

Monday 6th October 2025

Show & Sale of Swaledale Draft Ewes & Gimmer Shearlings also Show & Sale of Swaledale & Blueface Leicester Rams

Today at Mitchell's we held our Annual Show & Sale of Swaledale Draft Ewes, Gimmer Shearlings & Gimmer Lambs, also Shows & Sales for Swaledale Breeding Rams and Bluefaced Leicester Breeding Rams.

The catalogued entry of 2075 Breeding Females and 52 Breeding Males was greeted by a busy ringside of buyers both local and travelled.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the day David Allen Accountants.

The judging of the Swaledale Draft Ewes was in the capable hands of Mr Neil Allen, High House Farm after much deliberation the championship rosette was handed to a pen of 10 2 Crop ewes from EJ&RJ Wear, Howe Green, these later sold for £320 per head to MJ Lawson, Pasture House.

A lovely run of 2-3 crop ewes from Ms Cockbain & Sons, Rakefoot saw their best pens sell to £205 per head with other pens from the same home selling for £185 per head. Ms Folder, Wescoe Farm sold their top pen sell for £200 per head. Gimmer Shearlings were well sold with £180 being achieved twice from Ms Wills, Stanley Terrace and J&CL Hickson, Beck Grange.

The Tup judging was in the safe hands of Mr Les Sibson, Hole House. He awarded the champion rosette for the Swaledales to JA Ritson, Baggra Yeat, the same home also took away the reserve champion rosette.

W&PA Walton&Son, Low Kinmont cleared up in the Leicester Tup section, taking both the champion rosette and the reserve champion rosette.

Strong well-bred tups were in keen demand. A 5 shear Swaledale ram from JA Ritson, Baggra Yeat sold for £2100 to Ms Hope, Orthwaite Hall, the same home sold Shearling Tups to £900. P&PI Walker&Son, Beechcroft sold their best shearling tup for £900 to Ms Wilson, Far End Farm.

Leicester Shearling Tups were well bid for. Shearling tups sold to £1000 from MW Hewitson, Shatton Lodge, with others selling to £900 from W&PA Walton&Son, Low Kinmont.

Leading Prices

Swaledale Ewes – 320 Howe Green, 205, 185, 150, 148 Rakefoot, 200, 158 Wescoe Farm, 165, 145 Stanley Terrace, 160 Beck Grange, 160 Low Kinmont, 160 Eirinntalla, 150 Green Cottages, 145 Lowthwaite, 140 Woodhow Farm.

Swaledale Shearlings – 180, 170 Beck Grange, 180 Burnside, 180 Stanley Terrace, 170 High Nook, 170 Green Cottages, 150 Cathow, 150 Seatoller.

Blueface Leicester Rams – 1000, 700, 550, 500(2) Shatton Lodge, 900, 800, 550, 500 Low Kinmont, 600 Byresteads.

Swaledale Rams – 2100, 900, 500 Baggra Yeat, 900 Beechcroft, 500 Undercragg.