

## Herdwick Draft Ewe Sale

The Herdwick Bonanza...Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October saw two fantastic days here at Mitchells Auction Company Ltd.

Day one started off with a catalogued entry of 8934 Herdwick Draft Ewes, Gimmer Shearlings & Gimmer Lambs and other fell breeds.

The day kicked off with a show packed full of tremendous sheep. Judging was in the capable hands of Mr Leigh Whitaker, Scalderskew. Leigh awarded the championship rosette to a wonderful pen of 5 Herdwick Ewes from R Wilkinson&R Tennant, Gatesgarth Farm which later went on and sold for £700 per head to Mrs L Ward, Lancaster, which was also the top price of the day, these pen of ewes were also awarded the "Amanda Carson Trophy". Reserve honours went to the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize pen of 5 Gimmer Shearlings from A Hartley, Turner Hall which later went under the hammer for £270 per head and sold to North Lane, Haverigg.

This year there was a new class "15 ewes to be show in natural colour" this class was kindly judged by Mr Jonathan Hope, Orthwaite Hall which awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize rosette to P&J Bland, Knott Houses which later sold for £285 per head selling to Mr Marwood, Hil Top Farm.

The ring was packed to the rafters and beyond with people from all areas of the UK. All vendors went home very satisfied, with the sheep selling incredibly well.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the weekend – TW Relphs & Sons, TL Dallas, Robinson&Co and Hundith Hill Hotel.

Ewes sold to an average of £94.86, Shearlings averaged £152.34, Gimmer Lambs averaged £60.95.

### **Show Results**

	<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>3rd Prize</b>
<b>Pen of 5 Uncrossed Herdwick Ewes</b>	<b>R Wilkinson&amp;R Tennant, Gatesgarth</b>	<b>P&amp;J Bland, Knott Houses</b>	<b>JM Rebanks, Racey Ghyll</b>
<b>Pen of 5 Gimmer Shearlings</b>	<b>A Hartley Ltd, Turner Hall</b>	<b>R Wilkinson&amp;R Tennant, Gatesgarth</b>	<b>Ms Bland, Clea Hall</b>
<b>Pen of 5 Gimmer Lambs</b>	<b>R Wilkinson&amp;R Tennant, Gatesgarth</b>	<b>R Wilkinson&amp;R Tennant, Gatesgarth</b>	<b>JN&amp;P Stanley, Ponsonby Old Hall</b>
<b>Best Pen of 15 Ewes</b>	<b>P&amp;J Bland, Knott Houses</b>	<b>R Wilkinson&amp;R Tennant, Gatesgarth</b>	<b>P Edmondson&amp;J Loan, Seathwaite</b>
<b>Champion</b>	<b>R Wilkinson&amp;R Tennant, Gatesgarth</b>		
<b>Reserve Champion</b>	<b>A Hartley Ltd, Turner Hall</b>		

### **Leading Prices**

#### **Herdwick Breeding Sheep**

**Draft Ewes**- 700, 520, 500, 440, 440, 175, 170, 168, 132, 130 Gatesgarth. 285, 195, 185, 165, 140, 135, 132, 132 Knott Houses. 270 Seathwaite Farm. 215, 130 Yew Tree Farm. 175 Racy Ghyll Farm. 165 Barfield. 165 Cle Hall. 150 Birk Howe Farm. 145 East House. 142 Lanefoot. 130 Housenrigg.

**Gimmer Shearlings** - 480, 460, 420, 150, 148, 142, 140 Gatesgarth. 360, 270, 270, 210, 180, 160, 160 Tuner Hall Farm. 250 Clea Hall. 235, 165, 140 Barfield. 145 Racy Ghyll Farm. 140 Colstons. 140 Housenrigg. 140 Skelsceugh

Farm. 128 Town Head. 128, 128 Anns Cottage. 128 The Mount. 128 United Utilities. 125 The Oaks. 125 Howside. 122 Luketon Stud.

**Gimmer Lambs** - 260, 260, 240, 126, 115, 95, 72, 66, 59 Gatesgarth. 95, 76, 54 Birk Howe Farm. 90 Barfield. 76, 59, 56, 56 United Utilities. 76 Elva Plain. 69 Hazel Holme. 68, 56, 55 West Loch. 66 Luketon Stud. 65 Watergate Farm Cottage. 59 Brimmer Head. 58 Ponsonby Old Hall. 56 Chance Cottages. 51 Millbeck Hall. 51 Penny Hill. 50 Whiley Hill Farm.

#### **Cheviot & Continental Breeding Ewes**

**Texel**-178 Skinner Street. **Cheviot**- 155, 130, 120, 116 Rannerdale Farm. 130 Nook Farm. 128, 125 Stybeck Farm. 126, 116 Lanefoot. 100 Bolton Hall. **Mule**- 144 Hazel Holme. 140, 118 Skelderskew. **Aberfield x** – 134 Hollins. **Texel x Herdwick**- 115, 98 Stybeck Farm. 95 Skinner Street. **Cross**- 108, 104 Shatton Lodge. 82 Low Whitebanks. **Scottish Blackface**- 100 Shatton Lodge. **Swaledale**- 99, 90 Thornholme. 87, 85 Scalderskew.

#### **Crossbred Shearlings**

**Texel**- 102 Skelsceugh Farm.

#### **Ram lambs**

**Suffolk** – 800,580 Rowan Garth. **Texel** – 780,750,620,550 Rowan Garth.

#### **Rams**

**Texel** – 950,900,850,750 Strudda Bank. 900,850x2,800,750 Summerhill. 880 Rowan Garth. 800 Eirntalla. **Beltex x Charollais** – 800,600,500 Swallow Heights. **Charollais** -780,750 Swallow Heights. 680 Derwent Row. **Cheviot** – 650,600 Eastwaite Farm. **Charollais x Texel** – 620 Derwent House. **Suffolk** – 600 Rowan Garth.

### **The Keswick Show & Sale of Herdwick Breeding Rams**

A fantastic entry of 378 Registered Herdwick Rams were forward for The Annual Keswick Show & Sale of Herdwick Breeding Rams.

The judging was in the capable hand of Mr David Harrison, Brotherilkeld and Mr Craig Fearon, Nook Farm. The show ring was full of incredible quality, and many prospective buyers were keeping a keen eye. After some time David & Craig handed the championship rosette to the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 1 Shear Ram from WS&C Jackson, Croft House. And Reserve Honours went to the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Shearling from AG&KF Nicholson, Swinside End Farm.

Before the selling of the championship ram, Stanley Jackson was awarded the “Nicholson Trophy”. Selling of the champion went on for some while in the end it went under the hammer for 16,000gns to Mrs S Hill, Little Cross.

Reserve Champion was sold to 5200gns to AD Harrison, Brotherilkeld – The Nicholson Family were presented the “Joe Folder Trophy”.

The Bland Family, Clea Hall was presented the "Syd Hardisty Trophy" for the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize aged Ram.

A big well done goes to Mr Thomas Rigg, Whiley Hill Farm for being awarded the best breeder under 25 years of age, Thomas was also awarded the best mouth Ram in the market.

A special mention goes to Peter Bland who was awarded “The Stephen Relph award”. This award is for someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Herdwick Sheep Breed, over come adversity or who is managing a disability. This was presented by the HSBA president Amanda Carson

#### **Show Results**

	<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>4th Prize</b>
<b>Aged Ram</b>	<b>Ms Bland, Clea Hall</b>	<b>R Wilkinson &amp; R Tennant, Gatesgarth</b>	<b>K Hartley, Barfield</b>	<b>P Fitzwilliam, Hall Dunnerdale</b>

<b>2 Shear</b>	<b>WS&amp;C Jackson, Croft House</b>	<b>P&amp;J Bland, Knott Houses</b>	<b>G Harryman, Sunray</b>	<b>JR Weir, Elva Plain</b>
<b>Shearling</b>	<b>AG&amp;KF Nicholson, Swinside End</b>	<b>JR Weir, Elva Plain</b>	<b>K Wrathall, Cockley Beck</b>	<b>E&amp;A Wear, Grove Farm</b>
<b>Best Mouth</b>	<b>T Rigg, Whiley Hill Farm</b>			
<b>Champion</b>	<b>WS&amp;C Jackson, Croft House</b>			
<b>Reserve Champion</b>	<b>AG&amp;KF Nicholson, Swinside End</b>			

*Sold in Guinea's*

16000, 4400, 1200, 1150 Croft House, 10000, 2000, 1700, 1600, 1300, 1100 Knott Houses, 8500, 2800, 1000 Brookfield, 7500, 5200, 2400, 1000 Swinside End, 7400, 4000, 2200, 1400x2, 1300, 1000 Turner Hall, 4800, 4000, 3800, 3400, 3000, 1600, 1400, 1300 Gatesgarth, 4600 Yew Tree Lodge, 4400, 1100 Chapel Farm, 4200, 3200, 1800x2 Elva Plain, 4000 Green Cottages, 3600 Sunray, 2800, 1700 Meadow Bank Farm, 2400, 1400 Bail Hill, 2400, 1000 Burnthwaite, 2400, 2000, 1000 Cockley Beck, 2200 Hall Dunnerdale, 2000, 1000 Ulcatrow, 1800, 1200 Baskell, 1800x2, 1000 Orthwaite Hall, 1600, 1100 Grove Farm, 1500 Taw House, 1500 Ellerbeck Farm, 1500 Racey Gill, 1500, 1000 Miller Place, 1400 Yew Tree, 1400, 1100 Main Street, 1400x2, 1000 Fold Head, 1400 Gill Bank, 1300 Long Row, 1200, 1000 Old Hall, 1100, 1000 How Hall, 1100 Lambgill Bank, 1030 Deepdale Hall, 1000x2 Yew Tree, 1000 Skelsceugh, 1000 Anns Cottage, 1000 Seathwaite, 1000 Clea Hall.