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West region**

**Wernfawr leads
Premier Sale**

**Dungannon
peaks at 4500gns**

**Charollais in
demand in Mexico**

**Show season back
with a bang**





Welcome from the secretary

Wow, what a summer for Charollais! Interbreed wins aplenty, sale success across the UK and Charollais cross lambs performing at the top of the prime market, earning valuable premiums for commercial farmers.

The breed continues, thanks to the hard work of breeders, to outperform many others, leading the way in AHDB's RamCompare project on a number of traits, importantly including meat eating quality.

While there is so much beyond genetics which can impact eating quality, knowing that genetically the breed leads the way in this area is an important first step in helping deliver top quality British lamb to consumers.

At a farm level you won't need me to point out the difficulties many have faced this year, rising input costs alongside drought conditions have made it a tough time for many.

Going forward breeds like ours which can thrive in forage-based systems are going to be increasingly important and it is central to the breed's long-term viability that a focus is placed on sheep which perform on lower input systems.

We all know this is a forte of the breed, but is something we should all focus more heavily on regarding our breeding decisions, by selecting stock which carry natural cover and flesh easily.

For those who have been out and about at shows this year the breed has had plenty to celebrate and I congratulate all those who have won breed and interbreed titles.

That is, of course, to take nothing away from those who have been pipped to the post. The strength in depth at many shows has been great to see and every breeder is to be commended on the quality of sheep put in front of judges this year.

Interest in the breed at major events this summer was strong and commercial farmers are once again seeing Charollais as a first-choice breed when it comes to prime lamb production. This was evident at ram sales throughout the late summer and early autumn, with both prices and clearances hitting high spots at many sales.

I wish you all continued success for the rest of the year I hope the autumn and winter months are kinder than the summer has been.

Best wishes,

Carroll Barber
and the Charollais Sheep Society

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Chairman's focus

Time moves on but challenges often remain, whether within farming or wider society. With large parts of England and Wales experiencing little or no rainfall it has brought into sharp focus yet again how weather dependent we are in farming. The wider global issues that have had such an impact on our input costs will make many farms appraise all aspects of their businesses.

The Charollais breed offers a modern solution to producer's needs. The quick growth, easy fleshing from forage and the structural soundness that promotes a long life will become more important as margins tighten. The attributes that I mention above have in no small way contributed to the amazing number of interbreed titles won by Charollais in this first full show season for three years.

Even more importantly from the breeds perspective is the number of these awards won by our younger and newer breeders. It gives me enormous pleasure and pride to see this next generation develop so quickly and I have great confidence that the breed will continue to make progress with all their new-found enthusiasm.

This is the second edition of our new publication "Charollais Matters", the first being widely acclaimed by both members in the UK and abroad. In this edition we feature the first of the focus regions, the South West. The North of England will feature in the March 2023 edition and I'd encourage as many breeders in that region as possible to support the magazine with flock adverts.

The autumn edition of the magazine now forms the more pedigree focused edition due to the nature of the shows and sales content, with a commercial emphasis to follow in the spring editions.

As you read through the content you will realise the breed has also had a successful summer and early autumn of sales. Whether through Society sales, ram fairs or direct from farm there is a good demand and firm prices.

Congratulation to the Curran family on achieving the top price at the Premier Sale and the Ingram family on winning the championship and having a tremendous overall trade that the quality of their sheep deserves.

I had the pleasure of judging the NI Premier in Dungannon. Well done to the O'Connell's on taking the championship and top price with their ram lamb. I was greatly impressed with the overall quality of the sheep, which I am sure led to the success of the sale.

As autumn approaches, we look forward to the later ram and female sales. The ever-improving quality at these fixtures will provide buyers with the opportunity to acquire some of the best genetics available in the UK and we look forward to your support.

Best wishes for the rest of the year ahead,

Charles Gercombe
Charollais Sheep Society chairman

DNA TESTING OF RAMS

This year the Society has been collecting data from stock rams. All breeders who have birth notified lambs this year have been given the opportunity, free of charge, to submit a DNA sample to the Society for analysis. To those breeders who have not yet asked for testing kits and have sires to test, the Society urges you to get this done before the end of the year as this service won't be offered free of charge in 2023.

This data will then be stored with Neogen and once the sires are on their system, Society staff will be able to check in the future that progeny are indeed by the correct sire.

For 2023-born lambs the Society requires evidence that DNA sampling has been completed for the sire of these lambs, prior to birth notification. Please check that the tups running with ewes or have been used for AI breeding programmes have been tested for scrapie genotype and DNA. Call the office to request a DNA test.

This year the Society is offering a package deal for Upgrade, DNA and Scrapie Testing of £40 (+VAT). This is for 2022 only, so get them done before the end of the year.



REVISED REGISTRATION RULES

Applications to register lambs born by embryo transfer and or artificial insemination must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the veterinary surgeon carrying out the work. This must certify the identity of the sire and dam and recipient ewe where applicable. The form must also confirm the date the procedures were carried out.



Rams

For those lambs sired by natural service by a ram not in a breeder's ownership, confirmation is to be submitted to the Society either by post or electronic methods from the owner of the ram, that the registration details are correct and that you had permission to use the sire as recorded.

When birth notifying lambs via Grassroots, a form is automatically generated and sent to the ram owner, so no action is required by you. It is the responsibility of the ram owner to inform the Society if any such registrations of lambs are either incorrect or that the breeder did not have permission to use the sire as stated.

When ewes are purchased from a Society sale where details of the service sire are printed in the catalogue, it is not necessary to submit a ram service form.

Bob Payne Memorial Award

Congratulations to Jonathan and Carroll Barber on being presented the Bob Payne Memorial Award for an unsung hero.

Jonathan has been active with the NSA for many years including being past NSA chairman and current NSA Vice President. The award was presented specifically for Jonathan's role as NSA Eastern Region Manager which has always been performed with a huge amount of support from Carroll.

Jonathan will be retiring from his role in October 2022.



AGM 2023

The 2023 AGM is planned to take place in the Welsh region from Saturday 27th May - Sunday 28th May with Tim Prichard's dispersal of the Castelleu flock happening on farm on Friday 26th May. More details will be announced with regards livery for the AGM in early spring next year.

Private female sales

This year's Tullyear female sale which was to be held on the 12th November has been cancelled and the Logie Durno and Loanhead Production Sale has had a change of date and venue and will now be held on Sunday 6th November at Borderway Mart, Carlisle.

Charollais Matters Spring 2023

The next edition of Charollais Matters will start production early next year and will have a strong commercial focus throughout the magazine, with a focus on the North of England region. Members are reminded to place adverts in the magazine to not only continue to support this new Society publication, but to help raise the profile of your own flocks. A booking form will be issued later in the New Year.

Judges training and assessment day

The Society takes the appointment of show and sale judges and who is a member of the official judge's panel incredibly seriously. To this end a system has been established over many years of bringing new show judges onto the panel.

At the beginning of June, some 12 hopeful candidates went through the Training and Assessment Day, which was kindly hosted by Robert and Jeannette Gregory on their farm in Shropshire.

Each candidate was asked to judge a class of Charollais, in this case six shearling ewes, as if it was a County Show. After their placings, the master judges posed questions on their placings, findings and their opinion of the sheep as well as a critique of their ring skills.

In the afternoon Society representatives ran through presentations on judging etiquette, breed standard and characteristics. All the things that judges need to think about are covered; from responding to invitations, communications with exhibitors, what to wear and how to go about the task.



The second part was about the traits that are important in the Charollais breed and what our emphasis should be on, as well as checking for correctness and the finer characteristics of the breed.

The master judges will now deliberate on each of the candidates and make their recommendations to Council in November.



International interest at NSA Sheep Event

With a jam packed show season on go for 2022, the Charollais Sheep Spciety was also in attendance at various NSA events, including Scot Sheep and The Sheep Event at Malvern.

The Society is always indebted to any breeder offering their time to man the stand or to supply sheep for the stand. With new graphics visible, the stand certainly caught the eye of many keen to learn more about the merits of the breed.

Both NSA events saw strong attendance with particular interest from international visitors where they were positive about the Charollais breed and the role the breed could play in meat production in their countries.

Breeders, meat processors and sheep consultants from Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Colombia viewed the Charollais stand at Malvern and then arranged a flock visit to the Edstaston flock of Robert and Jeanette Gregory the following day.

“The main comment was in praise for the structure of the breed, with characteristics such as fine bone, balanced heads, excellent fleshing in the right places and a proven ability to supply tender and tasty meat,” commented Carroll Barber. “Meat eating quality was a requirement high on the South Americans agenda for the future,” she added.

Contact with these countries will continue with webinar sessions to interested parties, further on farm visits and hopefully, before too long, the export of genetic material. Export certificates are now in place for the majority of these countries, but the process is neither simple nor inexpensive.



The Society would like to thank the following breeders who supplied stock for Society stands this summer:

Scot Sheep
Russell Gray, Leelaw flock – *ewe lambs and shearling tups*

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Edstaston flock welcomed the 2022 AGM

It was business as usual for the Society's 44th AGM held in Shropshire at the end of May. Breeders gathered together at the Edstaston flock and soon were just enjoying the chance to chat and meet up with friends from all parts of the UK.

Robert and Jeanette Gregory were great hosts and put on a super display of the Edstaston flock for everyone to view. There was special interest in the Worcester Premier Sale 'hopefuls' who were looking a picture on the day.

Thanks also to Grant Pink who brought along eight of his shearling ewes for a stock judging competition. This was won by Robert Towers, from Yorkshire. Also in the prizes were David and Liz Mawhinney from Northern Ireland, who picked out the prime lambs in order and were closest to their combined weights.

Details of the venue for the 2023 AGM will be announced in next year's Spring edition of Charollais Matters.

After a delicious hog roast lunch, we roared off to the Lion Quays hotel for the formal AGM. National chairman Charles Sercombe reported on a good year for the breed despite the disruptions of covid, while finance chairman David Sloan delivered the good news that the Society had enjoyed a strong financial year and was in a good place to push forward with our expanded marketing and promotional activities for 2023.



Charollais top performance in RamCompare

Charollais have once again proven their capabilities in the latest results from AHDB's RamCompare trial, taking top spots in many of the trial's trait tables.

Among these is Crogham Lambert 11AB00035 which achieved all time trait leader status for Shear Force (Tenderness) EBV, one of seven other Charollais rams placed in this table.

Other top results include Brettles Utopia 19WF02907, used by the ChazCompare flock which was trait leader for Overall Carcass Merit Index and joined by five other Charollais rams including Dalby Ranieri, the RamCompare AI linkage sire in 2020, Hundalee Volcano and Rainbow Vetteriano who all score highly in this table, as well as with their Carcass Weight EBVs.

Charollais rams have been performing consistently well over three years for ChazCompare with average days-to-slaughter being just over 100 days for top performing sires and a similar pattern is seen across other RamCompare commercial farms with impressive average number of days to slaughter, carcass weight and conformation for Charollais sired commercial progeny.

The full sixth year results from RamCompare are available via Signet at:
<https://signetdata.com/technical/ramcompare/>

What is next for our UK commercial progeny test

After six years of data collection the project is moving to a new phase. Over the next year RamCompare will expand from a pilot project to routinely producing breeding values for abattoir derived traits as part of the National Terminal Sire Evaluation.

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A pedigree passion fuelled by a commercial focus is at the heart of the Runningburn flock

Charollais is the breed which has proven to stand the test of time for the **Runningburn flock** of Kelso-based **Jim Neil** and having had a break from pedigree breeding, he's now more passionate than ever about the future of the Charollais breed.

Inspiration for Jim began at a young age in the late 1970's when the college he attended arranged an exchange to the Charolles region of France. "On viewing the Charollais sheep for the first time I have to admit I was pretty impressed and thought they would be a breed to do well in Scotland," recalls Jim.

Progress at home with the breed took four years as at the time solely commercial sheep were run and pedigree breeding was not part of the plan. Suffolk tups worked across Scotch Mule ewes, but not being entirely satisfied with

this cross, Jim came back from college with plans.

"My thoughts were to improve the vigour of lambs born and improve the fleshing ability, gaining more flesh from grass and I believed the Charollais was the breed to introduce to do this."

After some time persuading his father, four ewes and a ram lamb were imported in the mid-1980's and the Neils flock was established. It was their length, wide loins and fine-medium bone which encouraged Jim to import the Charollais and to use the ram across his flock

of Suffolk Mules. "This cross immediately improved the killing out percentage by 1-2%," Jim outlines.

In the late 1980's the flock numbered up to 75 ewes and were creating a storm on the sale circuit. In 1987-1988 ewe lambs were sold to 2000gns at Ingliston, 1500gns at Lockerbie and 1000gns to Northern Ireland.

The Royal Highland Show during this period saw a run of successes for Jim. Neils Chancellor achieved the coveted first prize in 1988 and went on to sell for 5000gns



privately to J Harrison-Smith. Previous to that in 1986, the stock ram Wraycastle Ambassador, purchased from John Geldard, won the supreme championship as a shearling and the following year Logan Diplomat, bred by Austin Hyslop, achieved the reserve supreme title also. Following on from this success, 22 ram lambs were sold in 1988 to average more than 1000gns.

"It was off the back of this success that we made the decision to run a flock reduction sale alongside Ian Innes in Penrith as one of the first pedigree sales held at that market," explains Jim.

"I felt I had got the flock where I needed it to be. Lambs were sold at 10-11 weeks of age straight off their dams and Charollais breeding stock were being sold successfully and shows were being won. Now was the time," he adds. The production sale resulted in 70 females sold from ewe lambs to older ewes to average 1200gns.



A gimmer was purchased who was a daughter of the prolific show winner Parkgate Hottie and her first son Runningburn Todd sold to Stuart Ramsey. Her next lambing saw twins following a stay at the home of Helen and Hannah Sloan (Jim's sister and niece) to visit the ram. The result of which saw the ewe retained in the flock and the ram lamb went on to sell at Kelso.

The Neils flock was now back to 25 ewes, but this quickly increased to 60 breeding females. It was at this point that Jim purchased a second farm and was now running 2000 commercial ewes, milking 250 dairy cows alongside a herd of suckler cows. The difficult decision was made to disperse the flock and in the mid 1990's this was in place with an 850gns average across the board.

But after a break from the breed, it was the Parkgate dispersal in 2017 which tempted Jim back in to breeding pedigree Charollais. "Of course, I had to support the sale as Herbie Kennedy is my uncle so I thought I cannot just buy one sheep so two were purchased and the Runningburn flock began again," explains Jim.

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Not stopping at the two ewes, Jim attended the Saucy Sale later that year and purchased two ewes, one from Cecil Thomas and one from Adrian Davies who bred ram lambs for the 2022 Carlisle sale with daughters retained.





Jim continued his quest looking to buy sheep from long-established flocks with depth of breeding on both the sire and dam side with his next stop being the High Flyers sale in 2018. It was here that an Elmwick ewe was bought from Jennifer Curtis and another from Arwyn Thomas' Arbryn flock, both of which are still in the flock having bred stock rams sold at both Worcester for 1200gns and Kelso.

The combination of the bloodlines in these purchases have successfully come through in the current flock. "In 2021 three ram lambs were sold in Worcester to average more than 1000gns, two of which went to pedigree flocks and at the August Carlisle sale we had first prizes with both our shearling and ram lamb, with the ram lamb selling to Sam Furness," adds Jim.

Currently the flock running at 18 ewes and gimmers. Lambing takes place in December with this year ewes being AI'd to Springhill Adonis, a tup purchased privately and owned jointly with Stuart Ramsey. "When looking for the next stock ram I have a lot of boxes to tick. He must have a level top line, good tight skin, correct feet and legs. I prefer a well-balanced sheep, not always the biggest," says Jim.

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The 2021 crop of lambs are sired by Logie Durno Winston who was purchased privately from the Ingram family and is also shared with Stuart Ramsey. "It was his sheer balance, shape and tremendous fleshing which took our eye and he's left us a lovely bunch of ewe lambs," he adds.

Limited flushing has taken place with success, with one ewe giving nine live lambs and two ewes in 2021 with 21 live lambs on the ground.

Lambs from the flock are sold liveweight through St Boswells Market and are sent in the high 45-48kgs bracket.

The farm is now 100 acres and some wheat is grown, with the wedding venue being the focus of commercial activities. The grassland is on a five-year rotation of Agrii grazing/cutting mix, as recommended by Jim's son Alasdair who works for the company.

Looking to the future, the plan at Runningburn is to try and put a focus back on the show ring. The highly successful wedding venue takes the lead during the summer months, but Jim has decided that the flock will make a return to the show circuit under his leadership.

But while showing will make a welcome return to the flock's marketing policy, Jim is fully supportive of his commercial roots. "As a breed the Charollais is in an incredibly strong position. We are long established in the UK and are able to keep moving forward. We must remember the commercial producer is the backbone and we must breed the type of ram which they want to buy."



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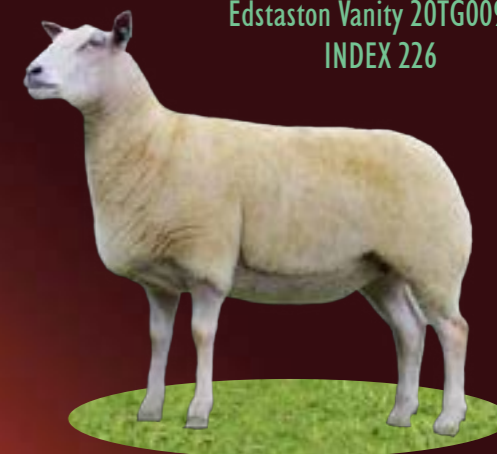
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Get to know the South West region

By Amelia Watts | South West secretary

Welcome to the first “Focus On” regional article in the Charollais Matters magazine, concentrating on the South West Region, of the Charollais Sheep Society comprising of the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Bristol, Hampshire and Wiltshire.



* Secretary Amelia Watts (left) and chairperson Amy Pedrick of the South West Charollais region.

Geographically this is a huge area, encompassing many beautiful and idyllic areas of outstanding natural beauty. From the Isle of Wight to Lands' End, these seven counties showcase some stunning countryside, meaning the Charollais flocks within the South West have to cope with soaring temperatures in the summer to suffering with Atlantic storms in the winter.

Being biased and a true Devonshire dumpling myself, not only do I believe that we have the most scenic region, but one of the most sociable, approachable and friendly groups within the Charollais Society.

Our chairperson, Amy Pedrick of the Churchill flock has much to do with this. Within her six years of service, she has driven the

group forward with her enthusiasm and encouragement. Whether this is making sure we host events in as many counties as possible or organising days out, she has is always at the forefront, making sure that our region is represented to its full potential.

Our current vice chairman Tom Newth of the Prestleigh flock is also a face that most people will know. Whether it be at a sale or in the show ring, Tom is full of energy and always up for a laugh.

Kate Esler of the Kingswater flock is our treasurer and has an absolute wealth of knowledge when it comes to sheep breeds.

Wrapping up the club positions is the secretary, myself, Amelia Watts of the Willow flock. I am known to many for the large number of emails going out to members inviting them to open days, events and meetings. Generally, I can be heard wherever I am prior to people seeing me, but I will have a smile on my face and normally be laughing at some silly joke (possibly made by Tom Newth!)

I believe that our region has really showcased how sociable and friendly we are over the past two 'COVID years' by holding monthly pub quizzes via Zoom. I know that many of us started to look forward to these (I know I did) for the hysterics that normally occurred within the first five minutes of logging on. This was mainly due

to Arthur Brown and Gill Beckley who provided those who attended with many laughs purely due to them not knowing whether the camera was on or not!

One feature that is also a true compliment for our region is the hospitality shown. To every single member who has hosted an event, whether it be an AGM or a flock visit, one compliment that always resonates is how welcoming everyone is. A true south west trait!

The region also is known for the vast array of shows and sales that happen from May right through to November.

The numbers entering our regional shows grow year on year which is hugely encouraging and a testament to our breeders who are proud to show their stock. Again, this year, Charollais have had multiple interbreed successes at county and one day shows.

Breeding sales have also started off well with multiple ewes and rams being sold from the region at the Premier Sale and at local markets.

From the hard work and dedication that the regional committee put in, through to the active members who will happily travel for miles across county borders for a flock visit or a meeting, the region really does have an awful lot to be proud of.



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South West Open Day



From discussing the finer breed characteristics of a Charollais to more in-depth presentations on nutrition for fertility and embryo and AI, breeders in the South West region flocked to the region's open day, held back in May.

Host location for the day was veterinary practice, Tibbs and Simmons, based in North Somerset with speakers on the day including large animal vet and Charollais breeder Ed Simmons, who presented thoughts on ET and AI from a veterinary perspective.

In conjunction with that, Harbro ruminant nutritionist Joanna Oldham discussed the importance of correct diet management both pre and post flushing for both donors and recipients.

Meanwhile, Society secretary Carroll Barber gave a detailed talk on the finer selection points of the breed when thinking about selling or retaining stock, while Chrissie Long of Country Girl Media held an informal discussion group regarding forthcoming marketing topics. Patrick Tully also spoke about the change in inspection policy at the Premier Show and Sale.





Joanna Oldham - Harbro

Harbro graduate ruminant nutritionist emphasised the importance of optimal nutrition balance throughout every aspect of the breeding cycle.

“It’s important to pro-actively monitor the nutritional status of ewes, rams, donors and recipients if embryo work is undertaken. The full Harbro pedigree range is aimed at optimising rumen health and lifetime performance of the pedigree flock.”



Ed Simmons - Tibbs and Simmons Farm Animal Vets

As a vet specialising in AI and embryo work, Ed Simmons stressed the importance of attention to detail throughout the breeding cycle.

“Avoid flushing females with any historic reproductive issues, maintain a fit for purpose attitude to nutrition management and consider running a teaser ram three weeks prior to sponge or CIDR insertion.

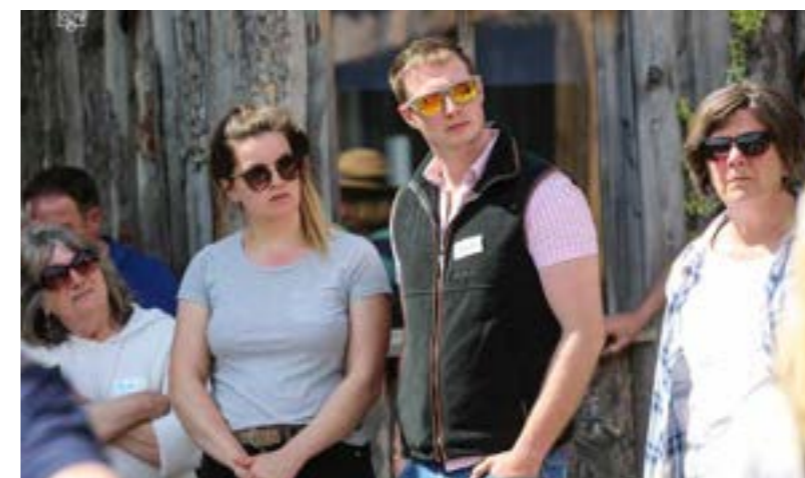
“It’s vital to remember the importance of general health such as worming, drenching, foot care, EAE/Toxo vaccinations and supplementary trace elements.”



Carroll Barber - Charollais Sheep Society

Aimed at some of the newer faces to the breed, Society secretary Carroll Barber discussed the importance of careful planning regarding ewe numbers, ram power and to think carefully as to whether AI and embryo work is really for you.

“Correct record keeping is also a must to accurately assess flock performance.”



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A beginner's guide to trimming

Aimed at new members who are in the infancy of showing sheep, freelance sheep trimmer Geraint Davies undertook a trimming demonstration at the South West Charollais Group Open Day. Here he talked members through the key points to consider when preparing sheep for show and sale.



* Using clippers to cut initial shape in key areas of the body, helps emphasise key attributes and removes unnecessary wool.



* Cleaning out the belly wool reduces the amount of belly a sheep appears to have and gives clean lines to trim too.



* Ensuring the sheep is stood level and square on the stand means you're starting from the right base. A sheep stood badly doesn't allow correct lines to be trimmed.



* Sharp, well-balanced shears are essential and ensure a clean face on the finished fleece.



* The second stage of carding is to 'flick' the fleece back out, giving access to fresh fleece below.



* Most of the work in dressing sheep is done in the carding, not the trimming. Correct carding makes for much easier trimming and better end results. Start by 'dragging' the fleece downward to draw out stale wool.



* Excess wool around the legs and can be plucked out to provide cleaner lines to work to and give a tidier, neater finish.



* Starting at the shoulder and working along the topline first gives a clear point to work from with the rest of the animal.



* Shear choice is personal preference, with some people preferring short blades over longer blades and some preferring cranked shears over straight shears. Use whatever feels comfy to you and helps create the finish you are looking for.

There is no right or wrong, only what is right for you. However, no matter the choice the aim is for quick blade action matched with a slow arm action.



* The aim of trimming is to emphasise the good and enhance all the areas of the sheep. Carefully assess the animal before trimming and decide on the lines you want to take to best accentuate the animal.



South West Flock Competition Results

The hottest day of the summer reaching a whopping 36 degrees saw David Norman of the Kirkhouse flock touring a 1450-mile round trip to judge flocks from Bristol to Truro for the South West region’s flock competition.



Coming through to take the champion flock title having won the medium sized flock were Ben and Amelia Watts’ Willow flock. Based at Ashburton, South Devon, the flock currently numbers just shy of 50 ewes with 25 ewe lambs. Having won the competition the past two years, it was no surprise to David as he described the flock as “a consistent flock with ewes being all of the same stamp and type. I was particularly impressed with their group of ewe lambs, some of which will be forward for the Saucy Sale in October.”

Having taken the reserve championship in the medium flock section, William Whiting’s Fursdon flock, based at Liskeard, Cornwall, really caught David’s eye to take reserve overall. “This is a young breeder with great passion for Charollais and certainly one to watch in the future. A relatively new flock, showcasing many purchased sheep, he’s certainly got a good eye buying sheep of a similar type, so it won’t be long before he’s making the headlines outside of the South West.”

Winning the large flock section was Tom Newth of the Prestleigh flock at Glastonbury, Somerset. “Again, a flock showcasing a strong stamp of quality throughout, Tom had some powerful ewes with good skins, I was particularly impressed with the legs and feet in these ewes.”

The small section of the flock competition was won by John Barker and his Oakdene flock. Based at Wellington, Somerset, David felt that while particularly not the biggest flock within this section, the females were clean, balanced and farmed with a strong commercial focus in mind.

The South West region would like to thank David for his time spent travelling the length and breadth of the region and for undertaking the large task at hand with great professionalism.

| | Large | Medium | Small |
|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Ewes | | | |
| 1st | Prestleigh | Willow | Bincombe |
| 2nd | Woodspring | Fursdon | Woodhayes |
| 3rd | Meadow Rise | Heatham | Oakdene |
| | | | |
| Shearling ewes | | | |
| 1st | Meadow Rise | Fursdon | Oakdene |
| 2nd | Prestleigh | Willow | Bincombe |
| 3rd | Woodspring | Abbascombe | Woodhayes |
| | | | |
| Ewe lambs | | | |
| 1st | Prestleigh | Willow | Oakdene |
| 2nd | Meadow Rise | Fursdon | Bincombe |
| 3rd | Woodspring | Abbascombe | Woodhayes |
| | | | |
| Stock ram | | | |
| 1st | Meadow Rise | Fursdon | Woodhayes |
| 2nd | Woodspring | Abbascombe | Bincombe |
| 3rd | Portway | Heatham | Oakdene |
| | | | |
| Junior stock ram | | | |
| 1st | Prestleigh | Elsridge | Bincombe |
| 2nd | Woodspring | Heatham | Oakdene |
| 3rd | Meadow Rise | Abbascombe | Hole Brook |



* Ewe lambs from the overall champion, the Willow flock.

RESULTS

Overall champion flock:
Ben and Amelia Watts, Willow

Reserve champion flock:
William Whiting, Fursdon

Champion large flock:
Tom Newth, Prestleigh

Reserve champion large flock:
Roy Endacott, Meadow Rise

Champion medium flock:
Ben and Amelia Watts, Willow

Reserve champion medium flock:
William Whiting, Fursdon

Champion small flock:
John Barker, Oakdene

Reserve champion small flock:
Patrick Tully, Bincombe

Low labour inputs and buyer satisfaction is the secret to success of the Prestleigh flock

From humble, small scale commercial production, **Tom Newth** has grown his Prestleigh flock to a quality worthy of winning the champion large flock title of the South West region this year.

Farming some 140 acres of rented grazing between Glastonbury and Shepton Mallet in Somerset, the 60-ewe flock was established off the back of Tom being impressed with the carcass attributes of the breed when he ran a small commercial flock.

“The pedigree flock was established in 2010 with private purchases from Adrian Davies’ Glyn Coch flock and then further in-lamb females purchased from the same flock at a Saucy Sale in Worcester,” comments Tom.

Further purchases followed from the late Percy Tait’s Knighton flock, of which Tom says those ewes are still having a big influence on the flock today

with one at the grand old age of 13 taking a chance as a flush ewe this year. Northern Irish bloodlines have also joined the flock from Alistair Moore, Hillside and Graham Foster, Springhill.

The flock is run with a heavy commercial focus, paying close attention to legs and feet.

“Over the years I’ve also purchased privately from David Roberts’ Boyo flock and those females have regularly produced the goods either in ram or ewe lambs.

Tom doesn’t hide the fact he’s quite ruthless in what he retains for his own replacements, selecting about 10 for his own use. Running a nearby 1000-cow dairy herd which milks three times a day, as well as managing the farm’s arable acreage, his own Charollais flock often plays second fiddle to the daily tasks, so in his own words, the ewes quite simply have to look after themselves.

Due to limited labour, the flock is run with a heavy commercial focus in mind, paying close attention to legs and feet and milking ability. Any female that doesn’t fit the bill is culled. However, running a predominantly young flock due to many local customers



purchasing small bunches of proven two and three crop ewes every year, means the need to cull too many isn’t that high.

“I like my ewes to be clean, balanced and tight of skin if possible and I have had a preference for more red coloured heads as they suit my commercial customers,” says Tom.

The Charollais is a popular terminal sire, due to its easy lambing ability and tremendous carcass

Helping to shape the flock as a standout ram was Boyo Toy Story. This 2017-born son of Aberkinsey Nitrogen out of a Tawelfa female by Artnagullion Nightrider was purchased for 3500gns at the Premier Sale. “A consistent breeder stamping his mark no matter the female, his sons are always the first to sell privately with a son of his winning Melplash Show recently.

Prior to him though was a homebred tup that Tom also speaks highly of, Prestleigh Prominent, by a Banwy breed tup. “He was a long, clean

sheep, always looking well on his legs no matter his age. He was shown once taking the reserve male championship at Bath and West.”

Other stock rams have included Cavick What About That who is shared in partnership with Ben and Amelia Watts’ Willow flock. “Another consistent breeder, he’s left some lovely females in the flock.”

The latest addition to the ram line up at Prestleigh is Pembroke All Star, purchased for 3500gns at this year’s Premier Sale in conjunction with the Kingswater flock of Ed Simmons and Kate Esler. “Not only did his carcass characteristics impress us, but he also had that added bit of ring presence and style and he hasn’t lost an ounce of condition since sale day,” Tom adds.

While the flock emphasis is clearly that of a commercial one, Tom does show on a relatively small scale across the South West region. “I haven’t sold at many Society sales so showing helps me compare my breeding decisions against others, as well as market the stock to my regional customer base.”

Tom and his wife Kate have two children, Ellie who will turn five in February and Abbie who has just turned three and both are incredibly keen on the farm and love going to the shows. “It’s important to find some family time, particularly when running the day job and the flock on top, so the shows are a great way to do that and keep in touch with like-minded breeders.”

This year has possibly been Tom’s most successful with



* These two females have featured heavily in this year’s flock success in the show ring.



* New stock tup: Pembroke All Star



class wins at all the shows exhibited and champion, reserve champion and even the odd interbreed title accumulated as well. "The flock competition is also something I like to enter as it's always good to get another breeder's perspective on the whole flock and not just the better end that are seen at shows."

With a strong commercial customer base, many of which are repeat customers, Tom feels he must always pay close attention to what his customers are looking for. "Some are running Charollais on North Country Mules, some are on Suffolk Mules and others are even running them on Dorset females," he explains.

"There's no doubting the Charollais is a popular terminal sire in the west country, proving itself time and time again with it's easy lambing ability and tremendous length of carcass," but selling them in the right, hardy condition with good legs and feet underneath them is where the focus needs to be."

Lambing takes place early December in a polytunnel with lambs left on their mothers up to 10-12 weeks of age with the option of going out to surrounding grazing depending on weather conditions. "I start to trickle

a little creep feed to them at about four to six weeks of age, the same time as they have their first Heptavac injection.

Pedigree breeding is always a gamble and you have to be able to take some knocks along the way

"I'm not a big believer in pushing creep into them straight away, I need to know if the ewe is doing her job right first and foremost," he adds.



Alongside the sheep flock is a suckler beef herd of some 35 Aberdeen-Angus and Hereford cross cows, put to a polled Hereford bull, so after weaning the ewes follow behind the cows to dry them up on tight grazing. Although as has been the case for many this year, grazing has been tight all summer with severely reduced rainfall levels, resulting in Tom already having to feed winter forage outside. "It's been a challenging period for grass growth and it certainly is a concern going forward, but the flock appears to be handling it well, another testament to the breed."

Looking to the future, Tom feels that while flock numbers are of maximum capacity particularly with the demands of his day-to-day job, but after working to secure some good female lines over the years, he would like to pull off a smaller nucleus flock with a view to improving quality and, therefore, selling at more Society sales to try and expand his customer base.

"Pedigree breeding is always a gamble, it's not always positive and we all have to take some hits along the way, but I've taken my time in getting to where I am today and perhaps after such a successful year in the show ring it may be time to push a little harder and focus on a more dedicated breeding programme."





Charollais key to maximising income for South Devon commercial farmers

Charollais rams and Suffolk cross ewes are making a winning combination for South Devon-based farmers **Ed and Julie Williams**.

Running a flock of 165 Suffolk cross ewes alongside 180 pure North Country Cheviot ewes, the couple have developed a self-contained breeding flock, with rams being the only stock now purchased.

“We breed about 80-90 of the Cheviots pure and then put the remainder to Bluefaced Leicester rams to breed our own Cheviot Mules, with these then put to Suffolks to produce the Suffolk cross replacement ewes we require.

“It is these Suffolk cross ewes which are then put to Charollais rams to produce prime lambs which are sold early in the season through Exeter Livestock Market,” explains Julie.

The couple lamb a portion of the Suffolk cross ewes in January, having previously synchronized ewes to achieve this. “Last year we just put the tups in with the ewes for one cycle aiming to start lambing in the first 10 days of January. We ended up with more than 140 lambing in the first week.

“January lambing suits us as it fits in around the other workload on the farm and allows us to sell lambs early in the year, helping to maximise income and providing cashflow earlier.

“In 2021 we sold 170 lambs before the end of May at an average liveweight of 38kg to level at £131 apiece. That sort of performance is down to the easy lambing, quick growth and fast finishing of the Charollais lambs which means we can get them away earlier at better money,” she says.

Last year we sold 170 lambs before the end of May at an average of 38kg to level at £131 apiece.

Julie says the compact lambing period makes management easier and having lambs away quickly reduces grazing pressure on the farm through the summer months. “We have plenty of other mouths to feed later in the year, so getting those early lambs sold as quickly as we can makes a big difference to stocking rates.

“A quick, compact lambing also gives us good numbers of lambs to draw from, usually taking 40-45 lambs a week once we start selecting,” she adds.

On the management side, the couple don’t feed ewes before lambing, offering twin-bearing ewes high energy buckets at grass ahead of housing for lambing. “Triplet ewes are brought in 3-4 weeks before lambing starts, with liquid molasses fed for a fortnight before lambing and concentrate offered after lambing.

Even at 700ft above sea level, the Charollais cross lambs withstand poorer weather conditions well.

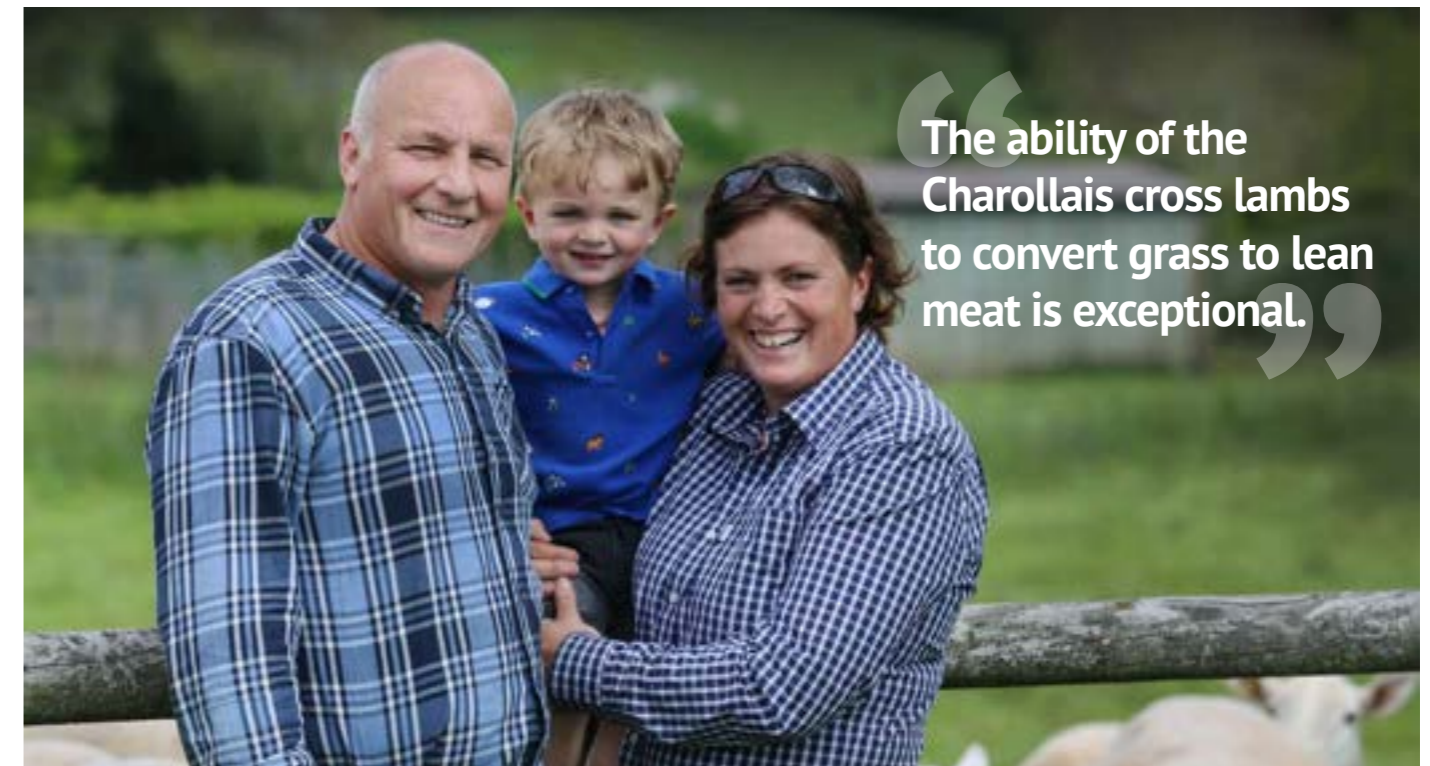
“The aim is to make the best silage we can, to reduce the reliance on bought-in feed and ensure ewes are in the best possible condition ahead of lambing and enhance milk production. We use a refractometer to check colostrum quality on a regular basis and it is always at the top of the scale.”



Once lambed, ewes and lambs are turned out as soon as the weather allows, with the youngest out at perhaps three days old. “We’re at 600-700ft above sea level and on the edge of Dartmoor, so the weather can be challenging through the early part of the year. We like lambs to be able to stand the weather before we turn them out. With the Charollais cross, once they’re up and going, they stand up to most challenges well.”

To keep lambs thriving throughout the season Julie undertakes faecal egg counts on a regular basis, doing these herself and verifying the results with the farm’s vet to decide on worming strategy.

“We treat all lambs for coccidiosis and nematodirus, but only treat after that on the basis of faecal egg counts. It’s helping reduce handling and that in turn helps lambs thrive as they’re not being penned and handled unnecessarily.



The ability of the Charollais cross lambs to convert grass to lean meat is exceptional.

“Ewes, likewise, are not routinely drenched, with only poor ewes ever being drenched and that would likely account for about 10% of the ewes on the farm.”

With more than 350 ewes and 150 cattle run on a total of 300 acres, grassland management is key for the couple, with the oldest leys being 10 years old and grassland regularly reseeded to boost productivity.

“This helps both with grazing and silage quality, keeping production from forage as high as it can be, something which has become increasingly important this year,” says Julie.

The ability of the Charollais cross lambs to convert grass and forage to lean meat

is exceptional and that is testament to the quality of the rams we’re able to source locally with the majority being purchased from the Willow flock of Ben and Amelia Watts.

“Quick growing, well-shaped lambs with good skins are always in demand for both the local and export trade. Charollais cross lambs tick all the boxes for us and our customers. We’ve tried various breeds in the past, but the Charollais has been the most consistent and best suited to our system,” she adds.



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Interbreed wins galore at Royal Bath and West Show

This year's **Royal Bath and West Show** was the feature show for the South West region and saw a fantastic turnout in all classes for judge Amy Pedrick of the Churchill flock to work her way through.



* Michael Alford and Will Price with the breed and interbreed champion, a shearling ewe by Rockvilla Ferrari.

Amy Pedrick's champion came in the form of a shearling ewe from Michael and Melanie Alford's Foxhill flock, which then went on to take the interbreed championship of the show and join five other team members to take the interbreed group of six title on the final day of the show.

Foxhill 21XWY00619 is by Rockvilla Ferrari and is out of a homebred ewe by Loanhead Triathlon. She was praised by Amy for being full of class and presence on the day. "She moved beautifully, was full of flesh in all the right places and had that extra bit of presence I was looking for in my champion."

Standing reserve to the shearling ewe was the winner of the aged ewe class from Tom Newth. Hillside 19VBK00377, bred by Alistair Moore, is by Foulrice Supreme and out of a Hillside ewe by Kirkhouse Remo.

The Foxhill team also celebrated many other class wins including the aged ram class taking top spot with 20WLS02551, a Maerdy-bred tup that Michael Alford tapped out as champion at the NSA Builth sale and then purchased for 3500gns. This one is by Boyo Uncle Tom.

They also took first in the ram lamb class with another son of Rockvilla Ferrari, while Gerald Burrough of the Sheldon flock stood at the top of the line in the shearling ram class with a Robleston-bred tup by Arbryn Tonto and also won the Group of Three class.

Adding to their string of first place rosettes, the Alford family also won the ewe lamb class with a daughter of Thackwood U Corker.

Making up the team for the winning interbreed group of six champions were the Foxhill, Kingswater, Sheldon and Prestleigh flocks.



* Judge Amy Pedrick with her class winners from the South West feature show.



* Winning the interbreed group of six championship were representatives from the Foxhill, Kingswater, Sheldon and Prestleigh flocks.



CLASS RESULTS

Interbreed and breed champion:

M and M Alford's shearling ewe

Reserve breed champion:

Tom Newth's aged ewe

Aged ram:

1st M and M Alford - 20WLS02551

2nd Tom Newth - 20XSR01052

3rd E J Simmons and K Esler - 20WNC32142

Shearling ram:

1st G Burrough - 21WGN05381

2nd M and M Alford - 21XWY00649

3rd Y Underwood - 21VBC00230

Ram lamb:

1st M and M Alford - 22XWY00727

2nd E Simmons and K Esler - 22VDL00376

3rd M and M Alford - 22XWY00720

Aged ewe:

1st Tom Newth - 19VBK00377

2nd G Burrough - 20XNR01064

3rd Tom Newth - 20VBK00616

Shearling ewe:

1st M and M Alford - 21XWY00619

2nd E Simmons and K Esler - 21VBR01105

3rd M and M Alford - 21NXR01153

Ewe lamb:

1st M and M Alford - 22XWY00746

2nd E Simmons and K Esler - 22VDL00407

3rd M and M Alford - 22WSG01260

Group of Three:

1st Gerald Burrough

2nd E Simmons and K Esler

3rd M and M Alford



* Breed and interbreed champion, a shearling ewe from Michael and Melanie Alford.



* Taking the reserve breed championship was an aged ewe from Tom Newth's Prestleigh flock.



* A two-shear from the Alford family won the aged ram class.



* Gerald Burrough won the shearling ram class.



* Michael and Melanie Alford took the first place in the ram lamb class.



* A Thackwood U Corker daughter stood top of the ewe lamb class for the Alford family's Foxhill flock.



* Gerald Burrough's Sheldon flock was the pick of the Group of Three class.



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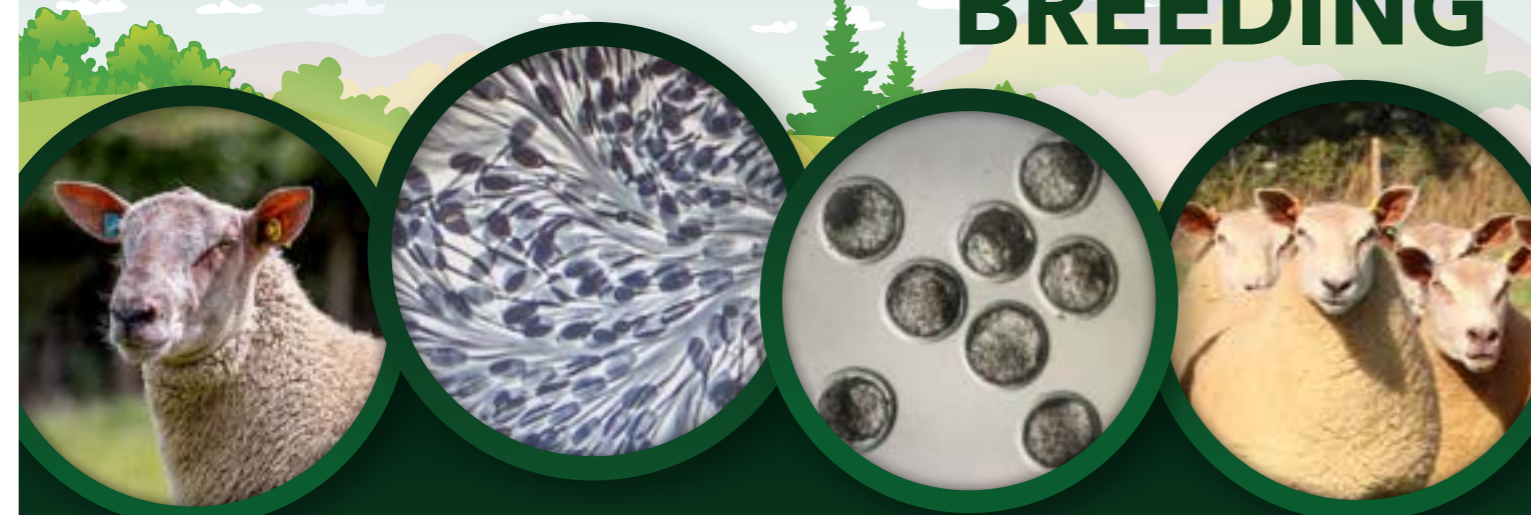
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Lornbrook clinches Balmoral Show championship title

Charollais were definitely back to **Balmoral Show** with a bang claiming several interbreed titles over the course of the show. Numbers may have been down in the show ring, but that certainly did not affect the quality.

Judge Russell Gray from Scotland found his champion in the form of the winner of the aged ewe class from the Lornbrook pen from Diane Christie and family. Bred by the Ingram family, this one is by Loanhead Ringleader. Lornbrook also claimed the reserve female championship with their first prize shearling ewe and daughter of the overall champion. This one is by Findatie Olympic.

Carrying on a haul of winning rosettes, the Christie family also took first place in the aged ram class with one purchased from the Hollylodge flock of McConnell Brothers.

Meanwhile, standing top of the line up in the shearling ram class was Alistair Moore with Rockdale Wizard, purchased privately from Southern Breeder, David Argue. Wizard went on to take the male and reserve overall championship.

The prize winners of the ram and ewe lamb classes both came from Graham Foster's Springhill pen, with Russell placing a Gwyndy Whizz Kid sired lamb at the top of the ram lamb line, while the ewe lamb class saw one by Boyo Walk this Way take the red rosette.

In the interbreed classes the breed champion from Lornbrook took reserve in the short wool championship, while the Christie family also celebrated clinching the reserve championship pairs title with their senior ram and senior ewe.

Also in the action was the Hillside group of Alistair Moore which went home with the interbreed Group of Three title.

Further interbreed success came on the Saturday of the show with Lornbrook winning the pair of ram lambs championship and Graham Foster winning the pair of shearling ewes and the pair of ewe lambs.



* An aged ewe from Lornbrook by Loanhead Ringleader took the top place at Balmoral.



* Alistair Moore stood top of the line in the shearling ram class.



* Diane Christie's aged ram winner was a Hollylodge - bred tup.



* Graham Foster's Gwyndy Whizz Kid sired ram lamb won his class.



* Lornbrook won the shearling ewe class with a daughter of the champion.



* This Boyo Walk This Way daughter won the ewe lamb class for Graham Foster.

INTERBREED SUCCESS



* The Christie family took reserve in the interbreed pairs championship.



* Interbreed shearling ewe class winners from Graham Foster.



* Graham Foster also won the interbreed pair of ewe lambs.



* Ram lamb pairs class winners from Lornbrook.



* Interbreed Group of Three winners from Alistair Moore.

CLASS RESULTS

Breed champion

Ms Diane Christie's ewe

Reserve breed champion:

Mr A Moore's shearling ram

Ram - two shear and upwards

1st Ms Diane Christie – 17ZHV6027

2nd Ms Diane Christie – 20ZNN32010

Shearling ram

1st Alistair Moore

2nd Mrs Sheila Malcomson – 21B321068

3rd Ms Diane Christie – 21ZHV01629

Ram lamb

1st Mr Graham Foster – 22WLK06461

2nd Mr J Aiken – 22ZXJ01232

3rd Ms Diane Christie – 22ZHV01798

Ewe

1st Ms Diane Christie – 18WNC22770

2nd Ms Diane Christie

3rd Mr A Moore

Shearling ewe

1st Ms Diane Christie – 21ZHV01758

2nd Ms Diane Christie – 21ZHV01698

3rd Mr G Foster – 21WLK05743

Ewe lamb

1st Mr G Foster – 22WLK06498

2nd Ms Diane Christie – 22ZHV01813

3rd Mr A Moore – 22VBK00905

Group of Three

1st - Ms Diane Christie

2nd Mr A Moore



CLASS RESULTS

Interbreed and breed champion:

D Lewis' shearling ewe

Reserve breed champion:

G and C Watson's ewe lamb

Aged ram:

1st James Family

2nd G and C Watson

Shearling ram:

1st Lawrence Buckland -
21XLT03950

Ram lamb:

1st D Lewis

2nd G and C Watson –
22YST00973

3rd James Family

Aged ewe:

1st C and C Watson –
19YST00860

2nd James family

3rd Mr O James

Shearling ewe:

1st D Lewis – Knockin Wisteria –
21XXJ01033

2nd Mrs J Curtis

3rd G and C Watson

Ewe lamb:

1st G and C Watson –
22YST00977

2nd D Lewis

3rd Roden Livestock

Pairs:

1st Mrs J Curtis

2nd G and C Watson

3rd Lawrence Buckland

Group of Three:

1st James Family

2nd G and C Watson

Pembroke flock clinches interbreed honours at The Royal Three Counties show

Having been tapped out by judge Russell Gray, the **Royal Three Counties Show** from David Lewis' Pembroke flock went one better to clinch the interbreed title.

Bred by Abbie Moseley and purchased as a ewe lamb, Knockin Wisteria 21XXJ01033 is by Loanhead Titan and out of a Knockin female by Oakchurch Ruben. She also caught the eye of interbreed judge Geoff Aiken to go one step further and take the top spot in the sheep lines of the show.

Standing reserve to her in the breed classes was a ewe lamb from Geoff and Carol Watson. Sulwood 22YST00977 is by Bincombe Warrior and

is out of a homebred ewe by Cannahars Rocket Fuel.

Meanwhile, winning the yearling ram class was Lawrence Buckland with Kings Land 21XLT03950, a Sheldon Talisker son, while the aged ewe class went the way of the Watson's Sulwood team, this time with a 2019-born female by Tilton Pegasus. David Lewis then added to his rosette collection on the day with a win in the ram lamb class.



* Judge Russell Gray with his champion from David Lewis and reserve from Geoff and Carol Watson.



* Breed and interbreed honours went to David Lewis with a shearling ewe from his Pembroke flock.



* A ewe lamb from Geoff and Carol Watson took the reserve breed championship.



* Leading the aged ewe class was a Sulwood female from Geoff and Carol Watson.



* David Lewis also won the ram lamb class.



* Winning the Group of Three class was Paul and Ollie James.



* Jennifer Curtis won the Pairs Class



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* Judge Russell Gray and his son Matthew with the champion from Ben Radley.

CLASS RESULTS

Breed and interbreed champion

Ben Radley's shearling ewe

Reserve champion

Jonathan Aiken's shearling ewe

Ram, two shear and over:

1st M Alford - Maerdy Va Va Voom – 20WLS02551

2nd W and C Ingram - Foxhill Va Va Voom – 20XWY00604

Shearling ram:

1st W and C Ingram - Logie Durno Walking Thunder – 21ZNN37414

2nd E and E Duncan – 21XXJ01030

3rd Ben Radley

Ram lamb:

1st G and B Ingram – 22WNC43554

2nd M Alford – 22XWY00727

3rd H Sloan – 22HR04675

Aged ewe:

1st G and B Ingram – 19WNC27404

2nd Jonathan Aiken – 19ZXJ25563

3rd H Sloan – 22HR04675

Shearling ewe:

1st G and B Ingram – 22WNC43516

2nd E and E Duncan – 22WHK00325

3rd G and B Ingram – 22WNC43525

Group of Three:

1st W and C Ingram

Loaningfoot shearling ewe shines at Royal Highland Show

A fantastic line up of Charollais sheep were put in front of judge Russell Gray at the **Royal Highland Show** in June and taking his eye was a shearling ewe from Ben Radley's Loaningfoot flock.

Described by Mr Gray as having an abundance of class, presence and fantastic breed character throughout, this Logie Durno Ultimatum daughter is out of a Wernfawr-bred female by Wernfawr Nijinsky. She then went on to secure the interbreed championship of the show.

Closely following him having stood second in the same class and taking the reserve female championship was another shearling ewe, this time from Jonathan Aiken's Carnew flock. By the stock tup Ffrwd Top Notch, this one is out of a homebred female by Wernfawr Prospect.

It was a battle of the aged tups to secure the male and reserve male championship rosettes, but having won the aged class, Michael and Melanie Alford's Maerdy-bred ram just edged it in the male championship ahead of William and Carole Ingram's tup Foxhill Va Va Voom.

The Ingram family also celebrated success in the ram lamb class with Gregor and Bruce's Loanhead flock coming through to take the ribbons with a son of Foxhill Walkabout, while the brothers also stood top of the line in the aged ewe class with a Loanhead Talisman daughter, as well as another Walkabout daughter taking the top place in the ewe lamb class.



* Champion from Ben Radley, a Logie Durno Ultimatum daughter.



* Reserve overall was the second placed shearling ewe from Jonathan Aiken.



* Maerdy Va Va Voom took the male championship having won the aged ram class for Michael Alford.



* Foxhill Va Va Voom came through as reserve male champion for William and Carole Ingram.



* The winner of the shearling ram class came from William and Carole Ingram with Logie Durno Walking Thunder.



* Gregor and Bruce Ingram won the aged ewe class.



* Amy Ingram at the head of the ram lamb class winner from Loanhead.



* Loanhead also took the top spot in the ewe lamb class.



* Russell Gray with his winning Group of Three from Logie Durno.



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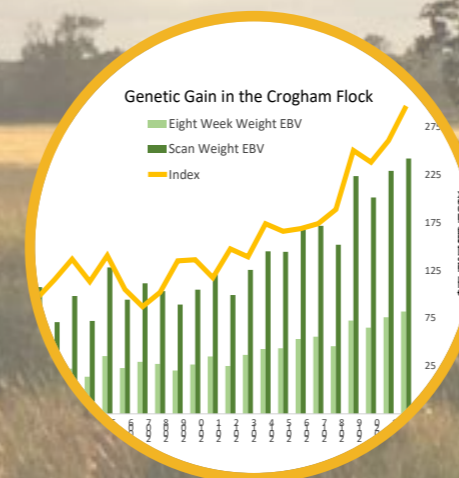
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Dalby secures The Great Yorkshire interbreed rosettes

A strong entry of Charollais sheep were put in front of judge Tim Prichard at the **Great Yorkshire Show** where he found his champion in the form of a shearling ewe from Charles Sercombe.

The overall champion, Dalby 21PE09568 is by Foulrice Regis and out of a Foulrice-bred female by Hyde Radio5Live. She also went one step further to clinch the interbreed championship under Bruce Goldie.

Taking the reserve breed championship having come through as male champion was the highly successful aged ram, Maerdy 20WLS02551, from the Foxhill team of Michael and Melanie Alford. This one is by Boyo Uncle Tom and was purchased out of last year's NSA Bulth Sale having stood champion on the day.

Leading the shearling ram class and taking the reserve male championship was Thackwood Washington from Jonathan Wales. This one is

Thackwood bred on both sides. His pen mate, Thackwood 21GU05008, also came through as second placed shearling ewe and, reserve female champion.

Standing at the top of the line in the ram lamb class was Charles Sercombe, this time with a son of Dalby Ranieri out of a homebred female, while Victoria Sercombe took first place in the aged ewe class with a 2019-born female, again by Ranieri, from her Micklehills flock.

Following on from their success at the Royal Three Counties, Geoff and Carol Watson stood top of the line in the ewe lamb class with Sulwood 22YST00977.



* Class winners at the Great Yorkshire Show from the Micklehills, Dalby, Sulwood, Thackwood and Foxhill flocks.

CLASS RESULTS

Breed and interbreed champion:
C R Sercombe's shearling ewe

Male and reserve champion:
Mr and Mrs M Alford's aged ram

Reserve female champion:
J J Wales' shearling ewe

Reserve male champion:
J J Wales' shearling ram

Ram, two shear and over:
1st Mr and Mrs Alford – 20WLS02551
Maerdy Va Va Voom
2nd Mr J E Danforth – 20WWJ00156
Lodgehill Valentino
3rd C R Sercombe – 20PE08770

Shearling ram:
1st J J Wales – 21GU05128
Thackwood Washington
2nd Mr J D Norman – 21YA05316
3rd G C and C J Watson – 21ZBK00562

Ram lamb:
1st C R Sercombe – 22PE10641
2nd Mr T S Hunter – 22NN02194
3rd Miss H Sloan – 22HR04675

Ewe, two shear and over:
1st Mr C R Sercombe – 19ZWA08005
2nd G C and C J Watson – 19YST00860
3rd Mr J D Norman – 20XNK02652

Shearling ewe:
1st C R Sercombe – 21PE09568
2nd J J Wales – 21GU05008
3rd C W Marwood and Son – 21DG10657

Ewe lamb:
1st G C and C J Watson – 22YST00977
2nd J J Wales – 22GU06059
3rd Mr J D Norman – 22XNK03153

Pairs:
1st J J Wales
2nd C R Sercombe
3rd Mr J E Danforth

Group of Three:
1st J E Danforth
2nd Mr J D Norman
3rd G C and C J Watson



* Breed and interbreed honours went to Charles Sercombe and family with their shearling ewe by Foulrice Regis.



* Male and reserve breed championship rosettes went to Michael and Melanie Alford's aged ram, Maerdy Va Va Voom.



* Having stood second in her class, this Thackwood shearling ewe also stood reserve female champion.



* Winner of the shearling ram class and the reserve male championship was Jonathan Wales.



* Charles Sercombe stood top of the class in the ram lamb class.



* Top of the line in the aged ewe class was this Micklehills ewe from Victoria Sercombe.



* Winning the ewe lamb class were Geoff and Carol Watson.



* James Danforth took top spot in the Group of Three class.



* The winning pair from the Thackwood flock.



* Judge Tim Prichard with his champion , a shearling ewe from Dalby and the male and reserve overall champion from Foxhill.



Glyn Coch ewe lamb sparkled in the Royal Welsh Show sunshine

Soaking up the sunshine at a scorching of a **Royal Welsh Show**, judge Jim Jeffrey from Ireland found his Charollais breed champion in the form of a ewe lamb from Adrian Davies' Glyn Coch flock.

Described by the judge as "a ewe lamb with immense style, presence, great locomotion and a tight skin", this one is by Logie Durno Wall St and is out of a homebred ewe by Arbryn SamJay.

Taking the reserve spot having won the aged ram class and the male championship was Foxhill Va Va Voom from the Ingram family. This one is by Loanhead Triathlon and out of a Crogham Hannibal 11 dam. He was purchased at the 2020 Premier Sale for 16,000gns and has had a successful run of show results to date.

Coming through as reserve female champion was the shearling ewe class winner from David Lewis' Pembroke flock. This Knockin-

bred female has previously stood breed and interbreed champion at the Royal Three Counties Show earlier in the summer.

Having won the ram lamb class, Paul Curran then went one step further to take the reserve male championship with a Logie Durno Wall St lamb out of a Dalby-bred female by Edstaston Tulloch. This one also took the reserve interbreed ram lamb championship later in the show.

Gerald Burrough won the shearling ram class with his Robleston-bred tup by Arbryn Tonto, while winning the aged ewe class was James Danforth with a 2020-born female from his Lodgehill flock by Rainbow Lindisfarne.



* Securing the overall championship was Adrian Davies with a ewe lamb by Logie Durno Wall St.

CLASS RESULTS

Breed champion:

A Davies' ewe lamb – 22XCA01975

Reserve champion:

W and C Ingram's aged ram Foxhill Va Va Voom

Aged ram:

1st W and C Ingram –

20XWY00604

2nd T L Prichard – 20TZ03068

3rd C R Sercombe – 20PE08770

Shearling ram:

1st G F Burrough – 21WGN05381

2nd L Buckland – 21XLT03950

3rd C R Sercombe – 21PE09531

Ram lamb:

1st D J Curran – 22XEV01952

2nd P A Thomas – 22WRF00905

3rd D Lewis – 22VJZ04741

Ewe, two shear or over:

1st J Danforth – 20WWJ00163

2nd V Sercombe – 19ZWA08005

3rd G and B Ingram – 19WNC27404

Shearling ewe:

1st D Lewis – 21XXJ01033

2nd G and B Ingram – 21ZNN37362

3rd C R Sercombe – 21PE09525

Ewe lamb:

1st A Davies – 22XCA01975

2nd G and B Ingram – 22WNC43525

3rd D J Curran – 22XEV01942

Group of Three:

1st W and C Ingram

2nd C R Sercombe



* Judge Jim Jeffrey alongside his champion from Adrian and Rhian Davies and the reserve from the Ingram family.



* Foxhill Va Va Voom took the male and reserve overall championship.



* Reserve female champion from David Lewis.



* Reserve male and reserve interbreed ram lamb from Paul Curran.



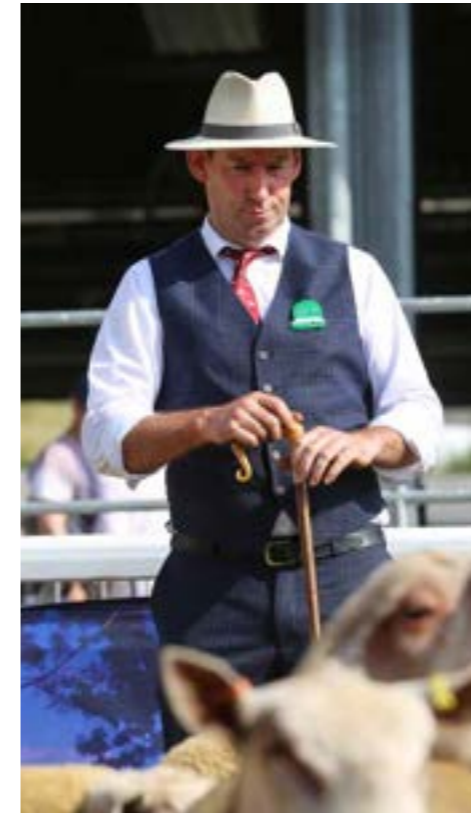
* Winning the aged ewe class was James Danforth, Lodgehill.



* Gerald Burrough won the shearling ram class.



* The Ingram family won the Group of Three class.



CHAROLLAIS INTERBREED SUCCESS 2022

The Society would like to congratulate the following breeders who continue to fly the flag for the breed at shows across the UK and have lifted the following interbreed titles.

BALLYMONEY SHOW

Interbreed champion – ewe – Alistair Moore, Hillside Charollais

Interbreed champion ewe lamb – Alistair Moore, Hillside Charollais

BLACK ISLE

Interbreed champion – ewe – W and C Ingram, Logie Durno

BUCKS COUNTY SHOW

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – B W Hinton, Furrow Hill

BURWARTON SHOW

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – Paul and Oliver James, Ditton

DALSTON SHOW

Interbreed champion – shearling ram – J Norman, Kirkhouse

FISHGUARD SHOW

Interbreed champion male – ram lamb – Emyr Hughes, Bronwydd

Interbreed champion female – ewe lamb – Emyr Hughes, Bronwydd

FROME SHOW

Reserve interbreed champion – aged ewe – Tom Newth, Prestleigh

KEIGHLEY SHOW

Interbreed Champion – Aged ewe – Stephen Hobson, Meadowcroft

LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – Charles Sercombe, Dalby

MALTON SHOW

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – T and J Hunter, Skelton Whin

MID SOMERSET SHOW

Interbreed champion – aged ewe – Tom Newth, Prestleigh

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY SHOW

Interbreed champion – senior ram – A Thomas, Arbryn

NEW DEER SHOW

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – E and E Duncan, Braemuir Charollais

NORTH SOMERSET

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – M and M Alford, Foxhill

Interbreed group of three – M and M Alford

RUTLAND SHOW

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – Oliver Chapman, Soloby

RYEDALE SHOW

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – Oliver Chapman, Soloby

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – Grant Pink, Bicton

THORNTON LE DALE SHOW

Interbreed champion – aged ram – Ryan Todd, Thorn Edge

TURRIFF

Interbreed champion – shearling ewe – W and C Ingram, Logie Durno

VALE OF GLAMORGAN

Interbreed champion – ewe lamb – J and T Evans, Sant Andras

WOODHALL SPA COUNTY SHOW

Interbreed champion – Oliver Chapman, Soloby

The above results are the ones the Society office has been made aware of. Please share your interbreed success stories with the Society office throughout the 2023 show season by emailing details to:

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A greater focus on muscling pays off

The 2022 recording season has progressed well following the challenges of recent years. Charollais breeders have been keen to get ultrasound scanners booked and some 80 Charollais ram lambs have gone through the CT scanner at SRUC.

Charollais rams dominated many of the RamCompare rankings published in May, demonstrating the impact high EBV sires have on carcass weight, conformation and most importantly in this year of grass shortage, fast finishing.

While some of the later lambing Charollais flocks are still submitting data, we take this early opportunity to look at the leading performers in 2022.

Table 1. Top Charollais ram lambs in 2022 (analysis date:19/08/22)

| Identity | Name | Sire | Scan Weight EBV | Muscle Depth EBV | Fat Depth EBV | CTLean Weight EBV | CT Fat Weight EBV | Gigot EBV | Index |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| 22AB02022 | CROGHAM ARIES II * | 17PE05884 | 6.18 | 4.71 | 0.66 | 1.13 | 0.17 | 2.35 | 405 |
| 22PE10709 | DALBY AMOS * | 20PE08783 | 9.22 | 2.48 | -0.39 | 1.13 | -0.9 | 3.5 | 394 |
| 22DG12413 | FOULRICE | 20DG10063 | 7.81 | 4.35 | 0.53 | 0.78 | 0.11 | 1.25 | 391 |
| 22DG12141 | FOULRICE | 20ZVY06534 | 9.4 | 2.28 | -0.14 | 0.99 | -0.5 | 3.53 | 391 |
| 22DG12138 | FOULRICE | 20ZVY06534 | 7.3 | 3.65 | -0.53 | 1.19 | -0.78 | 2.98 | 383 |
| 22WKW00970 | OAKCHURCH | 19XXJ00656 | 9.31 | 1.6 | 0.54 | 0.79 | 0.03 | 2.01 | 375 |
| 22VAA00903 | BICTON AGAINST ALL ODDS | 19TZ02596 | 9.21 | 2.57 | 0.74 | 0.55 | 0.36 | 1.16 | 374 |
| 22PE10726 | DALBY ALIBI | 20PE08783 | 10.78 | 1.89 | -0.21 | 0.65 | -0.47 | 1.22 | 374 |
| 22ZVY08692 | LOWERYE | 20XMP04415 | 10.43 | 1.21 | -0.48 | 0.83 | -0.64 | 2.81 | 370 |
| 22ZVY08740 | LOWERYE | 19ZVY05712 | 8.57 | 2.82 | -0.65 | 0.93 | -0.74 | 4.07w | 370 |
| * = CT scanned | | | | | | | | | |

Some 23 Charollais flocks had sheep listed in the Top 100 ram lambs, with the most supplied by the Lowerye (26), Foulrice (19), Dalby (10) and Crogham (8) flocks.

Table 2. Top Charollais stock rams in 2022 (analysis date:19/08/22)

| Identity | Birth Date | Sire | Scan Weight EBV | Muscle Depth EBV | Fat Depth EBV | CTLean Weight EBV | CT Fat Weight EBV | Gigot EBV | Index |
|----------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| 21ZVY07706 | LOWERYE WILD THING * | 20XMP04415 | 9.25 | 1.25 | 0.11 | 1.26 | -0.39 | 2.72 | 400 |
| 21SU00971 | HYDE | 17PE05884 | 9.11 | 3.93 | -0.70 | 0.88 | -0.62 | 2.50 | 393 |
| 20ZVY06534 | LOWERYE VULCAN * | 16ZVY02674 | 8.25 | 2.59 | -0.84 | 1.25 | -1.07 | 3.98 | 381 |
| 20XRH02583 | PADEST VALENTINO | 19WVW00713 | 7.74 | 3.83 | 0.32 | 0.77 | -0.11 | 0.94 | 373 |
| 21ZWA09665 | MICKLEHILLS | 17PE05884 | 9.08 | 2.61 | 0.02 | 0.70 | -0.15 | 2.11 | 371 |
| 19ZVY05712 | LOWERYE U CRACKER * | 16ZVY02674 | 6.39 | 3.43 | -0.64 | 1.25 | -0.91 | 5.31 | 369 |
| 21ZVY07731 | LOWERYE * | 19ZVY05712 | 6.84 | 4.06 | -0.77 | 0.93 | -0.76 | 4.89 | 360 |
| 19TG00858 | EDSTASTON * | 17XXJ00376 | 7.76 | 2.65 | -0.09 | 0.91 | -0.59 | 2.60 | 357 |
| 20DG10513 | FOULRICE | 17PE05855 | 8.10 | 2.46 | -0.38 | 0.88 | -0.52 | 2.31 | 356 |
| 21XPU04444 | RAINBOW WASABI | 20XMP04415 | 7.51 | 1.34 | -0.26 | 1.23 | -0.76 | 2.16 | 356 |
| * = CT scanned | | | | | | | | | |

Progeny from more than 170 different Charollais sires were tested in 2022 and it is great to see a number of 2021-born rams listed amongst the leading stock sires. Those rams producing the most progeny being Cardoonan Vermont (20XAC01159) and Galtres Upper Class (19ZKT03065), both stock rams with the country’s largest recorded Charollais flock at Foulrice.

Taking the Charollais breed forward

Charollais breeders are constantly striving to enhance the genetic merit of their sheep, using EBVs to guide their decisions when selecting replacements and obtaining breeding stock. Tables 3 and 4 show some of the leading flocks for both genetic merit and genetic gain over the last 12 months.

Table 3. Top Charollais flocks for genetic merit in 2022 (Analysis date:19/08/22)

| | Lambs | Average Scan Weight EBV | Average Muscle Depth EBV | Average Fat Depth EBV | Average Index |
|-----------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| INVERAE | 46 | 6.85 | 2.21 | -0.13 | 307 |
| LOWERYE | 211 | 4.88 | 2.57 | -0.03 | 298 |
| DALBY | 127 | 6.77 | 1.50 | -0.34 | 274 |
| RIVERSIDE | 22 | 7.81 | 0.95 | -0.36 | 272 |
| JANOS | 24 | 7.56 | 1.21 | -0.26 | 270 |
| CROGHAM | 132 | 5.19 | 1.82 | -0.04 | 270 |
| VEXOUR | 31 | 6.11 | 1.11 | -0.11 | 270 |
| WOODHAYES | 23 | 4.93 | 1.77 | -0.13 | 269 |
| WEEKSLAND | 84 | 5.12 | 2.00 | -0.22 | 262 |
| GREENVALE | 29 | 6.51 | 1.53 | -0.33 | 260 |

Table 4. Top Charollais flocks for genetic gain in 2022 (Analysis date:19/08/22)

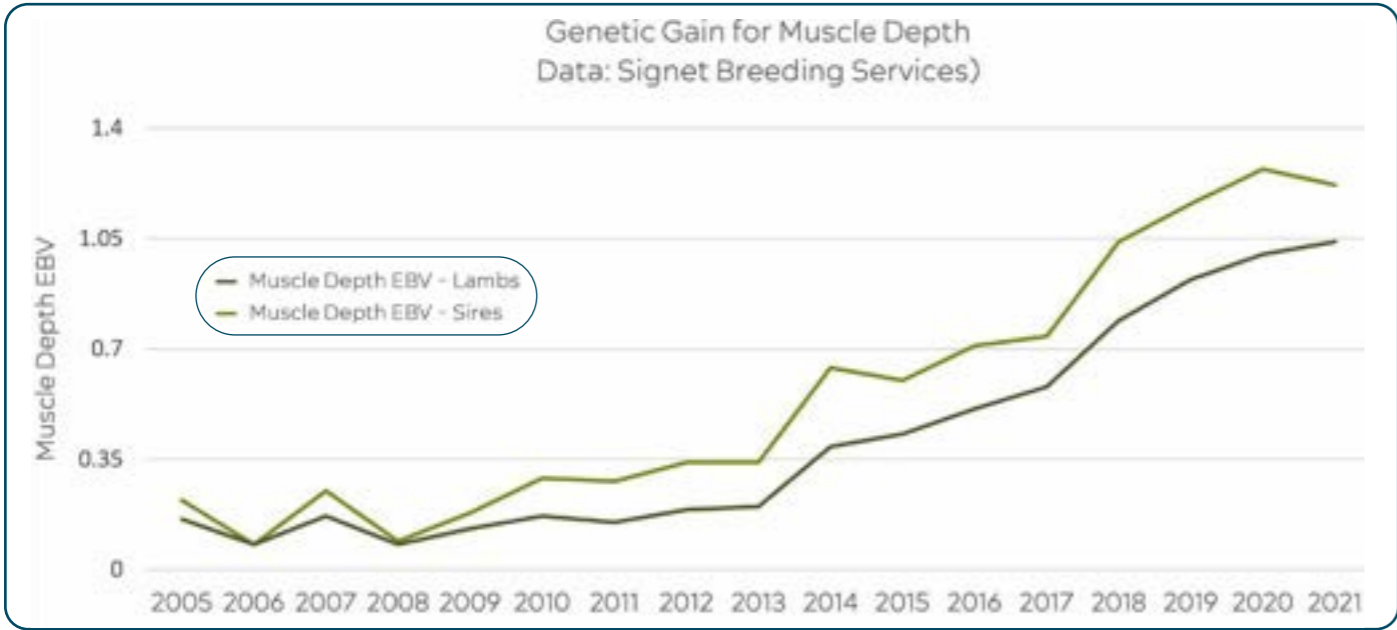
| | Lambs in 2021 / 22 | Average index in 2021 | Average index in 2022 | Gain in Index |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| RIVERSIDE | 9 / 22 | 185 | 272 | +87 |
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| JANOS | 36 / 24 | 252 | 270 | +18 |

To find a recorded Charollais flock near you, head to “Flock Finder” on the Signet website, which shows your nearest recorded flock:
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Focus on yield pays off for Charollais

In 2018 Signet changed the way they assess carcass trait within their analysis, meaning that breeding values for muscle and fat depth are now expressed as if all the lambs were the same weight. This change highlights those breeding lines that would have a better yield of meat at slaughter and optimum levels of finish.

This was a big change for breeders and buyers alike, but genetic trends for muscle depth clearly show that Charollais breeders have embraced this change through their sire selection decisions to enhance the breed.



What's new for Charollais in 2023?

A major new Charollais Sheep Society initiative will see the sharing of pedigree information with Signet to "fill in the gaps" in our genetic knowledge of the breed. This initiative will enhance our analysis and provide an easier and potentially fairer entry point for new Charollais flocks wanting to performance record their lambs and promote their flocks. Watch this space.



* A high index lamb from the Dalby flock, sold at the recent Premier Sale for 4000gns

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Oakchurch dispersal sees a top price of 6000gns

Breeders from across the British Isles flocked to Staunton on Wye, Herefordshire, in May for the dispersal of **Jeremy and Ala Price's Oakchurch flock**.

Averages:

51 aged ewes **£1023.75**

27 shearling ewes **£1187.50**

62 ewe lambs **£1092.40**
(McCartneys)

Heading up trade at 6000gns was a 2015-born ewe, Oakchurch Ruby 16WKW00153, a daughter of one of the most successful sires the flock has used, Banwy Oh What A Boy and out of a Banwy-bred dam by Foulrice Nelson. With an index of 280, this one had been successfully flushed in the past and her progeny in the sale grossed more than 14,000gns. After a frenzied bidding session, this one finally knocked down to David Roberts, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, for his Boyo flock.

Next up in the aged ewe offering was a daughter of the sale leader, this time the 2017-born Oakchurch WKW00495. By an Aberkinsey tup, she sold at 4500gns to David Argue, Co Cavan, Eire, for his Rockdale flock.

Following her at 2800gns was another 2017-born female, Oakchurch 18WKW00530, a

daughter of Glyn Coch Mr T out of a Banwy-bred female. This one found a new home with Ben James, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.

At 2600gns was a Banwy Ripper daughter, Oakchurch 18WKW00566, which caught the eye of D Lewis, Narbeth, Pembrokeshire.

Meanwhile, the 2016-born Oakchurch WKW00348, again by Oh What A Boy and this time out of a homebred female by Oakchurch Majestic, sold for 2200gns. This one sold across the water with Sean Keane, Westport, Co Mayo, Eire.

Then at 2000gns was another 2016-born Oh What A Boy daughter, Oakchurch 17WKW00352. Out of a homebred Banwy Ninja daughter and with an index of 279.79, this one sold to Neil Oughton, Montgomery, Powys.

Shearling ewes

Leading the way in the shearling ewes with a price tag of 4000gns was Oakchurch 21WKW00955, a Bawnard Tycoon daughter out of a homebred female by Glyn Coch Mr T, which sold for 2800gns earlier in the sale. She joined her mother selling to Ben James, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.

Next up at 3000gns was the highest indexed sheep in the catalogue at 380.58, Oakchurch

21WKW00909. By Lowerye Ronnie and out of a Banwy Oh What A Boy daughter, she caught the eye of G E and S Whiting, Liskeard, Cornwall.

At 2200gns was another Ronnie daughter in the form of Oakchurch 21WKW00872. This time out of a Glyn Coch Mr T daughter, she found a new home with G Jones, Chepstow, Gwent.

Selling for 2000gns was a Foxhill Victor daughter, Oakchurch 21WKW00927. Out of a Foulrice Nelson daughter, this one headed north with R Todd, Woldnewton, East Yorkshire.

Ewe lambs

Having secured the top priced female on the day David Roberts was back in action taking home her daughter, Oakchurch Alabama Slammer 22WKW00972 and the top priced ewe lamb on the day at 3000gns. She's by the 15,000gns Cavick What A Boy! And also carries an index of 267.

Next up were a pair of full ET-bred sisters to the above, the first of which, Oakchurch

22WKW01026 was knocked down to Graham Foster, Omagh, Co Tyrone, for his Springhill flock at 2500gns, while Oakchurch 22WKW01033 sold at 2300gns to D and J Norman, Cockermouth, Cumbria, for the Kirkhouse flock.

Then at 2000gns was Oakchurch 22WKW00983, a natural born Cavick What A Boy! daughter, this time out of a Bawnard Tycoon daughter. This one was knocked down to S and A Moore, Brechin, Scotland.



* Topping at 6000gns and selling to David Roberts for his Boyo flock, was the 2015-born Oakchurch Ruby.



* This 2017-born ewe sold for 4500gns to David Argue, Co Cavan, Eire.



* The highest priced shearling ewe sold for 4000gns to Ben James, Worcestershire, for his Cinders flock.



* Joining her sale leader dam was the top priced ewe lamb, sold to the Boyo flock for 3000gns.

Cavick flock tops Females With Figures Sale

Young Charollais breeders and first-time exhibitors at the sale, Mitchel Britten and Elizabeth Barber from Wymondham, Norfolk, lead the way at the **Females With Figures** sale at Worcester in June, with a shearling ewe selling for 1600gns.

Averages:

5 breeding ewes **£268.80**

21 shearling ewes **£756.50**

6 ewe lambs **£498.75**

(McCartneys)

Their sale leader Cavick 21WVW01211 is by Loanhead Vanquish and out of a Loanhead Midas Touch daughter, making her full ET-bred sister to the 15,000gns Cavick What A Boy! who sold at last year's Premier Sale at Worcester. Taking this one home was Gwyn and Gail Jones, Chepstow, Gwent, for their Springfield flock.

Next up at 1350gns was another Loanhead Vanquish daughter, Cavick 21WVW01269, this time out of a homebred daughter by Logie Durno Navigator. This one carries an index of 207.23 and found a new home with the Camp House flock of R J and J Towers, Ingleton, Carnforth.

Two shearling ewes then commanded a 1200gns price tag, the first being Cavick 21WVW01250. Another by Vanquish and this time out of a Knockin Shockin' daughter with a top 10% index

of 261.42, this one was knocked down to P D and I V Pritchard, Crickhowell, Powys, for the recently established Wenllan flock.

The second at 1200gns was Cavick 21WVW01267, a daughter of Cavick Utterly Butterly and out of a Loanhead Midas Touch daughter. With an index of 209.20, this one joined the top priced female selling to the Springfield flock.

Leading the way in the ewe lamb offering at 650gns were long-time supporters of the sale Margie and Mark Rushbrooke, Bewdley, Worcs. Brettles 22WF04096 is by Edstaston Vancouver out of a Brettles Tintin daughter. Carrying the third highest Terminal Index of the breed and a top 5% maternal index, this one sold to Jonathan and Carroll Barber for the Crogham flock, Wymondham, Norfolk.



* Sale leader was a shearling ewe from the Cavick flock selling for 1600gns to the Springfield flock.



* Selling for 1350gns to Messrs Towers was Cavick 21WVW01269, another Loanhead Vanquish daughter.

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Wernfawr hits 15,000gns high at Premier Sale

Charollais trade hit a high of 15,000gns at the breed's **Premier Sale** at Worcester, when father and son team, Dai and Paul Curran topped the trade with a ram lamb from their Wernfawr flock.

Averages:

9 shearling ewes **£1271.66**
23 shearling rams **£1810.10**
102 ram lambs **£1353.57**
 (McCartneys)

Sale leader, from the Brecon-based flock, was Wernfawr 22XEV01914. By the 8500gns Logie Durno Wall St, which was purchased last year at the Premier Sale and is out of a Wedderburn-bred ewe by Wernvale Mad 4 Ewe. Having picked up a first place in his class, this one was subject to spirited bidding and was finally knocked down to W and C Ingram, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, for the Logie Durno flock.

Second best price on the day was the 9000gns pre-sale champion and top priced shearling ram, Logie Durno Walking Thunder from the Ingram family. By Foxhill Va Va Voom and out of a homebred Rhaeadr Orlando daughter, he headed north with Jonathan Wales, Carlisle, Cumbria, to join his Thackwood flock.

Next best in the ram lamb offering was sale debutant David Lewis, Narbeth, Pembrokeshire, with Pembroke Ancient King, a son of Boyo Vancouver and out of an Arbryn-bred ewe by Shamrock Northern Star. At 7500gns, this one caught the eye of A and A Whittaker, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire and A Gray and Son, Kirkfieldbank, Lanark.

Just shy of that price tag at 7000gns was the best from Gregor and Bruce Ingram's Loanhead pen, Loanhead Al Pacino. By the 16,000gns Foxhill Va Va Voom and out of a Knighton-bred ewe which was purchased at the Knighton dispersal for 2200gns, this one sold to Mitchel Britten and Elizabeth Barber, Wymondham, Norfolk, for their Cavick flock.

Pre-sale judge Edward Buckley, Macroom, Co Cork, Eire, backed his judgement to the tune



* Paul Curran in action with his top priced ram lamb on the day



of 5500gns when securing Logie Durno Amigo from the Ingram family. This one stood ram lamb champion and reserve overall champion and is by Va Va Voom out of a Loanhead Talisman daughter.

Back in action with the Ingram brothers, Loanhead Al Capone then sold for 5000gns to Grant Pink, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, for his Bicton flock. Again, by Va Va Voom, this one is out of a Dalby Tuilagi homebred daughter which won her class at the Royal Highland Showcase in 2021.

At 4000gns Society chairman Charles Sercombe, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, sold Dalby Anceletti. By Dalby Ranieri, she is out of a Dalby Lazelle daughter. With an index in the top 5% of the breed, this one went home with Robert and Janette Gregory, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, for the Edstaston flock.

David Lewis' next best was the 3500gns Pembroke All Star. Again, by Va Va Voom and out of a different Arbryn-bred female, this one sold in a two-way partnership to Ed Simmons and Kate Esler for their Seymour, North Somerset-based Kingswater flock and Glastonbury, Somerset-based Tom Newth for his Prestleigh flock.

At 3000gns William and Carole Ingram sold Logie Durno Aristocrat. This was the first lamb to be offered by the 17,000gns Foxhill Walkabout and is out of a Logie Durno Untouchable daughter. Taking this one across the water was Norman McMordie, Saintfield, Co Down.

Again with Gregor and Bruce Ingram's pen, Loanhead Alabama, another by Walkabout, sold for 2800gns. Again, out of an Untouchable daughter, this one caught the eye of M White, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Shearling ewes

Fresh from their successful female trade at the Females With Figures Sale at Worcester, Mitchel Britten and Elizabeth Barber, Wymondham, Norfolk, took the highest price on the day of 3800gns in the small, but select shearling ewe offering.

Cavick What A Girl! is by Loanhead Vanquish and out of a Loanhead Midas Touch daughter,

making her full sister to the 15,000gns Cavick What A Boy! This one caught the eye of William and Carole Ingram, for their Logie Durno flock.

Recouping some of that investment, the Ingram family sold a pair of shearling ewes for 1500gns. The first was Logie Durno 21ZNN37343, a daughter of Logie Durno Vinnie Jones, which sold to R J Tindall, Wetherby, West Yorks, while the other was Logie Durno 21ZNN37325, a daughter of Dalby Tuilagi, which was knocked down to John Malone, Co Carlow, Eire.



* Sale leader was a ram lamb from Dai and Paul Curran's Wernfawr flock, which sold for 15,000gns.



* Selling for 7500gns was David Lewis' Pembroke Ancient King.



* Leading shearling trade at 9000gns and was the pre-sale champion, Logie Durno Walking Thunder from the Ingram family.



* Leading female trade at 3800gns was Carvick What A Girl! From Mitchel Britten and Elizabeth Barber.



* Loanhead Al Pacino from Gregor and Bruce Ingram sold for 7000gns to the Cavick flock.



* Judge Edward Buckley secured his reserve overall champion, Logie Durno Amigo, for 5500gns.



* Judge Edward Buckley and his champion shearling ram (right) from Logie Durno and his reserve overall, also from Logie Durno.



* Champion ram lamb (left) from Logie Durno and reserve ram lamb, also from Logie Durno.



* Securing Loanhead Al Capone at 5000gns for his Bicton flock was Grant Pink.



* At 4000gns was Dalby Ancelotti from Society chairman Charles Sercombe.



* The Ingram family also stood champion and reserve champion in the shearling ram championship.



* The Logie Durno team also clinched the top place in the Progeny Group class.



* Selling in partnership to the Prestleigh and Kingswater flocks was the 3500gns Pembroke All Star.



* At 3000gns was Logie Durno Aristocrat, the first lamb offered by the 17,000gns Foxhill Walkabout.



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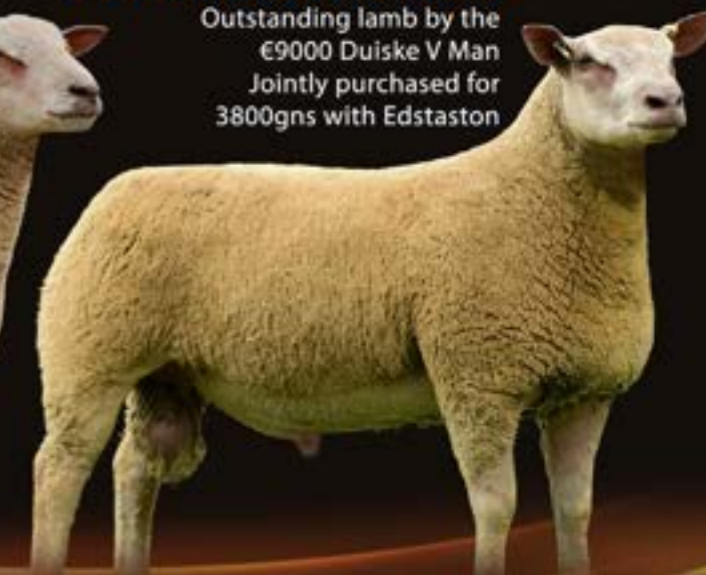
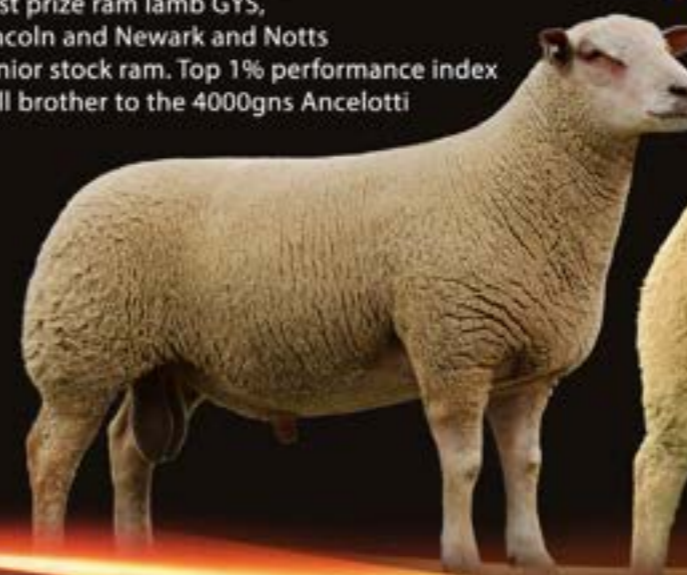
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* Champion and top price at Dungannon were the McConnell Brothers, Hollylodge, selling for 4500gns.

Hollylodge leads Dungannon Premier at 4500gns

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Topping trade and taking the supreme championship under Society chairman Charles Sercome was a ram lamb from the Hollylodge pen from the McConnell Brothers, Parkgate, County Antrim.

Coming from one of their top maternal lines, this Loanhead Ur The Boy son is out of a Glyn Coch Toy Boy sired dam. He sold to Messrs Davidson, Banffshire.

New Breeder Christopher Kennedy of the Round Tower flock had a brilliant first sale selling the second top priced ram on the day, a Loanhead Upperclass son at 4000gns to Michael Power, Limerick for his Ballyhibbon flock.

Next in the prices was the Tullyear pen of Drew and Stephen Cowan, with a January-born ram by Duiske V Man and out of a Kilmacshane Skyfall dam. This one sold in a two-partnership to Robert Gregory, Shropshire and Charles Sercombe, Leicestershire, for 3800gns.

Wexford Breeders Michael and Sarah O'Neil had to go to 2600gns for another V Man

Son from the same pen. This one is out of an Oakchurch Royal Ryan Dam.

New to the Premier Sale was the Owenskerry pen of Brian and Linda Cowan who achieved 2200gns for their January-born lamb sired by Springhill Willie and out of a Kilmacshane Skyfall sired dam.

The January ram lamb class was won by Ian Craig with one from his Ballynoe pen by Iskeymeadow Wagamama, last year's Premier Show and Sale champion. This one was knocked down to David Dolan, County Roscommon, for 2100gns.

Donegal Breeder Patrick Carr went to 1600gns to purchase another from the McConnell brothers' pen, a smart Loanhead Ur The Boy sired lamb out of a Edstaston San Miguel sired dam. Meanwhile, another Loanhead Ur The Boy son sold to Ben Radley, Dumfries for 1400gns.

The Crawford family, also new breeders, had a good day's trading with their top selling to 1400gns. This one is a son of Gwyndy Whizz Kid out of a Logie Durno Untouchable dam and sold to Wesley Cousins from Omagh, Co Tyrone.

Next in line was the red rosette winner from the shearling ram class from the Lornbrook pen of Trevor Bell with a Hollylodge Torpedo son selling for 1350gns to Wexford breeder Turlough McDonald.

Graham Foster's Springhill pen then sold to 1300gns for a ram lamb which headed away with David Anderson for the Ballyhunsey flock. The

reserve champion also came from this pen, selling for 1000gns to Messrs McCall, Co Armagh.

David Anderson was then next in for some earnings selling two tups to County Westmeath Breeder Martin Manning for 1150gns and 1100gns. Both rams are by Springhill Vodka. Another ram from this pen sold to previous buyer R Davidson for 1100gns.

Trevor Bell then sold another shearling at 1040gns to County Donegal-based Ian MacBeth. The Hillside pen of Alistair Moore sold its top at 1020gns to Pinehill Farms Carryduff for a Padrig Upperclass sired lamb from a Foulrice Supreme-sired dam.

And taking a 1000gns bid was the day's reserve champion from Garham Foster, with this one, out of a Rhaeadr dam, selling to Messrs McCall, County Armagh.

Females

Standing first and second in the female classes and winning the female championship was William McAllister. These two powerful ewe lambs were both by Rockdale Vespasian. Taking home the female champion was David Lewis, Pembrokeshire, for 1600gns, while the second prize winner sold for 1000gns to Michael Power, Limerick. knocked down to John Malone, Co Carlow, Eire.

Averages:

10 shearlings **£853.65**

89 ram lambs **£910.35**

10 ewe lambs **£704.55**

(Dungannon Farmers Mart)



* Judge Charles Sercombe with his champion from Hollylodge (centre) and reserve from Springhill (left).



* Selling for 4000gns was Christopher Kennedy of the Round Tower flock.



* At 3800gns Drew and Stephen Cowan sold to Charles Sercombe and Robert Gregory.



* Tullyear then sold at 2600gns to Michael and Sarah O'Neil.



* Selling for 2200gns were new breeders Brian and Linda Cowan.



* Next in the running at 2100gns was this Iskeymeadow Wagamama son from the Ballynow pen..



* This Loanhead Ur The Boy son sold for 1600gns for The McConnell Brothers.



* The Crawford Family sold their best for 1400gns.



* Another from the Hollylodge pen sold for 1400gns.



* Trevor Bell's winner of the shearling ram class sold for 1350gns.



* The reserve champion from Graham Foster's Springhill pen sold for 1000gns.



* The champion female from William McAllister sold for 1600gns.



* The reserve female, also from the Artnagullion pen, sold for 1000gns.



* Ellie Moore with her first placed ram in the Young Handlers Class.





NSA Builth Early Sale peaks at 1700gns for Gwyndy

Leading Charollais trade at the first NSA Builth Sale at 1700gns was Gwyndy 21PR08232 from W C and R L Bowen. Sired by Wernfawr Vinnie and out of a homebred dam by Wedderburn Rogue, this one sold to D E S and E R Bickerton, Llansilin, Oswestry.

Next best at 1300gns was the pre-sale champion Glyn Coch West is Best from Adrian Davies. A son of Glyn Coch Volcano out of a dam by Brettles Sherman, this one caught the eye of M H Miller, Milton Abbas, Dorset.

Then at 1050gns were Messrs R G and R A Jones' Robleston 21WGN05393. By Skyefall Virgil Van and out of a dam by Bronwydd Terminator, this one went home with D E and D M Jones, Llandeilo, Carmarthen.

Trading for the same price was another from R G and R A Jones, Robleston 21WGN05375. This one is by Skyefall Virgil Van and out of another Terminator daughter. He sold to G E Davies, Llangadog, Carmarthen.

At 950gns was a Galtres shearling from Deborah Whitcher, 21ZKT03755. He's by Moss Side Valiant and out of a Hundalee Sandor daughter, he sold to Tiverton, Devon with F A and C J Elsworthy.

Then at 920gns was Messrs G Jones' Springfield shearling, 21ZGB02175. This Loanhead Reiver son is out of a dam by DJ178001. This was another heading to Llangadog with G E Davies.

A brace of shearling rams from the Robleston flock of Messrs Jones and Son then sold for 900gns, the first being 21WGN05373. Sired by Arbyn Tonto and out of a dam by Rhaeadr Real Deal. He was taken by previous buyer M H Miller, while their other was a Skyefall Virgil Van Dijke son out of a Bronwydd Terminator and sold to R C Samuel, Aberedw, Builth Wells.



* Topping the early NSA Builth sale at 1700gns was Gwyndy 21PR08232 from W C and R L Bowen.

Ram lambs

Top ram lamb at 1000gns was one from Dai and Paul Curran's Wernfawr pen, 22XE019017. He's by Logie Durno Wall St and out of a dam by Glyn Coch Night To Remember. He was taken by the buyers of the top priced shearling, D E S and E R Bickerton, Llansilin.

At 850gns was Tim Prichard's Castellau ram lamb, 22TZO03852. A son of Arbyn Viper and out of a dam by Castellau Powerhouse. He sold to D T and S M Owens, Pembridge, Leominster.

Making 700gns was an Oakchurch lamb from Jeremy Price and family, 22WKW00976. This one is by Cavick What A Boy and out of a dam by Banwy Oh What A Boy. Buying him were L E Lloyd and Sons, Weobley, Herefordshire.

At 600gns was a Padest ram lamb from G J and J E Williams, 22XRH02883. He's by Castellau U Beauty and out of a dam by Parkgate One and Only.

Averages:

81 Shearling rams £635.44
28 Ram lambs £486.75
 (Hereford Market Auctioneers)

Loosebeare leads NSA Exeter Charollais trade at 1200gns



* Leading the Charollais offering at NSA Exeter last week was a 1200gns call for a shearling ram from the Quick family's Loosebeare pen.

Averages:

36 Shearling rams £633
33 Ram lambs £484
3 Aged ewes £269
17 Shearling ewes £358
6 Ewe lambs £227
 (Kivells)

Loosebeare Tornado and out of a dam by Foulrice Roderick. Buying him were D W and A E Enticott, Wellington, Somerset.

Topping Charollais trade at the NSA South West Ram Sale, Exeter, at 1200gns were the Quick family, Crediton, Devon, with the shearling ram Dafolog 21VFC00198 from their Loosebeare flock.

This shearling ram, bred by D J Thomas, is by Ffrwd Vunipola and out of a dam by Wernfawr Platinum and sold to R and M F Rottenburn, Taunton, Somerset.

Following that at 1000gns was another shearling, this time from Gerald Burrough's

Sheldon flock in the form of Sheldon 21XNR01183. This Loosebeare Tornado son it out of a dam by Foulrice Roderick and was knocked down to G R and R J Ward, Winkleigh, Devon.

Then at 900gns was another from the Sheldon pen, Sheldon 21XNR01203. Sired by Foulrice Uziah and out of a dam by Ffrwd Samson, he caught the eye of M Geach, Padstow, Cornwall.

Close behind at 880gns was the next in the ring, Sheldon XNR2101184. He's by

Next in line was an 850gns call for another Sheldon shearling, but this time from the Quick family's pen. This was XNR2101131, another by Loosebeare Tornado and this time out of a dam by Sheldon Rambo. He sold to A R Henson, Tiverton, Devon.

And making 800gns was another from the Quicks in the shape of Grug 21W01001. Bred by Geraint Evans, he is by Sant Andras Vanquish and out of a dam by Hollylodge Rebel. Buying this one were previous buyers R and M F Rottenburn.

Skyefall flock leads Benthams Rampage sale at £850

Demand for Charollais tups was strong at Benthams' annual "The Rampage" sale, held on the 13th August with one from Stuart Ramsey's Kelso-based Skyefall flock leading the way at £850.

This one is by Hollylodge Supreme and is out of a Springhill ewe bought privately from Graham Foster. He caught the eye of Messrs Skelton. Next up at £700 was Robert Towers selling a shearling ram from his Camp House flock to M Archer and Son.

Meanwhile, Charles Marwood and family took the championship with a shearling ram from their Foulrice flock by Foulrice Osprey. This one has been used previously as a lamb in the family's commercial Llyn flock producing some excellent lambs. He sold for £600 to the previous buyer Messrs Skelton.

Of the ram lambs on offer Deborah Whitcher lead the way with an end of December-born son of Padrig

Wham Bam selling for £600 to B Bell, while at £550 her first prize lamb on the day, by Thackwood Upland Warrior, sold to J Quine.

Averages:

Ram lambs £328
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 (Benthams Auction Mart)

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Knockin Wisteria

Sold as a lamb to David Lewis at last years Saucy Sale, and has gone on to win Interbreed at Royal Three Counties and 1st prize at Royal Welsh Show 2022



Knockin Aberama Gold
Sold at Worcester for 1800gns to C W Marwood & Son



Knockin Arthur Shelby

Sold at Worcester for 1500gns to David Lewis

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Meet the Charollais Young Breeders chairmen

Earlier in the summer, the Charollais Young Breeders Group elected two chairmen to take on the running of the group. Here's a look at what these two young Charollais breeders want to bring to the running of the group.

James Danforth

Age: 23

Lives: Tadcaster, West Yorkshire



Farming enterprise:

There are three of us in the family business, running a 550-acre mixed farm currently milking 150 pedigree Holsteins, Ayrshire's and Dairy Shorthorns. All dairy heifers are retained with the beef crosses finished for selling deadweight to ABP. There are 300 acres of arable, including winter wheat, barley, OSR, oats, maize and fodder beet which is mainly used for home consumption with excess sold. Alongside the dairy herd, James runs his 30-ewe Lodgehill Charollais flock and 20 pedigree Lleyn ewes.

Any grand plans as a breeder: Can I be really greedy and say I have two dreams and they're both pretty big! The first is to win the Royal Welsh Show and the second is to hopefully, beat the highest price Charollais record. You must have aspirations, so my biggest goal is to consistently produce high quality sheep with great heads, length and width throughout from the shoulders to rump with solid, well filled gigots, tight skins and great legs and feet, that breed well. The closest I've got to that is with Lodgehill Vannessa who won her class as an aged ewe at the Royal Welsh Show this year.

Something not many people know: I breed and show Partridge and Silver Pencilled Wyandotte Bantams and won the National Poultry Show in 2019 with my Silver Pencilled hen.

Chairman aspirations?

I'd like to bring young fellow breeders from across the UK to learn, develop and share knowledge and skills with our fantastic breed the Charollais to take forward into the next generation.

Oliver Chapman

Age: 24

Lives: Saltfleetby, near Louth on the east coast of Lincolnshire



Farming enterprise: I currently farm the grassland at home where I run my Soloby flock with the arable land being contract farmed.

By day I am a livestock auctioneer running all of the weekly livestock sales at Louth Livestock Market, while also working at Melton Mowbray Market where I sell rearing calves and conduct sales of pedigree and breeding sheep.

Other off farm interests are the local young farmers club which has led me into the employment role I hold today, as well as given me many great opportunities to compete at top shows stock judging and in tug of war.

Any grand plans as a breeder: I'd love to bring the Charollais breed back to the forefront of the commercial producer's ram selection at sales each year. For me it's about breeding sheep that fit both into the show ring, while performing in the fields of all commercial farms. I also have the aim of breeding a champion to win at all three major shows, Royal Highland, Great Yorkshire Show and the Royal Welsh Show. The Charollais is a tremendous breed with every characteristic a commercial farmer will desire moving forward into a more extensive sheep-based system, where as an auctioneer you see weight pays.

One thing many don't know: I can play the piano and got to grade 5 while having lessons. I also spent six years in my childhood days singing.

Chairman aspirations: I would like to bring the ideas and opinions of the next generation of breeders to the forefront of the meetings, while hoping to give an insight into what the future breeders of the breed are looking to gain and how and where they see the breed moving. Being an auctioneer I have the advantage of being able to see and discuss with breeders exactly what the commercial farmer is looking for. As youth chairman I hope to be able to give the younger members a voice.

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British judge, British genetics – a match made in Mexico!

It's always an honour to receive a judging invitation, but to be invited to judge abroad is a particular privilege and one that Will Price had the pleasure of accepting when he was invited to judge the "Exposición Nacional Charollais" in San Luis Potosi, Mexico in August this year.

"This was my first foreign judging experience and while I was apprehensive as to what type of sheep would be put in front of me, I embraced the challenge and will eternally be grateful for the opportunity to see the Charollais breed looking so well in a foreign country," comments Will.

"Each section was split according to age in to two sections with most of those judged being under two years of age. Sheep were tied up at the start of each class before being paraded round the ring, but not necessarily by their breeders, before being pulled into a line. The sheep are shown about one month shorn and were impressively clean and well presented," he explains.



Most sheep at the show were results of British embryos and French semen, with the British part coming from Robert Gregory's Edstaston flock and the Ingram family's Logie Durno flock.

"While there was of course some similarity coming through in the sheep from the British genetics, the addition of French genetics meant that some of the males didn't necessarily have the breed characteristics and style UK breeders would be familiar with, but their immense carcass characteristics certainly shone through and possibly carried more muscle than our UK types," adds Will.

Most sheep at the show were a mix of British and French genetics with the British part being made up of embryos exported by the Logie Durno and Edstaston flocks.

After working his way through some 50 sheep in the show, Will ended up with what he described as "a sweet, flashy gimmer," as his overall female champion and a "powerful, well-muscled" shearling ram as his male champion. "They don't have an overall champion and many found it strange that we select one at UK shows," he adds.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would like to pay a particular thank you to Jose Garcia for keeping us so well organised, but also to every single breeder who competed as not only did they put forward some excellent sheep, but they all contributed to our hospitality for the duration of the trip," highlights Will.



Charollais in Mexico

- * British genetics were imported to Mexico in 2018 and 2019 via the Edstaston and Logie Durno flocks via two AI companies. Prior to that Mexico had imported stock largely from France.
- * Charollais currently ranks the most popular sheep breed in Mexico ahead of Hampshire Down and Suffolks.



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