

SWALEDALE SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



Message from the Chairman...



Since our last Newsletter in the Spring we have seen some big changes. A change in Government, a change in farming policies, and more recently a change in financial support. Yet as Farmers, we continue to 'do what we do best' and over the past months we have seen our Swaledale Sheep Breeders produce outstanding stock for shows and sales resulting in a buoyant 'back-end' for many. However, our new Government, whose mantra was 'change', unfortunately doesn't seem to favour the agriculture sector.

We are still seeing Government policy intent on reducing livestock, especially sheep in the uplands. We are also seeing very little improvement in the actions of the SFI for the uplands, with a distinct lack of recognition for food security. I have written to the new Prime Minister & Defra on behalf of the SSBA but sadly 8 weeks later we are yet to get a response. I will continue to press the 'powers that be' highlighting the issues we are facing.

As mentioned earlier, we have seen a positive side to livestock farming with the continuing strong prices for prime and store lambs. This has fed into the increased averages for the North of England mules, which in turn led to the rise in the prices for the Swaledale draft ewes.

Most Auction Companies were reporting £20 plus increases in the averages which is good news for the breed, although I strongly believe due to the importance of our Swaledale ewe, buyers should be paying a premium. The tightening of the number of breeding sheep has possibly

helped with a rise in price however it needs to be made clear to purchasers that the price needs to remain strong otherwise the numbers of sheep may not be there in the future.

The Tup sales followed a similar vein. Although there were less tups registered and less tups forward, we have seen an increase in the averages across almost all auctions. It certainly has been evident that tups with good conformation and bone, along with a good mouth and being correct on their legs, were very easy to sell and commanded a premium price.

As members we continue to promote our breed and highlight the importance of Swaledales as part of the Sheep Stratification System. SSBA attended NSA Scot sheep at Aikengall Farm near Dunbar as well as the NSA event at Malvern. Both stands were tremendous adverts for the breed and thanks must go to the breeders who supplied the sheep for the stands and our Head secretary for making a super job of the stand itself. Also a big thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to

help on the event days, talking to potential customers and breeders alike.

I would also like to thank all members who take the time to prepare and show Swaledale sheep across the country, it really is a great shop window for the breed and gives us the opportunity to engage with the public and hopefully explain all the benefits the breed has in shaping the countryside.

Finally I would like to thank the Council for all their input fed in from each District and their support for the breed. Also the District secretaries and our Head secretary for all their hard work especially during the more recent months.

At times farming can be a very difficult and lonely profession but we are an 'Association of members' and you are not alone! We are all here for one another with a shared passion for sustaining Swaledale sheep and their progeny across the British countryside, so please remember 'it's good to talk'.

Greg Dalton
Chairman



News from the Office...



Scotsheep team, missing from photo, Johnny Archer



November seems to have been the most settled period of weather in 2024, let's hope that it mirrors the same at lambing time. With another year almost by, it's quite unbelievable how we're heading towards a quarter of a century since the millennium, and it just feels like yesterday, but maybe that's an age thing!

Sheep Events – The long awaited bi-annual event in Scotland for sheep farmers, Scotsheep, took place on what felt like the coldest day possible without the presence of snow, in June. Staged on the East coast of Scotland near Dunbar, the hill farm demonstrated diversification in the form of wind turbines along with great stockmanship. Five pens of sheep were sourced by D District, and thanks goes to Graham Carrick for his time and patience

in organising them, and to the rest of D District Council for their help on the day. Moving on from there, was the NSA flagship event at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, on what was probably the warmest day of the year! This was a quieter event, but it gave chance to catch up with breeders from the Central region and South West.

Royal Highland Show – Once again, the Association worked with NEMSA in transporting sheep to the show from the North of England, and thanks goes to Adam Watson for ensuring everything ran smoothly for us. Congratulations to Wayne Hutchinson and family on taking the championship with their aged ewe.

Great Yorkshire Show – A nice show of sheep with new exhibitors, and thankfully the sun did it's best to keep the crowd of spectators. Congratulations to John, Stephen and James Dixon on winning the championship with their aged ram.

Sponsors – Many thanks once again to the Spirit of Swaledale Gin for sponsoring the Championship at the Autumn sales, also to the many other businesses who supported the District's and to all advertisers in this publication.

Swaledale Tie – The Association tie has been re-designed using the current logo and is available in Green or Blue, details of price and how to order are further through this Newsletter.

Facebook – The number of followers increases year on year, and now stands at 13,000. The following three championship video clips were the most viewed:

- S & A Bland, Cotegill – Hawes Wednesday Shearling Ram Champion – 185,000 views
- H Scott, Forcegarth – Hawes Ram Lamb Champion – 89,200 views
- RJ & RJ Airey, Brownchesters – St Johns Chapel Shearling Ram Champion – 74,000 views

Membership Subscriptions & Registrations – anyone reading this magazine who has not paid their annual membership renewal or paid for registering gimmer and tup lambs, please help to make things more efficient for your District Secretary's and reply to their reminders!

Finally, I would like to thank Council, our Chairman, Greg Dalton, and the District Secretaries for their work throughout 2024.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rachel
Head Secretary



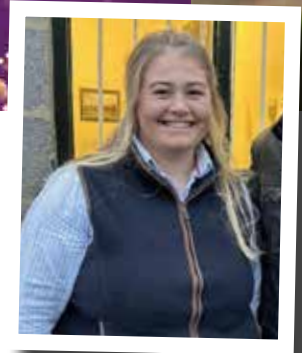
New addition to the stand, milk churns painted with the Association logo.



Sales Reports

Male Champion from Brian Carter

South of Ireland District Ballybofey & Stranorlar 21 September 2024



Carol Gillespie
South of Ireland Secretary

FEMALE CHAMPION
Eugene McGowan - Ewe Lamb
RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION
Brian Carter - Ewe

MALE CHAMPION
Brian Carter
RESERVE MALE CHAMPION
Aaron Boyle & Carol Gillespie

Thanks to all our bidders and buyers and the best of luck with your purchases. We would like to thank our Judge Patrick Sowerby on making the big trip over to our sale, Glenalla Photography & Media for doing a fantastic job of photography. Thanks to the Auctioneer Johnathon Lucus and Ballybofey & Stranorlar Co-operative Livestock Mart. Also our amazing sponsors that make it all possible - Cormac Tagging, AXA Ireland, Natural Stockcare, Smyths Daleside, Kiernan Milling, Frames direct, JC Engineering and Mc Gonagle plants

BEST CONFORMATION SHEARLING RAM
1 st E Gillespie
2 nd E Gillespie
3 rd A Boyle
4 th B Carter
5 th B Carter
6 th B Carter



* PRICES QUOTED IN EUROS
EWE LAMB
1 st E McGowan
2 nd V Barber
3 rd P McGill
4 th W Dowling
5 th O McLaughlin
6 th E McGowan
TOP PRICE - €440
AVERAGE - €132
CLEARANCE - 92%

GIMMER SHEARLING
1 st J & J McNulty
2 nd B Carter
3 rd D McGoldrick
4 th B Carter
5 th J & J McNulty
6 th S Byrne
TOP PRICE - €375
AVERAGE - €222
CLEARANCE - 100%

AGED EWE
1 st B Carter
2 nd M McMonagle
3 rd A McGoldrick
4 th B Carter
5 th B McGoldrick
6 th B Carter
TOP PRICE - €580
AVERAGE - €169
CLEARANCE - 75%

SHEARLING RAM
1 st B Carter
2 nd A Boyle & C Gillespie
3 rd A Boyle & C Gillespie
4 th P McGill
5 th B Carter
6 th D Coyne
TOP PRICE - €2550
AVERAGE - €690
CLEARANCE - 64%

Champion Female, Eugene Mc Gowen pictured with Judge Patrick Sowerby and Ursula Kelly from Cormac Tagging Sponsors



Reserve Champion Female, Brian Carter with Ursula Kelly Cormac Tagging and Judge Patrick Sowerby



Reserve Male Champion from Aaron Boyle & Carol Gillespie

Sarah Nelson Studio

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NORTHERN IRELAND 2nd SHOW & SALE

Beatties, Omagh

5 October 2024



Joanne McSwiggan
Northern Ireland Secretary

AUCTIONEER: RICHARD BEATTIE

SUPREME CHAMPION

Martin Conway – Tup Shearling

RESERVE CHAMPION

John Blaney – Ewe Lamb

AGED RAM

1st E Haughey

2nd F & J Loughridge

3rd J Blaney

SHEARLING RAM

1st M Conway

2nd M Conway

3rd E Haughey

GIMMER SHEARLING

1st J Blaney

2nd B Conlin

3rd B Conlin

AGED EWE

1st T McSwiggan

2nd J Blaney

EWE LAMB

1st J Blaney

AVERAGES:

82 Ewe Lambs - £127.56

15 Gimmer Shearlings - £147.66

72 Aged Ewes - £100.62

11 Shearling Tups - £235.00

3 Aged Tups - £343.33

The 2nd Northern Ireland Swaledale Breeders Show and Sale took place at Richard Beattie Glenpark Road, Omagh on Saturday 5th October 2024, supported by committed breeders with a prime quality show of 230 sheep.

The day commenced with the judging which was left in the capable hands of Brian McGoldrick (Blackrock). The Reserve Champion was awarded to John Blaney with a Ewe Lamb, sired by A32007, Dam's Sire A30231, Bred by owner. The Champion went to Martin Conway with a Shearling Tup, Craigatoke Fintan, sired by C44950, Dam's Sire B45376, bred by owner. The day continued with the sale with a good turnout of bidders, online bidders and buyers. The prices were up from the previous year with all classes of females in high demand, the prices were down slightly for the Shearling and Aged Tups.

Thank you to everyone involved with the Show/Sale and making it possible, Richard Beattie and staff for accommodating the sale, all the Sponsors, Brian McGoldrick for judging the sheep, Aaron Boyle for taking the pictures, Jonathan Kelly from Provita Animal Health for presenting the cups to the winners.

Thanks to all the bidders and buyers.

The Northern Ireland Swaledale Society is expanding every year with the help of the Summer Shows and Autumn Show and Sale to raise awareness of the value and the special qualities of the Swaledale Breed.

We look forward to a prosperous 2025.

Joanne McSwiggan



Supreme Champion, 1st Prize Shearling Ram from Martin Conway

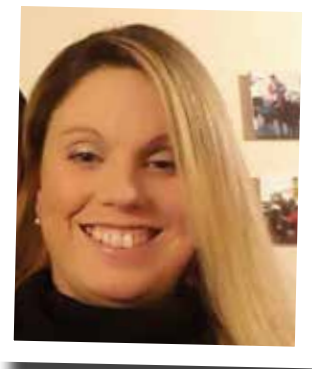


Reserve Champion was the ewe lamb from John Blaney

E District

Ruswarp

4 October 2024



Kate Edminson

E District Secretary



Supreme Champion came from M Graham, Hunt House

Show results:

Supreme Champion

M Graham – 1st Large Breeders Shearling Ram

Reserve Champion

S Snaith – 1st Small Breeders Shearling Ram

Aged Rams

- 1st R&J Myers
- 2nd Breckhouse Enterprises
- 3rd GA&JA Allison

Large Breeders Shearling Ram

- 1st M Graham
- 2nd M Graham
- 3rd Breckhouse Enterprises

Small Breeders Shearling Ram

- 1st S Snaith
- 2nd S Snaith
- 3rd S Snaith

Best Conformation

- 1st J Pritchard
- 2nd S Snaith
- 3rd J Pritchard

The annual tup sale this year judged by Stephen Coats Aygill Farm, Richmond saw a good number of tups forward with Mark Graham, Hunt House taking the Championship with his 1st Prize Large Breeders Shearling Ram.

Sally Snaith also had a successful day with her three shearling rams; taking Reserve Champion honours with her 1st Prize Small Breeders ram and two of her three tups selling for some of the leading prices on the day.

The highest priced tup sold came from Tim & Sarah Dunn and family, Breckhouse Enterprises which went for £1100. Prices were strong and consistent with all but one sold.

There were a number of new sponsors this year with two £100 vouchers for ear tags from Caisley Eartag Ltd, dog food for your working sheep dog from CSJ, numerous feed vouchers for sheep feed, and spray markers from Breckhouse Enterprises. Thank you to all of these businesses for their support, and fingers crossed they will continue in 2025 making it a worthwhile trip for members from other District's to support us.

Many thanks to members from E District for their help and support on the day, this was my first sale as Secretary, and I was grateful to you all.

Looking forward to the 2025 Ram Sale, it would be great to see bigger numbers of tups forward and a wider attendance would definitely bring a buzz to the small auction mart at Ruswarp.

SALES AVERAGES:

6 Aged Rams - £185

17 Shearling Rams - £496

AUCTIONEERS - RICHARDSON & SMITH

LEADING PRICES (ALL RAMS OVER £500)

R Peirson – 520

Breckhouse Enterprises – 1100

S Snaith – 950, 920, 500

M Graham – 600, 550



Reserve Champion came from S Snaith, Keepers House



Top price came from Breckhouse Enterprises, selling for £1100 to K Worley

D District

St Johns Chapel

8 October 2024



Chloe James
D District Secretary



1st SB & Overall Champion from RJ & RJ Airey, which sold for £3600 to AT & A Bainbridge, Ash Dub

The Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association D District held their annual show and sale of Swaledale Rams at St John's Chapel auction mart on the 8th October 2024. There were 262 Shearling Rams entered in the catalogue, slightly down on the year by 19 and for the first time, there were no entries for old tups.

The show was very well supported by vendors with 25 rams in the Large Breeders and 14 rams in the small breeders, the Conformation class also had a good entry of 18 as well as three groups forward in the Group of Three.

The Championship, decided by David Allinson and Matthew Icton went to Brownchester Halt 3rd from RJ & RJ Airey which was 1st prize in the Small Breeders, and later went on to sell for £3600 to Messrs Bainbridge, Ash Dub and Messrs Bainbridge, Ettersgill House.

Taking Reserve Champion was Quarry JB 8 from first-time exhibitor at this centre, RS & BA Harker, Overthwaite which sold for £3500 to JL Wilkinson, Bollihopeshield.

1st Prize in the Conformation class was from another first time vendor at St John's Chapel, Sally Snaith, Keepers House, nr Whitby with Keepers Impressive which went on to sell for £2200 to HL Whitfield & Son, Batey Shield. Winning the Group of Three was S & K Emmott, Whitelees with their pen leader selling for £1600 and the other two selling for £700 and £500.

Top price for the day was Pinfold Knight rider from M & R Pattinson, Pinfold House Farm which went onto sell for £6000 to Messrs Taylor, Sheffield, closely following was a tup from JL Archer which sold for £5200 also to Messrs Taylor.

Many thanks to the judges and referee on the day, to the stewards, Trevor Golightly

and Dan Bower, the sponsors and to John Stephenson for kindly presenting the Championship trophies. In conclusion:

- 234 shearling rams were forward on the day with only 9 unsold giving a 96% clearance rate.
- 225 went onto average £915.69 which were up £26.69 on the year despite not having any tups in the 5 figures.
- 74 shearlings reached £1000 plus, and despite the gloomy wet morning there was a great atmosphere throughout the day and plenty of people about old and new in the pens and in the ring!

Many thanks to Libby, Maurice and all the other staff from BCAM, Sarah Harvey Design, Rachel Watson Photography, Rachel Buckle, Greg Dalton, Graham Carrick and everyone else who helped and offered advice in the run up to the sale and who helped on the day, especially with it being my first year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Fay Johnson for her help in passing over the D District secretary information to enable me to organize this year's sale. Finally I would like to thank all vendors, purchasers and spectators for attending the sale and I hope to be seeing you all next year!

Show results:

Supreme Champion

RJ & RJ Airey - 1st Small Breeder Shearling Ram

Reserve Champion

RS & BA Harker - 1st Large Breeder Shearling Ram

Shearling Ram Large Breeder

- 1st RS & BA Harker
- 2nd G & A Carrick
- 3rd MJ Lee
- 4th W Watson
- 5th K & HA Ridley
- 6th JR Dalton

Small Breeder Shearling Ram

- 1st RJ & RJ Airey
- 2nd MW Emerson
- 3rd MW Emerson
- 4th J Collingwood
- 5th PJ Smith
- 6th MC & AE Staley

Best Conformation

- 1st S Snaith
- 2nd J Pritchard
- 3rd T Hall & Son
- 4th JL Archer
- 5th PH McVittie
- 6th J Pritchard

AUCTIONEERS
BARNARD CASTLE AUCTION MART

SALE AVERAGES

6 Aged Rams - £185

17 Shearling Rams - £496

Leading prices (£1000 and over)

RJ Wigham 3600, 1400	JH Emerson 4500, 2000, 2200	RJ & RJ Airey (Champion) 3600	T Edgar 1750, 2600, 2200
JC White 2000	MW Emerson 1500	MJ Lee 1100, 2600, 2000	S & K Emmott 1600
G & A Carrick 3400, 1300	T Hall & Son 1100, 1300, 3200, 1100	M & R Pattinson 6000	T Collingwood & Sons 1000, 1000
J Pritchard 1500, 1600, 1500, 2200, 2000	JT Golightly 2400, 1200	I Collinson 1000	RS & BA Harker (Reserve Champion) 3500, 2500, 1200
PH McVittie 2600, 1600, 1800, 1100, 2400	JT Green 1150, 1200, 2000	K & HA Ridley 3200, 1600, 1000	E Gowland 2200, 1100
JL Archer 5200, 1200	W Parker 1000, 2300, 1700, 1000, 1300	WD & B Thompson 2600	W Watson 2200, 2400, 1200, 1000
L Smith 1000	JP Lee 1400, 1800, 1000, 1200, 1000	TD & M Moore 1000	JR Dalton 1200
		RW Waugh 1000	J Bowes 1200, 2300, 1200
		S Snaith 2200	



1st LB & Reserve Champion from RS & BA Harker, sold for £3500 to Ms Wilkinson, Boliholesfield



Top price of the day from M & R Pattinson, Pinfold House sold for £6000 to S Taylor, Sheffield

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A District

Middleton in Teesdale

9 October 2024



Kayleigh Robinson
A District Secretary

Harrison & Hetherington held their A District Swaledale Ram sale on behalf of the Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association within Middleton in Teesdale Mart on 9th October.

With a good attendance at this year's sale from vendors to buyers and general spectators, there was a positive atmosphere throughout. There was a strong line up of quality rams in the pre-sale show, with 24 shearlings entered into the Large Breeders class and 13 in the Small Breeder class.

The entry of 191 catalogued rams saw purchasers bidding confidently for big bodied, powerful rams with plenty of bone and correctness. An overall average for the shearling rams of £1,334.96 was recorded which showed an increase of £62.18 on the year. Clearance was 80%

down 5% on the year but up 14% on 2022, possibly a sign of the times.

Leading the days trade was the Overall Champion from R Hutchinson & Sons, Valley Farm with Valley Mad Max which sold to Messrs Ridley, Haltcliffe for £16,000. M Watson, Stoney Hill then followed with his 3rd prize Large Breeder Shearling, Stoney Hill Phantom selling for £12,000 in a three-way split to TW Hutchinson, Bail Hill, S Bentley & DJ Mallon, Lane Head Farm, Kelton and MC & AE Staley, Poppin Cottage.

Ram Lambs topped at £650 for the Champion Ram Lamb from S Tully, 12 Corn

Close which sold to ER Thompson, High Corn Park. Aged Rams reached £250 from MA Bainbridge, Ettersgill House and sold to A & RA Middleton, Leck Fell House.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this year's sale, your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the vendors for bringing forward a fantastic consignment of Rams, bidders and under bidders for attending and all spectators. We look forward to welcoming everyone next year.

Show results:

C* = Commended

Champion Shearling - R Hutchinson & Sons, Valley Farm - 1st LB

Champion Ram Lamb - S Tully, 12 Corn Close - 1st SB

Reserve Shearling - DC & KL Hutchinson, Old Spital - 2nd LB

Reserve Champion Ram Lamb - J Tully, Burncroft Farm - 1st LB

Large Breeder Shearling Ram

- 1st R Hutchinson & Sons
- 2nd DC & KL Hutchinson
- 3rd M Watson
- 4th L Smith & Co
- 5th ME & CM Bell
- C* F & MP Allinson

Small Breeder Shearling Ram

- 1st TW Hutchinson
- 2nd AT & A Bainbridge
- 3rd A & R Dent
- 4th AM Stobart
- 5th AM Stobart
- C* M Dent

Best Conformation Shearling Ram

- 1st MW Dent
- 2nd TW & K Hutchinson
- 3rd R Walton
- 4th NW & JT Wilkinson
- 5th ER Thompson
- C* TW Hutchinson

Large Breeder Ram Lamb

- 1st J Tully
- 2nd J Tully

Small Breeder Ram Lamb

- 1st S Tully
- 2nd H Scott
- 3rd S Tully
- 4th H Scott
- 5th H Scott

Aged Ram

- 1st M Bainbridge
- 2nd C & JC Stephenson
- 3rd J Blaney
- 4th T & K Hutchinson

Shearling Ram Leading Prices (£1000 & over)

E & K Bland 2000, 1800

S & A Bland 2000

Messrs Cockbain 2000

AE Icton & Son 1400

B Icton 1200

R Walton 1500

M Dent 3000

A & R Dent 5000

RM Dixon 2000

F & MP Allinson 3200, 3500, 1000

M Allinson 1200

M Watson 12000, 1000

JC White 2000, 1800

R Hutchinson & Son (Champion) 16000 1000, 1000, 1600, 1200

L Smith & Co 11000, 1800, 1000

AT & A Bainbridge 1200

A & J Harrison 1600, 2000, 4500

H Harrison 1200

ME & CM Bell 1200

ER Thompson 1200

TW Hutchinson 1200

JW Dent & Sons 1200

TW & K Hutchinson 6000, 3800, 2000, 1300

JR Addison & Sons 1000

MF & KC Stobart 3500

AM Stobart 1200, 4500, 3500

Grove Farms 5000

SALE AVERAGES:

118 Shearling Rams - £1135

5 Aged Rams - £160

8 Ram Lambs - £227

**AUCTIONEERS
HARRISON & HETHERINGTON**

LEADING CONSIGNMENT AVERAGES (SHEARLINGS): (On the number of tups sold, not forward)

M Watson, Stoney Hill 3 av. £4,466

R Hutchinson & Sons, Valley Farm 6 av. £3,583

L Smith & Co, Roachburn Farm 4 av. £3,487

A Stobart, Grains-O-Beck 3 av. £3,066

A & R Dent, Wythes Hill 2 av. £2,950

TW & K Hutchinson, Blunt House 5 av. £2,720

A & J Harrison, High beck Head 4 av. £2,225

MF & KC Stobart, Grains-O-Beck 2 av. £2,050

F & MP Allinson, West Briscoe 5 av. £1,840

E & K Bland, Cotegill 4 av. £1,375

RM & AM Dixon, Garnthwaite Farm 3 av. £1,033.33

Champion tup lamb from S Tully sold for £650 to E Thompson



Supreme Champion, Valley Mad Max from R Hutchinson & Sons sold for the top price of £16,000 to C Ridley, Haltcliffe.

Beldow Mighty, Reserve Champion from DC & KL Hutchinson sold for £800



Sale Highlights:

- Stoney Hill Phantom from M Watson sold for £12,000 to TW Hutchinson, M Staley & D Mallon.
- Valley Mad Max, Champion from R Hutchinson & Son sold for the day's top price £16,000 to Craig Ridley, Haltcliffe
- Roachburn Tinker from L Smith & Co sold for £11,000 to D Short, Ouston



SHOW & SALE OF CROWNED SINGLE IN-LAMB EWES, also GIMMER HOGGS

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Kirkby Stephen

16 – 18 October 2024

Aged Rams

HIGHLIGHTS

- Aged Rams topped at £4500 twice for two lots from M & EM Wilson, Arngill House, selling to J Pritchard, Evistones and R Spensley, Castle Gate Farm.
- M & EM Wilson sold 9 stock tups to average £2590.
- 14 aged tups sold between £2000 and £4500 with a 99% clearance.
- Averages increased by £443 on the year to £1106.

Show results:

C* = Commended

Supreme Champion Aged Ram

R Hutchinson & Son & F & MP Allinson & Son – Ram 3 yrs & upwards

Reserve Champion Aged Ram M & EM Wilson – 2 Shear ram

Ram 3 years & upwards

- 1st R Hutchinson & F & MP Allinson & Son
- 2nd M & EM Wilson
- 3rd M & P Ewbank
- 4th C Nelson & Son
- 5th M & EM Wilson
- 6th JL Cloughton
- C* M & EM Wilson

Two Shear Ram

- 1st M & EM Wilson
- 2nd M & EM Wilson
- 3rd C Nelson & Sons
- 4th S & K Emmott
- 5th M & EM Wilson

Ram Above 2-years (Small Breeder)

- 1st PH McVittie

SALE AVERAGES:

69 Averaged £1106

Aged Ram Leading Prices:

N&A Frith 650
AT&A Bainbridge 1000
Bank House Farm 1300, 1800, 1300
GA&JM Maw 700
C&JC Stephenson 1300
JG Thirlwall 500
M&EM Wilson 4000, 4500, 3500, 1500, (Reserve Champion) 3000, 4500, 1600
JH Emerson 3800
D Dargue & Son 1600
JL Cloughton & Son 1400
TW Cowperthwaite 3000, 500
R Hutchinson & Sons & F&MP Allinson (Champion) 2000
M/s Cockbain & J Bland 1000
C Nelson & Sons 3500, 2100
S&K Emmott 3800, 2500
S&P Brogden 1800
PH McVittie 2200, 1800



Pictured are John Burton and Jake Collingwood.

The John Burton Young Achiever Award 2024

The John Burton Award in 2024 was presented to Jake Collingwood, Stewart Shield Meadows, Stanhope, Co Durham. Jake is a member of D District and regularly features at the shows and sales within the District and was nominated by Alan Alderson as the worthy winner due to his enthusiasm and commitment to the breed throughout the year.

The presentation was made by John Burton on the Thursday of the Kirkby Stephen Ram Sales at midday.

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

The Award in 2025 will be presented to a young member from A District.



Supreme Champion, Barras Abound, from R Hutchinson & Son and F & MP Allinson & Son sold for £2000 to JA Alderson, Barras.



Reserve Champion from M & EM Wilson, Knarr RH 3 sold for £3,000 to Messrs Capstick, Whicham Hall.



Equal top priced aged ram, Tennant Gill JB 23 from M & EM Wilson, sold for £4,500 to J Pritchard, Evistones.



M & EM Wilson also sold Gillside Kernel for the equal top price of £4,500 to R Spensley, Castle Gate Farm.

Kirkby Stephen

Ram Lambs

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ram lambs topped at £10,000 with the pre-sale show Champion from John Tully, Burncroft, selling to Harry Lister, Windermere.
- Burncroft Farm also sold ram lambs to £1800, £1500 and £1100 selling to Messrs Stobbart, Grains O Beck, Messrs Collinson, Billingshield and Messrs Collingwood, Stewart Shield Meadows.
- S Tully & J Thompson sold two ram lambs each to £1200 selling to Messrs Mitchell, Parrick House and Messrs Dent, Wythes Hill.
- 1st Price ram lamb from a C District member was awarded to D Birbeck, Kirkby Stephen which sold for £900 to GT & MA Wearmouth, Gilses Farm.
- 97% clearance rate.

SALE AVERAGES:

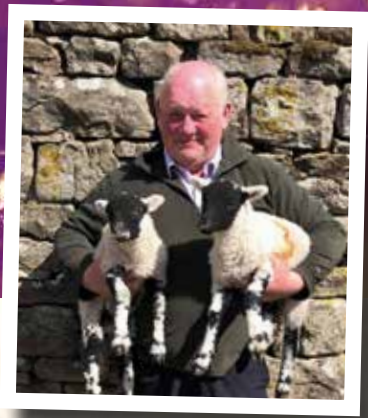
33 averaged £754

Leading prices (£500 and above)

J Tully (Champion) 10000 1800, 600, 1100, 800, 1500

S Tully 1200, 700, 800, 1200

D Birbeck 900



Wilf Buckle
C District Secretary

Show results:

C* = Commended

Champion Ram Lamb

J Tully, Burncroft Farm – 1st Open ram lamb

Reserve Champion Ram Lamb

S Tully – 1st SB ram lamb

Ram Lamb from Registered Parents

1st J Tully
2nd J Tully
3rd J Tully
4th J Tully
5th J Tully
C* H Scott

Small Breeder Ram Lamb

1st S Tully
2nd D Birbeck
3rd S Tully
4th S Tully
5th H Scott
C* H Scott

Best 3 Ram Lambs

1st S Tully
2nd J Tully
3rd D Birbeck



Supreme Champion and top priced ram lamb from J Tully, Burncroft, sold for £10,000 to H Lister.

Reserve Champion Ram Lamb from S Tully & J Thompson, Barnard Castle.



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Kirkby Stephen - Shearling Rams

With a reduced entry forward this year, a sign of the times, the demand for big powerful Swaledale tups was as good as it has been. The average for the two days shearling trade was down just a shade over £49, but that was comparing to a trade in 2023 which saw not one but two six figure sales. There wasn't anything reaching near a record price, but plenty of solid trade for the best tups saw 26 tups into five figures.

The sale topper came early on the first day when the Ghyll House flock, who were just forth into the ring, from John & Dorne Richardson, along with sons Ben and Josh, set the trade to beat. Following on from last years record selling trade they again took the coveted Red White and Blue ticket with Ghyll House Orlando. They also took the Reserve Championship, a tremendous and well-deserved feat from the flock. However, it wasn't their Champion that fired the trade, it was their second tup in, Ghyll House Officer by a homebred sire which they sold two years ago and kept a small share in and out of a ewe by the £92,000 Valley Fandango. Bidding for him was fast and the hammer fell at £34,000, selling in a four-way split to John White, Rigg, Martin Willson, Arngill House and John & Shaun Tully, Burncroft and Corn Close, all getting a leg in him.

The Champion, Ghyll House Orlando, also by a homebred tup, Ghyll House Keeper, a son of the £55,000 Oakbank Endeavour, and also out of a Fandango ewe, sold for £16,000 again with John White Rigg one of buyers along with the Tully's too. Ghyll House also claimed another five-figure tup when the sold a son of the £45,000 Bail Hill tup for £10,000, selling to Messrs Coates, Aygill and M&S Sunter, Nova Farm.

Coming in a close second top price and a personal best, was from the noted Murton Hall flock, their pen leader, Murton Hall Majestic, was commended in the pre-sale show on the second day of the sale. This powerful, well-built tup was by the £9500 John Tennant tup bought out of Hawes back in 2019, whilst its mother was by a David Harker. He sold for £32,000 to Messrs Raine, Stanhope Gate.

The Murton Hall team also saw a bid of £9000 for a son of a Valley tup they bought two years back, selling to WC Porter & Son, Riddings, with Messrs Cloughton, Browna Paddock also getting a share.

A brace of tups hit £25,000, with one on both days. The first of these came from the Lightfoot family, Gillside. Their pen leader, Gillside Legend, was by the homebred tup Jackpot, which was out of the flocks show ewe, and out of a ewe by another homebred tup, Emerald. He was knocked down to James Beckwith, New Hall and Lenny Smith, Roachburn.

The next at £25,000 came late on the Friday, when the Cotegill flock from Stephen Bland went through the ring. The pen leader, Cotegill YoYo was by the £20,000 New Hall tup bought out of Kirkby two years ago and out of a ewe by the £7000 West Briscoe. It sold to Peter Lightfoot, laying out some of the cash brought in the previous day and David Allinson, West Briscoe.

The Cotegill flock continued their strong trade, with another at £15,000. This one was by the £26,000 Hargreaves tup and out of a ewe by the old Deano tup, which has done exceptionally well within the breed. This sold to James Pritchard, Evistones. They also saw a bid of £10,000 for a son of the £26,000 Wear tup, selling to Stuart & Debbie Robinson, Foredale.

A trio of tups went under the hammer at £18,000, all of them on the Friday. The first of these was early in the day, when Richard Hargreaves went through the ring with his tup by the old Bull & Cave tup, shared with the Valley and Grayrigg Hall flocks. His mother is by the £7000 Marwood lamb and is from a line which is consistently breeding top end tups for the flock. He was bought by

David Allinson, West Briscoe and Robert Hutchinson Valley. Another from the same flock, this one belonging to Bob Hargreaves went on to fetch £12,000. This was by the John Tunstall tup and sold to the Hareden and Oak Tree flocks.

The same partnership were back in the bidding for the next tup at £18,000. This time it was for a smashing tup from Johnny Cowperthwaite. Full of bone and power, he was by the Roger Hird tup bought for the same amount 2 years ago, providing an instant return on their investment. His mother was by the £24,000 Aygill which was the reserve champion when they bought him.

The last at £18,000 came from the White family, Rigg Farm, who enjoyed a great trade for their tups. Their pen leader, Rigg Roman Emperor, was by the same New Hall tup as the Cotegill £25,000 tup sold at the sale, and out of a ewe by the old Matt Mason tup, bought back in 2017. This one was bought by John Tully, Burncroft and Peter Lightfoot, Gillside. The Whites also sold another for £15,000, this one by another New Hall sire, and sold to Messrs Ridley, Wood Hall. Robert White also took the days Small Breeders title and Reserve Overall Champion with a strong shearling by the £20,000 New Hall again. This one sold to John Mason, Oddacres.

Ghyll House reinvested some of their previous days earnings when the bought Kettlepot Hawthorn, bred by Messrs Beckwith, a tuppy tup by the £12,000 West Briscoe, bought out of Middleton in Teesdale two years previously.

Buyers were looking for strong powerful tups throughout the two days of shearling sales and were paying a premium for this. With less tups on the market, the most tups found new homes, with a clearance rate just shy of 90% and an average of £2556.96 for the two days trading.

- Ghyll House Orlando from W Richardson & Son sold for £16,000 to JC & J White, M & EM Wilson, Burncroft Farm & S Tully & J Thompson
- Ghyll House Officer from W Richardson & Son sold for £34,000 to JC & J White, Burncroft Farm & S Tully & J Thompson
- Ghyll House Omigod from W Richardson & Son sold for £10,000 to AD Coates & Son & M & S Sunter
- Gillside Legend from Messrs Lightfoot sold for £25,000 to Messrs Beckwith & L Smith & Co
- Helbeck Drayman 1st from S & P Brogden sold for £12,000 to M Watson
- Draymans 28k 5th from P Ewbank sold for £12,000 to Messrs Cockbain & GL Hutton
- Grayrigg Hall All 12 from RS Harker & Son sold for £14,000 to JW Porter & Sons & T Metcalfe & Son
- Grayrigg Hall Mcs 4 from RS Harker & Son sold for £12,000 to RJ & RJ Airey with a share retained
- Hareden Sunter from R & D Parkinson sold for £10,000 to RW Emmott & JC & J White
- Stonesdale Oscar from MR & LE Rukin sold for £11,000 to T Eccles, MJ & SM Wallace & Son & JW Dent & Son
- Brystone PL 6th from B Thornborrow sold for £15,000 to TW Cowperthwaite

Show results:

C* = Commended

Champion Shearling Ram
W Richardson & Son – 1st LB

Reserve Champion
W Richardson & Son – 2nd LB

Large Breeder Shearling Ram

Small Breeder Shearling Ram

- 1st W Richardson & Son
- 2nd W Richardson & Son
- 3rd RS Harker & Son
- 4th R Hutchinson & Son
- 5th T Brogden
- C* M/s Lawson

- 1st I & P Brown
- 2nd M & R Pattinson
- 3rd H Crocker
- 4th R & D Parkinson
- 5th ZA Coates
- C* H Metcalf

Best Pair

- 1st W Richardson & Son
- 2nd R Hutchinson & Son

SALE AVERAGES:

254 Shearling Rams av. £2506.86

91% Clearance

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

Bank House Farm 1400
W Richardson & Son
(Champion) 16000 (Reserve
Champion) 34000, 10000,
6000, 3000, 2200, 1000,
1000, 2200
K&SM Johnson 1500
ZA Coates 1500
AJ&RE Marston 4000
J Nelson & Son 5000, 3500,
1200
J Natrass 1500
H Crocker 8000, 1000
H Crocker & R Dobson 8000
R Hutchinson & Sons 8000,
1000, 6500, 1200, 1800,
4000

JK Hutchinson 1800
N&N Foster 4500, 1500
M&R Pattinson 7000
M/s Lightfoot 25000, 8000,
5000, 7000, 3000, 9000,
2500, 3000, 1000
JA Alderson 2200, 8000,
1000
S Tully 3500
CR Raine & Son 3500, 6000,
1000, 1800
Miss C Raine 1500
S&P Brogden 12000, 1000
T Brogden 5000, 1800
T Bainbridge 1000
CR&MJ Birbeck 1200, 2500,
3000, 1200, 1500

JW&M Buckle 6000, 1200,
1500, 1000, 1200
S Buckle 8000
PE&KA Sowerby 3000, 1000
RT Tennant 2800, 3500
A Hartley 5500, 1500, 2000
M/s Cockbain 3000, 1500
JL Archer 4000, 2500
P&PI Walker 1000
MJ Lee 4000, 1000, 1000
RJ Wigham 1000, 1000
MR Ewbank 4500
P Ewbank 12000
RM Dixon 6000, 3500, 4500,
5000

TW Cowperthwaite 1200,
6000, 2800, 4000, 1000,
1800, 1200, 1600, 1100,
1000
F&MP Allinson 4000, 4000,
2500, 2500, 2000, 5000,
4500, 1400
M Allinson 2000, 1600
RS Harker & Son 14000,
7000, 2500, 12000 5000,
4000, 2000
JE Harker 5000, 1000
CO Harker 1600
H Metcalf 4000
JR Walton 3500
JR&SL Pratt 1200
S Bentley 4200, 1500

R&D Parkinson 10000
JR Dalton 5500
M/s Lawson 4000, 1500
A&J Harrison 1200, 6000,
3500
H Harrison 3000, 1000
JW Dent & Sons 3500
Dent Bros 3500
Dent & Dixon 1500
AE Iaceton & Sons 5500,
1200
ME&LE Rukin 6500, 11000,
1200
I&P Brown 5500
G Cartmel 3000
B Thornborrow 15000,
1200, 1200



Supreme Champion, Ghyll House Orlando from W Richardson & Son, Ghyll House sold for £16,000 to JC & J White, M & EM Wilson, Burncroft Farm & S Tully & J Thompson

Reserve Champion & Thursday's top price, Ghyll House Officer from W Richardson & Son sold for £34,000 to JC & J White, Burncroft Farm & S Tully & J Thompson

- Meadow Bank MN 19th from R Hargreaves sold for £18,000 to F&MP Allinson & R Hutchinson & Sons
- Barley Meadown Tun 2nd from RJ Hargreaves sold for £12,000 to R Pedley & EW & JR Parkinson
- Kettlepot Hawthorn from M/s Beckwith sold for £16,000 to W Richardson & Son
- High Birkwith End 18 from P Hallam sold for £11,000 to JC Walker & Son
- Howith Roger 1st from JE Cowperthwaite sold for £18,000 to R Hutchinson & Sons and F&MP Allinson & Son
- Haltcliffe Victor from C Ridley, Haltcliffe sold for £14,000 to R Hargreaves & RS Harker & Son, Grayrigg Hall
- Howe Green Tully 1st from EJ&RJ Wear sold for £10,000 to R & E Cowperthwaite
- Howe Green Gov 19th Son 12th from EJ&RJ Wear sold for £15,000 to JW&M Buckle & JA Alderson
- Rigg Roman Emperor from JC White sold for £18,000 to M/s Lightfoot & Burncroft Farm
- Rigg New Hall 1 from JC White sold for £15,000 to W Ridley
- Rigg Farm Beckwith 5, Reserve Champion from RJ White sold for £12,000 to AJ Mason
- Murton Hall Majestic from GE Harker sold for £32,000 to CR Raine & Son
- Cotegill Yoyo from E&K Bland sold for £25,000 to M/s Lightfoot & F & MP Allinson
- Cotegill Yarn from E&K Bland sold for £10,000 to S&D Robinson
- Cotegill Yogi from E&K Bland sold for £15,000 to J Pritchard

Show results:

C* = Commended

Supreme Champion

D Humble – 1st LB

Reserve Champion

RJ White – 1st SB

Large Breeder Shearling Ram

1st D Humble

2nd J & JE Bradley

3rd R & H Hird

4th Haltcliffe

5th E & K Bland

C* GE Harker

Small Breeder Shearling Ram

1st RJ White

2nd R Hallam

3rd SA Harker

4th AT & A Bainbridge

5th RJ Hargreaves

C* K Fawcett

Best Pair

1st J & JE Bradley

2 E & K Bland

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

N Richardson 3000	AW Watson 1200
T Robinson & Son 8000	JW Porter & Sons 3500
A Makepeace 1200	SW Porter 1500
G Harker & Son 3000, 1200	EJ&RJ Wear 10000, 15000, 8000, 3000, 6500, 3000, 5500, 1200, 1500
W&NL Baines 1000	JC White 15000, 2500, 18000, 2000, 3000
R Hargreaves 18000, 2000, 1000, 1800	RJ White (Reserve Champion) 12000, 2200, 1800
RJ Hargreaves 12000	J White 1800
C Nelson & Son 3000, 1800, 2200, 1100	JH Pedley 1200
D Humble 7000 (Champion), 3800	Todd & Angus 2500
Breck House Enterprises 3800	J&E Bradley 8000, 4500
JR Addison & Sons 2500, 1200	S Bell & Sons 1800
J&S J Bland 9000	WC Porter & Son 1200
R&H Hird 2000, 3800	GE Harker 32000, 6500, 9000, 2000
M/s Beckwith 4200, 3500, 5000, 16000, 3500, 1000, 1500, 1200, 1000	A Dixon 1500
P Hallam 11000, 5000	DJ&S Dixon 1100
S Hallam 8000	JP Lee 3000
R Hallam 7000, 3000, 1800, 1600	GJ&ME Walker 2000
AT&A Bainbridge 3000	J Allison & Sons 5000, 1000
R&E Cowperthwaite 3500, 3000	RS&BA Harker, Overthwaite 3200, 9000, 1500, 7000, 1200
M/s Hutchinson, Bridge Farm House 1600	SA Harker 5500
S Hutchinson 1000	J&SE Bainbridge 2200, 1800
DC&KL Hutchinson 1200, 1000, 1200	K&HA Ridley 3500
WM Hutchinson & Sons 2000, 1200	E&K Bland 25000, 6000, 10000, 15000, 1200, 1500
K Fawcett 2000	M&EM Wilson 2200, 1800
JM&S Tennant 1100, 1400	CW&Y Dixon & Son 1200
M/s Folder 1400, 1200, 1500	KM&CJ Curwen 3500
RW Waugh 5500, 1000	GL Hutton 1500, 1000, 1000
JE Cowperthwaite 18000, 3500, 1500, 2200, 1000	G Calvert, Pry House 1200
Haltcliffe 14000	LM Staley 1000
W Watson 3200, 2200	TB Staley 1200
	RJ&RS Airey 1800
	M&S Sunter 1400

SALE AVERAGES:

233 Shearling Rams av. £2612.23

OVERALL

TWO DAY AVERAGE

490 av. £2556.96



Friday's Supreme Champion, Bents Impact from Dan Humble sold for £7,000 to R Harrison & T & SB Procter



Reserve Champion from RJ White, Rigg Farm Beckwith 5, sold for £12,000 to AJ Mason



Leading price on Friday came from GE Harker, Murton Hall - Murton Hall Majestic sold for £32,000 to CR Raine & Sons, Stanhope Gate

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B District

Hawes

23 – 24 October 2024



Christine Clarkson

B District Secretary

Swaledale shearling tups were up £82 on the year at Hawes, where the two-day sale saw the highest price of the back end and enjoyed a pleasant trade throughout. As the 2023 sales saw tups outweighing demand, this year there were fewer tups at every centre with 130 less at Hawes, making way for a better trade and a much better clearance of 92-93% each day; 329 shearlings were sold to average £2420.

The celebrations started early on the first day as Paul and Sue Hallam and family enjoyed the top price of the season when their tup, High Birkwith General 1, reached £62,000 having earlier been awarded Reserve Champion in the show. This eye catching shearling is by Young General, a tup of their own breeding who they kept for own use, and out of a ewe by £55,000 Oakbank Endeavour. He sold to Robert Wear, Howe Green, Messrs Lawson, Hundith and Tom & Phillip Hutton, Setmabanning while also retaining a half share.

Under an hour later, the second highest price of the day was achieved by John & Jean Bradley, Penny Grange when Penyghent King Pin sold for £22,000. This flashy tup is sired by Valley Farm and out of a ewe by £24,000 Aygill King Pin. He sold in a two-way split to John Richardson, Ghyll House and Ian Bell, Spennig.

The Howe Green flock of Robert Wear & Sons Adam and Thomas sold their pen leader for £20,000 to Neil Richardson, Big Fernyford. Howe Green Tully 2nd is sired by the £18,000 John Tully, bought as a lamb in 2022, and out of a ewe by a homebred shearling.

Richard and Gail Harker from Grayrigg Hall were well set with a nice packet on the first day, as three of their pen made five figure prices. Their top price being £18,000, sired by a homebred tup they used as a lamb which sold last year as a shearling for £20,000. The tup's mother was by the £30,000 Setmabanning and found his new home with Tom Robinson at Catlow.

The number two out of this pen sold for £13,000 to Dan Bower, Grove Farms and David Harker, Overthwaite - sired by the £20,000 Bull & Cave and out of a ewe by the £34,000 West Briscoe tup.

The Harker family also received £10,000 for a son of £18,000 Paul Hallam selling half to Richard Hargreaves and retaining the other share.

Wednesday's Supreme Champion was a powerful tup from Steven and Alison Bland and family which also won first prize for conformation in the pre-sale show. Sired by £18,000 Kingshaugh Deano and out of a ewe by Naby, this tup sold to Messrs Lightfoot, Gillside, David Allinson, West Briscoe and Anthony Hartley.

The Porter family from Oxnop enjoyed a good trade later on in the day with the first of their pen making £10,000 for a son of £16,000 Brian Thornborrow and out of a ewe by their £30,000 Mark Ewbank. This boy went home with Andrew Harrison, Beck Head and the Brogden family, Helbeck.

On to the second day, David Harker and daughter Annie of Overthwaite had a fantastic pen of tups late on in the sale, where their trade peaked at £37,000. Quarry JB 10 is by £10,000 Jonathan Brunton and out of a ewe by £21,000 Howith. This big-headed tup sold jointly to Martin Wilson, Arngill House and Richard Harker, Grayrigg Hall. Following on their buzzing trade was a reachy big tup sired by Baines Rash Briscoe, and out of a ewe by Richard Harker's £21,000 2014 Hawes Reserve Champion. This lifty animal caught the eyes of Dan Humble, Burtree Ford, Andrew Harrison, Beck Head and Jonny Archer, White Hill.

John Richardson and sons Ben and Josh of Ghyll House brought forward a great pen of sorty tups to continue their back-end success and achieved four tups in five figures. Their pen leader was awarded Supreme Champion on Thursday and went on to realise £28,000, going home with the Porter family of Oxnop. Sired by a David Harker, Overthwaite and out of a ewe by their own tup, Ghyll House Keeper, this tup goes back to their old Tan Hill show ewe by Richard Harker. The very same show ewe was the mother of their £12,000 Ghyll House Oh Boy. Sired by Ghyll House Mint he sold to Richard Hutchinson of Redgate.

Ghyll House 007 reached the Richardson's second highest price at £16,000, selling to Martin Allan, Knock Hall. Sired by Ghyll House Mint and out of a ewe by £90,000 Valley Fandango, this cross is proving to do the business as it is the same way bred as their £34,000 Reserve Champion sold at Kirkby Stephen earlier in the month. Their fourth five figure price of the day was another at £12,000, bred the same way as the Champion, David Harker out of a Keeper, Ghyll House Outrageous was knocked down to the final bid from Dan Bower, Grove Farms.

Stood fourth in the second day's show was a stylish tup from Craig Ridley, Haltcliffe.

He went under the hammer for £26,000, selling in a two way split to Steven Bland, Cotegill and John Bradley, Penny Grange. Sired by a Robert Tennant, Hemplands and out of a ewe by their homebred Pele who is a son of £50,000 Grayrigg Hall. This was Craig's second big achievement of this year's tup sales as Haltcliffe Viceroy's twin brother sold for £14,000 the previous week at Kirkby.

Steven & Carol Porter and son Will enjoyed a good sale early on Thursday morning with Summer Lodge Scarr 4 making £20,000. Selling three ways to Richard Hargreaves, Meadow Bank, Richard Harker, Grayrigg Hall and Messrs Lightfoot, Gillside. This shearling is by £20,000 Graham Scarr and out of a ewe by £46,000 Mark Rukin.

Robert Tennant of Hemplands was also in the money with a flashy tup sired by £28,000 Valley and out of ewe by £30,000 Naby. Hemplands Scorpio went through the ring for £15,000 going to join the Buddle House flock of Matthew Lawson.

The third tup in on Thursday morning from Andrew Harrison and daughter Helen set the day off in good spirits, selling for £10,000 to Robert Wear, Howe Green. Sired by their £17,000 Bull & Cave who is breeding exceptionally well for the Beck Head flock and out of a ewe by their old favourite Dinsdale, this cross is proving very successful for the family.

2024 marked the first year that old tups and tup lambs were sold on the same day as shearlings at Hawes' Wednesday sale. Nine old tups sold to average £1056, topping at £2000 from BR Fawcett with a 4-shear Naby tup. Six tup lambs averaged £317, which peaked at £700 for the days champion, a lovely well boned lamb from Helen Scott, Forcegarth, finding his new home at Haltcliffe.

Report written by Rachel Watson

Hawes Day 1 – Aged Rams & Ram Lambs

Show results:

C* = Commended

Champion Aged Ram

K Huck

Reserve Champion Aged Ram

BR Fawcett

Aged Ram

1st K Huck

2nd BR Fawcett

3rd WP Walker & Son

4th BR Fawcett

Champion Ram Lamb

H Scott

Reserve Champion Ram Lamb

D Hallam

Ram Lamb

1st H Scott

2nd D Hallam

3rd H Scott

4th D Hallam

Aged Ram Leading Prices:

J Nelson & Son & WA & A Booth 900

JM&S Tennant 2000

K Huck (Champion Aged Ram) 1400

WP Walker & Son 900

BR Fawcett 600, 2000

SD Thompson 1200

Ram Lamb Leading Prices:

D Hallam 400

H Scott (Champion Ram Lamb) 700, 400

SALE AVERAGES:

9 Aged Rams - £1056

6 Ram Lambs - £317



Champion Aged Ram, Bents Freddie, bred by D Humble, exhibited by K Huck, Bordley, sold for £1400 to S & P Parker, Bentham



Champion Ram Lamb, owned & bred by H Scott, Forcegarth, sold for £700 to C Ridley, Haltcliffe

DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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

A District – Wednesday 5th March 2025

B District – Thursday 27th February 2025

C District – Monday 17th February 2025

D District – Thursday 20th February 2025

E District – Tuesday 4th March 2025

South of Ireland – Saturday 22nd February 2025

Northern Ireland – Friday 27th February 2025

For further information, contact your District Secretary.



- High Birkwith Young General 1, Reserve Champion from P Hallam sold for £62,000 to EJ&RJ Wear, M/s Hutton & M/s Lawson, Hundith. Half share retained by P Hallam
- Penyghent King Pin from J&JE Bradley sold for £22,000 to W Richardson & Son & IS Bell
- Cotegill Cottage Dynamite, Supreme Champion from S & A Bland sold for £14,000 to A Hartley, Messrs Lightfoot & F & MP Allinson & Son
- Grayrigg Hall BC 16 from RS Harker & Son, Grayrigg Hall sold for £13,000 to Grove Farms & RS & BA Harker, Overthwaite
- Grayrigg Hall PSH 5 from RS Harker & Son sold for £10,000 to R Hargreaves with share retained by RS Harker & Son
- Grayrigg Hall BCA 1 from RS Harker & Son sold for £18,000 to T Robinson & Son
- Oxnop BT 1 from JW Porter & Son sold for £10,000 to A&J Harrison & Messrs Brogden
- Howe Green Tully 2nd from EJ&RJ Wear sold for £20,000 to N Richardson

Show results:

C* = Commended

Supreme Champion Shearling Ram

S & A Bland – 1st SB

Reserve Champion Shearling Ram

P Hallam – 1st LB

Large Breeder Shearling Ram

- 1st P Hallam
- 2nd RS Harker & Son
- 3rd EJ & RJ Wear
- 4th J & JE Bradley
- 5th WM Hutchinson & Son
- C* E & K Bland

Small Breeder Shearling Ram

- 1st S & A Bland
- 2nd W & K Hutchinson
- 3rd RJ & RJ Airey
- 4th Mrs RC Tiplady
- 5th P Edmondson
- C* LT Staley

Best Conformation Shearling Ram

- 1st S & A Bland
- 2nd S & D Robinson
- 3rd FC Walker & Son
- 4th RA Cowperthwaite

SALE AVERAGES:

175 Shearling Rams av. £2295

Shearling Ram Leading Prices (£1000 and above)

S Reynoldson & Son 1000	A Fawcett & Sons 2400	WA&A Booth 3500
RM Dixon 1800	D Humble 1200, 1300	G Calvert & Sons 1000, 1000
AM Dixon 5500	J&JE Bradley 22000, 5500	J Hallam & Son & Daughter 1400
MM&CL Whitehead 1500	S & A Bland (Champion) 14000, 3800	JR Blades 2700
T Metcalfe & Son 9000, 5500, 2500	E&K Bland 4000, 2000, 1000	B Acton 1200
JR Metcalfe 2500	BH Hodgson 1400	W&NL Baines 1000, 1000
P Hallam (Reserve Champion) 62000, 6000, 3200, 4000	JA Alderson 1700	S Buckle 1400
RC Hallam 4000	JH Pedley 1000	JW Porter & Sons 10000, 2000, 2800
Dent Bros 4000, 3200	WJ&OJ Pedley 1200	B Thornborrow 4200, 3500
JW Dent & Sons 1600, 1400	JR&SL Pratt 3000	S&D Robinson 1400, 1200
J Rukin 3400, 1200, 1200	RS Harker & Son, Grayrigg Hall 13000, 10000, 9000, 18000, 4000, 1200, 2200	EJ&RJ Wear 20000, 3800, 1800
CR&MJ Birbeck 1400, 1200	AJ&RE Marston 4200	W&K Hutchinson 4500
J Brunton 1200	M/s Lightfoot 6800, 7000, 2400, 2000	WP Walker & Son 3800
WM Hutchinson & Sons 5000	JS Cloughton, Carpley Green 1900	RJ&RJ Airey 1500, 1800
MM Hutchinson 2500	TW Cowperthwaite 2000, 1000	P Edmondson 4000



R. F. Watson
2024



R. F. Watson
2024

Cotegill Cottage Dynamite, Supreme Champion on Wednesday at Hawes from S & A Bland, sold for £14,000 to Messrs Lightfoot, F & MP Allinson & Son & A Hartley

Reserve Champion on Wednesday, High Birkwith Young General 1, from P Hallam, sold for the day's top price of £62,000 to EJ & RJ Wear, Messrs Lawson, Hundith, GL & ME Hutton, and a share retained by P Hallam.

Hawes Day 2 – Shearling Rams

HIGHLIGHTS

- Beckhead B&C 23rd from A&J Harrison sold for £10,000 to E J&R J Wear
- Summerlodge Scarr 4 from SW Porter sold for £20,000 to RS Harker & Son, R Hargreaves & Messrs Lightfoot.
- Hemplands Scorpio from RT Tennant sold for £15,000 to BR Lawson & Son
- Ghyll House Obvious, Supreme Champion from W Richardson & Son sold for £28,000 to JW Porter & Sons
- Ghyll House 007 from W Richardson & Son sold for £16,000 to Knock Hall Farm
- Ghyll House Outrageous from W Richardson & Son sold for £12,000 to Grove Farms
- Ghyll House Oh Boy from W Richardson & Son sold for £12,000 to WM Hutchinson & Son
- Haltcliffe Viceroy from Haltcliffe sold for £26,000 to E & K Bland and J & JE Bradley.
- Quarry JB 10 from RS & BA Harker, Overthwaite sold for £37,000 to M & EM Wilson & RS Harker & Son, Grayrigg
- Quarry WB 4 from RS & BA Harker sold for £16,000 to JL Archer, D Humble & A & AJ Harrison

Show results:

C* = Commended

Supreme Champion

W Richardson & Son – 1st LB

Reserve Champion

GS Coates – 1st SM

Large Breeders Shearling Ram

1st W Richardson & Son
 2nd PE & KA Sowerby
 3rd W Richardson & Son
 4th Haltcliffe
 5th DC & KL Hutchinson
 C* MR Ewbank

Small Breeders Shearling Ram

1st GS Coates
 2nd SA Harker
 3rd JR & J Gorst
 4th B Thomas
 5th I Brown
 C* A & B Hutchinson

Best Conformation Shearling Ram

1st R Walton
 2nd JS Cloughton
 3rd A & B Hutchinson
 4th J & F Nutter

SALE AVERAGES:

175 Shearling Rams av. £2295

OVERALL 2-DAY SHEARLING RAM AVERAGE

329 AV. £2420

Leading Prices (£1000 and above)

T Robinson & Son 1400	J Richardson 2800
A&J Harrison 10000	AD Richardson 1000
SW Porter 20000, 9500	Haltcliffe 26000 1600
WJ Porter 3800	EW Atkinson 1200, 1400
A&TA Blades 1000, 2200, 1000	Messrs Lawson 3200
GJ Scarr 3000, 2800, 1000	A&JA Iveson 1500
JC White 3800, 1800, 2200	DC&KL Hutchinson 1400
TW Hutchinson 2500	S Bell & Sons 1400, 1000
BR Fawcett 1600, 1800, 1200, 1200	S Bentley 1700
R&H Hird 1200	J Dixon & Sons 1000
PE&KA Sowerby 4000, 1500	JE Cowperthwaite 3000, 2600, 1300
GS Coates (Reserve Champion) 8000	R Walton 2000
AM Brennand & Son 1000	F&MP Allinson 2200, 3200, 2200
P Ewbank 1400, 2000, 1600, 1000	M Allinson 3000
M Ewbank 2800, 5000, 1600, 2500	RS&BA Harker, Overthwaite 37000, 16000, 2200, 4400, 3800
B Thomas 1400	SA Harker 4000
RT Tennant 15000	G Harker & Son 2000
C Nelson & Son 1200	I Brown 7500
MR&LE Rukin 8000, 6500, 2500, 1800, 1200	D&M Brown 5000
J Nelson & Son 3800	J&SJ Bland 1200, 1600
W Richardson & Son (Champion) 28000, 16000, 12000, 12000	



Pictured Top: Supreme Champion at Hawes on Thursday came from W Richardson & Son, Ghyll House Obvious sold for £28,000 to JW Porter & Sons, Low Oxnop

Pictured Middle: Reserve Champion from GS Coates, Keld Side Uniform sold for £8,000 to Dixon Bros., Barden Moor

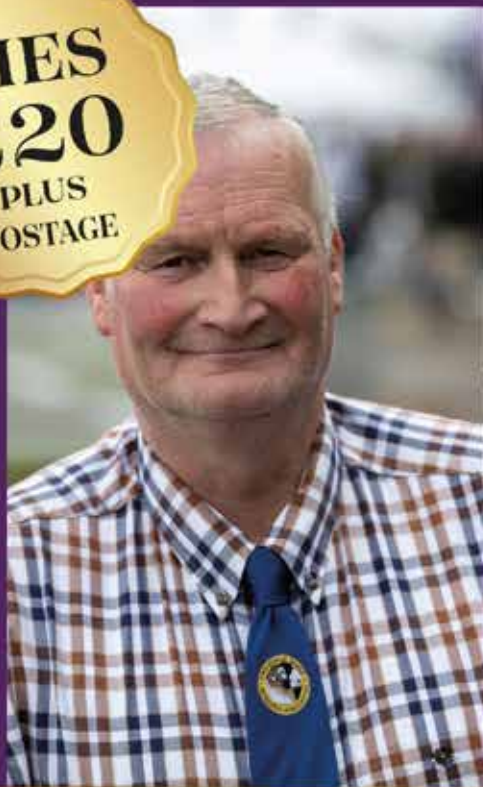
Pictured Bottom: Leading price on Thursday came from RS & BA Harker, Overthwaite – Quarry JB 10 sold for £37,000 to M & EM Wilson & RS Harker & Son, Grayrigg

The last date to order clothing merchandise for guaranteed Christmas Delivery is WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024

Hats, Ties & Centenary Books are in stock in the office so final day for ordering is FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2024

Please order in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.
Payment must be made at the time of ordering, preferably by BACS.

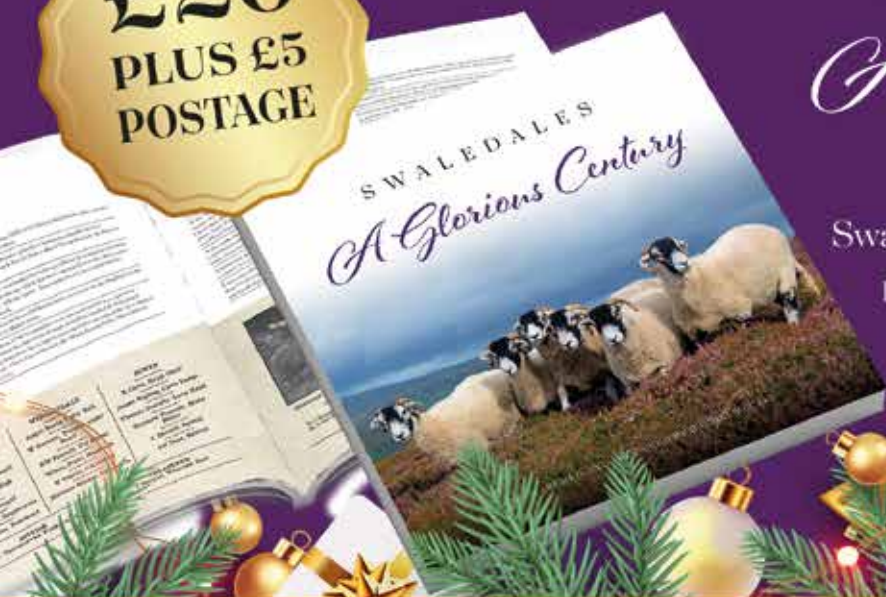
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EVENTS 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Royal Highland Show - 19 – 22 June

- Swaledale judging takes place on the Friday morning.
- Entries close early April
- Haulage for members sheep is organised by the Association with various collection points available

Supreme Champion at the 2024 Royal Highland Show was awarded to Wayne & Karen Hutchinson and family with their 1st prize aged ewe. Pictured with the judge, John Stephenson, Maurice Oxley whose family kindly donated the trophies for the Swaledale section at the show, exhibitor Wayne Hutchinson and Libby Winspear.



The Great Yorkshire Show - 8 – 11 July

- Swaledale judging takes place on the Wednesday morning
- If you intend showing, please book your pens in advance of entering – pens are limited and on a first come first served basis for all breeds – follow the GYS website for further information

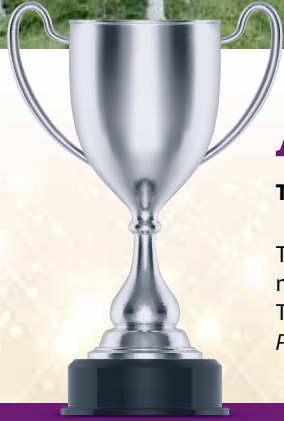
Supreme Champion at the 2024 Great Yorkshire Show was awarded to J Dixon & Sons with their 1st prize aged ram. Pictured with the judge, Michael Allinson, are John Dixon with his Champion, and Mandy Bainbridge with the Reserve Champion.



North Sheep 2025 - Wednesday 4 June

- At: Greystoke Castle Farm, Greystoke, Penrith, Cumbria
- Hill farming operation comprising dairy herd, beef cattle, Swaledale sheep and a self replenishing lowland flock of mule and Texel cross ewes





Association Show Trophy Winners 2024

The two trophies which rotate around the District's were presented this year at shows in E District.

The Dalton & Graham Trophy for the exhibitor gaining most points at Farndale Show on 26th August was won by Tim & Sarah Dunn and family, Breckhouse Enterprises. *Pictured left.*

The Rochdale Trophy for the best pair (male & female) at Rosedale Show on 17th August was won by Richard Sellars. *Pictured right.*

2025 will be the turn of A District to nominate the shows, details of which shows will be made available in the Spring 2025.

SHOWS 2025

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 2025

HAWES FARMERS' AUCTION MART

on SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 2025

KIRKBY STEPHEN AUCTION MART

on THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2025

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 15TH FEBRUARY 2025

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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