Champion Ram Lamb S Tully – 1st Small Breeder

Shearling Ram Large Breeder

- 1st R Hutchinson & Sons
- 2nd D Humble
- 3rd F & MP Allinson
- 4th CR Raine & Sons
- 5th RJ Tiplady
- C* F & MP Allinson

Shearling Ram Small Breeder

- 1st TW Hutchinson
- 2nd AM Stobart
- 3rd Miss C Dent
- 4th S Iceton
- 5th RJ White
- C* M Iceton

Best Conformation Shearling Ram

- 1st Tarn Bros
- 2nd TW Hutchinson
- 3rd JE & DJ Hutchinson
- 4th E & K Blans
- 5th TW & K Hutchinson
- 6th M Iceton
- C* Dawson & Sartin

Ram Lamb Large Breeder

- 1st Burncroft Farm
- 2nd Burncroft Farm
- 3rd Burncroft Farm

Ram Lamb Small Breeder

- 1st S Tully
- 2nd H Scott
- 3rd H Scott
- 4th H Scott

Aged Ram

- 1st C & JC Stephenson
- 2nd R Peirson
- 3rd JB Fletcher
- 4th C & JC Stephenson

Shearling Ram Leading prices (£1000 and over)

Tarn Bros 1500, 1000

TW & K Hutchinson (Blunt House) 2800, 2200, 1500, 1000

A & B Hutchinson 1000

CR Raine & Sons 2200, 3200, 2200, 1200

ME & CM Bell 1500

JB Fletcher 3000

Tarn Bros, West Crossthwaite 1200

Grove Farms 5000

TW Hutchinson, (Bail Hill) 1500, 2500

AE Iceton & Son 2000, 1200

S Iceton 1000

JA Alderson 1200

M Iceton 4200

R Hutchinson, Dirt Pitt 1000

Messrs Cockbain & Sons 1800

JE & DJ Hutchinson 1800

M Graham 2000, 2800, 2000

A & J Harrison 2200, 2600, 1000

M Wallace 1800, 1800

RS Harker, (Grayrigg Hall) 1300

E & K Bland 10000, 1500

Burncroft Farm 1200

MF & KC Stobart 1500, 1000, 1200

AM Stobart 14000

AT & A Bainbridge 1500

RJ Tiplady 1500

Sanderson & Bell 1000, 1200

RM Dixon 1500, 1000

F & MP Allinson 3000, 3500, 2800, 2500, 1000, 2800, 1600

D Humble 1800

JC White 1200

RJ White 2000

R Hutchinson & Sons 3000, 1800, 3500, 5000, 1800

SALE AERAGES:

Aged Rams – 6 av £300

Ram Lambs – 5 av £340

Shearling Rams –
136 av £1272.79

LEADING CONSIGNMENT AVERAGES:

Cotegill 4 av £3150

Valley Farm 5 av. £3020

Ashgill Farm 2 av. £2950

West Briscoe 7 av. £2457

Hunt House 3 av. £2266

Stanhope Gate 4 av. £2200

Bail Hill 2 av. £2000

Lanehead Farm 2 av. £1800

AUCTIONEERS
HARRISON & HETHERINGTON



Rachel Watson 2023



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Burncroft Farm 1st LB & Champion Tup Lamb, £1200 sold to J Collingwood

Kingshaugh Indie TW Hutchinson, 1st SB & Reserve Champ £1500 to N Hardisty

Cross Hill Kicker AM Stobart, 2nd SB £14,000 sold to R Harker, Grayrigg Hall

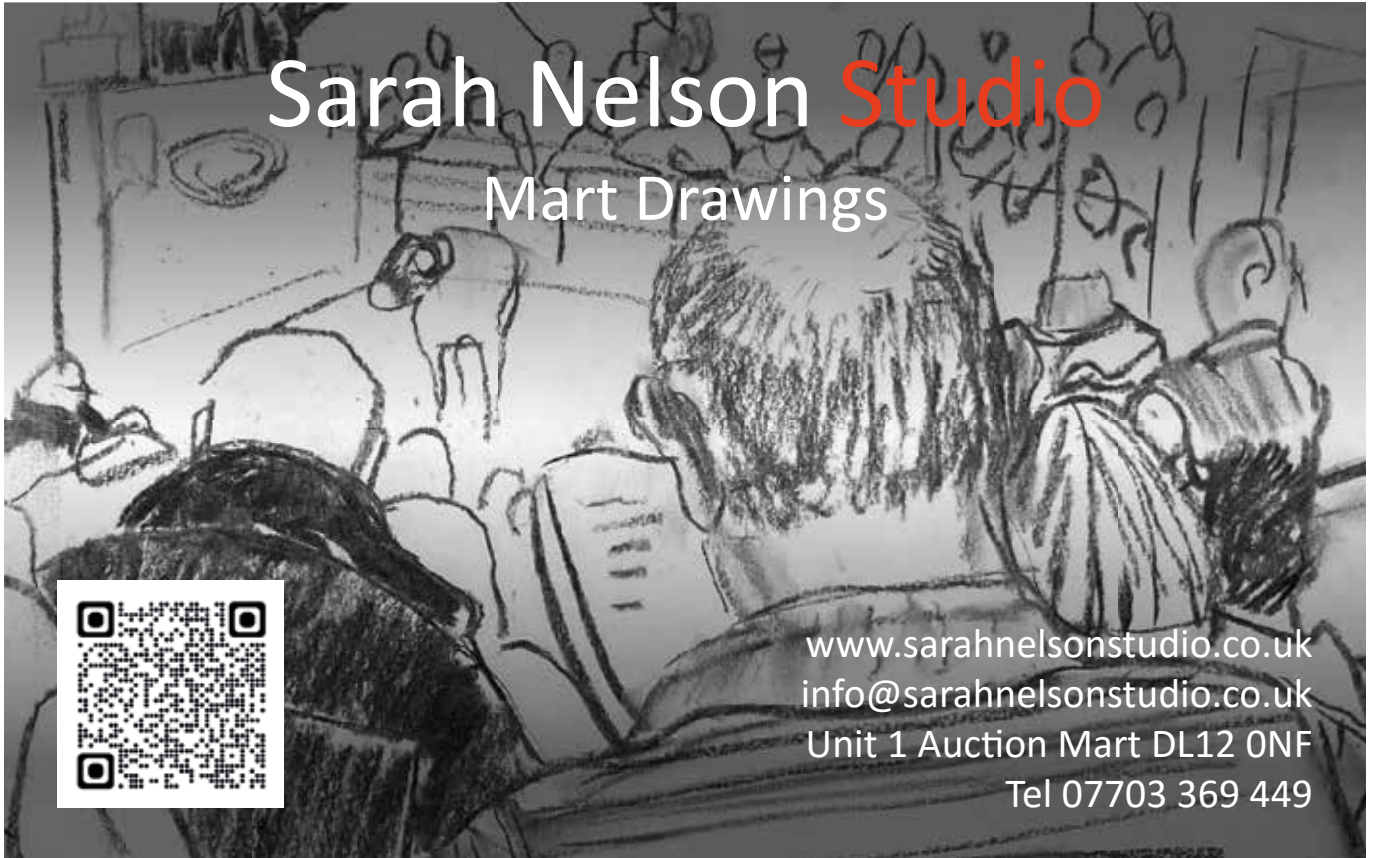
Valley Lorenzo from R Hutchinson & Sons, 1st LB & Overall Champion £3000 sold to Raymond Hutchinson

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C District

Kirkby Stephen

18 – 20 October 2023

Aged Rams

HIGHLIGHTS

SALE AERAGES:

97 Aged Rams av. £663.44

- Aged Rams topped at £4500 for a three shear ram, High Birk Hatt PL 7th bred by AE Icton & Sons, sold by M Emerson, Haggate, and purchased by James Pritchard, Evistones, Rochester.
- Reserve Champion, Roachburn Victory, from JR Dalton, Welhope, sold for £3800 to T Brogden, Helbeck and Messrs Beckwith, New Hall.
- LC & D Wearmouth, Parkside, sold Arngill Mojo, bred by M & EM Wilson, for 3000 to Messrs Ivinston, Hole House.

Show results:

C* = Commended

Champion Aged Ram

TW Hutchinson, Bail Hill

Ram 3 years & upwards

- 1st JR Dalton
 2nd JW Porter & D & CE Marston
 3rd A Peart & Co
 4th TW Bell & Son
 5th JR Walton & Son
 6th W Watson
 C* S & D Robinson

Reserve Champion Aged Ram

JR Dalton

Two Shear Ram

- 1st GM Wilson
 2nd JE Cowperthwaite
 3rd JE & AJ Mitchell
 C* SJ Clarkson

Ram above 2 years Small Breeder

- 1st TW Hutchinson
 2nd A Hartley
 3rd A Hartley
 C* M Staley & JR & J Gorst

Aged Ram Leading prices (£1000 and over)

JR Walton & Son 1500
JR Dalton (Reserve Champion) 3800 to T Brogden
P Hallam & JC Nelson 2000 to WM Hutchinson & Son
MW & JH Emerson 4500 to J Pritchard
R & PE Hargreaves 1500
P&PI Walker 1500
JC White 1200
Bank House Farm 1200
P & C Charnley 1000, 1000
CC & DA Fawcett 1200
LC & D Wearmouth 3000 to M/s Ivinston, 1000
JE & DJ Hutchinson 2000 to W Buckle
A Peart & Son 2000 to D Nelson & D Noble
S & D Robinson 1200
JE Cowperthwaite 1800
F & MP Allinson & D Harker 1300
J & JE Bradley 2300 to M Harrison
TW Bell & Son 1800, 1200,



Supreme Champion from TW Hutchinson - Kelton Hill Primethus, bred by S Bentley, sold for £400

Reserve Champion aged ram from JR Dalton - Roachburn Victory, bred by PJ Smith sold for £3800 to T Brogden & M/s Beckwith

Top priced aged ram from MW & JE Emerson - High Birk Hatt PL 7th, bred by AE Icton & Sons, sold for £4500 to James Pritchard, Evistones.

Kirkby Stephen - Ram Lambs

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ram lambs topped at £2200 for a lamb from Burncroft Farm, which sold to Messrs Wear, Howe Green.
- Burncroft Farm also sold lambs for £1500 to GA Slack, Stoneriggs, £1200 to Messrs Ivinson and the Champion made £1000 to R Pattinson, Weardale.



Champion Ram Lamb from Burncroft Farm, sold for £1000 to Richard Pattinson, Weardale

Show results:

C* = Commended

Champion Ram Lamb

Burncroft Farm

Reserve Champion Ram Lamb

H Scott

Ram Lamb

1st Burncroft Farm

2nd Burncroft Farm

3rd Burncroft Farm

4th Burncroft Farm

5th Burncroft Farm

C* Burncroft Farm

Ram Lamb Small Breeder

1st H Scott

2nd D Birbeck

3rd R Marwood & Sons

4th H Scott

5th H Scott

C* D Birbeck

Best 3 Ram Lambs

1st Burncroft Farm

2nd H Scott

3rd D Birbeck

Leading prices (£500 and above)

H Scott (Reserve Champion) 800

R Marwood & Sons 500

Burncroft Farm (Champion) 1000, 900, 1000, 600, 700,
1000, 2200, 600, 1000, 1500, 1200

SALE AERAGES:

31 Ram Lambs av £523.75



Reserve Champion Ram Lamb from Helen Scott, sold for £800 to Paul Collinson, Weardale



Top priced ram lamb from Burncroft Farm, sold for £2200 to M/s Wear, Howe Green

Kirkby Stephen - Shearling Rams



Wilf Buckle
C District Secretary

As Storm Babet swept its way across the country, leaving a trail of devastation behind it, it was more Storm Swale at Kirkby Stephen C District Swaledale sale as records tumbled, with a new breed record set on the Thursday, surpassing the £101,000 set way back in 2002 in the wake of the FMD crises. This new record was then again equalled on the second day as buyers bid hard on the cream of the breed. with 29 tups hitting 5 figures or more and the average soared to £2606.25, up £333 on the year for 595 tups sold.

Setting the stage on the first day was Ghyll House Notorious, by the £22,000 Wescoe tup bought out of Kirkby two years back and out of a ewe by the £90,000 Valley Fandango, from John and Dorne Richardson, Ghyll House, Dufton. This shearling stood out from the moment he was brought out into the pre-sale show, an opening bid for £10,000 soon jumped £10,000 a time, right up to £100,000, followed by a smaller bid to £102,000, breaking the existing record, then a final bid, which came straight back, of £105,000. Notorious found a new home, with Paul & Sue Hallam, High Birkwith, and Mark Nelson, Bull & Cave.

The following day it was the turn of the Lightfoot family, based in Glenridding next to Ullswater, to have their turn in the spotlight. Placed Reserve Champion in the pre-sale show, Gillside Keeper, a son of the £16,000 John Kelsall tup bought two years previously and out of a gimmer shearling by a £9000 Richard Harker, soon rattled up to £100,000, with bids bouncing £10,000 a time. The hammer fell for the second time in two days at £105,000 to John White, Rigg and John Tully, Burncroft, with the Lightfoots retaining a share. They also saw a bid of £14,000 for their second tup in, which was by a £50,000 "Big Jack" tup bought in Hawes 2 years ago.

The Bull & Cave flock from Mark Nelson always have a pen that catches the eye, it was their first tup into the ring, Bull & Cave

Noble which drew the bidders. Sired by the £30,000 Thwaite Bridge tup, the hammer settled at £42,000, selling to David Harker, Overthwaite, and Alice Iveson, Hawes, with Mark retaining a share.

Early on the second shearling day a bid of £40,000 from John Richardson, Ghyll House saw him dip into the proceeds of his sale from the day before, for Aygill Quartz from Alan and Stephen Coates. He was by a £10,000 Priorsdale tup and out of a ewe by a Bull & Cave sire.

There was a run of high-priced tups late on the second day, with a call of £35,000 for Wescoe Ronaldo from Messrs Folder, Threlkeld. Placed 4th in the pre-sale show, he was bought in a three-way split by David Allinson, West Briscoe, John White, Rigg and Robert Hutchinson, Valley Farm. This shearling was by a £4500 Ghyll House tup and out of a ewe by a West Stonesdale sire.

Robert Wear, Howe Green, sold a strong shearling for £28,000. This tup was by the same £50,000 "Big Jack" tup that Lightfoots had sold to £14,000 earlier in the day, and out of a ewe by a Richard Harker tup. He sold to John Tunstall, S Hardisty & Son, How Hall with the Wears retaining a share.

Mark and Linda Rukin from West Stonesdale enjoyed a flying trade as they saw their pen leader, Stonesdale Novel sell for £25,000. Sired by the £22,000 Usha Gap tup while its mother was a sheep shown

at Muker back in 2014, by the Hallam tup. He sold in a two-way split to John Bland, Thwaite Bridge and Patrick Sowerby, Oakbank. Another son of the Usha Gap and out of a daughter of the old show ewe sold in an £18,000 deal to James Beckwith, New Hall.

There were a brace of tups at £20,000, one on either day. The first was from Messrs Hargreaves, Meadow Bank, with their 5th prize shearling, Meadow Bank WB34 2nd. Sired by the £34,000 West Briscoe and out of a ewe by a Richard Harker tup, he sold to Messrs Buckle, Buckles Farm and Arthur Slack, Stoneriggs.

The other at £20,000 was the Champion on the second day from John Bland, Thwaite Bridge, with Thwaite Bridge Bonanza. Sired by a Helbeck tup and out of a ewe by a Paul Hallam tup, going back to the £92,000 Christine Whitehead tup. He was bought by the judge, Richard Hargreaves, who backed his judgement, and Richard Harker, Grayrigg Hall.

Demand was strong, right from the start of the sale for powerful, well-marked shearlings, with a growing emphasis on carcase.

Kirkby Stephen Sale Report by Wayne Hutchinson



The John Burton Young Achiever Award 2023

As reported in the Spring Newsletter, John Burton very kindly gave a donation to the Association to be used over 5 years, to be presented to a young member who has shown enthusiasm and commitment to the breed throughout the year. The Award is to be rotated around the District's.

The winner for 2023 was announced on the Thursday of the Kirkby Stephen Ram Sales at midday, with 16 year old, Lewis Staley, from nearby Kaber being named as the recipient.

Pictured are John Burton and Lewis Staley.

Lewis was presented with a Castle Sculpture's Swaledale Ram, created by Jean Fowler, and a cash prize of £80.

The Award in 2024 will be presented to a young member from D District.

- Rigg Hallam 5 from RJ White sold for £16,000 to TW Cowperthwaite
- Grayrigg Hall MCS 1 from RS Harker, Grayrigg Hall sold for 12,000 to Ted Fox
- Bull & Cave Noble from J Nelson & Son sold for 42,000 to David Harker, Overthwaite
- Monks Rocket from CR Raine & Son sold for 16,000 to M/s Icton, High Birkhatt & D Allinson, Briscoe
- Ghyll House Notorious from W Richardson & Son, Ghyll House, Champion, sold for a new breed record of £105,000 to Paul Hallam, High Birkwith & J Nelson & Son, Bull & Cave.
- Meadow Bank WB 34 2nd from R & PE Hargreaves sold for £20,000 to GA Slack and Messrs Buckle
- High Birkwith Hamlet 1 from P Hallam sold for £17,000 to Tom Hutchinson, Bail Hill
- Jubilee Imperial from Dent Bros sold for £10,000 to Robin Booth
- West Newhouses ME 1st from S Icton sold for £12,000 to Alan Alderson, Barras and Paul Metcalfe.
- Stonesdale Novel from MR&LE Rukin sold for £25,000 to Patrick & Kirsty Sowerby and John Bland
- Stonesdale Navigator from MR&LE Rukin sold for £18,000 to M/s Beckwith, New Hall.
- Catlow RSH 1st from T Robinson & Son sold for £14,000 to M Rukin, JR Rukin and M/s Coates, Aygill.
- West Briscoe Universe from F&M Allinson sold for £18,000 to M/s Ridley, Woodhall.
- Rakefoot Telecaster from M/s Cockbain sold for £12,000 to S Porter, Summer Lodge.

Show results:

C* = Commended

Champion Shearling Ram

W Richardson & Son

Large Breeder

- 1st W Richardson & Son
- 2nd S Bentley
- 3rd JW Dent & Sons
- 4th M/s Cockbain
- 5th R & PE Hargreaves
- C* WM Hutchinson & Sons

Reserve Champion

S Bentley

Small Breeder

- 1st R White
- 2nd SA & ADC Raine
- 3rd AT & A Bainbridge
- 4th M & R Pattinson
- 5th Mrs RC Tiplady
- C* R Hallam

AVERAGES:

316 Shearling Rams
av £2493.89

Best Pair

- 1st W Richardson & Son
- 2nd M/s Cockbain

Leading prices at Kirkby Stephen Day 2 (£1000 and above):

A Hartley 1000, 1000, 2800	5500, 1200, 4500, 2000, 1500	J Natrass 2200	JR Walton & Son 1500	Haltcliffe 3500, 1200, 5000, 1000, 1800
JW Porter & Sons 4500	CR Raine & Son 3500, 6500, 3500, 1600, 4200, 2200, 3000, 16000, 1600, 4000	P&PI Walker 1200	S Icton 12000, 1000	D&M Brown 4000
SW Porter 2000	CT Raine 1500	P Hallam 17000, 1800, 1500	JH Pedley 2800	AT&A Bainbridge 6000, 1000
RJ White 16000, 1000	P Ewbank 1200	R Hallam 6500, 2000	A Benn 1200	Mrs RC Tiplady 4000, 2200
JC White 4000, 2000, 4000, 2200, 1200	MR Ewbank 1000	CR&MJ Birbeck 2000, 1500, 1000, 1200	R&H Hird 1200	S Bentley 2200
RS Harker (Grayrigg Hall) 2000, 12000, 2500, 1300, 3000, 1900	H Tunstall 1500	JW Dent & Sons 8000, 5000, 1000	MR&LE Rukin 25000, 18000, 7000, 3000	JE&DJ Hutchinson 1000
CO Harker 6000, 1800	W Richardson & Son 105000, 5000, 4000, 1000, 4000, 1000, 1800, 1200, 1000	Dent Bros 10000, 1000, 5000	T Robinson & Son 14000, 5000 (half share retained)	MC&AE Staley 1000
JE Harker 1600, 1000	J&JE Bradley 4000	Dent & Dixon 1000	JG Thirlwall 1200	LT Staley 1000
S&P Brogden 7000, 1000	C Nelson & Son 2200, 1000	J Archer 4800	JA Alderson 1200, 1000, 1000	J&S Tennant 3000, 2000
M&R Pattinson 5000	I Collinson 1200, 1000	K&SM Johnson 1800	JE Cowperthwaite 1500, 2200	F&M Allinson 18000, 4000, 5500, 3500, 6000, 7000, 3000
M/s Pattinson 1000	R&PE Hargreaves 20000, 2000, 2500, 1200, 1200	F Johnson 1200	S Buckle 7000, 5500, 2200, 1000, 1000	H Allinson 2000
K Fawcett 6000, 3200, 1400	RJ Hargreaves 1200	M/s Lawson & Son 6000, 2000, 3000, 1100	JW&M Buckle 2000, 5000, 1500	M Allinson 3000
M&S Sunter 4000		WM Hutchinson & Sons 1000	W Watson 1000	SA Raine & ADC Raine 7000
Bank House Farm 4800		M Brough 1100		PE&KA Sowerby 1000
J Nelson & Son 42000, 5000, 3000, 2500, 2500,				M/s Cockbain 12000, 1800

NEW BREED RECORD



Ghyll House Notorious, bred by W Richardson & Son, Ghyll House. Supreme Champion on Thursday, sold for a new breed record of £105,000 to P Hallam, High Birkwith and M Nelson, Bull & Cave

Reserve Champion on Thursday from S Bentley, Lane Head Farm. Kelton Hill Ram Jam sold for £2200 to G Harker & Son, Punchard and R & H Hird, Shepherds Lodge

Shearling Rams – Friday **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Aygill Quartz from AD Coates sold for £40,000 to W Richardson & Son, Ghyll House.
- Priorsdale Hatiras from Grove Farms sold for £10,000 to GE Harker, Murton Hall.
- Kettlepot General from M/s Beckwith sold for £14,000 to W Buckle, K Fawcett, D Dixon and M/s Lightfoot.
- Thwaite Bridge Bonanza, Champion from J& SJ Bland sold for £20,000 to RS Harker, Grayrigg Hall and R Hargreaves, Meadowbank.
- Cotegill Xspecial from E&K Bland sold for £12,000 to Martin Conway, Plumbridge.
- Cotegill Xit from E&K Bland sold for £14,000 to RS Harker, Grayrigg Hall and R Hargreaves, Meadowbank
- Gillside Keeper from M/s Lightfoot, Reserve Champion, sold for an equal breed record of £105,000 to John White, Rigg Farm and Burncroft Farm with a share retained.
- Gillside Knockout from M/s Lightfoot sold for £14,000 to Craig Hutchinson, Old Spittal and M/s Hutchinson, Hebblethwaite Hall.
- Valley Lordship from R Hutchinson & Son, Valley Farm sold for £12,000 to M/s Lawson, M/s Buckle, M Allan & Ted Fox
- Valley Lifter from R Hutchinson & Son sold for £12,000 to M/s Lightfoot.
- Summerlands B&C Gentleman 1st from J Kelsall sold for £10,000 to MJ Lee, Harwood Shield

Show results:

C* = Commended

Champion

J & SJ Bland

Large Breeder

- 1st J & SJ Bland
- 2nd M/s Lightfoot
- 3rd R Hutchinson & Sons
- 4th M/s Folder
- 5th JC Walker & Son
- C* M/s Wear

Reserve Champion

M/s Lightfoot

Small Breeder

- 1st B Richardson
- 2nd TW Hutchinson
- 3rd RJ Cloughton
- 4th H Crocker
- 5th J Kelsall
- C* JF Dalton

AVERAGES:

277 Shearling Rams av.
£2734.33

OVERALL AVERAGE:

595 av. £2606.25

Best Pair

- 1st M/s Lightfoot
- 2nd R Hutchinson & Sons

- Easgill Head Okey Dokey from AJ&RE Marston sold for £15,000 to R Hutchinson & Son, Valley Farm
- Wecoe Ronaldo from M/s Folder sold for £35,000 to David Allinson, West Briscoe
- Kingshaugh Impact from TW Hutchinson sold for £18,000 to Neil Richardson
- Howe Green Jack 1st from EJ&RJ Wear sold for £28,000 to Neil Hardisty and EG Tunstall, with half share retained.

Leading prices at Kirkby Stephen Day 3, Friday (£1000 and above):

RT Tennant 3000, 3000, 2000	J Richardson (Ferry Ford) 1000	JC Walker & Son 8000, 3500	GA&DE Slack 2500, 2000	G Harker 4500, 1800, 1800
Forest Hall Farms 1600	Owlands Farm 2000	TW Cowperthwaite 2500, 4000, 3000, 2500, 3000, 1000, 1800	A&J Harrison 4200, 1000	WA Dinsdale & Son 1000
J Collingwood 5000 (share retained)	MJ Lee 5000, 1400	RJ&RJ Airey 1000	H Harrison 8000, 5000	JM&JJ Dawson 4000
RS Harker, (Overthwaite) 3500, 2000	K&HA Ridley 3500	JF Dalton 2200	E&K Bland 12000, 14000, 1000, 3200, 1800, 1600, 1200, 1700	J Kelsall 10000
AD Coates & Son 40000	GE Harker 5000, 7000, 7000, 1200	GL Hutton 5000, 2000, 1500	M/s Lightfoot 105000 (share retained), 14000, 3000, 4000, 7000, 4000, 3200, 3000, 1000, 1200	AJ&RE Marston 15000, 1500
GS Coates 6000, 1800	M Brough 1000	JR&SL Pratt 1500	R Hutchinson & Son 12000, 12000, 3000, 3000, 4000, 1000, 7000, 3000	K Huck 2200
A Makepeace 1000	J&F Nutter 2500	SR Taylor 4000	JK Hutchinson 3200	M/s Folder 35000, 5000, 3000, 1000
Grove Farms 10000	A Dixon 7000, 1200	J&SJ Bland 20000, 1800, 2500	J Lee 1000	TW Hutchinson 18000, 8000
M/s Beckwith 14000, 7000, 2000, 1000, 1000, 1800, 4500	DJ&S Dixon 1500	B Thornborrow 6000	JE&AJ Mitchell 1500	EJ&RJ Wear 28000 (share retained), 3000, 4000, 4000, 4000, 8000, 2800
B Richardson (Ferry Ford) 3000, 3500	DC&KL Hutchinson 1000, 1200	RM Dixon 2500, 1200		
	M Wallace 1000, 7000	RJ Cloughton 9000		
	WA&GR Sedgley 1200	H Crocker 8000, 4200		



Wayne Hutchinson 2023

EQUAL BREED RECORD



Wayne Hutchinson 2023

Supreme Champion on the Friday, from J & SJ Bland – Thwaite Bridge Bonanza sold for £20,000 to RS Harker, Grayrigg Hall and R Hargreaves, Meadowbank.

Reserve Champion on Friday from M/s Lightfoot, Gillside – Gillside Keeper sold for the equal new breed record of £105,000 to JC White, Rigg Farm, Burncroft Farm and a share retained

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Hawes

25 – 26 October 2023



David Alderson

B District Secretary

After the highs of Kirkby Stephen the previous week, the Hawes sale had a lot to live up to. Over the two days a total of 28 tups broke the five-figure barrier and saw the average level out at a very healthy £2338.26 over the two days for the 369 tups sold.

The Stonesdale flock, from Mark and Linda Rukin, have hit a rich seam of late, having a great trade at Kirkby Stephen, which continued at Hawes. Their sale topper, Stonesdale Noble, by a £14,000 West Briscoe tup purchased out of Middleton three years previously and out of ewe by a Bull & Cave tup, with her mother being a show ewe which won Tan Hill back in 2011, he sold to David Allinson, West Briscoe and Peter Lightfoot, Gillside, in a £42,000 deal.

Their next tup into the ring, Stonesdale Naughty Boy, by the £20,000 Peter Lightfoot tup bought two years earlier, went on to sell for £32,000. He was out of the ewe which won the 2020 Tan Hill Covid photo Show and sold in their top pen of Drafts last year. She was by a Curwen tup, who himself was no stranger to the show ring, winning at Muker show as an aged tup. This powerful tup was bought by Messrs Raine, Stanhope Gate.

Their third tup, Stonesdale Nitro, Champion tup hogg at Tan Hill Show, sired by another West Briscoe tup, and out of a ewe by the £12,000 Chris Akrigg, he sold for £16,000 to Jim & James Curwen, Marshaw. Mark and Linda rounded off the day with another couple of tups selling for £9000 and £7000 apiece to complete a very satisfactory couple weeks at the Tup sales.

On the second day of the sale, 1st Prize Small Breeder from Robbie Hallam, Ladybank Dreamboat, by a £9000 Mark Ewbank and out of a ewe by a Paul Ewbank. Dreamboat sold for £35,000, a personal best by some way for Robbie in a three-way split to Robert Wear, Howe Green, Messrs Lawson, Hundith and Tom & Phillip Hutton, Setmabanning.

The Usha Gap flock from Phillip Metcalfe and son James saw their pen leader by the £6000 Setmabanning tup which has already bred tups to £52,000 and £22,000 and out of a ewe by £4000 David Harker, sold for £33,000 to Haltcliffe.

Late on the second day of the sale David and Michael Allinson, West Briscoe enjoyed a good trade, topping at £28,000 with West Brisco Unique, sired by the £52,000 Usha Gap tup. His mother is by the Park Lodge tup which was Champion at Hawes when they bought him in 2018 for £28,000. This boy sold in a two-way split to Alan Bainbridge, Ash Dub and Andrew Harrison, Beckhead, both from Ettersgill. West Briscoe enjoyed a canny trade throughout their pen, with a pair of shearlings by the £45,000 Mark Ewbank Champion bought 2 years ago making £12,000 and £10,000.

One tup which certainly caught the eye, was Harkerside Ghyll House 2 from Fred

and Ruth Prescott and son John. He was by the £13,000 Ghyll House tup and out of a gimmer shearling by the £19,000 Paul Ewbank sire. He sold for £25,000 to Martin Wilson, Arngill House and Stephen Bland, Cote Gill. Harkerside sold another by the same sire for £11,000, this one heading to Christine Whitehead, Stephen Clarkson and Graham Scarr.

Richard and Gail Harker, Grayrigg Hall enjoyed a good sale with a trio of tups in the five figure bracket. The first of these was a bid of £20,000 for Grayrigg Hall BC 13, a son of the £20,000 Bull and Cave tup. He was snapped up by Will Cockbain, Rakefoot and Keith Ireland, Stackhow Hall. Their others at 5 figures were a son of the £15,000 Aygill tup which sold for £14,000 to Alan & Stephen Coates, Aygill, and Grove Farms, Woodland. The other at £11,000 was by a £5500 John Tunstall and sold to Dents, Naby.

Hawes Sale Report by Wayne Hutchinson

Hawes Day 1 Shearling Rams

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hundith MN1 from Messrs Lawson sold for £15,000 to Sam Cowperthwaite and Neil Cowperthwaite
- Beckhead Dinsdale 21 from A & J Harrison sold for £16,000 to Robbie Hallam, High Birkwith.
- Stonesdale Noble from MR & LE Rukin sold for £42,000 to David Allinson, West Briscoe and M/s Lightfoot.
- Stonesdale Naughty Boy from MR & LE Rukin sold for £32,000 to M/s Raine, Stanhope Gate.
- Stonesdale Nitro from MR & LE Rukin sold for £16,000 to J Curwen, Marshaw Farm.
- Harkerside Ghyll House 2 from WA Dinsdale & Son sold for £25,000 to S Bland, Cotegill and M Wilson, Arngill House.
- Harkerside Ghyll House 1 from WA Dinsdale & Son sold for £11,000 to S Clarkon, G Scarr and MM & CL Whitehead.
- Summer Lodge Scarr 1 from SW Porter sold for £14,000 to T Robinson, Catlow.
- Frith Holme AH2 from B Thornborrow sold for £12,000 to J Reed, Knarr Farm.
- Frith Holme UG2 from B Thornborrow sold for £10,000 to David Harker, Overthwaite.
- Lummas Valliant from D & M Brown sold for £12,000 to M/s Handley, Gunnerfleet.

SALE AERAGES:

193 av. £2205.70

- Ghyll House Nunez from W Richardson & Son, Reserve Champion, sold for £14,000 to Matthew Lawson, Buddle House.
- Shepherds Lodge Ewe 5 from R & H Hird sold for £10,000 to AJ Mason, Oddacres.
- Gillside Kenny from M/s Lightfoot, Supreme Champion sold for £18,000 to Mark Rukin.

Show results:

C* = Commended

Supreme Champion

M/s Lightfoot

Large Breeders

- 1st M/s Lightfoot
- 2nd W Richardson & Son
- 3rd MR & LE Rukin
- 4th MR & LE Rukin
- 5th D & M Brown
- C* WA Dinsdale & Son

Reserve Champion

W Richardson & Son

Small Breeders

- 1st TW Hutchinson
- 2nd I Brown
- 3rd M Sedgwick
- 4th O Acton
- 5th J Dawson
- C* F & R Bainbridge

Leading prices (£1000 and above)

Messrs Lawson 15000	W Richardson & Son 14000, 3000, 1000
J&S Tennant 3600, 1000	PE & KA Sowerby 1800, 1000, 1000, 1200
S & K Emmott 2200	R & H Hird 10000, 1600, 1400
E & K Bland 5000, 1600, 3200	Clarkson & Stoddart 1300
S & A Bland 2800	J Rukin 1800, 2000
A & J Harrison 16000, 6000	S Buckle 1000
MR & LE Rukin 42000, 32000, 16000, 7000, 9000, 2000	JW Porter & Sons 2500, 1000
WA Dinsdale & Son 25000, 11000	RJ White 1100
AJ Mason 1400, 1000	JC White 1000
SW Porter 14000, 1800, 2000	AJ & RE Marston 9000
JR Blades 2800	M & S Sunter 1600
O Acton 1500	A Fawcett & Son 5800
TW Hutchinson 1500	BR Fawcett 1600, 1600
S Reynoldson & Son 2200	I Collinson 2200
JC Walker & Son 1000, 1800, 1600	JA Alderson 1900
B Thornborrow 12000, 7500, 10000, 1800, 1000	R Hutchinson & Son 2000, 3000
D & M Brown 12000	JE Cowperthwaite 4000
M/s Folder 3200, 1200, 2200	M/s Lightfoot 18000, 2200, 1100



Champion from M/s Lightfoot, Gillside – Gillside Kenny sold for £18,000 to MR & LE Rukin.



Reserve Champion from W Richardson & Son, Ghyll House – Ghyll House Nunez sold for £14,000 to M Lawson, Buddle House.



Top price on Day 1 at Hawes, Stonesdale Noble from MR & LE Rukin sold for £42,000 to F & MP Allinson & Son and M/s Lightfoot.

- Ladybank Dreamboat from R Hallam sold for £35,000 to M/s Wear, M/s Lawson and M/s Hutton.
- Hempands Bright Nose from RT Tennant, Reserve Champion, sold for £10,000 to M Staley and H Fawcett.
- Hemplands Jazz Man from RT Tennant sold for £12,000 to Anthony Hartley.
- Intake Clive 9 from MR Ewbank, Champion, sold for £11,000 to J Allison & Sons, Seal Houses
- Draymans LFT6 from P Ewbank sold for £10,000 to Bob Blades.
- Usha Gap Setmabanning 7 from T Metcalfe & Son sold for £33,000 to Haltcliffe.
- Scoutber JB2 from M Taylor sold for £12,000 to Geoff Walker, Brennand Farm.
- Aygill Quality from AD Coates & Son sold for £13,000 to M/s Cowperthwaite, Stockdale.
- Grayrigg Hall Ayg 6 from RS Harker & Son, Grayrigg Hall sold for £14,000 to Dan Bower and Alan Coates
- Grayrigg Hall BC 13 from RS Harker & Son sold for £20,000 to M/s Cockbain and Keith Ireland.
- Grayrigg Hall Tun 1 from RS Harker & Son sold for £11,000 to M/s Dent, Naby.
- West Brisco Unique from F & MP Allinson sold for £28,000 to A & J Harrison, Beck Head and AT & A Bainbridge, Ash Dub.
- West Briscoe USA from F & MP Allinson sold for £10,000 to M/s Hutton, Setmabanning and Paul Harker, Punchard.
- West Briscoe Upperclass from F & MP Allinson sold for £12,000 to N Richardson, Fernyford and WM Hutchinson & Son, Redgate.

Show results:

C* = Commended

Supreme Champion

MR Ewbank

Large Breeders

- 1st MR Ewbank
- 2nd RT Tennant
- 3rd P Ewbank
- 4th F & MP Allinson & Son
- 5th P Ewbank
- C* T Metcalfe & Son

Reserve Champion

RT Tennant

Small Breeders

- 1st R Hallam
- 2nd M & L & G Bland
- 3rd M Taylor
- 4th HW & JE Harrison
- 5th JS Calvert
- C* M Taylor



Champion on Day 2 from Mark Ewbank sold for £11,000 to J Allison & Sons, Seal Houses

SALE AERAGES:

176 av £2484.46

OVERALL AVERAGE:

369 av £2338.26

Leading prices (£1000 and above)

BR Lawson & Son 1800	HW & JE Harrison 2200	P Ewbank 10000, 3500	AD Coates & Son 13000	M & L & G Bland 4500
G Harker & Son 2000	RT Tennant 10000, 12000, 9000, 1800	P Ewbank 1000	TW Cowperthwaite 1600, 2000	NJ Bland 1800
JG Brunton 6500, 1800, 1800	G Calvert & Sons 1000	JS Calvert 1700	M & EM Wilson 1000	J & SJ Bland 3000
JH Pedley 4200	R & R Airey 1000, 1800	T Metcalfe & Son 33000, 3000, 1800	RS Harker & Son (Grayrigg Hall) 14000, 20000, 11000, 3500, 2000, 1000, 4200, 1600	JR & SL Pratt 7000
P Hallam 9500, 9000, 7000	W & NL Baines 1600	M Taylor 12000, 2500, 5000	F & MP Allinson & Son 28000, 10000, 12000	JR & J Gorst & Son 1000
R Hallam 35000	RS & BA Harker, Overthwaite 4500, 1000, 1600, 1200, 1100	S & D Robinson 1000, 1200	M Allinson 1400	AM Dixon 3200
T Robinson & Son 8000, 3800, 1200	S Bell & Sons 3500	MF Beadle & Sons 5500	Dent Bros 1000	EW Atkinson 1100
Mrs CM Johnson 1600	MR Ewbank 11000 (Champion), 1000	FC Walker & Son 1500		JC & E Pedley 1800
J Handley 2200		B & GV Mudd 1000		
		GJ Scarr 4500, 1400		



Reserve Champion on Day 2 at Hawes from Robert Tennant sold for £10,000 to M Staley and H Fawcett



Top price on Day 2 from Robbie Hallam, sold for £35,000 to M/s Wear, M/s Lawson and M/s Hutton

HIGHLIGHTS

- Top price aged ram, Buckerhouse B&C 1 from John Tennant sold for £1800.
- Leading lamb from R Marwood & Son, sold for £500



Show results:

Aged Rams	
1 st	J&S Tennant
2 nd	R Marwood & Son
3 rd	WH Harker
Ram Lambs	
No Show Classes	

SALE AERAGES:

Aged Rams - £456,67
Ram Lambs - £224

AUCTIONEERS HAWES FARMERS AUCTION MART

1st Prize Aged Ram from JM & S Tennant sold for £1800



CALLING ALL MEMBERS...

To keep highlighting and promoting your flock, have you ever thought about showing at the Royal Highland Show or The Great Yorkshire Show? Seems a long time off, but it'll be here sooner than you think. If you're interested but can't commit to being at the event for the whole duration, the Association is here to help. There are members who have shown at these events for years, willing to help you, for further information, contact Rachel Buckle on 07958 540 749.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Royal Highland Show 20 – 23 June

(Swaledale judging on the Friday morning)
Entries close early April. Haulage for members sheep is organised in conjunction with NEMSA, with various collection points available.

2023 Champion came from JE & DJ Hutchinson, Hebblethwaite Hall with their homebred ewe, and Reserve Champion came from R Hallam, High Birkwith with a homebred tup hogg (pictured top left)

The Great Yorkshire Show 9 – 12 July

(Swaledale judging on the Wednesday morning)
Entries close early May. Please enter as soon as possible, pen allocation is limited.

2023 Champion came from J Dixon & Sons, Stainton with their aged ram (pictured top right) and Reserve Champion came from A & TA Blades, Paddock View with their aged with their aged ewe (pictured right) (Right)



VETS CORNER

Following on from veterinary articles in this Newsletter over the past couple of years, and from the informative talk given by **Phill Scott** at the AGM back in June, this theme continues with a message to conclude general discussions which take place at shows and sales about the general future of farming.

Sarah Harker, vet at Farmgate Vets based at Kendal, Lancaster and Sedbergh, has over 25 years experience as a large animal vet, many of you will be familiar with her practical work, and progressive meetings on behalf of her practice, along with her lifetime involvement with our breed.



Securing a Strong Future for the Swaledale Breed:

The farming industry has always had its difficulties but with talk of climate change, environmental concerns and unknowns over the structure and level of future financial support to name but a few, it does feel like we are in changing and uncertain times. The businesses we run and the livestock on which they are based need to be resilient to face a future without the buffer of guaranteed subsidy as the economics of farming become ever more squeezed.

A known and optimised health status brings benefits including good fertility, mothering and milking ability, reduced losses and culls and good lamb growth. Nutrition, worms and fluke, skin parasites and lameness need a planned approach as they impact every sheep in the flock. Other chronic and endemic infectious diseases, collectively known as the 'Iceberg Diseases' may appear to affect a smaller percentage of the flock and include maedi visna (MV), ovine pulmonary adenocarcinoma (OPA) and Johnes's disease. They cause poor performance, premature culling and death in individuals, but as the name suggests, more subtle under-performance in others and widespread subclinical infection through much of the flock. The exact prevalence of these diseases is unknown and varies geographically and with management systems but ewe losses of several percent annually and flock infection levels well into double figures are likely. In many flocks, the combined effects of the iceberg diseases are likely to have a significant impact.

Because of their chronic and insidious nature, we perhaps become blind to ongoing underperformance and intermittent losses. It is therefore in the interest of flock health to monitor levels of disease. Muck samples for worms and fluke and blood samples for MV and Johnes (particularly in thin ewes) are valuable.

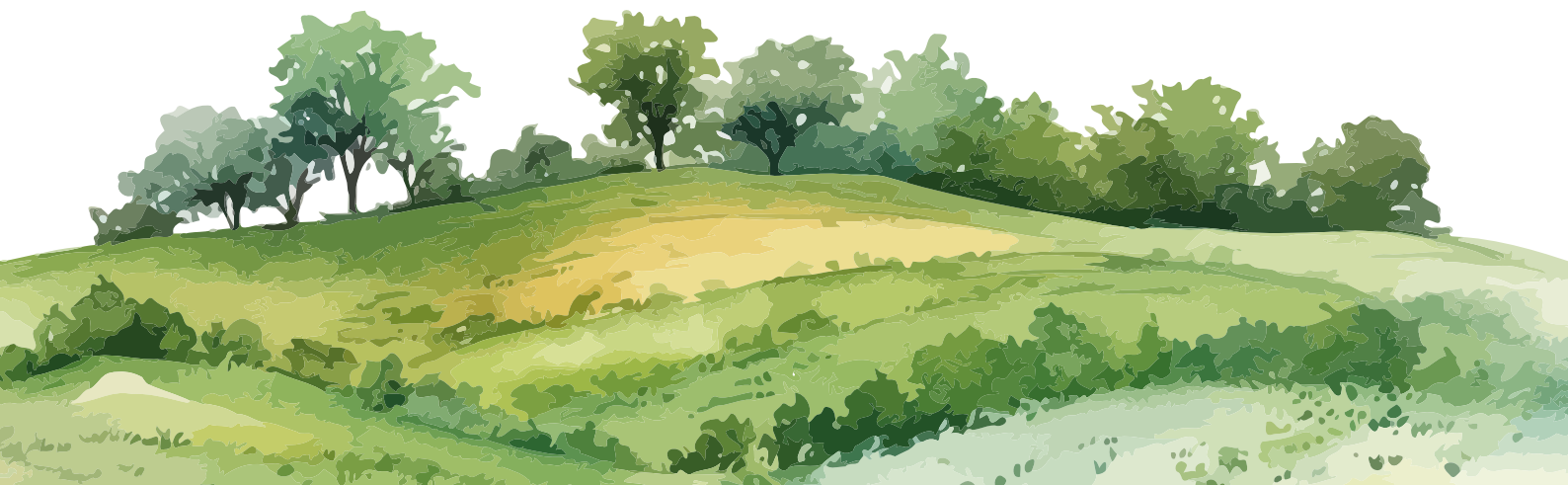
Post-mortem examination gives the best overall indicator of what we have, and have not got on farm, particularly regarding OPA (although ultrasound scanning of lungs by skilled operators can be a good guide). Management of the iceberg diseases is not easy but control of any disease begins with knowing what we have and is rewarded with improved productivity and profitability. Benefits of control also extend to improved value and saleability of breeding stock and confidence in a breed.

Various monitoring and full accreditation schemes are available for MV, Johnes's disease and others, but the complex nature of sheep farming systems can make the rules difficult to adhere to, especially for hill flocks. Common grazing, purchase of replacements, away-wintering etc can be barriers to disease control and accreditation. However, there is increasing awareness and discussion of these diseases and the need for control so this should be embraced.

The words 'performance recording' probably bring visions of data and computers and measurements, but it's something we all do, albeit often at a simpler level. We have in our heads what we need our stock to achieve, we take note of what they do and if they fall short, we act. As the economics of farming harden, we maybe need to ask our stock to achieve more, measure more accurately what they are really achieving and be harsher on those that underperform. Individuals need sound production traits and good health status making them fit for purpose as robust commercial animals with finer breed points being the icing on the cake. This benefits our own farms and helps to ensure the role of the breed within our national flock.

Sarah Harker

Vet at Farmgate Vets, Kendal



District Secretaries needed for B District & E District

'B' District

Person to be appointed and in place with effect from the District AGM in February 2024.

If you would like to apply, please send a covering letter & CV to:

Malcolm Allison (B District Chairman)
Moor Garth, Reeth, Richmond,
North Yorkshire DL11 6QX

or email
malcolmallison371@btinternet.com
before the 31st December 2023.

Applicants are most welcome to discuss the job role with the current secretary, David Alderson, if required.

Once applications are received, all 'B' District Council members will be involved in the decision-making process.

'E' District

Person to be appointed and in place with effect from the District AGM in March 2024.

For further information and an informal chat, please contact:

Mark Graham (E District Chairman) on
07376 473 326

Applicants are most welcome to discuss the job role with the current secretary, Michelle Fawbert, if required.



District Annual General Meetings

Notice is hereby given to members of each District for the Annual General Meetings.

A District – Wednesday 6th March 2024

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B District – Thursday 22nd February 2024

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C District – Monday 19th February 2024

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D District – Tuesday 27th February 2024

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E District – Tuesday 5th March 2024

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South of Ireland – Saturday 2nd December 2023

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Northern Ireland – Friday 23rd February 2024

For further information, contact your District Secretary.





Association Show Trophy Winners

The two trophies presented by the SSBA, which rotate around the Districts were distributed by D District during 2023.

The Dalton & Graham Trophy for the exhibitor gaining most points at Alston Show on 2nd September was won by John White and family. (Pictured right)

The Rochdale Trophy for the best pair (male & female) at Eastgate Show on 27th May, was won by Joseph Nattrass, Shield Hill Top (Pictured Left)

2024 is the turn for E District to present the trophies, details of which shows are hosting them will be announced in the New Year.

SHOWS 2024

Championship Rosettes

PLEASE DON'T PRESUME THAT THE ROSETTES WILL AUTOMATICALLY APPEAR ON SHOW DAY!

If your local show has classes for Swaledale's, please contact the Association office, we are happy to support you by donating a Championship rosette or by promoting them through the Facebook page.

After the shows, email the results and a photo of the Champion, and again, these will be included on Facebook and the website.





FEMALE SALES 2024

HAWES FARMERS' AUCTION MART

on SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2024

KENDAL J36, NORTH WEST AUCTIONS

on SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY 2024

BENTHAM AUCTION MART

on SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2024

KIRKBY STEPHEN AUCTION MART

on THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024

Entry forms will be available for the above sales from the auction marts, and entries are to be forwarded directly to them.

CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, SOUTH OF IRELAND

on SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2024

Further details, contact Carol Gillespie on 00353 (86) 370 3140

NORTHERN IRELAND – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Further details, contact Joanne McSwiggan on 07736 975 819



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