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REGISTRATION CHARGES FOR 2025 (From 1st January 2025)

Flocks who wish to maintain the pedigree status of their flock should enter the details of ALL lambs born on the Grassroots system. Sheep must be birth notified in numerical order.

The breeder will then decide which animals to notify with the Society. All data is to be submitted to the Society, BUT NO CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR UNNOTIFIED LAMBS. Notifications shall be submitted to the Society by the dates indicated, below.

BIRTH NOTIFICATION SUBMISSION CHARGES

0-2 mths	Over 2 mths but before 30/09 in year of birth		0-2 mths	Over 2 mths but before 30/09 in year of birth	After 1st October
Grassroots £2.50 (£3.00 incl. VAT)	Grassroots £5.00 (£6.00 incl. VAT)	Grassroots £12.50 (£15.00 incl. VAT)	£3.00	Paper £6.25 (£7.50 incl. VAT)	Paper £15.00 (£18.00 incl. VAT)

Payment must be sent upon receipt of invoice for all birth notifications unless paying by Direct Debit.

- Birth Notified rams are eligible for entry into Official Society Sales.
- All Birth Notified animals must be the progeny of Full Pedigree Registered sires and dams.
- All sheep at the Worcester Premier & Carlisle Supreme Sales must be Full Pedigree Registered.
- All female sheep must be Full Pedigree Registered prior to entry into an Official Society Sale or will be upgraded at time of entry.
- All service sires of in-lamb ewes entered for official Society sales must be Full Pedigree Registered.
- All sheep entered for shows must be Birth Notified with the Society.

UPGRADING

	Submission
EWE LAMBS - Upgraded > 12 months	£8.00 (£9.60 inc. VAT)
SHEARLING EWES - Upgraded > 24 months	£12.00 (£14.40 inc. VAT)
RAMS - Upgraded at any time	£20.00 (£24.00 inc. VAT)

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP - From 01.01.24, a Change of Ownership fee of £5 (+ VAT) will be payable by the purchaser for all transfers into their flock.

SCRAPIE TESTING & DNA PROFILING FOR RAMS

All rams upgraded to full pedigree, must have an individual test result for Scrapie genotype and DNA profile submitted to the office. This information will be entered onto the sheep database and appear on the pedigree certificate and in Society sale catalogues

CHAROLLAIS LAMBING YEAR

The official start date for the Charollais breeding season will be 7th July. Pedigree Charollais sheep should therefore neither be artificially inseminated nor run with the ram prior to this date. The lambing year for Charollais runs from 1st December to 30th November. Lambs may only be Birth Notified with the Society by the owner of the ewe at the time of birth.

NAMES FOR FULL PEDIGREE RAMS

We encourage members to give rams a name at the time of upgrading.

Names for 2023 born rams should begin with the letter "B"

Names for 2024 born rams should begin with the letter "C"

Names for 2025 born rams should begin with the letter "D"

The naming of females is at the discretion of the breeder.

EMBRYO TRANSFER & ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

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.

For all 2025 ET born lambs, and beyond, no registration of lambs is permitted unless the dam has a DNA parentage profile on file with the Society.

RAMS

If your lambs are sired by natural service by a ram not in your 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.

If 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 no permission was granted to use the sire as stated.

If 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.

REGISTRATION OF CHAROLLAIS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

The Society will enter into the breeding book, animals of the same breed, line or cross that are eligible for entry under the Society's breed criteria, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.

2025 DNA TESTING OF RAMS

For all 2025 born lambs, and beyond, it will not be possible to register these or lambs unless a DNA parentage profile has been submitted for their sires.

In 2022 the Society started the process of collecting DNA samples from stock. We offered members the chance to submit samples from their stock rams for analysis. The blood samples have DNA extracted and Neogen analyse this with a 50K SNP chip (50,000 pieces of information). As a breeder you do not receive any 'result' from this analysis, but the DNA information is stored with Neogen for future parentage checks to be made against the stored data.

In 2025 lambs may only be birth notified if their Sire is Full Pedigree Registered. All males born after 1st December 2022 must have a DNA sample submitted to the society for DNA profiling, genotyping and sire verification, in order to complete the registration upgrade.

In some cases sire verification may not be possible where older sires have been used through frozen semen that do not have a DNA profile on record. Rams will still be upgraded in this instance. However we would urge breeders to submit a semen sample from these older rams, if they have at least 10 doses in store. For lambs born in 2025 by embryo transfer, we require that the donor ewes have a DNA sample submitted to the Society. For these lambs we will be able to verify their dams as well as their sires.

Where parentage verification is carried out, results will show if the sire and/or dam is correct, not on file or excluded. Any "excluded" result indicates that the information submitted for the parentage is incorrect. We will in these circumstances ask the breeder for an alternative, which will be checked. We understand that genuine mistakes occur with tagging, recording of information, fostering etc. The majority of queries are sorted out quickly without any further issues. We can then assure breeders that the correct parentage is recorded on our database.

The collection of DNA samples not only allows us to correctly record parentage but gives the breed the opportunity to move forward to genomic performance evaluation and also specific gene marker selection.

All Charollais Sheep exposed for sale under the auspices of the British Charollais Sheep Society Ltd. shall be subject to and in accordance with the Conditions of Sale which are available from the Society Office or the Auctioneers.

RULES FOR IDENTIFICATION

All lambs born from 1st December 2010 that are kept for breeding will require two ear tags - these must be breeding tags (not slaughter tags). One of these tags must be an EID tag and the other a visual tag. The EID tag must be yellow and the visual tag can be the colour of the breeders' choice. Breeders may select the type and manufacturer of the tag they prefer. It is preferable for the EID tag to be inserted in the lamb's left ear.

- The lamb's individual number will be the ETAS number as allocated by the tag company. Therefore, this number will run on from year to year and will correlate with the number of the electronic chip. Please enter this FIVE DIGIT NUMBER on your registration form.
- 2. Breeders will continue to add as 'Management Information' their BCSS Flock Letters. This can be either on just the visual tag or both tags. Some electronic tags do not have sufficient space for management information to be included.
- 3. In addition to your flock letters you will add two numerals to indicate the year of birth of the lamb; therefore, for this year it will be '25'. This is the 'Management Information' and should be on either just the visual tag or both tags. This should be printed with your flock reference letters.

25ABC00123

NB our lambing year starts from 1st December and so all lambs born on or after that date will have the '25' suffix.

This will have the advantage that the electronic number will tie up with the official Charollais number BUT we will add the year number on the database so that you will be able to tell the year of birth on the pedigree certificate and from the visual tag.

On all documentation with the Society please insert the entire number i.e. 24ABC00123 etc. We need the suffix number in order to identify the sheep correctly.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE RULES ON EID & MOVEMENTS

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www.defra.gov.uk www.gov.scot www.daera-ni.gov.uk

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Adult Membership Full Membership £66.00 per year (inclusive of VAT)

Associate Membership £30 per year (Zero rated for VAT)

10-year membership £660.00 (inclusive of VAT)

Junior Memberships FREE DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP - take part in all activities (Ages 10-30) and receive all publications digitally.

PRINTED PUBLICATIONS - Take part in all activities, but receive printed publications - £12.

FULL MEMBERSHIP - (as per adult) - all benefits, registration of flock + membership to Young Breeders Group - £66.

Membership runs from 1st January each year and all members will be sent an invoice for their subscription. In order to qualify to register sheep, enter Society sales, or exhibit sheep at shows subscriptions must be paid in full.

Gift Aid As a Registered Charity the Society is able to claim Gift Aid on Subscriptions. If you haven't completed a form please contact the office.

Flock Registration New flocks must be registered with the Society for a fee of £30.00 plus VAT. The member can choose the name for their flock and the Society will allocate the prefix letters.

Voting Rights: Fully paid-up members may vote at General Meetings and at the Annual General Meeting. One subscription allows one vote.

Publications: All paying members may receive the following publications f.o.c:

- Charollais Matters
- Farmers Future
- Sale Catalogues (on request)

Society Events All Members will be advised of Society Events held nationally and meetings within their region.

Change of Address Members should notify the Society in writing.

Transfer of Membership/Flock Prefix This may only be transferred to a member of your immediate family.

Resignation You must notify the Society in writing if you wish to cancel your membership. If you pay by direct debit you must also cancel the instruction with your bank. No refunds will be issued against resignations received one month after the subscription renewal date.

Payment of Accounts Payment can be made by Ebanking (details below), or by card payment over the phone.

Bank: Barclays Sort Code: 20-99-08 Account No. 30196851 Please use your Flock letters as the reference for your payment.

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The Council is comprised of the National Chairman, an elected Member (Regional Chairman) from each region and the retiring National Chairman who remains on Council for a further year. Elections in each region will take place by postal ballot to appoint a Regional Council Member who will be eligible to serve on the Council of Management for a period of 3 years and will be subject to re-election at the end of that period. A Retiring Member shall not be eligible for re-election if he has served two consecutive terms of 3 years on the council immediately prior to the proposed election.

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT 2025/2026

Region	Chairman	Date of Election
National Chairman	Patrick Tully	2025
Scotland	Russell Gray	2023
North of England	Election in Process	2025
East of England	Election in Process	2025
Central England	Dave Roberts	2025
Wales	Adrian Davies	2024
South West England	Election in Process	2025
Northern Ireland	Sheila Malcomson	2024

The Council of Management meets regularly during the year. If there are any issues which you wish to be discussed at a Council Meeting, then please either contact your Regional Chairman or speak/write directly to the office. A report on the matters discussed at all Council Meetings is published in Charollais Matters and Bulletins.

MEETING DATES 2025

AGM Friday 23rd May Webbington Hotel & Spa, Loxton, Somerset

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REGIONAL COMMITTEES

These comprise of the Regional Chairman, Regional Vice Chairman, Regional Secretary and elected Committee Members. Some regions appoint area Co-ordinators and/or Publicity Officers.

SALE	DATE	ENTRY FEE PER SHEEP	COMM RATE	CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES	LAST DATE FOR SUBS 12 NOON
CARLISLE SUPREME SALE	Saturday 28th June James Little, Harrison & Hetherington	Males - £40 + VAT = £48 Females £20 + VAT = £24	Society 2% Auctioneer 5%	30th May	27th June
WORCESTER PREMIER + FEMALES	Saturday 5th July Clive Roads, McCartneys	Males - £40 + VAT = £48 Females £20 + VAT = £24	%	30th May	4th July
DUNGANNON EXPORT SALE	Monday 28th July George Wylie	£20 + VAT = £24.00	%9	27th June	25th July
BRECON NSA EARLY	Monday 4th August Christopher Greg, Hereford	£5 + VAT = £6.00	% 9	4th July	1st August
EXETER NSA	Wednesday 20th August Russell Steer, Kivells	£5 + VAT = £6.00	%9	7th July	19th August
CARLISLE	Friday 29th August Harrison & Hetherington	£10 + VAT = £12.00	5%	8th August	28th August
MELTON MOWBRAY	Saturday 6th September	Entry via the Auctioneer	Society 1%	22nd August	5th September
BUILTH WELLS MAIN SALE	Monday 22nd September Christopher Greg, Hereford	£6 + VAT = £7.20	%9	6th August	19th August
WELSHPOOL	Thursday 25th September N R Lloyd & Co	£10 + VAT = £12.00	%	5th September	24th September
BALLYMENA	Monday 29th September Foster Gowdy	£10 + VAT = £12.00	rU %	29th August	26th September

		IN-LAMB EWE & EWE LAMB SALES			
SKIPTON	Saturday 11th October Ted Ogden, CCM	£10 + VAT = £12.00	Ω %	12th September	10th October
DUNGANNON EXPORT	Monday 27th October George Wylie	£20 + VAT = £24.00	%	26th September	24th October
EXETER FEMALES	Friday 31st October Russell Steer, Kivells	£10 + VAT = £12.00	53%	3rd October	30th October
WELSHPOOL	Monday 3rd November WLS	£10 + VAT = £12.00	Ω %	3rd October	31st October
MELTON MOWBRAY	Saturday 22nd November	Entry via the Auctioneer	Society 1%	7th November	21st November
	EMPTY FEMALE SALES -	EMPTY FEMALE SALES - SEE SECTION G4 (PAGE 13) OF THE HANDBOOK FOR DETAILS	ANDBOOK FOR DETA	ILS	
CARLISLE	Friday 29th August Harrison & Hetherington	£10 + VAT = £12.00 PER PEN	у. %	8th August	28th August
		PRIVATE SALES 2023			
OKTOBERFEST SALE	Saturday 4th October	Worcester Livestock Market		5th September	3rd October
HEREFORD HIGH FLYERS	Saturday 18th October	Hereford Livestock Market		19th September	17th October

DETAILS OF PRIVATE SALES 2025 to be held under the auspices of the Society.

Saturday 4th October

"OKTOBERFEST SALE" Worcester Market

Vendors - Mitchel & Elizabeth Britten, Abbie Moseley, Adrian Davies, Ben Radley, Gregor & Bruce Ingram, William & Carole Ingram, George Hoggard, Robert Gregory, Grant Pink, Victoria Sercombe, Hannah Jackson, Gethin Davies, Ben & Amelia Watts and Dewi Evans.

Auctioneers: McCartneys

Saturday 18th October

"HIGH FLYERS" Females Production Sale Hereford Market

Vendors – Arwyn Thomas, Jennifer Curtis, Paul Curran together with Emyr Hughes, Gareth Jones, Jim Neil, Tom Newth and David Lewis

Auctioneers: Greg Christopher, Hereford Market

SALES - General

ENTRY

- A full list of official sale dates, venues and details are listed in this handbook (pages 10-11).
- Entries will be accepted via email, or on the Standard Entry Form (paper or electronic) - both available from the office.
- Entries will only be accepted from fully paid-up members.
- If full payment is not received for a sale entry and there is already an outstanding balance on the account, sheep may not be entered for that sale.
- Entries (plus any additional detail) must be submitted to the office by the closing date. Late entries may not be accepted. No responsibility will be accepted for the late or incorrect submission of information.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- All sheep must be birth notified prior to entry. Any non-notified animal will be entered and charged at the relevant penalty rate.
- All sales are for MV Accredited sheep, except the Exeter NSA sales (male & female) which will have a non-MV section. However, all sheep will be sold under the auspices of the Society and liable for inspection. Northern Ireland is MV clear and therefore has no scheme.
- All males entered in the Worcester Premier Sale and Carlisle Supreme Sale must be R1 Genotype, have a DNA profile and sire verified, plus have Full Pedigree Status. Any Birth Notified animals will be upgraded at the time of entry.
- All FEMALE SHEEP entered for sale must be Full Pedigree status.
- All adult female sheep entered for official Society in-lamb ewe sales must have been scanned as in lamb, except for Exeter female sales where empty ewes are accepted.
- For all rams sold at official sales, ownership of all semen rights shall be deemed to pass to the new owner. The vendor of a ram may elect to retain semen for their own use or for sale to a third party if this is stated in the sale catalogue and re-iterated by the auctioneer at the time of sale.

DOCUMENTS TO SEND WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM

Completed entry form.

Payment - If full payment is not received for a sale entry and there is already an outstanding balance on the account, sheep may not be entered for that sale. Payment should be made by Direct Debit, bank transfer (details on page 8) or card payment.

Pedigree certificates (where applicable)

Scraple Genotype results - The Society will only accept information on the scrapie genotype of those animals exposed for sale, to be included in the catalogue under

the following conditions. The genotype information on sires/dams will NOT be included:-

- The scrapie genotype of each animal is guaranteed to be correct by the person whose name appears as the Vendor in the catalogue.
- Copies of individual scrapie genotype certificates must be sent to the Society with the sale entry form. For Worcester Premier Sale & Carlisle Supreme Sale the original copy of the Scrapie Genotype Certificate must be sent to the Society prior to the sale. These will be attached to the pedigree certificate for distribution to purchasers at the sale.
- Vendors may not display information of scrapie genotype for any animal which has not been submitted to the Society under the above rules or without the certificate being available for viewing.

CATALOGING

Reduction of entries - The Society reserves the right to make a proportional reduction in the number of sheep entered within any category if they deem it necessary. Should a reduction be necessary the number of male Birth Notifications made by the breeder in the current year may be used to calculate the reduction of Ram Lambs and the previous year for Shearling Rams.

Runs of sheep - The maximum number of sheep per run will be 10, with the exception of NSA ram sales where the maximum number permitted will be as per the NSA ruling for that sale.

Ballot - At all official Society Sales the order of selling is carried out in accordance with the following rules.

- o Less than 4 vendors per section a random ballot will be carried out.
- Sections with 4 7 vendors, the 1st and last from the previous year will be set aside.
- Sections with 8 11 vendors, the 1st and last 2 vendors from the previous year will be set aside.
- Sections with 12+ vendors, the 1st and last 3 vendors from the previous year will be set aside.
- Sections with 30+ vendors the 1st and last 6 vendors from the previous year will be set aside.

Once the vendors have been set aside the ballot will be drawn for the first and last places. The set aside names are then returned and the rest of the ballot drawn.

New vendors will not be penalised. Breeders are reminded that the ballot for each sale is carried out in isolation from other venues. At NSA sales the ballot is carried out by the NSA in accordance with their current rules.

As a guide animals should achieve the following minimum weights:-

	Sales (other (than Premier sales)	Premier Sales
Ewe Lambs	55 kgs.	55 kgs.
Ram Lambs	60 kgs	65 kgs.
Shearling/Senior Ewes	70 kgs.	80 kgs.
Shearling/Senior Rams	90 kgs.	100 kgs.

PRE-SALE ARRANGEMENTS

Substitutes - Substitutes are allowed at all official sales. These must be made to the Society's office by the time and date stated for each sale (shown on pages 10 & 11). The office will inform the auctioneers and inspector of the ear numbers of the sheep to be presented for sale.

Substitutes must be in the same age category and the same scrapie genotype (or better) if declared in the catalogue. This information may either be 'phoned in or emailed. If vendors appear at the sale with an animal that does not correspond to the entry (original or substitute) then they will be rejected.

So that the pedigree catalogue for each sale is not degraded, vendors may only substitute a certain number of sheep dependent on the number they have entered. The scale for substitution will be as follows:-

Up to 3 sheep entered - 1 substitute allowed 4 - 6 sheep entered - 2 substitutes allowed 7 or more sheep entered - 3 substitutes allowed

For female sales vendors may be allowed a greater number of substitute entries, where scanning results have rendered the animals not suitable for sale. In all instances, substitutes will only be accepted that are within the same category.

PROCEDURE AT SALES

Inspection procedure - All sheep must be presented for inspection in the marked area. No sheep are to be unloaded and penned without prior instruction.

At NSA Builth sales, the inspection will be carried out by the NSA officials. All sheep that are rejected by the Inspector must be removed from the market. We reserve the right to mark sheep that have not been removed from their pens by the required time.

All sheep must be marked with their lot number by use of a paint brand prior to inspection. Unmarked sheep will not be inspected. The Society expressly forbids the use of OP dips and other obnoxious substances within the sale area or prior to sale.

TIMES OF ENTRY & INSPECTION - These will be issued to all vendors, and must be adhered to, to prevent penalties being imposed for late arrivals.

INSPECTION - At all official sales the Society may appoint a panel of inspectors who shall consider the points listed below. The Society's inspector is empowered to disbar any animal from the sale which does not comply with any of the matters contained in clauses 1 - 7. The inspector's decision shall be final and binding to all concerned and neither the inspector, the Society, nor the Auctioneers shall be liable to the owner of such animals or any other person or company for damage or for any loss arising out of such rejection.

- 1 The animal's identification is as required by legislation and the Society and corresponds to the ear number as entered for sale. Animals without the correct identification will be rejected from the sale.
- 2 The animal is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- 3 All rams must have two adequately sized testicles of approximately the same size and normal consistency.

- 4 The animal is of a quality commensurate with the level set by the Society and is of adequate weight for the age and shows no malformation in structure.
- 5 The teeth are in the correct position. Account will be taken of the age of the animal.
- 6 There is no abnormal deviation in the structure of feet and/or legs.
- 7 Ewes shall be sound in udder

Inspection is a condition of entry of the Society and compliance with this inspection shall in no way form a guarantee to the purchaser of the animals so inspected.

Breeders are also reminded that although the Society welcomes the presentation of untrimmed sheep at Society events these animals must be paint branded with their lot number. Untrimmed animals should be presented clean and tidy.

SHOW CLASSES - Show classes will be held at some events. The classifications for each sale and the name of the judge will be circulated to all vendors prior to the sale.

Entries at all Society Sale Shows, shall be restricted to 2 entries per class per vendor. The Judging of Pen classes will take place at certain sales and details of this will be given in the catalogue.

DISPLAY OF ROSETTES/PERFORMANCE DATA - Only cards or rosettes won at the sale at which the animal is present may be displayed, along with standardised authentic Signet information. Winners of the pen classes will be issued with one prize card for their pen.

MINIMUM SELLING PRICES - General minimum selling prices will apply to all sales held under the auspices of the British Charollais Sheep Society (with the exception of Dispersal Sales). Minimum selling prices vary for the Worcester, Carlisle Supreme & Dungannon Premier Sales.

MINIMUM SELLING PRICES	General Sales All Regions	Worcester Premier, Carlisle Supreme Sale & Dungannon Prem.
Rams, Senior/Shearling	400 gns	600 gns
Ram lambs	350 gns	500 gns
Empty Shearling Ewes	300 gns	500 gns
Empty Ewes	250 gns	
In-lamb Shearling Ewes	400 gns	
In-lamb Ewes	300 gns	
Ewe Lambs	300 ans	400ans

SPECIAL RULES FOR IN-LAMB EWE SALES HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SOCIETY

IN-LAMB GUARANTEE - Council have ruled that all ewes must be guaranteed by the vendor as scanned in-lamb and guaranteed in-lamb as of the date of the sale and for a period of 7 days following.

For Dispersal Sales only, vendors may elect to sell the sheep as 'running with ram' where no guarantee is implied. Ewe lambs may be sold as empty.

INFORMATION FOR IN-LAMB FEMALE SALE CATALOGUES

- All information must be submitted on one form and by the closing date for the sale. Anything received after this date may not be included.
- All female sheep must have their pedigree certificate submitted with their entry or a request for the animal to be upgraded.
- All in-lamb ewes to have their service details submitted with the entry form.
- All Charollais service sires, as stated in the catalogue, must be Full Pedigree Registered, at the time of entry. Entry will not be accepted for females that are in-lamb to sires that are not Full Pedigree Registered.
- All in-lamb ewes must have their scanning details submitted to the office by the substitute entry deadline (at the latest).
- These requirements must relate to substitute entries i.e. all information must be available at the time of substitution.
- The Society reserves the right to scan all female sheep at time of arrival at the market.
- The Society will accept for sale registered Charollais ewes that have been
 mated to rams other than registered Charollais. These will be catalogued at
 the conclusion of the main sale of in-lamb ewes; irrespective of their scrapie
 monitored flock status.
- Exeter NSA sale can take empty females, or as running with the ram.

RULES FOR EMPTY FEMALE SALES

- Entry fee is £10 per pen to hold a maximum of 5 empty ewes.
- All females are to be Birth Notified
- No information on breeding will be included in the catalogue.
- Sheep may be of any age (ewes, shearlings, lambs) but not mixed within the pen.
- All sheep must be correct in teeth and udder.
- All sheep are guaranteed empty at the time of sale by the vendor.
- The Society will check that all sheep have been birth notified.
- No genotyping is required.
- Entries of Full Pedigree animals will be accepted at £10 each (1 per pen).
 Pedigree details for these sheep will be entered into the catalogue.
- The same rules apply for all substitutions.

REFUNDS

A full refund of entry fees will be issued in the following circumstances:-

- Cancellation of the sale, with no alternative date offered;
- The flock is barred from selling due to disease restrictions imposed by government.
- The flock has a veterinary certificate confirming the animals are unfit for sale due to infectious or contagious disease.

SALE DEFINITIONS

DISPERSAL SALE - The term "Dispersal Sale" shall apply where all the registered stock are sold and the registered prefix and reference letters are given up by the breeder. Any subsequent registrations shall be under a new flock prefix and reference.

RETENTION OF SEMEN & EMBRYOS - For all rams sold at official sales, ownership of all semen rights shall be deemed to pass to the new owner. The vendor of a ram may elect to retain semen for their own use or for sale to a third party if this is stated in the sale catalogue and re-iterated by the auctioneer at the time of sale.

Embryos which have been collected from ewes and are to be retained, must be declared by the vendor in the catalogue.

At all sales the vendor may elect to retain semen and/or embryos but a full declaration of the number of doses and/or embryos must be written in the catalogue. The vendor must further confirm if semen and/or embryos will be retained for third party sales or own use only.

REDUCTION AND PRODUCTION SALES - The term "Reduction" sale shall apply when the major number of the sheep in the flock are sold. The term "Production" sale shall apply when a proportion of the breeding stock from the flock and the product of the flock is sold

SPECIFIC SALE INSTRUCTIONS

Dungannon, Worcester Premier, Carlisle Supreme & NSA Sales

MINIMUM SELLING PRICES Worcester Premier, Carlisle Supreme Sale & Dungannon Prem.

Rams, Senior/Shearling 600 gns
Ram lambs 500 gns
Empty Shearling Ewes 500 gns
Ewe Lambs 400gns

WORCESTER PREMIER SALE & CARLISLE SUPREME SALE

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY - All males entered in the Worcester Premier Sale and Carlisle Supreme Sale must be R1 Genotype, have a DNA profile, be sire verified and have Full Pedigree Status. Females entered must be R1 Genotype and have Full Pedigree Status. Any Birth Notified animals will be upgraded at the time of entry.

SCRAPIE CERTIFICATES - Copies of individual scrapie genotype certificates must be sent to the Society with the sale entry form. For Worcester Premier Sale & Carlisle Supreme Sale the original copy of the Scrapie Genotype Certificate must be sent to the Society prior to the sale. These will be attached to the pedigree certificate for distribution to purchasers at the sale.

As a guide animals should achieve the following minimum weights:-

	Premier Sales
Ewe Lambs	55 kgs.

Ram Lambs 65 kgs.
Shearling/Senior Ewes 80 kgs.
Shearling/Senior Rams 100 kgs.

The maximum number of rams that may be entered by one flock will be 10 ram lambs and 10 shearlings. The maximum number of females is 4 shearling ewes and 4 ewe lambs

Runs - the maximum number of ram lambs or shearling rams per run shall be limited to 5 per vendor. Those vendors wishing to sell more than 5 per section may do so but their 2nd run of sheep will be balloted at the end of all the 1st runs for that category. The first 5 rams from a vendor will be balloted in the 1st run and any remaining in the 2nd run. Vendors may NOT move their entry from its allocated ballot position, even if sheep in their first run are not forward.

Ballot Position - the sale will be split into 3 sections and vendors will be drawn into 1 of these sections. Within the sections a random ballot will be drawn to determine the order of selling. All 2nd runs of rams will come after the 3 sections. For the following year the 3 sections will be rotated – i.e. the front section will move to the middle, middle to end and end to front. Also the vendors will be re-drawn within their sections to determine their place in the sale. New vendors will be allocated proportionally a section by ballot.

EXPORT SALES AT DUNGANNON - PREMIER SALE

Dungannon Premier Sale is an Export Sale, therefore different regulations and paperwork apply to flocks selling at this sale.

Rams/ram lambs going to the Premier Export must be continuously resident on farm for 30 days before the sale - they must not be shown at local shows during that time.

Scrapie Monitored Flocks - All sheep must be genotype ARR/ARR or ARR/ARQ as per Society rules. Tissue samples can be taken by the flock owner and sent to the Charollais office to be tested.

Paperwork is available through the local DVO for Export Status Sales - if in doubt, check with the regional Chairman.

Brucella testing is needed for all rams going to the sale - this is done by a blood sample taken by your vet approximately 2 weeks before the sale. This test result is only valid for 1 month.

Non-scrapie Monitored Flocks - All sheep entered for Dungannon export sale must abide by the Export Sale rules:

- All sheep MUST be genotype ARR/ARR and the blood sample must be taken by the flock owner's private veterinary surgeon and sent to approved lab.
 - Non-scrapie flocks cannot use DIY blood sampling.
- All rams must be Brucella tested as above.

Entries are open for senior rams, shearling rams, ram lambs and ewe lambs only, which can be shown in the appropriate class.

Dungannon Premier Sale Ballot Position - the sale will be split into 3 sections, vendors will be drawn into 1 of these sections. Within the sections a random ballot will be drawn to determine the order of selling. All 2nd runs of rams will come after the 3 sections. For the following year the 3 sections will be rotated; i.e. the front section will move to the middle, middle to end and end to front. Also the vendors will be re-drawn within their sections to determine their place in the sale. New vendors will be allocated proportionally a section by ballot.

Ram lambs will be limited to a run of 5, in order that all vendors will have a chance to sell stock. There will be a second run of ram lambs for those entering up to 10 ram lambs.

EXPORT SALES AT DUNGANNON - FEMALE SALE

Only in-lamb shearling ewes and ewe lambs can be entered. All shearling ewes must be scanned in-lamb and a maximum of 20 sheep per vendor per section will be allowed, with a maximum of 10 sheep per run.

For Non-Scrapie monitored flocks the same rules as for the Premier Sale apply regarding genotypes. Scrapie Monitored Flocks are not required to supply a scrapie genotype test result.

Enquiries to Sheila Malcomson - email: nicharollaissheepclub@gmail.com

NATIONAL SHEEP ASSOCIATION SALES

Brecon NSA Early Sale Monday 4th August
Exeter Wednesday 20th August
Builth Wells II Monday 22nd September

These sales are held in conjunction with the National Sheep Association.

Therefore **TWO ENTRY FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED** - a NSA form and a BCSS standard form.

NSA Entry Forms

Brecon & Builth Wells sales NSA entry forms should be obtained from: - Jane Smith, NSA Sale Secretary, Long Wood Farm, Trostrey, Usk, Monmouthshire NP15 1LA Tel: 01291 673939 email: jane@nsaramsales.co.uk

Completed NSA entry forms for Brecon and Builth Wells sales to be returned to:- Hereford Market Auctioneers, The Livestock Centre, Roman Rd, Hereford HR4 7AN Tel: 01432 761882

Exeter Sale NSA entry forms should be obtained from and returned to:- Sue Martyn, NSA South West Ram Sale Secretary, Hornacott Barton, Boyton, Launceston, Cornwall. PL15 9RL

Tel: 01409 271385. - Email: suem@nationalsheep.org.uk

Females at NSA Sales - At both NSA sales a limit will be set of 6 females per vendor/breed, but there is no such limit at Exeter. The vendor must be a consignor of a ram/s for that breed. Females may also be entered for Exeter NSA sale. BCSS Entry Forms for all NSA sales are to be returned to the Society.

Runs of sheep - The maximum number of sheep per run will be 10, with the exception of NSA ram sales where the maximum number permitted will be as per the NSA ruling for that sale.

Inspection - At NSA Builth sales, the inspection will be carried out by the NSA officials. All sheep that are rejected by the Inspector must be removed from the market. We reserve the right to mark sheep that have not been removed from their pens by the required time. At Exeter, all sheep will be inspected by a panel appointed by the Committee in conjunction with the Breed Society, where applicable.

All sales are for MV Accredited sheep, except the Exeter NSA sales (male & female) which will have a non-MV section.

EXTRACTS FROM THE BRITISH CHAROLLAIS SHEEP SOCIETY CONDITIONS OF SALE

(4) FERTILITY GUARANTEES

(a) Rams and Ram Lambs

- (i) All rams and ram lambs are warranted by the seller capable of natural and effective service within three calendar months from the date of the sale. In the case of Worcester Premier Sale & Carlise Supreme Sale, this warranty is extended to four months. If at the expiry (the male fertility guarantee period) the ram or ram lamb has failed to prove himself capable of natural and effective service and a veterinary surgeon's certificate is lodged within 14 days from the date of expiry of the male fertility guarantee period with the auctioneers specifying that the ram is so incapable and further that the veterinary surgeon has inspected the buyer's breeding ewes and found them to be in normal responsible breeding condition and not in the aforementioned incapacity then the buyer may return the animal to the seller.
- (ii) The animal shall be deemed incapable of natural and effective service if it fails to make at least one ewe pregnant during the male guarantee period under natural breeding conditions and is so certified as being incapable by veterinary surgeons certificate aforementioned. The Society recommends that the veterinary surgeon follows the "Guidelines on the examination of rams for breeding" and also the "SVS Examination Certificate" as issued by the sheep Veterinary Society.
- (iii) The buyer shall during the male guarantee period give the animal sufficient opportunity to prove that he is capable of natural and effective service.
- (iv) Ewes which have been "sponged" and or treated with hormone treatment to induce or synchronise ovulation shall not for the purpose of this guarantee be "in normal condition".

(b) Ewes and Ewe Lambs

- (i) All females offered for sale are warranted not to be in lamb unless otherwise stated in the catalogue or announced by the auctioneer at the time of sale.
- (ii) If within fourteen weeks after the day of the sale a female sheep warranted not in lamb as aforesaid proves to be in lamb and within sixteen weeks after the day of sale the purchaser gives to the auctioneers written notice supported by a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon such female sheep has been proved to have been in lamb then if the sheep lambs naturally at a date which proves it to have been in lamb at the date of sale either the purchaser may return the sheep and her lamb if any to the Vendor or at the sole option of the Purchaser the Vendor shall pay to the Purchaser as and for ascertained and agreed liquidation damages to cover all expenses depreciation in value and other damages whatsoever a sum equal to 25% of the purchase price of the sheep.

- (iii) If any female sheep which was described in the catalogue or at the time of sale as being "scanned in lamb" or in lamb proves not to have been in lamb at the time of sale and within 7 days after the day of sale the Purchaser gives written notice to the auctioneers of his intention to return the animal supported by a veterinary surgeon's certificate that such sheep has proved not to have been in lamb then the purchaser may return such sheep to the Vendor.
- (iv) The Vendor shall specify in the catalogue the identification of the ram with which the female has been running.
- (v) Except where stated to the contrary in the catalogue or at the time of sale every ewe described as with lamb at foot is warranted to be suckling all the lambs with which it is sold. If notice in writing is given to the auctioneer within 5 days after the day of the sale that there has been a breach of warranty then the Purchaser may return the ewe or ewes and lambs to the Vendor.
- (vi) All females offered for sale are warranted correct in the mouth and udder at the time of sale unless otherwise described in the catalogue.
- (vii) If any such sheep is proven to be unsound in mouth or udder that is to say is lacking any of 8 broad teeth or has damaged or worn teeth or defected udder and notice of such unsoundness is given to the auctioneer within 5 clear days after the day of sale supported by a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon then either the purchaser may return the sheep to the vendor or at the sole option of the purchaser the vendor shall pay to the purchaser as and for ascertained and agreed liquidated damages to cover all expenses depreciation in value and other damages whatsoever compensation at the rate of 66.66% of the purchase price.

(c) It is hereby agreed that:-

- (i) Incapacity due to injury from whatever cause, illness suffered or contracted after the date of sale is not covered by the guarantee.
- (ii) Death within the respective guarantee period voids any liability under this guarantee.
- (iii) In cases where the Vendor insures his liability under the fertility guarantee the insurers shall assume the rights and remedies of the vendor under the guarantee subject to the terms of the insurance policy.

These are extracts from the Society's official Conditions of Sale. If you require a full copy please contact the Society offices.

BREED STANDARD

This breed standard should be used by breeders to make their selection of breeding stock. Judges also will apply this standard in their assessment of animals at shows.

GENERAL

The Charollais breed is a terminal sire breed so emphasis on selection should be placed on its excellent fleshing qualities and growth. The purpose of the breed is to breed rams for crossing with commercial ewes to produce quality meat lambs for slaughter. Easy lambing is an important trait associated with the breed; so skeletal structure is essential. The fineness of bone of the breed also contributes to the higher killing out % of their progeny. Selection and assessment of the breed falls into two categories; structural correctness and breed characteristics.

STRUCTURAL CORRECTNESS

Teeth - Teeth should ideally be short, straight and directly onto the pad. Deviations away from this optimum either back, forward or splayed are undesirable.

Feet and Pasterns - Feet should be neat and balanced, cleats should not be open nor misshapen. Pasterns should be short, straight and upright.

Shoulders and Topline - Shoulders should be well fleshed and level. They should not be narrow and pointed nor too heavy and coarse. The breed should not carry excessive fat over the shoulder. Topline should be strong and level with good length.

Front Legs - Straight, balanced legs are most desirable; neither too close nor too wide apart. They should be a good colour. Bone should neither be too fine or heavy. Soundness of movement is important.

Back Legs - Legs should be set well apart but not extreme. There should be a good definition of hock; not over bent or too straight. Again bone should neither be too fine or too heavy. Good balanced mobility is important.



BREED CHARACTERISTICS

Loin - This should be long, wide and deep. The eye muscle should be full. Animals should not be over fat across the loin.

Gigot - The gigot should be thick, deep and full. The rump should be thick and wide. Narrow, sloping rumps are undesirable.

Growth - Growth is important in the breed, therefore well grown sheep are of merit. However sheep that are just tall and without good fleshing qualities are not of merit. Big is only beautiful if accompanied with good loin and gigot.

Head - A good Charollais head is full of character, alert without wool. The skin colour is pink with a varying amount of creamy, sandy or white coloured hair. The varying amount of hair gives animals within the breed a difference in appearance. A distinctive feature of the breed is a white flash above each eye. Regional / breeder preferences as to amount and colour of head hair are acceptable. Heads should not be too small in the muzzle and should be broad between the eyes.

Females should have a kind head and rams a stronger masculine head.

Fleece - The breed should have a good quality fleece; dense but not too long nor open. It should be complete over the body without breaks but not extending down the legs or over the head.

SHOWING REGULATIONS

- 1. All sheep must be identified as specified by the Society and current UK legislation and registered with the Society.
- 2. Sheep must be shorn bare on or after 1st December
- 3. With regard to the haltering of sheep for show, exhibitors must adhere to the regulations of the relevant Show Authority and the direction of the stewards.
- 4. The exhibition of sheep with black spots is discouraged.
- 5. The exhibition of sheep with shaved heads is strongly discouraged and judges are encouraged to discriminate against animals presented in this manner.
- 6. Exhibitors may use natural colouring to enhance the appearance of their animals.



CHAROLLAIS SHEEP SOCIETY INFORMATION FOR NEW FLOCKS OWNERS

We are pleased you are starting a new Charollais flock and the following information may be of use to you. If the Society can be of any assistance with the selection of stock or putting you in touch with breeders in your area, then please do contact us.

MAEDI VISNA - ACCREDITATION SCHEME

Maedi Visna is a disease of sheep. Since the first Charollais sheep were imported from France they were all tested to be clear of this disease. From that date we have encouraged our breeders to remain free of the disease.

Northern Ireland is Maedi Visna clear and therefore does not have a scheme for flocks.

This is achieved through an accreditation scheme, which is run by the SRUC's Premium Sheep and Goat Health Scheme. Maedi Visna is a slow degenerative disease which can cause severe economic losses in infected sheep flocks through deaths from pneumonia and wasting and its knock-on effects such as poorer fertility, reduced milk production resulting in increased lamb losses and lower weight gains in lambs. There are also losses from the premature culling of adult sheep because of mastitis, occasionally arthritis and paralysis.

SAC vets are urging sheep farmers who sell breeding sheep to join the Maedi Visna (MV) Accreditation Scheme, as the disease becomes more common in non-accredited flocks. SAC Veterinary Investigation Officer said: "Some farmers may think because MV is not widely recognised, that it is not worth joining the scheme but the incidence of MV is increasing."

All our official Society sales are for sheep from MV Accredited flocks (with the exception of Exeter that has a non-mv section), so you can purchase in the knowledge that these animals have been tested free from this disease. We would urge all new flocks to join the Maedi Visna Accreditation Scheme. It is best to contact the scheme prior to moving accredited sheep onto your holding. If you have recently purchased stock then you should contact the

Sheep & Goat Health Scheme, Greycrook, St Boswells, TD6 0EQ

Telephone: 01835 822456

Email: healthschemes@sruc.ac.uk for full details of the scheme.

SCRAPIE GENOTYPING

Most farmers will be aware of the disease scrapie to which all sheep breeds are susceptible. Those who have experienced the disease in the past will inform you just how devastating it can be. However, the sheep industry was fortunate to have a government backed scheme to help eradicate the disease. This was through the blood testing of animals and looking at their DNA to identify those

animals which are most resistant to the disease. Through the use of resistant genotypes the disease can be completely avoided. We were lucky within the Charollais breed that our genotype profile was relatively simple and the supply of the most resistant genotypes plentiful.

The national scheme finished in 2009, but we are still able to test our animals through commercial genotyping service providers.

The results from these tests gives the following genotypes:

ARR/ARR (Group 1) This is the most resistant genotype ARR/ARQ (Group 2)

Virtually resistant genotype

Scrapie has been identified in the Charollais breed in all the following genotypes:-

ARQ/ARQ VRQ/ARQ ARR/VRQ ARQ/VRQ VRQ/VRQ

We would encourage members to keep testing their stock. At our breed Premier Sale held at Worcester Market in July and the Supreme sale held in Carlisle, all the stock are tested and have genotype ARR/ARR. Also all rams born in the 2014 year and later will have to submit an individual test result for scrapie genotype, before they can be upgraded to Full Pedigree Status.

Contact the Society if you wish to arrange for some of your flock to be tested. We can supply you with testing kits.

SCRAPIE MONITORING SCHEME

The Scrapie Monitoring Scheme is run by SRUC as part of the SGHS operation. If you wish to join the scheme contact them for details.

There are advantages within the rules for scrapie genotype ARR/ARR animals; but breeders will have to support this information with documentation from an authorised laboratory.

The main reason for joining the Monitoring Scheme is to allow for the export of animals to EU Countries and Northern Ireland. Export of ARR/ARR animals from non-monitored flocks is also allowable. To facilitate trade many flocks who take part in female sales have joined the scheme.

Council felt that it should be the choice of individual flocks if they still wish to continue with the scheme. This scheme is different from individual testing and is primarily to facilitate export of stock.

Contact for scheme details and application forms: Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes **Greycrook, St Boswells, TD6 0EQ**

Telephone: 01835 822456

Email: healthschemes@sruc.ac.uk

PERFORMANCE RECORDING

It is Society policy to encourage the use of genetic evaluation to enable Charollais breeders to make genetic improvements to carcase quality and the growth rates of the breed. Signet provide the genetic evaluation and performance recording service for Charollais breeders.

Currently there are approximately 60 flocks performance recording over 4,000 lambs a year. To search flocks, animals and animals for sale go to: www.signetdata.com

All sheep in recorded flocks can be directly compared to other Charollais using 23 EBVs and two Indexes. To find the sheep with the top genetic merit use searches and reports (which are updated monthly): stock sires, shearling rams, ram lambs and the 'High Five Report' (top ranked ram lambs from each flock).

In our catalogues we publish the benchmark figures for the breed in that year. These give values for the various traits that we measure for, together with a brief explanation of the importance of that trait.

Also each recorded animal has performance figures for these traits, including an overall index.

For more information on performance recording your flock please contact:

SIGNET BREEDING SERVICES
Samuel Boon
AHDB Beef and Lamb
Signet Breeding Services,
Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. CV8 2TL

Tel: 024 7647 8829

Email: samuel.boon@ahdb.org.uk

SHOW EVENTS 2025

Balmoral Show - 14th - 17th May 2025
Balmoral Park, Belfast - www.balmoralshow.co.uk

Royal Bath & West County Show - 29th - 31st May 2025 The Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset - www.bathandwest.com

Royal Three Counties Show - 13th - 15th June 2025 The Showground, Malvern - <u>www.royalthreecountles.co.uk</u>

Royal Highland Show - 19th - 22nd June 2025

Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh - www.royalhighlandshow.org

Great Yorkshire Show - 8th - 12th July 2025 Harrogate, North Yorkshire - www.greatyorkshireshow.co.uk

Royal Welsh Show - 21st - 24th July 2025
Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd - www.rwas.wales/royal-welsh

NSA EVENTS 2025

NSA Welsh Sheep - 21st May 2025 Tregoed Farm, Brecon LD3 OSP

NSA North Sheep - 4th June 2025 Greystoke Castle Farm, Greystoke, Penrith, Cumbria

NSA Highland Sheep - 11th June 2025 Midfearn Farm, Ardgay, Inverness IV24 3DL

NSA Sheep South West - 25th June 2025 Weston Farm, East Knowstone, South Molton EX36 4ED

NSA Sheep Northern Ireland – 1st July 2025 22 Gortnagross Road, Dungiven Co. Londonderry.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Northern Ireland Members contact

Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs, Clare House, 303 Airport Road West Belfast BT3 9ED Tel: 0300 200 7840 www.daera-ni.gov.uk

SCRAPIE MONITORING

Premium Sheep & Goat Health Sch. SAC Veterinary Services Greycrook, St Boswells TD6 0EQ Tel: 01835 822456 www.sheepandgoathealth.co.uk

MV ACCREDITATION

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SIGNET BREEDING SERVICES

Samuel Boon AHDB Beef and Lamb Signet Breeding Services, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. CV8 2TL Tel: 0247 647 8829 Email: samuel.boon@ahdb.org.uk www.signetdata.com

QUALITY MEATS SCOTLAND

Rural Centre, West Mains, Ingliston, Newbridge EH28 8NZ Tel: 0131 510 7920 email: info@qmscotland.co.uk www.gmscotland.co.uk

H.C.C. (Meat Promotion Wales)

Ty Rheidol, Parc Merlin, Aberystwyth. SY23 3FF Tel: 01970 625050 Email:info@hybucig.cymru https://meatpromotion.wales/en

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SHEARWELL DATA LTD

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

National Sheep Association The Sheep Centre, Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6PH Tel: 01684 892661

Email: enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk

www.nationalsheep.org.uk

Livestock Information Service

The Livestock Information Service (LIS) for sheep, goats C/O Defra Curwen Road Workington CA14 2DD Tel: 03300 416577

Email: support@livestockinformation.org.uk www.cla.livestockinformation.org.uk



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