

CHAROLLAIS MATTERS



**Edstaston hits a
14,000gns high in Carlisle**

**On farm with the
Robleston flock**

**Springhill wins interbreed
championship at Balmoral**

**Prestleigh flock leads
female trade for the year**

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WELCOME FROM THE SECRETARY

Charollais breeders can reflect on a successful year for the breed as the commercial demand for tups continues to be strong across the UK. There are certainly regions where the popularity of Charollais is greater than others, but we are making inroads all the time.

Congratulations to Robert Gregory for topping the year's figures with the sale of Edstaston Dakota for 14,000gns at Carlisle. Of particular note was the strength of the female sales with increased averages at all venues and we welcome many new breeders to our fold. Certainly a greater number of entries for female sales have been welcomed by purchasers, who in many cases went away with empty trailers.

The Society's finances are in good order, with an increase in the number of registrations completed in the year and higher commission from stronger sales. This gives us the resources to increase our publicity and social media presence in 2026.

The Society has taken a strong position on the importance of genomic testing and all the benefits that brings to our breed. To help and encourage breeders along this route, we have subsidised the cost of DNA tests. The number of animals now with full DNA information is increasing year on year as we test some 1000 samples each year. An immediate plus is the ability to check parentage. In 2025 we moved to full genomic performance evaluation, which is only possible due to our testing programme.

It is important that the breed continues to be engaged in research projects and with that in mind the Society is supporting the continuation of the RamCompare project and planning with

Signet a Charollais only ram trial. This project will take place in a large commercial flock and provide abattoir data to backup performance figures for a range of Charollais rams.

BTV continues to be an issue, particularly with the detection of the disease in Northern Ireland. At present we do not know how this will impact auction sales this year. We will endeavour to keep all members informed via email bulletins and social media channels. Within the confines of legislation, we will be as accommodating as possible to get vendors to sales.

At shows the Charollais breed shines brightly thanks to those who continue to promote our breed with outstanding animals. There is no question that a smart, correct and beautifully fleshed Charollais is a hard animal to beat in an interbreed competition. So we encourage flocks to take part, you may not win straight away but shows are fun and a great way to meet other breeders and assess your stock against others.

As the Society moves towards its 50th Anniversary (in 2027) we join with Northern Ireland this year to celebrate their 40 years. This publication showcases many of their flocks from originals to newbies. Take a read and why not visit them for a show or sale or the AGM / Celebration Dinner in October; you will be guaranteed some good craic!

Carroll Barber
and the Charollais Sheep Society

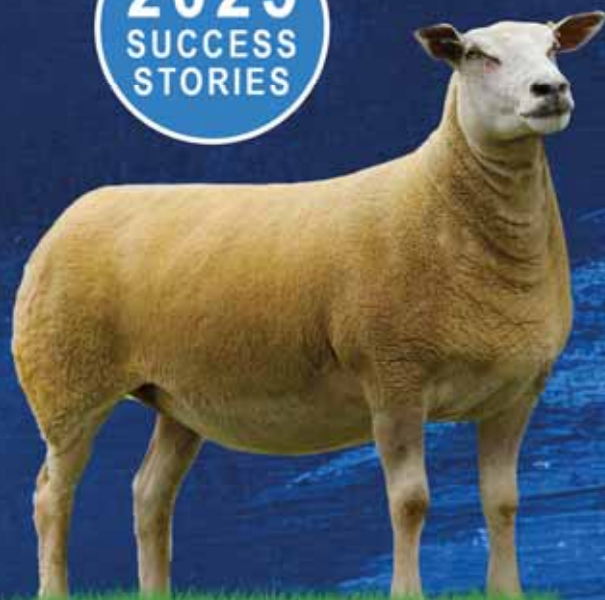


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of the Robleston flock for purchasing the entire
adult portion of the Arbryn flock. We wish them
all the best with the flock in the future.

Arwyn and Jane Thomas

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CHAIRMAN'S FOCUS

As I sit here on Valentines Day to pull this report together, I realise it's the first day since Christmas without rain, in the west country.

The weather is one thing we have no control over, but this last year it has had a big impact on the sheep industry. With a long dry summer to one of the wettest winters on record; both bringing its own challenges.

Our National AGM was held in the south west region with the activities on offer aimed at bringing young breeders to the AGM and was hosted by the Hector family. I would like to thank the team for keeping everyone fed and watered and to the Hector family for hosting the event. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage new and young members to join in these AGM weekends. We started attending them 30 years ago as it's an arena to meet like-minded people in a relaxed social environment, in a different light to shows and sales and have been lucky enough to make many friends for life.

The show season kicks off early in the south west region and while numbers of show teams are declining, the Charollais breed holds its own well winning a good number of interbreed titles up and down the country and across the water. Thank you to all the stock teams who put in the time and effort to produce these champions. Personally, I would like to see more males than females taking breed championships emphasising the fact the Charollais is a terminal breed.

Sales this year were a breath of fresh air with such an evident increase in demand from commercial farmers for quality Charollais rams. It was reported at our council meeting from all regions that the breed celebrated terrific clearance rates and prices at all ram sales and from home. The year ended well with a great demand for females at the sales with a number of new breeders keen to secure good sheep.

As a breed society we must work for all breeders and this can only be done by improving our commercial ram sales. Council members are aware of this, so this year we are going to get involved in additional social media. In addition to this we have kept our pricing structure as it was last year.

Bluetongue restrictions could still affect sales this year so the Society will be flexible with entries and try to accommodate all vendors.

I would like to remind regional chairs on how important it is to get together a few times a year and with that in mind offer a reminder that there is financial help if you have a commercial / promotional event in mind.

Finally, I would like to thank all council members for their continued support, David Sloan and the F&GP committee for all their hard work and time they give up for us as members and lastly Carroll, Elaine and all staff at Head Office for all their hard work.

It's now 8.15pm and guess what it's raining!!

Patrick Tully
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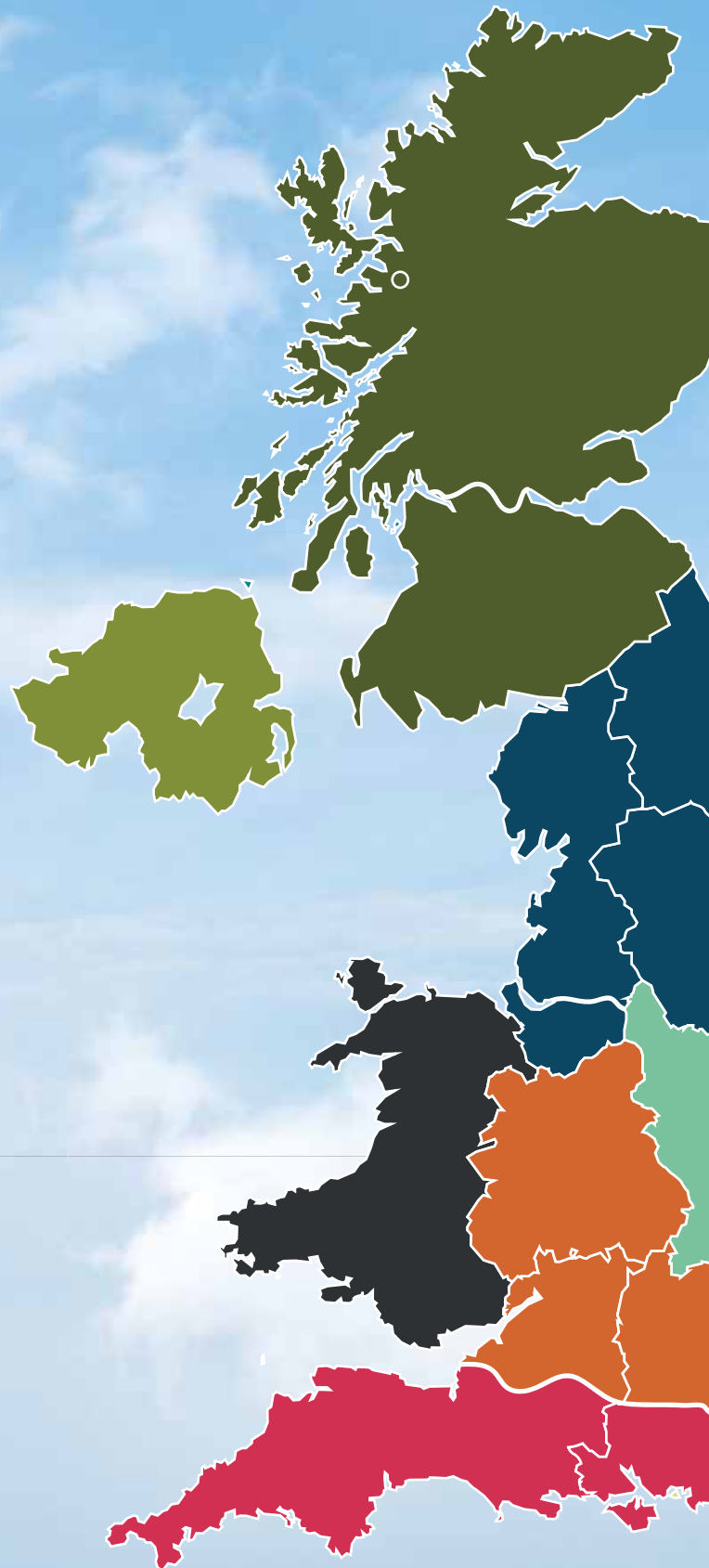
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- * Avon
- * Somerset
- * Dorset
- * Devon
- * Cornwall
- * Isle of Wight

NORTHERN IRELAND

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SOCIETY MATTERS

HOW THE SOCIETY OPERATES

For the recently joined members of the Society, The British Charollais Sheep Society was first set up in 1977 and achieved charitable status in 1980. The organisation is run by a board of Trustees with one representative from each of the seven regions (the regional chair) plus a national chairman and a financial chairman, alongside a company secretary.

In addition to the board, there are three additional committees to help Council with their workload:

- * Finance and general purposes committee (F&GP)
- * Judges and breed standard committee
- * Breed performance committee

F&GP looks at the finances of the Society in depth and discusses general ideas. They report back to the Council for further discussion and possible approval of their recommendations.

The judges committee look at the whole issue of selection of the breed, training of judges and breed development. They also report back to Council for their approval on all matters.

The breed performance committee discusses all aspects of performance recording, genomic information and liaises with Signet to ensure our breed improvement structure is delivering for the breed.

As a registered charity the Society is exempt from paying tax. Our aim each year is to run with a small surplus and keep our expenditure well under control. In this way we can ensure our charges to members are maintained at a reasonable level. We have built up a good level of reserves which is invested. These investments return a useful income each year.

NEW CHAIRMAN FOR SCOTLAND

John Andrew from the Rowanston flock in Ayrshire has been appointed chairman for Scotland. He takes over the role from Russell Gray, who the Society would like to thank for all the time, effort and ideas he has injected into the Society over his six years in post.

SHOWING RULES

The Society office has noticed a number of breeders exhibiting animals at summer shows which have not been birth notified or registered with the Society. The Society clearly states that all animals must at least be birth notified prior to entry into an official Charollais show class.

Council has, therefore, agreed that the Society reserves the right to check ear numbers of animals at shows prior to judging and disbar those which fail to adhere to Society rules. Also, it is important that breeders present their animals in the correct age class, so for any confusion, lambs are those born on or after 1st December in each year. Again, the Society will reserve the right to make a check on animals prior to show classes.



NORTHERN IRELAND TO HOST 2026 AGM

Northern Ireland will be hosting the AGM and social weekend in 2026 as they will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary. The event will be later in the year and will be based in central Belfast at the Europa Hotel, just a taxi ride away from the two main airports.

Final details are yet to be agreed, but dates will be Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October. There will be a trip on offer to join the action at Ladies Day at Down Royal racecourse.

For those who have not visited Northern Ireland you are guaranteed a warm welcome and obviously some great craic! Belfast is full of exciting and fascinating places to visit including the Titanic exhibition, Game of Thrones tour, bars and restaurants. If members wish to extend the trip, flock visits could be arranged for Sunday.

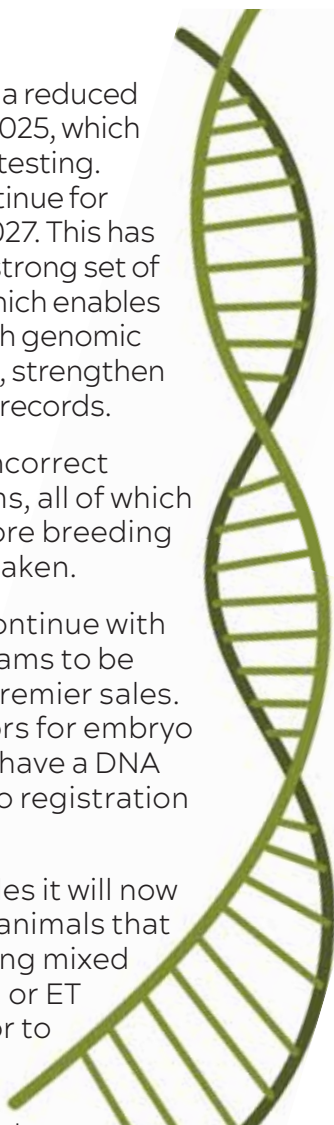
DNA TESTING

Society offered breeders a reduced fee for DNA sampling in 2025, which resulted in an increase in testing. The reduced rate will continue for members for 2026 and 2027. This has resulted in building up a strong set of samples for the breed, which enables a faster move forward with genomic evaluation and, therefore, strengthen the accuracy of pedigree records.

There have been a few incorrect results for sires and dams, all of which have been resolved before breeding programmes are undertaken.

Council has agreed to continue with the requirement for all rams to be fully tested before the premier sales. Also, ewes used as donors for embryo transfer work must also have a DNA sample recorded prior to registration of their progeny.

In addition to current rules it will now be a requirement for all animals that have been produced using mixed semen either through AI or ET to be DNA sampled prior to registration, so that the correct parentage can be recorded on Grassroots.



NEW APPROACHES FOR PERFORMANCE RECORDING

Charollais breeders are at a shifting time with recording within the breed as a result of rapid changes and possibilities that are evolving with genomics.

It is important for the breed to keep abreast of changes and opportunities within the sector and large numbers of DNA samples are collected each year.

The performance recording committee (listed right) is investigating different approaches with a view to encouraging more breeders to participate in the recording system.

More consultation is needed with flocks and logistics of delivery needs to be confirmed. The committee should be in a position to report more fully later in the year.

PERFORMANCE RECORDING COMMITTEE

- * **Victoria Ashmore** - Chair
- * **Carroll Barber**
- * **Laura Eyles**
- * **Emyr Hughes**
- * **Norman McMordie**
- * **Andrew Walton**
- * **Robert Whittaker**

2027 NATIONAL FLOCK COMPETITION

The Society will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2027 and will be running a number of special events including a national flock competition. Regional competition winners will qualify for the national title. Provisionally, the Society will also be hosting a special sale of shearing ewes, so keep this in mind when marketing your ewe lambs this year.



NEW TROPHY FOR GREAT YORKSHIRE CHAMPION

The Society has repurposed one of the trophies from the Royal Show to be presented to the champion at the Great Yorkshire Show. The David Gardiner trophy is a large silver bowl. The silver bands with the winners from the Royal Shows have been retained and new bands put on the trophy in readiness for the Great Yorkshire winners.



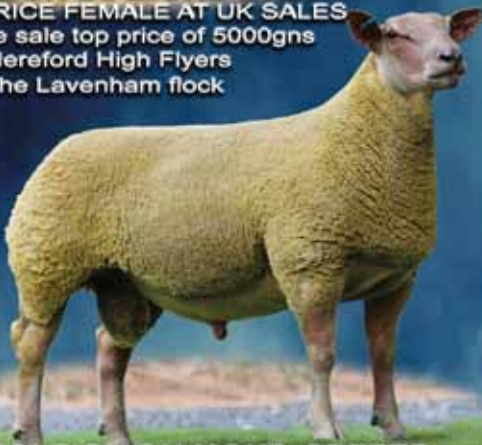
PRESTLEIGH



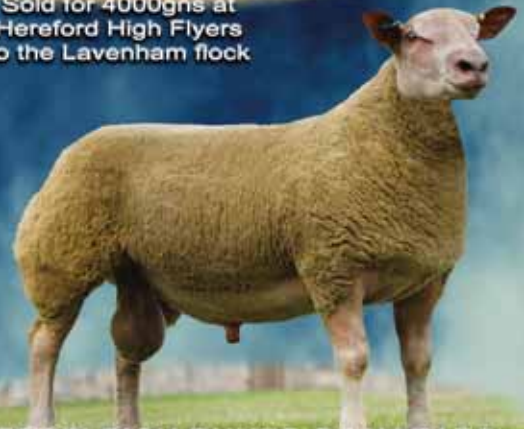
PRESTLEIGH DIAMOND DIVA
2025 TOP PRICE FEMALE AT UK SALES
Sold for the sale top price of 5000gns
at Hereford High Flyers
to the Lavenham flock



PRESTLEIGH COVER GIRL
Sold for 4000gns at
Hereford High Flyers
to the Lavenham flock



PRESTLEIGH DIAMOND GEEZER
Sold for 3000gns at the Worcester
Premier Sale to Chris Griffin,
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2025 FLOCK COMPETITION RESULTS

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

JUDGES: Geoff and Jennifer Curtis, Elmwick flock

SMALL FLOCK

CHAMPION: E SIMMONS AND K ESLER Kingswater

EWES

1st	A Hector	Shoplake
2nd	E Simmons and K Esler	Kingswater
3rd	S Jonas	Portway

SHEARLING EWES

1st	E Simmons and K Esler	Kingswater
2nd	S Jonas	Portway
3rd	I Braund	Little Luckham

EWELAMBS

1st	I Braund	Little Luckham
2nd	J Barker	Oakdene
3rd	A Hector / E Simmons and K Esler	Shoplake / Kingswater

STOCK RAM

1st	S Jonas	Portway
2nd	J Barker	Oakdene
3rd	E Simmons and K Esler	Kingswater

JUNIOR STOCK RAM

1st	I Braund	Little Luckham
2nd	E Simmons and K Esler	Kingswater
3rd	A Hector	Shoplake

LARGE FLOCK

CHAMPION: W WHITING Fursdon

EWES

1st	W Whiting	Fursdon
2nd	L Monk	Saveock
3rd	S Lang	Langley

SHEARLING EWES

1st	W Whiting	Fursdon
2nd	L Monk	Saveock
3rd	S Lang	Langley

EWELAMBS

1st	W Whiting	Fursdon
2nd	L Monk	Saveock
3rd	S Lang	Langley

STOCK RAM

1st	C Twiggs	Harptree
2nd	S Lang	Langley
3rd	W Whiting	Fursdon

JUNIOR STOCK RAM

1st	W Whiting	Fursdon
2nd	S Lang	Langley

BEST EWELAMBS: W Whiting Fursdon

BEST STOCK RAM: C Twiggs Harptree

BEST JUNIOR STOCK RAM: W Whiting Fursdon

CHAMPION FLOCK: W Whiting (Fursdon flock)

RESERVE CHAMPION FLOCK: E Simmons and K Esler (Kingswater flock)

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND

JUDGE: Tom Wales, Thackwood flock

SMALL FLOCK EWES

1st	J Neil	Runningburn
2nd	H Jackson	Rigghead
3rd	S Ramsey	Skyefall

SMALL FLOCK TUPS

1st	J Neil	Runningburn
2nd	J Neil	Runningburn
3rd	H Jackson	Rigghead

SMALL FLOCK EWELAMBS

1st	H Jackson	Rigghead
2nd	J Neil	Runningburn
3rd	S Ramsey	Skyefall

LARGE FLOCK EWES

1st	R Gray	Leelaw
2nd	N Henderson	Castleview
3rd	J Andrew	Rowanston

LARGE FLOCK TUPS

1st	N Henderson	Castleview
2nd	R Gray	Leelaw
3rd	R Gray	Leelaw

LARGE FLOCK EWELAMBS

1st	R Gray	Leelaw
2nd	J Andrew	Rowanston
3rd	N Henderson	Castleview

JUNIOR STOCK RAM

1st	J Neil	Runningburn
2nd	N Henderson	Castleview

CHAMPION FLOCK: HANNAH JACKSON - RIGGHEAD

RESERVE CHAMPION FLOCK: JIM NEIL - RUNNINGBURN

SHOW POINTS CUP: HANNAH JACKSON - RIGGHEAD



* South West regional flock competition winners.



* South of Scotland winners.

NORTH OF ENGLAND

JUDGE: Grant Pink, Bicton flock

LARGE FLOCK

EWES

1st	Messrs Wales	Thackwood
2nd	C Marwood and son	Foulrice
3rd	R Bamforth	Lower Denby

SHEARLING EWES

1st	Messrs Wales	Thackwood
2nd	D Whitcher	Galtres
3rd	R and S Tindall	Linton Springs

EWE LAMBS

1st	Messrs Wales	Thackwood
2nd	R Bamforth	Lower Denby
3rd	C Marwood and son	Foulrice

STOCK RAM

1st	Messrs Wales	Thackwood - Springhill Corker
2nd	R and S Tindall	Linton Springs - Thackwood Captain
3rd	C Marwood and son	Foulrice - Brettles Donovan

JUNIOR RAM

1st	R Bamforth	Lower Denby 25 XXW 01130
2nd	C Marwood and son	Foulrice 25 DG 14812
3rd	D Whitcher	Galtres 25 ZKT 05388

CHAMPION LARGE FLOCK: Messrs Wales, Thackwood

RESERVE LARGE FLOCK: R Bamforth, Lower Denby



* North of England judge Grant Pink with winners Janet and Jonathan Wales.

SMALL FLOCK

EWES

1st	J Aiken	Carnew
2nd	J Danforth	Lodgehill
3rd	D and J Norman	Kirkhouse

SHEARLING EWES

1st	J Danforth	Lodgehill
2nd	D and J Norman	Kirkhouse
3rd	T and J Hunter	Skelton Whin

EWE LAMBS

1st	C Brown and S Mason	Brown and Mason
2nd	Messrs A, K, J and H Richardson	Silkstone
3rd	T and J Hunter	Skelton Whin

STOCK RAM

1st	D and J Norman	Kirkhouse - Logie Durno Bullseye
2nd	T and J Hunter	Skelton Whin - Skelton Whin Camelot
3rd	J Danforth	Lodgehill - Foxhill A1

JUNIOR RAM

1st	D and J Norman	Kirkhouse - 25 XNK 03570
2nd	A and K McNeil	KateM - 25 VLT 00068
3rd	R Todd	Thorn Edge - 25 TOD 02826

CHAMPION SMALL FLOCK: D and J Norman, Kirkhouse

RESERVE SMALL FLOCK: T and J Hunter, Skelton Whin

NOVICE FLOCK

1st	C Brown and S Mason	Brown and Mason
2nd	R Todd	Thorn Edge
3rd	Messrs A, K, J and H Richardson	Silkstone

CHAMPION FLOCK: Messrs Wales, Thackwood

RESERVE CHAMPION FLOCK: D and J Norman, Kirkhouse

CHAMPION STOCK RAM: Messrs Wales, Thackwood
- Springhill Corker

CHAMPION JUNIOR RAM: R Bamforth, Lower Denby
- 25 XXW 01130

YORKSHIRE REGION CHAMPION: R Bamforth,
Lower Denby

NORTHERN IRELAND

JUDGE: David Henderson, Ballyhunsley flock

NOVICE

EWES

1st	G Henderson	Carrichue
2nd	K Tener	Tullynure Grange

EWE LAMBS

1st	K Tener	Tullynure Grange
2nd	G Henderson	Carrichue

SMALL FLOCK

EWES

1st	W McAllister	Artnagullion
2nd	R McBratney	Ashtonelle
3rd	J Davidson	Springfarm

EWE LAMBS

1st	W McAllister	Artnagullion
2nd	J Davidson	Springfarm
3rd	R McBratney	Asthonelle

MEDIUM FLOCK

EWES

1st	G Foster	Springhill
2nd	R Powell	Iskeymeadow
3rd	K and S Malcomson	Ringclare

EWE LAMBS

1st	G Foster	Springhill
2nd	R Powell	Iskeymeadow

OVERALL CHAMPION FLOCK: Graham Foster, Springhill

RESERVE OVERALL FLOCK: William McAllister, Artnagullion

OVERALL CHAMPION EWE LAMBS: William McAllister, Artnagullion

CHAIRPERSON'S TROPHY: Harold McBratney, Ashtongreen

TOP PRICE SHEEP SOLD ON THE MAINLAND FROM A NI VENDOR: Graham Foster, Springhill

NATIONAL SHOW WINNER: Graham Foster, Springhill

FLOCK SHOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR: Lauren Ryan, Kinmore

NORTH SCOTLAND

JUDGE: John Andrew, Rowanston flock

LARGE FLOCK EWES

1st	E and E Duncan	Braemuir
2nd	K Davidson	Corsairtly

SMALL FLOCK EWES

1st	T Dalgarno	Clackriach
2nd	C Bacon	Broadgate

EWE LAMBS

1st	E and E Duncan	Braemuir
2nd	T Dalgarno	Clackriach
3rd	C Bacon	Broadgate

STOCK RAM

1st	K Davidson	Hollylodge Aristocrat
2nd	E and E Duncan / T Dalgrano	Foxhill Benedict
3rd	C Bacon	Edstaston Captain

JUNIOR STOCK RAM

1st	E and E Duncan / T Dalgrano	Loaningfoot Dettori
2nd	K Davidson	Loanhead Dynamite
3rd	K Davidson	Loaningfoot



* North of Scotland flock competition winners.



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GENETIC CHANGE IN THE CHAROLLAIS BREED

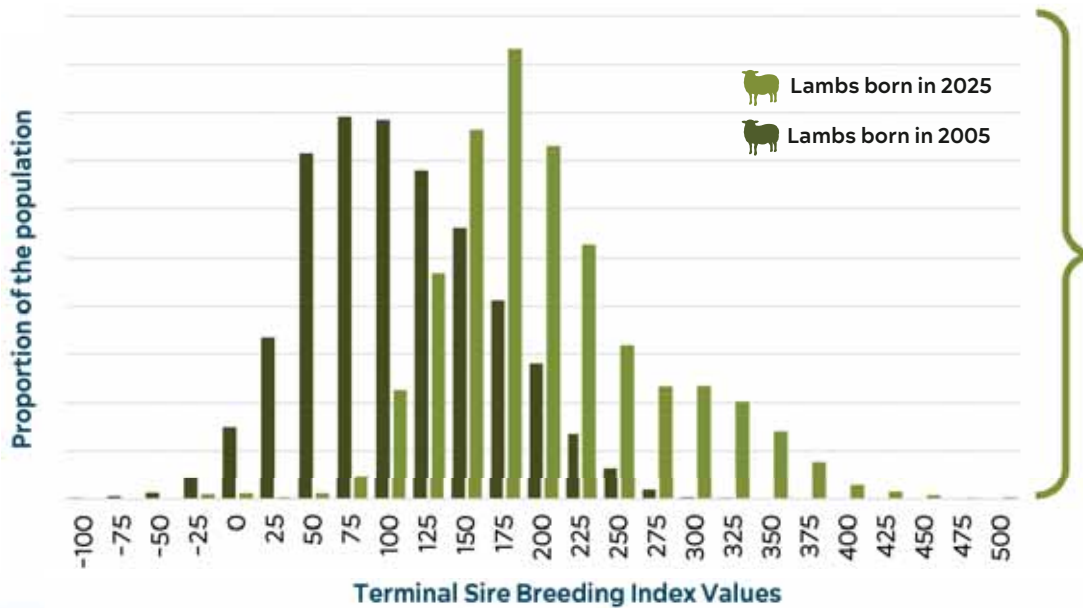
The Charollais breed has been at the forefront of the UK's sheep genetic improvement programmes for more than 50 years. As pioneers in the use of sire referencing, ultrasound scanning and CT scanning, it's unsurprising to learn that Charollais were one of the first terminal sire breeds to utilise genomics to fast-track improvement in economically important traits like growth rate and muscling.

The ability to compare breeding values across the breed as part of the National Charollais Genetic Evaluation has enhanced our ability to make informed breeding decisions and changed the breed as we know it.

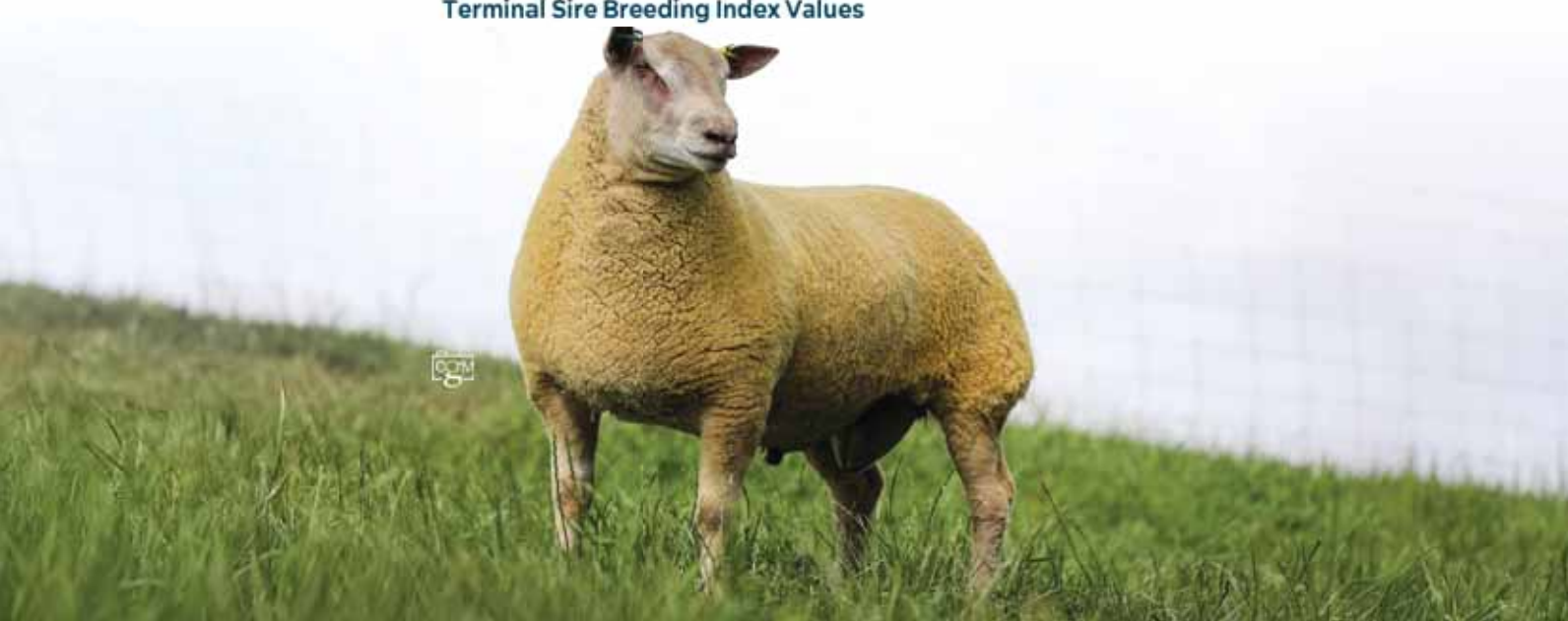
This chart shows the change in just the last 20 years. Sheep that we would have been delighted with in 2005 that featured in the Top 10% of the breed would now in many cases be below average in terms of their overall genetic merit. What's more the top end of performance recorded flocks are starting to pull away from the rest, as a subset of breeders focus more strongly on enhancing the carcass attributes of the breed.

Today it's more important than ever to have a look at the breeding values of the ram you are thinking of purchasing – or his parents if he isn't recorded – and see where it sits within the Charollais breed.

Distribution of Breeding Indexes for Charollais Sheep



Animals in the **Top 10%** of the breed in 2005 would be **below average** in the current Charollais population



CHAROLLAIS SIRE SUMMARY 2025



The 2025 lamb crop was produced by a team of 514 Charollais sires, producing on average 18 lambs per sire. The highest indexing rams are shown in Table 1, while the most influential are shown in Table 2.

It's no surprise to see that amongst the highest genetic merit sires are a number of 2023 and 2024 bred rams as breeders seek to progeny test the highest genetic merit sons of leading sires.

Table 1. Leading Charollais sires based on their Signet Terminal Sire Index

Rams with 2 or more progeny between 1/12/2024 and 31/11/2025 BLUP analysis date: February 2026

Ram	Name	Progeny in 2025	Progeny total	Sire FBN	Lamb Survival EBV	Scan Weight EBV	Muscle Depth EBV	Fat Depth EBV	CT Gigot EBV	Days To Slaughter EBV	Carcase Weight EBV	Carcase Conformation EBV	Fat Class EBV	Terminal Sire Index
23TG01316	EDSTASTON BEST BAR ONE	56	120	22PE10661	0.09	5.49	3.65	-0.43	4.37	-11.74	0.77	1.84	-0.34	485
23DG12992	FOULRICE BARNABY	55	55	20ZVY06534	0.12	9.93	2.29	-1.1	4.44	-20.6	1.29	1.48	-0.86	458
23ZVY09650	LOWERYE BELTER	34	64	16ZVY02674	0.04	7.66	2.25	-0.15	2.94	-18.34	0.93	1.43	-0.19	456
24TG01449	EDSTASTON CATCH ME IF YOU CAN	54	94	22PE10661	0.1	6.93	3.25	-0.95	4.26	-14.68	0.89	1.56	-0.62	446
24VGL06285	FURSDON CANTONA	70	70	23TG01316	0.15	6.37	3.1	-0.48	3.61	-14.14	0.82	1.72	-0.35	445
24PE13244	DALBY CICERO	47	47	22DG12142	0.06	9.2	1.96	-0.84	4.73	-20.19	1.03	1.14	-0.5	409
22DG12365	FOULRICE ATLAS	143	358	20DG10063	0.2	7.8	3.23	-0.04	3.08	-17.54	0.92	1.58	-0.18	395
24YE01462	WEEKSLAND CLINTON	8	8	18TG00749	0.08	7.1	3.54	-0.26	0.58	-14.31	0.72	1.19	0.03	394
24XPU04934	RAINBOW CALEDONIAN	20	20	23DG12564	0.06	5.53	2.07	-0.51	2.92	-13.12	0.68	0.97	-0.56	387
23PE11835	DALBY BAZOOKA	54	102	16PE04907	0.05	6.91	3.07	0.33	4.1	-15.87	1.09	1.22	0.55	385
22DG12142	FOULRICE APACHE	13	110	20ZVY06534	0.04	5.82	1.57	-0.16	5.46	-13.31	0.95	1.42	0.09	359
24XMP04902	HUNDALEE CATALYST	7	12	23PE11835	-0.02	6.01	2.99	0.18	3.01	-14.88	0.78	1.19	0.32	359
17XXJ00376	KNOCKIN SHOCKIN	9	413	16WKW00152	0.08	5.26	2.03	0.21	2.06	-15.41	0.44	0.96	0.35	355
23WGH03556	REDHILL	14	115	21DG10855	0.04	7.16	1.33	-0.33	5.76	-15.92	0.86	1.64	-0.27	353

Table 2. Influential Charollais sires based on progeny numbers

Rams with progeny born between 1/12/2024 and 31/11/2025 BLUP analysis date: February 2026

Ram	Name	Progeny in 2025	Progeny total	Sire FBN	Lamb Survival EBV	Scan Weight EBV	Muscle Depth EBV	Fat Depth EBV	CT Gigot EBV	Days To Slaughter EBV	Carcase Weight EBV	Carcase Conformation EBV	Fat Class EBV	Terminal Sire Index
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23XPU04770	RAINBOW BALERION	123	194	1XPU0003	-0.04	1.33	1.15	0.69	0.08	-1.7	0.42	0.52	0.15	182
22DG12141	FOULRICE ARISTOCRAT	117	416	20ZVY06534	0.06	6.1	0.9	-0.97	4.46	-12.12	0.71	1.07	-0.79	344
20XMP04415	HUNDALEE VOLCANO	110	610	19TG00872	-0.06	5.75	1.43	-0.17	2.85	-14.41	1.02	1.45	-0.04	318
24ZKT04845	GALTRES CAVALIER	110	110	22ZGQ05222	-0.24	-0.09	1.37	0.17	0.9	-0.1	0.24	0.74	0.09	174
20XWY00604	FOXHILL CHAROLLAIS VA VA VOOM	97	528	18WNC22705	0.1	3.99	0	-1.31	1.14	-5.01	0.48	0.49	-1.11	233
23GU06554	THACKWOOD BANGKOK	93	203	20XHE00620	-0.02	4.33	-0.35	0.29	-1.31	-7.77	0.17	-0.23	0.17	169
23WGN06267	ROBLESTON BE RICH	91	126	21WNC37523	-0.08	4.24	0.48	-0.43	0.13	-6.99	0.37	0.37	-0.33	211
23WAJ01001	BRONWYDD BRENIN	88	146	20XHE00620	0.01	4.1	0.45	-0.14	-0.55	-6.64	0.38	0.36	-0.12	186
23ZVY09724	LOWERYE BUZZ	87	119	22ZVY08815	0.1	4.91	1.1	-1.23	2.61	-10.55	1.08	0.62	-1.18	274
24WGC03458	MOELFRYN CORKER	86	86	21WAJ00848	-0.01	-0.06	-0.25	-0.26	1	-0.09	0.01	0.2	-0.34	113
23GU06537	THACKWOOD BRUNO	84	88	17WJT00244	0.04	5.54	-0.29	-0.63	0.04	-9.21	0.48	-0.11	-0.54	193
24WLK07708	SPRINGHILL CORKER	83	97	23XHE01441	-0.01	3.01	0.69	-0.33	1.33	-5.46	0.17	0.18	-0.34	224
23ZVY09742	LOWERYE BANJO	82	82	21ZVY07706	0.12	3.53	2.57	0.33	2.98	-7.8	0.56	1.28	0.41	333

Footnote: Negative values for Days to Slaughter EBV indicates sires with faster finishing progeny (i.e. less days to slaughter)

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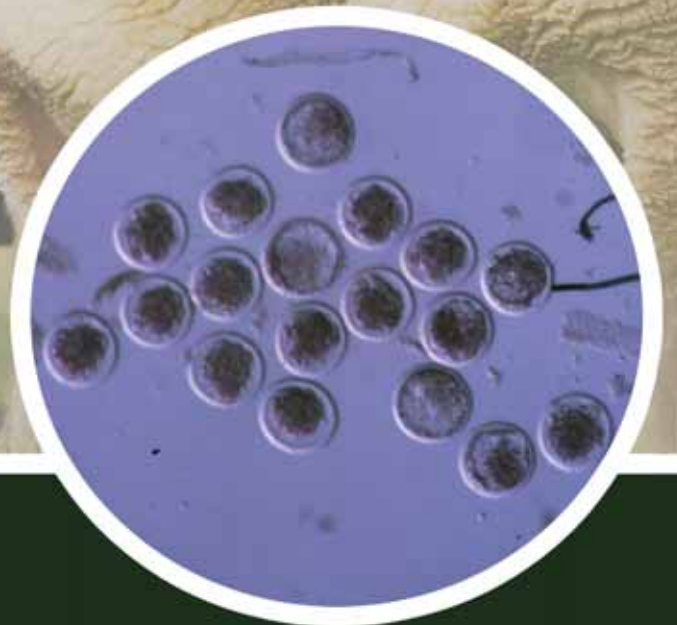
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MAEDI VISNA ACCREDITATION

A GUIDE FOR CHAROLLAIS BREEDERS



Most UK Charollais breeders will have heard of **Maedi Visna (MV)** and many flocks will already be members of SRUC's Premium Sheep and Goat Health Scheme (PSGHS), the main UK health scheme for sheep and goats.

But, for many there is still some mystery around what the disease is and why it is of such importance.

MV is a slow, but damaging virus. It affects the lungs and nervous system and causes weight loss, breathing problems, poor fertility and reduced performance. More importantly, there is no cure and no vaccine.

Once infection is established in a sheep, it remains infected for life. MV is often called an "iceberg disease". This is because any sheep showing signs of disease are the tip of the iceberg and infection can be spreading unseen through sheep which appear to be healthy.

MV spreads through:

- * Close contact and breathing in infected air
- * Milk and colostrum from ewe to lamb
- * Shared housing, equipment and transport

Recent studies have shown that about 10–12% of UK flocks may carry MV infection and the number is rising.

Over time, MV causes:

- * Lower milk yield and slower lamb growth rates
- * Fewer lambs born
- * Higher culling rates and earlier culling
- * Loss of valuable pedigree sheep and genetics

For all pedigree sheep breeders, this can seriously damage both flock value and reputation.

HOW CAN MV BE CONTROLLED?

Through the PSGHS there are two options available to control MV in a flock. The first is flock accreditation and the second is flock monitoring.



ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is the gold standard. Charollais breed society sales are only open to accredited flocks.

An MV-accredited flock is officially recognised as having the lowest possible risk of MV infection and managed in a way that keeps it that way. This status is backed up by regular testing, records and strict biosecurity rules which prevent contact with non-accredited animals.

For breeders, accreditation is not just about disease control, it is also about protecting the value of their stock and opening doors to better markets.

HOW TO BECOME AND REMAIN ACCREDITED

To become accredited a flock must pass two qualifying tests six months apart and be managed in a way to ensure sheep from the flock do not come into contact with non-accredited animals.

To maintain its MV-accredited status a flock, once accredited, must pass routine blood testing every three years as well as keep records of sheep movements and purchases.

Key parts of the scheme include:

- * Routine health testing
- * Careful control of bought-in animals including testing of all MV accredited animals 6-12 months after arrival
- * Strong fencing providing a 2m separation from non-accredited animals
- * Strict biosecurity rules for housing, grazing, equipment and transport
- * Use of MV-accredited milk and colostrum for lambs

These rules are there to prevent MV being brought into accredited flocks.

MONITORING

Monitoring provides a lower level of health status suited to larger commercial flocks. It means the flock is being regularly checked for MV, but it is not officially classed as disease-free as only a small proportion of animals are tested. Monitoring can be useful as an early warning system, as it can show when MV is starting to appear in a flock.

Sheep from monitored flocks:

- * Cannot be sold in MV-accredited sale sections or enter MV-accredited show classes
- * Are not accepted for export to countries that require MV freedom
- * Are less attractive to pedigree buyers without the market advantages of accreditation

However, monitoring can tell you what is happening in your flock, so that you can follow a cost-effective programme where your vet selects high risk animals for testing.

HOW DO I PROTECT MY FLOCK?

The biggest risk is buying in infected animals which are not yet showing any signs of disease. MV accredited animals carry the lowest risk. Even if you are not a member of the accreditation scheme you can benefit from buying accredited stock.

There has been a recent increase in flock keepers selling non-accredited animals with an individual negative test result. These animals should be viewed with caution as this provides no information about whether disease is present within the flock of origin.

Animals can take several months to develop antibodies after they have been exposed to MV. A single negative test result does not prove freedom from infection.

As MV continues to rise across the UK, accreditation is the best tool available to protect both flock health and the future of the Charollais breed.

FULL RULES ARE AVAILABLE AT

<https://www.sruc.ac.uk/media/yopjma4t/mv-and-cae-accreditation-scheme-rules-and-conditions.pdf>

A LOOK BACK OVER 40 YEARS OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND REGION

By Sheila Malcomson Northern Ireland region chairperson

More than 40 years ago Charollais sheep arrived in **Northern Ireland** when Pat McAllister bought a Charollais ram and ewe in Scotland for his flock in Glenarm, Co Antrim in 1984.

The farm was 1000 feet above sea level and sceptics thought that they would never survive – how wrong they were! Commercial farmers were impressed with the growth rates and well fleshed carcasses and several breeders then made purchases at the Lockerbie and at private sales in 1986, so breeding Charollais in Northern Ireland began in earnest.

And so the Club began, under the auspices of the Society with Terry Robinson as the inaugural chairman, assisted by Jim Quail, Shonagh Thompson and Drew Cowan. It wasn't long before there were 75 members, all enthusiastically producing these easy fleshed, lean lambs.

The first imports from France arrived in November 1986 following a visit to France by the late Jim Mulligan and Jim Quail. The enthusiasm continued to grow as a second importation arrived from France the following year, including the famous Jaques ram – known far and wide in Charollais circles. This ram went on to win the interbreed championship at Balmoral Show in 1989, the first year that the breed exhibited there.

The breed continued to win numerous titles at the local shows, gaining momentum all the time, with many titles going to the Glenbrook flock, where Billy Brown was now the farm manager. The first female sale was held in 1990 with an impressive 90 entries. Drew Cowan topped the sale, receiving 1240gns for a ewe lamb.

The first AGM hosted by the region took place in 1992, with Terry Robinson at the helm, meaning that absolutely nothing was left to chance! Quoting from a previous report 'everyone was going to enjoy themselves whether they wanted to or not'. One of the memorable things was when Dilwyn Davies gave a rendering of Danny Boy in Welsh, of

The first imports from France arrived in 1986 and enthusiasm for the breed grew fast with a second importation the following year.

course! Those who attended still look back at many of the events of the weekend with fond memories.

The region was saddened to learn that the Glenbrook flock was being dispersed later in 1992 when breeders from all over the UK and Ireland gathered to bid for his sheep. Glenbrook Jarvis realised 15,600gns, selling to David Gardiner's Hazelwood flock in Derby.

1993 began a new era for the Northern Irish club when Jack McGowan took over as chairman from Terry Robinson and I joined Jack as secretary. Little did I know how long that post would continue for me. I served along with David Mawhinney, Drew Cowan, Jonathan Aiken, William McAllister as they ably lead and guided the members through the good times and the not so good.

We held the first flock competition in 1997 with Herbie Kennedy as our judge. The Rockvilla flock of David and Liz Mawhinney were the winners. This competition has continued ever since, with Drew Cowan winning the National Flock Competition in 2005, while the National AGM has been held in the region in 2000, 2008, 2017 and we look forward to hosting this year in 2026.

Our Premier Sale moved to Dungannon in 2002 following the closure of Portadown Market. The champion then came from the Artnaguillion flock and the top price of 800gns went to Tullyear. Trade has significantly moved on there as we celebrated a new record of 10,000gns in 2025.

Many flocks have taken the championships at Balmoral over the years and are still featuring at shows and sales to this day. Some flocks have ventured to the Premier Sale at Worcester with rams and later in the year to some of the female sales. Stock from Northern Ireland was always in demand and more recently the sale at Carlisle has proved another popular venue for NI stock, particularly as video sales are now acceptable.

There has always been a social side to our club's events, from annual barbeques to stock-judging and trimming nights, the annual dinner and flock competition results night.

More recently charity fundraising has been a feature at some of these events and in 2024 a stock judging and trimming demonstration

It's been an honour to serve the Northern Ireland region as secretary and I hope the breed has much more success for the next 40 years.

combined with a charity auction at Graham Foster's Springhill Farm resulted in an amazing £7000 being donated to Air Ambulance and £1000 to Children's Diabetes Society. Many other smaller events were also held over the years.

It's been an honour serving the Northern Ireland Club as secretary and as I approach the end of my office bearing time with Charollais Sheep here, I hope the breed continues to have much success for the next 40 years.



* David Mawhinney, Sheila Malcomson and Norman McMordie of the Northern Ireland region

ARTNAGULLION FLOCK SYNONYMOUS WITH SHOW RING SUCCESS

Mention the **Artnagullion** prefix across the UK pedigree sheep and beef sectors and it will likely resonate with recognition of quality and success. The sheep flocks consist of Charollais, Beltex, Texel, Dutch Spotted and a further 100-head of commercial breeding females and a pedigree herd of Beef Shorthorn cattle.

Established in 1989, the Charollais flock now runs at about 40 ewes with 15 or so being used for pedigree breeding and the others to produce crossbred rams.

The Charollais were the first pedigree breed to carry the Artnagullion prefix for William McAllister and family of Kells, Ballymena, Co Antrim and were chosen for being a good commercial sheep, easy lambing and fast growing.

Since the early days William has seen the breed change with them growing in stature and bone, with a greater focus on the show ring. The whiter heads have become more popular in Northern Ireland moving away from the redder heads of the original French imports.

Memorable wins for the McAllister family include winning the Balmoral Charollais championship and interbreed championship in 2013 with Artnagullion Miss Dior. By Ballyhibben Kickstart and out of a Loaningfoot Highlander sired dam; the same dam who bred the 2014 Balmoral Charollais reserve

champion which then went on to be interbreed champion with this gimmer being sired by Castellau Figurehead.

It's important to be able to present the sheep in their best light to be successful

Not only were the Charollais a dominant force in those years, but at the 2013 Balmoral Show the family also won junior champion Beef Shorthorn, junior champion Charollais and junior champion Limousin with the Limousin going on the win the junior interbreed championship.

Further successes were achieved in 2018 with Artnagullion Pandora winning the Balmoral championship as a flock ewe having reared a single. She is by Leelaw Hardnut and out of a Ballyhibben Kickstart daughter.

After a break of being in the headlines at Balmoral, 2023 saw a return to winning form as they once again won the gimmer class at Balmoral, with a Rockdale Vespasian daughter out of a Loanhead Upperclass bred dam. A son of this gimmer has since been sold to the Ballynoe flock for 3200gns and the 2026 show gimmer for the Artnagullion flock is out of this ewe.

In the same year they won the ewe lamb class with a Ballyhibben Kickstart daughter



* Liz McAllister with the 2025 champion ewe of any breed in Northern Ireland.

If you breed the right skins there's never a need to trim them more than once.

which went unbeaten throughout the show season and also went on to win four interbreed titles. This ewe lamb was then shown again in 2025 and went one step further by standing champion ewe of any breed in Northern Ireland with a son of hers selling privately to Germany.

From the showing perspective William is impressed with how the breed is presented stating: "It's important to be able to present the sheep in their best light and having the ability to dress and colour the Charollais, unlike some other Continental breeds, means that quite often the Charollais stand in good stead for interbreed titles."

The Artnagullion show team is selected around Christmas time and brought slowly forward with diet increasing some six to eight weeks in the run up to shows. "We shear in the first half of February and then we trim literally two or three days before the show," says William, with him believing that if you breed the right skins there's never a need to trim them more than once.

When it comes to judges, William would like to see more coming forward wanting to join the judging panel. "Even though I respect and like the style of the judging training procedure



* The 2013 Balmoral breed and interbreed champion, Artnagullion Miss Dior.



* Balmoral Show reserve breed champion in 2023.



* William McAllister in action judging at The Great Yorkshire Show.

carried out by the Society, we need to place these newer judges at appropriate shows to give them the confidence to climb the ladder to the bigger stages at a faster pace," he adds.

And while Balmoral Show is well supported by breeders from across Northern Ireland, sadly the smaller shows are taking a hit with everyone seeming to be busier and having a social life away from shows. "We ourselves used to do about 10 shows a year, but we now find ourselves only doing five due to cost and time constraints," William explains.

"The future of the Artnagullion flock looks very bright with our eldest daughter Sophie showing great ambition to take the flock forward and we'll do our best to guide her the right way," William states.

"It's the only way the youngsters will get the recognition they deserve. Once they get amongst it and find their feet they can progress from there."

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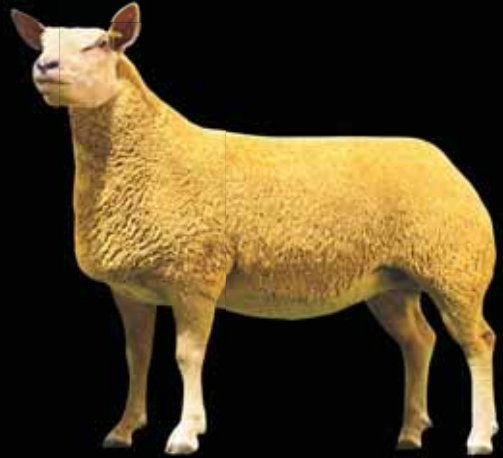
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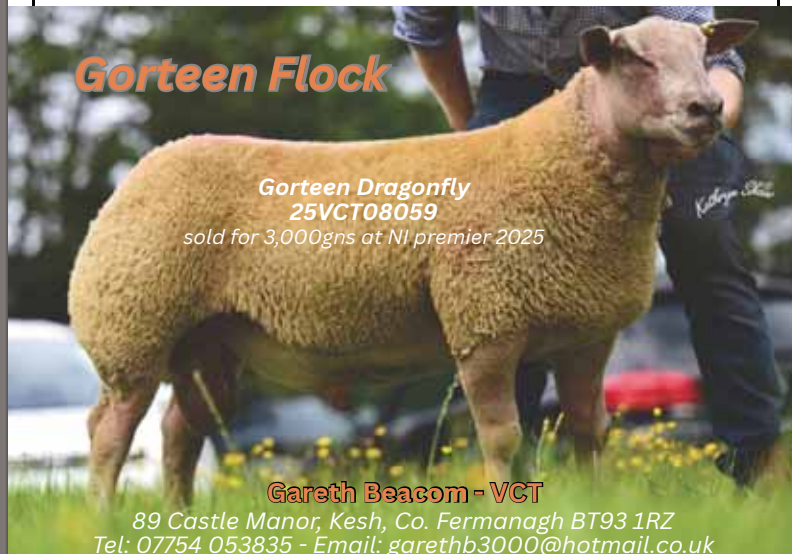
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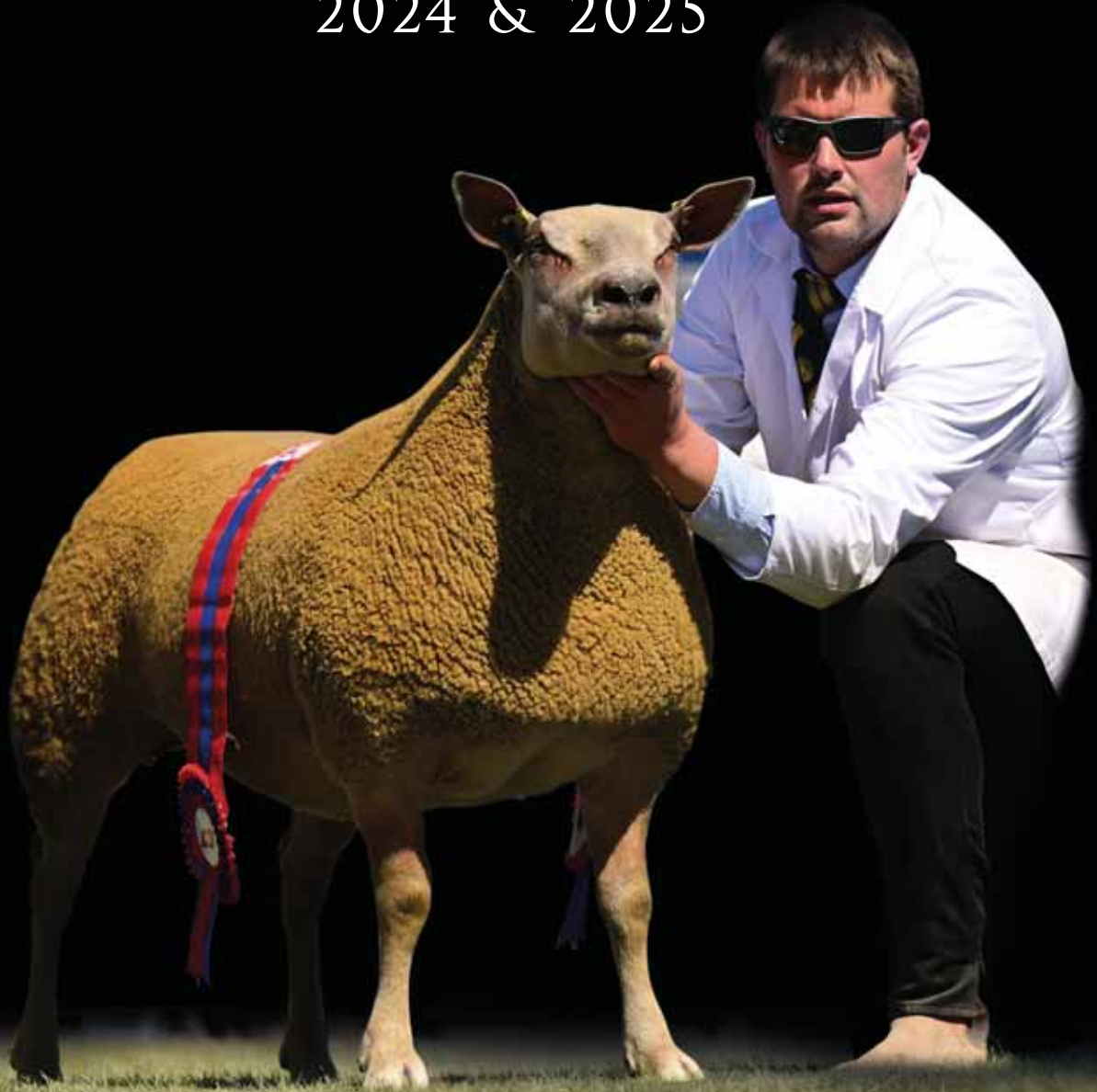
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PERFORMANCE RECORDING IS KEY TO SUCCESS FOR THE RIVERDALE FLOCK

As one of Northern Ireland's pioneers of performance recording, **Norman McMordie** highlights why performance recording has such a vital role to play in flock management.

Norman McMordie's Riverdale flock was established in 1988 with four ewe lambs imported from France by a consortium and raffled out to interested breeders.

Having worked for Dalgety Agriculture, Norman became interested in Charollais after he gave a presentation on nutrition in 1987 and was approached by the late Terry Robinson and asked to advise him on feeding his newly formed Glenbrook flock. Charollais cross lambs appeared in a number of flocks on farms Norman visited and he was instantly impressed with lambs that were deceptively heavy and killed out well.

Performance recording started in 1991 with DANI and involved sending some lambs to Loughgall Test Centre. That year the best lamb was retained for showing and later set a new record of 2700gns at the NI premier sale in Portadown. When DANI stopped recording in 1994 the flock moved to recording with Signet.

"We grew to 12 females all of which descended from the A2 ewe and was held at that number for many years with rams imported from UK recorded flocks with good EBVs," comments Norman. The first tup to make an impact was Foulrice Dynamite who lifted muscle depth by 3mm. Following him was Foulrice Firebrand who performed equally as well and then came the impressive Rutland Humdinger, a private purchase with a 400+ Terminal Index.

Meanwhile Logie Durno Laird was purchased for 4800gns. Carrying a 400 + Terminal Index he sired lambs to 3000gns. "While these rams have all played their part in shaping the flock's history books, our favourite was Castellau One In a Million, top price in Worcester that year at 4300gns. Unlike most other stock rams we never sold him on or a share in him. He was bought with an index in the top 10% and with positive growth, muscle and importantly fat figures," he adds.

Another ram who performed well was Edstaston Ultravox. "By Knockin Shockin and out of Robert Gregory's terrific Madison ewe, he cost 4000gns and was again bought with

positive indexes for growth, muscle and fat," highlights Norman.

These high figured rams and the progress made in the flock have led to the Riverdale flock scoring an overall index of 246 against a breed average of 189.

Two 5-star lamb plus rams were purchased in the Republic of Ireland when importing from the UK was difficult. Both had excellent conformation, but their indexes never rose above breed average, however left good lambs.

Logie Durno Aristocrat arrived late in his first season due to import restrictions, recalls Norman. "This natural born twin arrived with a Terminal index of 240, which has now risen to 313, which is no real surprise as he had an actual muscle depth figure of 44mm, fat of 7mm and was 92 kg at six months old.

"We always look to use a reference sire, (a ram used in at least one other performance recorded flock) and last year it was Oakchurch Admiral who was kindly loaned to us by Gareth Beacom and David Argue. He has left some excellent rams to be sold as shearlings, previously siring lambs to 5000gns in Dungannon," explains Norman.

This year's reference sire is Foulrice Atlas with a Terminal Index of 395. "While he is the first ram used that I haven't seen in the flesh, he has 356 progeny registered by Charles Marwood on Signet. Also on test this year is Milhaven Double Diamond. While he is not recorded, his DNA places him about average, but hopefully his figures will increase with actual data.

In February Sustainable Rumen Genetics (SRG) was launched, with a plan to DNA every bovine in Northern Ireland within one year, a total of 1.2 million cattle. Already subsidies are being redirected to cows that calve regularly and reducing slaughter age of beef cattle. "It is a short step to the position that good EBV's will be needed to maximise farm support payments" he explains.

There is a much stronger demand in the beef cattle world for good figures," highlights

Norman. A sheep scheme has yet to be put forward by SRG, but environmental policies will drive the industry to reduce carbon emissions, most likely looking for smaller commercial ewes and fast-growing terminal sires, therefore, data will be critical.

In the Republic of Ireland subsidies are paid to sheep flocks who use 4 and 5-star rams and to get stars all rams must be DNA tested and performance recorded. "I think all pedigree sheep should be DNA tested as the next step forward, not just sire verified but full DNA profiles, with Myostatin genes noted, as they do for beef cattle sales," believes Norman.

"Our own testing has shown that four out of five ewes in the flock have at least one Myostatin gene, but we still have questions, such as is there only one Myostatin gene? And more importantly does Myostatin influence growth or lambing ease?"

Norman believes it's time for a rethink on how performance recorded rams are promoted. "I would like to see Signet produce a simple star rating system on terminal breeds for commercial farmers, based on Terminal index and using farmer friendly terminology such as days to slaughter (replacing the term scan weight EBV), carcass conformation (to replace muscle scan EBV), and ease of finish (to replace fat depth EBV)."

Although the Riverdale flock is lambed inside Norman says they usually go out quite quickly. "We don't put fertiliser on our grazing area and rotationally graze the ewes around six paddocks on an approximately a 28-day cycle. The land is well limed and we see more natural



* Oakchurch Admiral who is currently being used as a reference sire.

clover coming each year, it also gives us good midseason growth in a dry period," he explains.

With only limited creep being fed, Norman believes he mirrors what most commercial producers do. "It's two years since we stopped any December lambing and our total concentrate usage has significantly dropped," he adds.

From 2008 until today the Riverdale flock have increased its Terminal Index from 120 to 246, by continually using superior rams. "Our current crop of lambs has the potential to increase our overall index by 20 or 30 points and with the ewe lambs coming in to the flock in 2027 there is even more potential."



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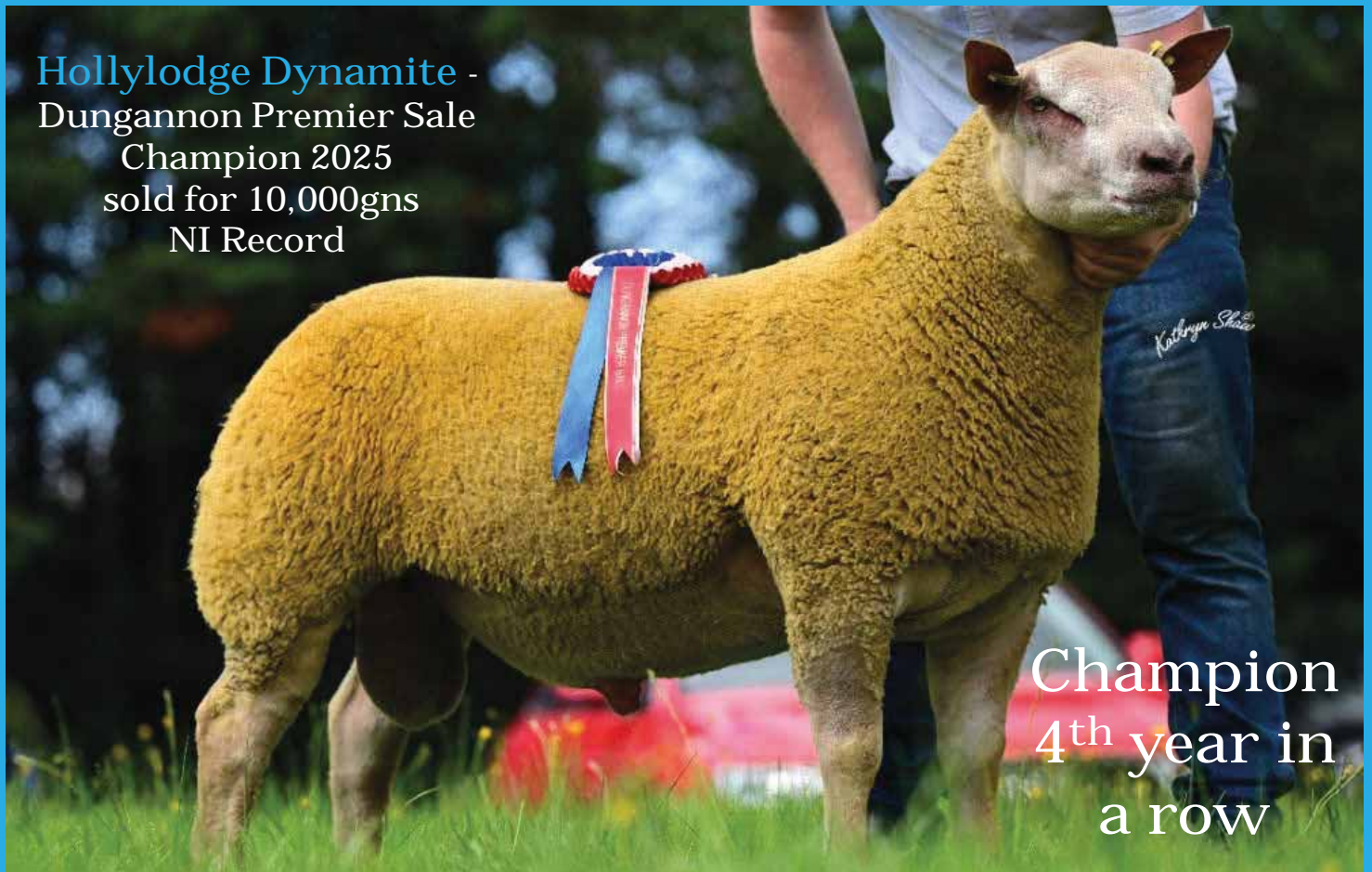
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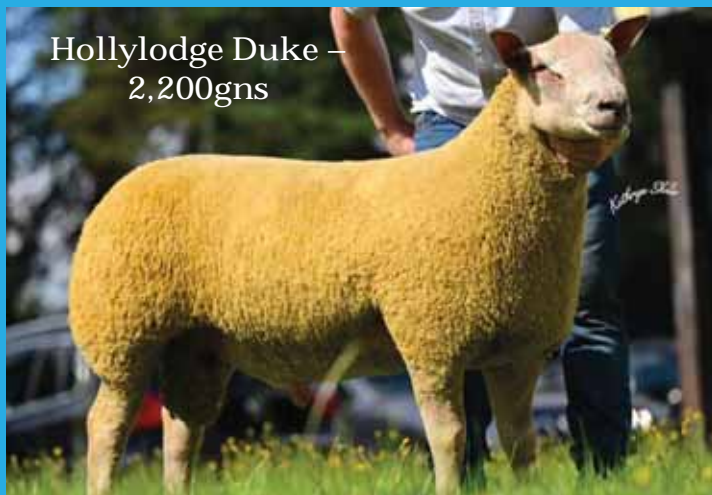
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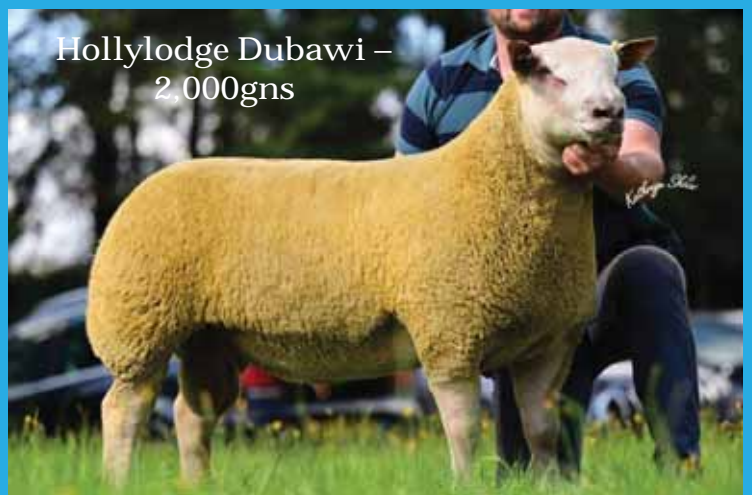
Hollylodge Dynamite -
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Hollylodge Duke –
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Hollylodge Dubawi –
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Sires used for 2026

Ballynoe House Comanche – Sire of Hollylodge Dynamite,
Hollylodge Dubawi and last year's Ballymena Sale Champion

Erenagh Brave Inca – sire of 2024 Champion Hollylodge
Caravaggio (7,500gns)

Carrichue Columbo, Loanhead Ur The Boy, Turret Barracudda



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A COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT FOCUS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE SALE RING FOR THE HOLLYLODGE FLOCK

The **Hollylodge flock** run by father and son Trevor and Steven McConnell in Parkgate, County Antrim, have repeatedly been at the forefront of the headlines at the Dungannon Premier Sale over the past 10 years.

The flock was established in 2005 with the purchase of females from the Ballynoe House flock the previous autumn and followed up by further purchases from the Tullyear, Logie Durno, Lornbrook, Elmwick and Garriston flocks with the flock now running at 65 ewes alongside beef heifers that are bought in as calves and taken through to finishing.

The flock has been a closed flock since 2012. “Closing the flock has been great for the biosecurity of the flock, but it has also allowed us to concentrate on the bloodlines that we’ve established in order to maximise their potential,” Steven explains. Ewes are AI’d to lamb the first week of December and the ewes and lambs will go out to grass as soon as the weather allows them to.

“The sheep have to be able to perform by themselves which is why grass management is key to success,” Steven adds. Ewe lambs are

not fed any concentrates after weaning and are outwintered on grass alone, whereas the ram lambs are fed through to the sales.

Trevor and Steven look to focus on commercial traits while planning their breeding programme where particular traits such as length, bone and depth of gigot are sought after. They also mention that good head cover is essential as most of the lambs are sold through Ballymena where they look for a whiter head. “The main priority is to sell ram lambs so we like to breed for masculinity and power and a quick growth rate is essential,” Steven explains.

King Louis brought flash and class to the flock and really brought the flock together to produce consistent offspring.

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Some of the stars of the flock in terms of stock ram use include Blakeney King Louis who stood champion at the Premier Sale in Tullow when he was purchased for 3300gns. He sired Hollylodge Made to Measure who was sold for 3600gns in 2012, which was the record price back then. Also, in 2016 he had sired both the champion and reserve exhibits at the Dungannon Premier Sale. "King Louis brought flash and class to the flock and really brought the flock together to produce consistent offspring that performed well within the flock," Steven explains.

Another standout ram is Rhaeadr Prospect, described by Steven to be a big, long and powerful ram with strength in abundance. He had stood champion at Worcester in 2015 and was purchased for 4000gns. Prospect sired Hollylodge Supreme which was sold privately to Logie Durno who went on to sire a Worcester champion which was sold for 9500gns. Another son of Prospect was Dungannon Premier Sale champion in 2018.

Loanhead Ur The Boy has also left his mark within the flock after being purchased at Worcester for 3000gns with a son of his being the champion at Dungannon in 2022 and sold for 4500gns.

Current stock sires are following on from the previously mentioned rams with Erenagh Brave Inca being the sire of the 2024 champion and 7500gns Hollylodge Caravaggio. The other stock sire, Ballynoe House Comanche, has sired the 2025 champion, Hollylodge Dynamite, who was sold for a new record price of 10,000gns.

The Hollylodge flock have left their mark at the Dungannon Premier Sale where they've achieved seven sale championships, one reserve champion and one female championship, all coming in the last 10 years. Ram lambs are also sold through other society sales and commercial sales in Ballymena.

"The main marketing strategy is through word of mouth, we like to concentrate on the selling

of ram lambs and we are getting a good name in that one particular area", Steven explains. "Having the repeat customers is important to us and it's always pleasing to see them return happy with their previous purchases", he adds.

Steven aspires to get the Hollylodge prefix through as many pedigrees in the Charollais breed as possible and hopes that they can be influential for the future of the breed. During their time with the pedigree flock Trevor and Steven have seen the breed grow in popularity and believe that the Charollais has cemented a tremendous future both pedigree and commercially.



* 7500gns Hollylodge Caravaggio



* 4500gns Hollylodge Aristocrat



* 10,000gns Hollylodge Dynamite

GORTEEN FLOCK AMONG ONE OF THE RISING STARS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Gareth Beacom's passion and ambition to breed as good a Charollais as possible was ignited from the idea of producing his own rams for his 250-ewe commercial flock in Kesh, Co Fermanagh.



Over the years Gareth had been buying in rams from other breeders and then in 2015 he decided that he'd buy some Charollais ewes to start up his own flock under the Gorteen prefix. The first two ewes came from William Sherrard's Greenvale flock and then two unrelated ewe lambs came in 2016 from Norman McMordie's Riverdale flock with these two ewe lambs, 16ZEG00228 and 16ZEG00218, being the foundations of the two main lines he has within his current 25-ewe Gorteen flock. Some select females have further been purchased from the Springhill, Ballynoe House and Attiknockan flocks.

"The Charollais are easily lambled and have great vigour being lively at birth wanting to get up and suckle," Gareth states. "Rams are relatively easily sold and the flock is commercially managed where selection for traits such as breeding a good commercial Charollais aligns closely with what's required to produce pedigree breeders stock rams," he adds.

Artificial Insemination was firstly used to maximise on the ewe's potential with Rhaeadr Prospect being the first service sire used and then Embryo Transfer has been used with one or two ewes flushed each year. Gareth believes that through AI and ET he has been able to maximise his best genetics within the flock to produce consistent offspring of a standard in a cost-efficient manner.

One of the standout highlights from the 218-ewe line is a Rhaeadr Orlando sired ewe, 18VCT04312, producing Gorteen Blockbuster by the privately purchased Oakchurch Admiral. Blockbuster won the January-born ram lamb class at the 2023 Premier Sale at Dungannon and then topped the sale at 5000gns, he was bought by the Thackwood flock and has gone on to breed well for them. Numerous other stock rams have been bred from this ewe and have been sold in Northern Ireland, Southern Ireland, Isle of Man and England.

From the 228-ewe line have been several tups and also a Knockin Shockin sired ewe, 20VCT05367, who is one of the standout ewes of the current flock and produced Gorteen Dragonfly who won the January-born ram lamb class at Dungannon in 2025 and sold for 3000gns.

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The key influential sires that have been used within the flock thus far have been the previously mentioned Rhaeadr Prospect with Gareth saying: "Prospect has left us a good base of females within the flock with great longevity with several ewes reaching nine years old before being culled out."

“Knockin Shockin’ followed with him being the most all-round ram that I’ve used where he consistently produced sheep with good skins and natural fleshing,” Gareth declares. More recently the privately purchased Oakchurch Admiral is leaving his mark suiting well to the Knockin Shockin’ daughters.

Gareth aims to sell some 20 ram lambs each year with the pick of the crop selected to go to the NI Premier sale and the others sold privately at home. The Covid pandemic brought a time where people were happier to buy from home and Gareth has been able to build up a client base for his rams with returning customers each year. “It’s nice to be able to sell rams from home, but I feel that it’s very important to market your best sheep at open sales where you can showcase your best stock and have a wider audience to bid on your sheep,” Gareth believes.

Some females have been sold privately but Gareth has aspirations to break into the female trade in the near future, but also wants to continuously improve his ewe flock, not in quantity but in quality throughout the flock while trying to cement a third successful breeding line.

The flock is Signet performance recorded with Gareth also embracing genomics for the first time last year and while he admits that this is all still a learning curve for himself, he is also keen to see what benefits it can offer having seen how other enterprises within the industry have benefited from this.



* Gorteen Blockbuster, sold for 5000gns.



* Gorteen Dragonfly, sold for 3000gns.

Other successes for the Gorteen flock include winning the junior stock ram class in the NI flock competition with Oakchurch Admiral in 2022 and also winning the small flock category ewe class and ewe lamb class in 2024, with all the ewe lambs being sired by Admiral.



A LOOK BACK OVER THE YEARS FROM DREW COWAN

We first began our Charollais sheep enterprise in 1986 with the purchase of six French ewe lambs from the Charollais Region in France and three from the Broomhouse flock of Andrew and John Mackie. These sheep were sold to me as “a great investment as their offspring would generate a good return with very little costs!” Over the years I have often questioned this! However, having said that, Charollais sheep have been good to me in many ways.

Over the years we have made many friends both within the Charollais Society and other breeds through attending numerous events hosted by the society, from shows to sales and open days to AGM’s. During my time with the Charollais Sheep Society I have had the privilege of judging at many different shows and sales and have thoroughly enjoyed doing it. One of the main highlights for me was winning the UK flock competition in 2005 which is no mean feat. I was honoured to serve as chairman of our region for six years, during which we hosted the National AGM.

While achieving many top prices for our stock over the years, it took until 2015 before we won the Dungannon Premier Sale with a ram lamb, Tullyear Perfection. In 2020 our female sale set a new breed record for females with a two-shear ewe and a hogget ewe both selling for 7500gns.

I’ve had the privilege of judging many many shows and sales, but one of my biggest achievements was winning the UK flock competition in 2005.



Although there have been many ups and downs over the years, I am still happy with the Charollais breed. We have many happy memories of open nights and the camaraderie at shows. We have also built up a good home market which is very encouraging to see repeat customers coming back and bringing a friend or neighbour with them.

Genotyping was a major milestone for the breed, while gut-wrenching to have seen so many good rams taken out of breeding programmes, it has however been good in the long-term regarding disease and our ability to export stock.

Hardiness is still the bug bear of the breed, we just can't seem to shake off the misconception that lambs are weak when often that is not the case. Maybe we should encourage keeping lambs in for a few extra days depending on weather, it might create some extra work, but would pay in the long term delivering premium lambs at point of sale.

The original sheep purchased in 1986 were smaller, finer of the bone and shoulder, red of the head and incredibly tight skinned. The modern Charollais is very different, this has mainly been dictated by the commercial farmer and the necessity of competing with other terminal sires. The modern Charollais is much bigger and longer with stronger bone and shoulder, more wool cover with fine hair over the head. There is still much debate over the best colour of the head with many advocating

that a red headed sheep is better muscled and a whiter head being hardier, we like to leave it up to our customers to decide. One of the most important assets of Charollais sheep and a big selling point was its unique length of loin which produces a great kill out percentage, thankfully this hasn't been lost over time.

Unfortunately, the one thing that hasn't changed much over the years and leaves us at a disadvantage over other breeds is the fact that a Charollais ram is wider used to go on ewe lambs rather than to produce a quality half bred commercial female.

This perception limits the sale and competitiveness for Charollais against other breeds so we must better inform the commercial farmer of the suitability of Charollais rams over commercial ewes and of its suitability to produce crossbred females capable of producing premium quality finished lambs for the consumer. Added to that the quick finishing of the Charollais cross lamb leaves a smaller carbon footprint.

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Iskeymeadow Flock



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Iskeymeadow Ram

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SOUTH WEST REGION HOSTS AGM AND YOUNG BREEDERS DAY

The Society held a successful and enjoyable weekend in Somerset hosted by the South West region. Members booked into the hotel on Friday night ready for the on-farm activity day on Saturday, which was kindly hosted by Alan and Heather Hector and their family.

The day included a judges assessment training session, and we were very pleased to see seven mainly younger breeders stepping forward to join our panel. During this session, prospective judges are asked to go through the routine as if they were judging a class at a county show. Alongside this process the judges committee also delivered two presentations, the first one on Charollais breed standard and the second on judging etiquette. This attracted a large crowd and lively debate.

Our thanks to Ben Baker who put on an excellent demonstration on how to trim a Charollais ready for the showing. Meanwhile, The Hopper family were in winning form with father and son Robert and William topping the stock judging competitions, while Yannick Underwood impressed the crowd with his encyclopaedic knowledge of sheep by guessing all bar one of the ram images correctly in the ram knowledge competition.

At the Annual Dinner members were treated to an after dinner talk from Somerset National Hunt racehorse trainer, Jeremy Scott. Those of you who follow the racing will remember his outstanding win of the Champion Hurdle 2025 at Cheltenham with Golden Ace. He also trained Bridget Tully's highly successful horse, Dasher Drasher, who was the star of the yard for many years. Jeremy has farmed sheep all of his life so was as interested in Charollais as we were in his horses!

The Society has a special award which was founded by Terry Robinson. Terry was the first chairman in Northern Ireland and a powerful driving force behind the growth and success of the breed in Northern Ireland. He wished to donate a trophy to be awarded to a Charollais member who has gone above and beyond to promote the breed. At the dinner our Chairman, Patrick Tully, said: "We have a special name to add to the list of recipients. We are all very much missing a breeder, friend and supremo of not only our breed, but the sheep industry. So, in memory of Charles Sercombe, I am honoured to present the trophy to Helen Sercombe and Victoria Ashmore."

The AGM gathering yet again was a great reminder of how breeders can come together and celebrate the breed's success and reinforce the enthusiasm in the breed. The Society encourages as many members as possible to join us this year for the 2026 AGM.

JUDGING PANEL RECRUITS

The following members have been added or promoted to the full judging panel:

- * Ben Baker * Tom Wales * Victoria Ashmore
- * Gareth Jones * Joe Wales

INTERMEDIATE PANEL

- * Lorna Monk * William Hopper
- * Alan Hector * Adrian Few
- * Yannick Underwood * Sarah Jane Paskin







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Rainbow Dougie Doughnut (25XPU05141) - An outstanding ram with a huge growth rate, dam line is from non-recorded stock. Genomic evaluation combined with CT scanning has pushed him into the Top 3% of the terminal sire index. His lambs have inherited his white head and loin.

Dalby Dude (25PE14690) - Jointly owned with Redhill and Lowerye flocks. This ram has exceptional conformation backed up with muscle and muscularity traits within the Top 2% of the breed. He has certainly left his stamp on his first crop of lambs!

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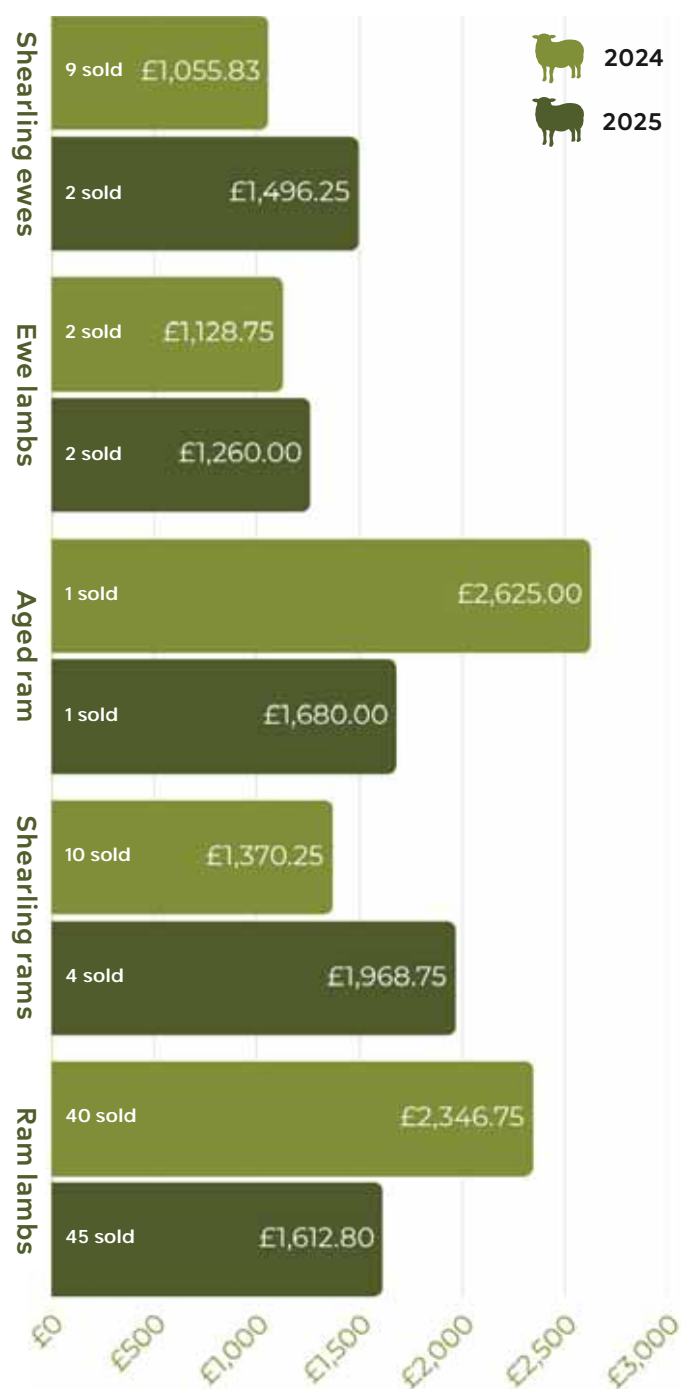
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EDSTASTON DAKOTA SETS NEW CENTRE RECORD AT CARLISLE SUPREME SALE

A ram lamb from Shropshire-based breeder, Robert Gregory, set the 2025 **Carlisle Supreme sale** alight when it sold for a new centre record for the breed of 14,000gns. Pushing all the way to secure Dakota was Will Whiting from Liskeard, Cornwall.



Sired by Boyo Commander and out of a homebred female with Knockin Shockin and Edstaston Maddison in his pedigree. Mr Whiting’s Fursdon flock is Signet recorded and Edstaston Dakota is in the top 25% for performance. Meanwhile, another Boyo Commander son from the Edstaston pen sold for 2000gns to Messrs Turner, Newtown, Powys.

Second highest on the day was the second prize ram lamb, Thackwood Duke from local breeders, Messrs Wales. Going to 3200gns were two Scottish breeders Messrs Radley from Dumfries and Messrs Andrew from Ayrshire. Duke is by the 2023 Great Yorkshire Show male champion, Thackwood Bangkok and is out of a Knockin The Nail In ewe. Another Bangkok lamb from the same pen sold for 1500gns to Robert Whittaker for his Hundalee flock.

The reserve show champion was a shearling ram from the Loanhead flock of Gregor and Bruce Ingram, Aberdeenshire. He sold for 3000gns to F J Tombs and Son for their Aitchill flock near Aylesbury.

Paul Curran made the long journey from Brecon to the sale and was justly rewarded with a top price of 3000gns for Wernfawr Dynamite, a Glyn Coch Ace son out of a highly consistent and successful breeding ewe by Glyn Coch Night To Remember. The lamb travelled back to Wales going to B and M Farming Ltd, Anglesey. Another from the Wernfawr pen, this time a son of Crogham Hannibal II, sold for 2200gns to Messrs Davies, Aberdeen, for their Cannahars flock.

The sale also featured the sale of animals from Northern Ireland, sold via a video link on the day. Topping this section was a shearling ram from Graham Foster’s Springhill flock. Springhill Cantona is by Boyo Bravemansgame out of a Gwyndy Whizz Kid ewe and going to 2000gns to secure the lamb for his Lower Coates flock was



Adam Richardson. Mr Foster matched this price with a ram lamb, sired by Springhill Crackerjack which stays over the water and was purchased by David Argue from Cavan.

Another ram lamb that sold via video was the first prize ram lamb from last year's Balmoral Show. Hillside Dare Devil from Alistair Moore, Ballymena, made 2000gns selling to Gary Goulden from Sligo. This one is by Thackwood Braveheart.

Females in the main sale were headed at 2200gns for a shearling ewe sold via video from Glen Baird's Aghavilly flock, Armagh. This successful show winner was purchased by Gillian Harte, Co Monaghan. The same buyer also took a ewe lamb from the same flock at 1000gns. Leading ewe lamb in the market was from Jonathan Aiken's Carnew flock which made 1400gns selling to Robert Towers from Carnforth, Lancashire.

LOGIE DURNO AND LOANHEAD PRODUCTION SALE

Securing the overall top price for female trade on the day for the Ingram family's production sale from the Logie Durno and Loanhead flocks was a shearling ewe selling for 4000gns.

Their star was an Iskeymeadow sired female, which joins the Prestleigh flock of Tom Newth, Somerset.

Next up was a Cavick Blood Diamond daughter out of a senior flock ewe by Logie Durno Jackpot. Going to 3200gns in partnership were Messrs Brown, Shipton and Messrs Mason, Lancaster. This pair also teamed up to buy a further Blood Diamond daughter at 2600gns.

This breeding was behind the next two top prices. At 2500gns was a Blood Diamond daughter out of a Springhill Untouchable dam. Her buyer was Kathryn Dick from Falkirk. Meanwhile, George Hoggard from Newark went to 2200gns for his pick for his Manor House flock.

Next up was a Logie Durno Jackpot daughter, matching the 2200gns figure. This one caught the eye of Messrs Elsworthy, Tiverton, Devon.

The sale was topped off with the sale of four ewe lambs and topping this section at 2000gns was a Cavick Balenciaga daughter. Ensuring her purchase for the 2026 showring was Helen Sloan and Hannah Jackson of the Rigghead flock in Dumfries.

Their production sale was a total clearance with hardly a sheep below the 1000gns mark.



* Topping the female trade at 4000gns in the Logie Durno and Loanhead production sale was an Iskeymeadow sired shearling ewe.



* Sale topper and new record holder Edstaston Dakota alongside Robert and Jeanette Gregory.



* Edstaston Dakota sold for 14,000gns setting a new centre record at the Carlisle Supreme Sale.



* Thackwood Duke from Messrs Wales sold for 3200gns.



* The reserve champion sold for 3000gns from the Loanhead flock of Gregor and Bruce Ingram.



* Paul Curran sold Wernfawr Dynamite for 3000gns.

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CAVICK CRACKS THE CODE AT WORCESTER PREMIER SALE

Bluetongue restrictions put in place across the UK resulted in a somewhat sticky trade at the **Premier Sale** of Charollais sheep at Worcester in July, but a willingness to spend on some of the more favoured lots, resulting in a top call of 10,000gns.



Having replicated the previous year’s performance in the show ring by clinching the ram lamb and reserve overall championship earlier in proceedings, Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten set the headlines with Cavick Da Vinci Code having topped the trade at 10,000gns for the Wymondham, Norfolk-based couple.

By Springhill Butterfly Effect and out of a Foxhill Va Va Voom sired Logie Durno daughter, this one first caught the eye of judge Richard Geldard, Levens, Cumbria, who tapped him out as reserve overall champion on the day, before being sold in a four-way split of Welsh breeders for the Robleston, Glyn Coch, Moelfryn and Wernfawr flocks.

Next up and selling for 6000gns was the reserve champion ram lamb, Logie Durno 25ZNN60894 from William and Carole Ingram, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire. By Moelfryn Corker and out of a Loanhead Talisman daughter, this one now joined the Prestleigh flock of Tom Newth, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

At the same money was the sale leader from the shearling ram offering, the second placed and reserve shearling ram champion, Glyn Coch Cash Is King from Adrian Davies, Manordeilo, Carmarthenshire. By Moelfryn Bouncer and out of a Wedderburn female by Wrenvale Mad 4 Ewe, taking this one home was Geoff Biddulph, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Sticking with a strong trade for shearling rams, at 4500gns was the highest price from the Thackwood pen of Jonathan Wales and family, Carlisle, Cumbria. The third place Thackwood Crazy Clayton, a son of Thackwood Bangkok, was the pick of Gwyn and Gail Jones, Chepstow, Gwent, for their Springfield flock.

The overall champion on the day, Wattwood Commander, again from the Wales family, but this time bred in Joe Wales’ flock, then sold for

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4000gns. Again, by Bangkok, this one is out of a Wattwood daughter by Loanhead Unstoppable and joined the Mortimer flock of the Probert family, Worcester.

Keeping the Wales family in the headlines was their highest priced ram lamb, Thackwood Dream Catcher. By Springhill Corker and out of a Thackwood U Corker daughter, this one now resides with Ben James at 4000gns for his Cinders flock, based at Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire. Also, from the Wales family came the 3000gns Thackwood Dynamite Dick, similarly way bred as the last. Robert Hopper, Tiverton, Devon, secured this one.

Sharing the 3000gns price tag was the best from Tom Newth's Prestleigh flock. Prestleigh Diamond Geezer is by the former Royal Welsh reserve interbreed ram lamb Wernfawr Awesome and out of a Bronwydd female,

purchased at the High Flyers Sale two years ago. Diamond Geezer was sold on the phone to Chris and Anna Griffin, Dorset.

At the same money was the best ram lamb from Adrian Davies in the form of Glyn Coch Double Top. Again, by Bouncer and out of a Wernfawr Armani daughter, he was the pick of RJ and J Towers, Carnforth, Lancashire.

Two shearling rams then shared the 3200gns price tag, the first being Foulrice Condor from Charles and Stephen Marwood, Whenby, York. Michael Alford purchased this Foulrice Aaron son for his Foxhill flock, Cullompton, Devon.

At the same money was another from the Thackwood team in the form of Thackwood Clifford, similarly way bred as the family's other top priced males and joined Top Farm Ltd, Worcester.





* Worcester Premier Sale leader at 10,000gns was Cavick Davinci Code from Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten. This one also took the ram lamb and reserve overall championship.



* Leading shearling ram trade at 6000gns was Glyn Coch Cash Is King from Adrian Davies.



* Sold for 6000gns was the reserve ram lamb champion from Logie Durno, sold to the Prestleigh flock.



* Top price from the Thackwood team was their shearling ram sold for 4500gns.



* Thackwood Dream Catcher sold for 4000gns to the Cinders flock.



* Prestleigh Diamond Geezer heads to Chris and Anna Griffin at 3000gns.



* At 3000gns was Glyn Coch Double Top from Adrian Davies.

Shearling rams



* At 4000gns was the pre-sale champion from the Wales family in the form of Wattwood Commander.



* Second highest priced shearling ram was Foulrice Condor, selling to the Foxhill flock.

Shearling females

- * Jonathan Wales with Thackwood Crystal (female champion), sold for 1600gns to J Lewis, Sandbach, Cheshire (by Boyo Vancouver).
- * David Lewis with Pembroke 24VJZ05260, sold for 1600gns to D and A Stubbs, Bentham, Lancashire (by Pembroke Bulletproof).
- * Adrian Davies with Glyn Coch 24XCA02290, sold for 1200gns to D Court, Swansea (by Logie Durno Wall St).

Ewe lambs

- * George Hoggard with Manor House Dreamer, sold for 1300gns to A Richardson, Barnley (by Loanhead Cruzcampo).
- * George Hoggard with Manor House Daquiri, sold for 1000gns to W Hendy, South Glos (by Loanhead Cruzcampo).
- * George Hoggard with Manor House Dirty Martini, sold for 1000gns to E and J Price, Hereford (by Oakchurch Ruben).

Ram lambs

- * Richard Bamforth with Lower Denby Django, sold for 2400gns to A D and R M Thomas, Leicestershire (by Loanhead Cock O'the North).
- * Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten with Cavick Dirty Martini, sold for 2200gns to C Brown, North Yorkshire (by Glyn Coch Corach Rambler).
- * Grant Pink with Bicton Danbury, sold for 2000gns to N Whitehead, Stowmarket, Suffolk (by Bronwydd Casanova).
- * David Lewis with Pembroke Dark Diamond, sold for 2000gns to J Coe, Colchester, Essex (by Foxhill Benadict).

Shearling rams

- * Jonathan Wales with Thackwood Captain, sold for 2500gns to RJ Tindall, West Yorkshire (by Thackwood Bangkok).
- * Gregor and Bruce Ingram with Loanhead 24WNC54370, sold for 2000gns to RW and A Pedrick, Newton Abbot, Devon (by Micklehills Atlas).



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DUNGANNON PREMIER SEES NEW CENTRE RECORD OF 10,000GNS

A new centre record price was achieved at the Charollais Export sale in **Dungannon** last July, when Hollylodge Dynamite sold for 10,000gns.

The ram lamb from Steven and Trevor McConnell, Ballyclare, Co Antrim is by Ballynoe House Comanche and out of a home-bred ewe by Loanhead Ur the Boy. The pre-sale judge, Gareth Jones from the Robleston flock in Pembrokeshire was the eventual purchaser along with fellow Welsh breeder, Emyr Hughes of the Bronwydd flock.

Hollylodge had a tremendous pen of five ram lambs forward and sold their first in the ring for 2200gns to Michael Rooney, Co Leitrim and another Comanche son for 2000gns to Stephen Macauley, Co Down.

Next top price was reached at 3600gns by recently established breeder, Douglas Hill. His Midas lamb is the result of an embryo purchase from the Logie Durno flock and is sired by Foxhill Va Va Voom out of a Cannahars Super Star ewe. The hammer fell for this one with Edward Buckley, Co Cork, as the purchaser.

The Artnagullion flock of William McAllister witnessed a good trade selling to a top of 3200gns for a lamb and son of Springhill Choke Start out of a show winning home-bred ewe. Ian Craig from Co Antrim secured this one for his Ballynoe House flock. The rest of their pen all sold for four figures, with one at 2100gns selling to the Lornbrook flock.

A further ram lamb, sired by Arbryn Viper sold for 3200gns from Richard Powell's Iskeymeadow flock. This was the choice of Mark Miley from Co Roscommon. Meanwhile, the last ram lamb through the ring, also sired by Viper and from Iskeymeadow made 2200gns to southern breeder, John Stewart, Roscommon.

Gareth Beacom won the January-born ram lamb class with a son of Thackwood Bangkok. This lamb has a Signet index in the top 5% and was sold for 3000gns to David Dolan, Co Roscommon.





* Judge Gareth Jones alongside his champion from the Hollylodge flock and reserve from the Springhill flock.



* Pre-sale champion and new record holder, Hollylodge Dynamite, sold for 10,000gns.



* Douglas Hill sold his Midas lamb at 3600gns to Edward Buckley.



* A lamb from the Artnagullion pen sold for 3200gns to Ian Craig.



* Iskeymeadow sold this lamb at 3200gns to Mark Miley.



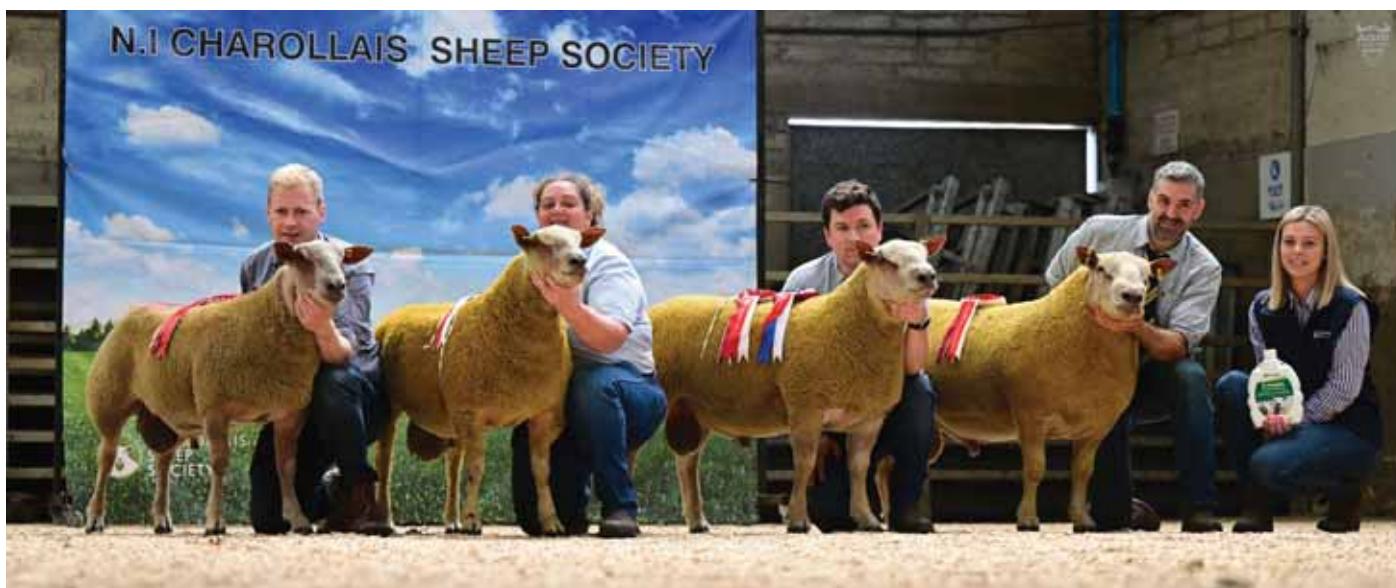
* Gareth Beacom sold his class winner for 3000gns to David Dolan.



* The reserve champion from the Springhill flock sold for 2600gns to Diane Christie.



* Top priced ewe lamb at 2800gns from the Ballyhunsley flock.



* Class winners from the pre-sale show.



Reserve champion in the show classes came from the Springhill flock of Graham Foster. This ET-bred son of the 10,000gns Springhill Casino Royal sold for 2600gns to Diane Christie for her Lornbrook flock. Another from this pen was knocked down at 2000gns and heads across the water to Scottish breeder, J P Graham and Son, Wigton.

William Sherrard's performance recorded pen of Greenvale ram lambs were keenly sought after, selling to a top of 2200gns for their highest index lamb by Riverdale Rainman. His buyer was Norman McMordie from Saintfield, Co Down. The pen of four averaged £1580.25.

The entry of ewe lambs saw a 100% clearance to a top of 2800gns for the first prize lamb from David Anderson's Ballyhunsley flock. A standout lamb from birth, this daughter of Springhill Bobby Dazzler sold to James Walsh, Co Cork.

The sale was strong from start to finish, with average prices well up on 2024 and clearance levels exceeding expectations.

WERNFAWR CHIEFTAIN LEADS THE WAY AT NSA EARLY SALE AT BRECON

The shearling ram, Wernfawr Chieftain, from Paul Curran, Talgarth, Brecon, was crowned champion Charollais before going on to top the sale at 3500gns at the NSA early sale held on the 4th August last year at Brecon Livestock market.

From a competitive class of shearling rams, judge, Victoria Ashmore of the Micklehills flock found her champion. Sired by Glyn Coch Ace and out of a Dalby bred Edstaston Tulloch daughter, he found his new home with the Springfield flock of G C and G Y Jones, Newchurch West, Chepstow.

Next best at 1100gns was a shearling from C W Marwood and Son, Whenby, York. The Foulrice shearling sired by the homebred Foulrice Aristocrat and out of a homebred Cardoonan Vermont daughter, had a short journey home with purchasers A H J Jones and Son, Trefeinion, Brecon.

Also, at 1100gns was a shearling ram from the Jones' Springfield flock. This one is sired by Lowerye Troubadour and out of a homebred Foulrice sired ewe. He was snapped up by D A Evans and Partners, Llancair Kilgeddin, Abergavenny. Another shearling the same way bred out of the Springfield pen capped at 1000gns, this one found his new home with D T Davies and Son, Trecastle, Brecon.

Another two rams made 1000gns, both came from Deborah Witcher, Skewsby, York, being the first two rams to run through the ring. Both Galtres shearling rams are sired by Oldwood Bansky and out of homebred Moss Side Valiant daughters. The first through was sold to G Davies and Co, Llangadog, Carmarthenshire, and the next went to S J and R M Lang, Plympton, Devon.

Further tups capped at 950gns several times with shearlings from the Foulrice flock and the

Averages:

51 shearling rams **£840.00**

9 ram lambs **£548.33**



Robleston flock of R G and R A Jones and Son, Camrose, Haverfordwest, with buyers tentative to cross into four figures for their purchases.

The reserve champion on the day was a ram lamb offered by Arwyn Thomas, Llanboidy, Whitland. The Arbryn ram lamb is sired by Bronwydd Brenin and out of a homebred Artnagullion Turbo daughter. This one however remained unsold.

The trade on ram lambs was selective with the majority of buyers preferring to buy shearlings. The best two ram lambs capped at 700gns, firstly was a Wernfawr lamb from Paul Curran. This one is sired by Glyn Coch Ace and out of a homebred ewe by Wernfawr Stormer who now resides with previous buyers S J and R M Lang.

The second lamb at this price was from the Arbryn flock of Arwyn Thomas and purchased by C H Rees, St Donats, Vale of Glamorgan. This one is sired by Arbryn Chief and out of a homebred Hyde Vinny daughter.



* Champion and sale topper at 3500gns from the Wernfawr flock sold to the Springfield flock.



* Judge Victoria Ashmore alongside her champion from Paul Curran and the reserve from Arwyn Thomas.



* C W Marwood and Son sold their Foulrice shearling for 1100gns.



* The Jones' Springfield flock sold their best shearling at 1100gns.

TOTAL CLEARANCE AT NSA SOUTH WEST SALE AND TOP OF 2300GNS

Demand was strong for Charollais tups and ewes at the NSA South West Ram Sale held at Exeter Market (20th August 2025) with a 100% clearance on all sections.

Shearling rams finished the day with an average of £950. Topping the days trading at 2300gns was a shearling ram from Paul Quick's Loosebeare flock in Devon. Going to this price was Messrs Rottenbury from Taunton, Somerset. This tup is a son of Llangan Atomic. Meanwhile, the first shearling ram in the Loosebeare pen and again by the Llangan tup, sold for 1500gns to G D Swerling, Buckinghamshire.

The same buyer paid 1400gns for the pre-show champion, a shearling ram from Ben and Amelia Watts's Willow flock in Devon, sired by Oakchurch Apache. Tom Nancekivell had a strong pen of shearling tups forward and his leading price was 1450gns for a son of Galtres Bright Morning Star, which sold to Messrs O'Brien, Devon.

Averages:

18 shearling ewes **£502.38**

39 shearling rams **£949.57**

20 ram lambs **£616.87**



Will Whiting from Cornwall achieved a top price of 1350gns for a high index performance shearling tup by Edstaston Bar One. This one heads to Sussex to Downsview Sheep.

The entry of shearling ewes all found new homes with a top call of 600gns for one from Gerald Burrough's Sheldon flock. His pen of nine were all sired by Robleston Wizard and the pen leader went to E J Hosegood, from Crediton. The Sheldon flock also had a top price of 1200gns for their shearling tup, bred the same way, which sold to R G A Wood and Partners, Holsworthy, Devon.

THACKWOOD TAKE TOP PRICE AT CARLISLE

Jonathan Wales and Sons continued their good season at the commercial sale held at Carlisle at the end of August last year, with a top of 1200gns for a shearling tup sired by Gorteen Blockbuster. This one heads down to Leicestershire with David Thornley.

Two further shearlings from the same pen made a 1000gns apiece, both sired by the home-bred tup, Thackwood Bangkok.

A further two shearling rams hit the 1000gns mark, the first for J P Graham and Son's Wreay flock from Cumbria and the other from David and Johnathan Norman's Kirkhouse flock, both selling to commercial flocks.

Averages:

8 shearling rams **£925.90**

9 ram lambs **£516.13**

22 Females **£602.79**

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The entry of empty ewes found strong demand with 100% clearance. Once again topping this section was the Thackwood flock with trade hitting 860gns, 820gns and 800gns.

Trade was hampered by the BTV restrictions, with only one buyer from Scotland and a reduced entry across the board.

COMMERCIAL SALE ROUND UP

It's been a strong year for commercial trade with demand for Charollais rams as high as it has been for some time. Here's a round-up of trade from across the UK.



MELTON MOWBRAY

The 19th September was a day like no other selling tups at the fifth Melton Midlands sheep fair and NSA Ram Sale, resulting with one of the biggest entries ever with 231 tups catalogued and a 93.5% clearance for the sale.

Winning the Melton Borough Trophy for the overall best pen of four rams was George Hoggard with shearling rams from his Manor House flock. These went on to top the sale at 1450gns, with another one from the same pen selling for 1420gns and a pair selling for 1400gns each.

NSA EASTERN REGION RUGBY RAM SHOW AND SALE

The annual NSA Eastern Region Rugby Ram Sale was a great success on Friday 29th August, with a clearance rate of more than 80%. Charollais rams topped the average prices over the other terminal sires on offer with the top priced pen coming from C D Timm, Yorkshire, who took the reserve award in the pre-sale classes and sold to a top of 1280gns. Charollais shearling rams averaged £861, nearly £100 more than the second highest breed average.

NSA SOUTH EAST REGION THAME RAM SALE

A good entry of rams forward for the NSA South East Region Ram Sale saw an average of the day of £604.78 with 66% sold.

Charollais sold to a top of £960.00 and £850.00 from Emily South of the Chiltern flock, Fencott, Oxfordshire, with ram lambs from D J Morphett, Ashford, Kent, selling to £620.00 and £510.00.

FOULRICE FLOCK TOPS DARLINGTON TUP TUP CHALICE SALE

- Darlington Farmers Auction Mart held their annual 'Tup Tup Chalice' evening show and sale of breeding rams and ram lambs on Tuesday 9th September 2025.
- The championship in the MV ring was taken by the Hunter family of Hunmanby, the second time in three years that Tom, Judith and their son Simon have claimed a Tup Tup Chalice title.

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Average for Charollais shearling rams was up over £80 a head at the 2025 event. Topping the trade with his pen of well-muscled tups from his Ivy Bank flock was Simon Turkington from Melrose. His 5 rams peaked at £1600 and averaged £1260.

The Ingram family had the largest pen of 28 tups forward and finished the day on the next best average of £1123, again with a top of £1600. The best individual price went to Jonathan Wales of £2000 and the 24 rams from the Thackwood flock finished on an average of £1077.



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TAWELFA FLOCK LEADS NSA BUILTH MAIN SALE AT 4200GNS

Demand for both Charollais shearing rams and ram lambs was off the clock at the 2025 **Main NSA Builth Sale**, cementing the breed's position as a top performing terminal sire in the commercial sector.

This demand resulted in a high clearance, a shearing ram average of just shy of £1000 and a top price of 4200gns.

Sale leader was a February-born ram lamb from Paul Amphlett and family, Brecon. Tawelfa 25WBX03043 is by an Oakchurch sire out of a homebred female by Rhaeadr Vogue.

Having stood reserve champion in the pre-sale show under judge Neil Oughton, Powys, he backed his conviction by purchasing the tup in partnership with Tom Newth of the Prestleigh flock, Shepton Mallet, Somerset and Grant Pink of the Bicton flock, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Next up was another ram lamb first prize winner in the form of Paul Curran's Wernfawr 25XEV02690, a son of Glyn Coch Ace out of a homebred Glyn Coch Volcano daughter. The grand dam of this ram lamb produced this year's first prize ewe lamb at the Royal Welsh

and a further ewe lamb that sold for 1300gns at Hereford High Flyers. Taking this one home back to Shepton Mallet was Tom Newth for his Prestleigh flock.

Also in the money in the ram lamb offering at 2400gns was the Thomas family of Pen-Y-Bont, Carmarthenshire. Dafolog Doubleseven 25VFC00666 is by the 5000gns Springhill Bright Spark and out of a homebred female by Manxman Nessie and caught the eye of Sam Furness, Wheston, Derbyshire.

Continuing their run of lambs, the Thomas family then sold Dafolog 25VFC00669, a Dafolog Crackerjack son carrying Tawelfa breeding for 2100gns, along with Dafolog 25VFC00644, an Edstaston Best Bar One son with Cavick What A Boy! on the dam side for 1600gns. Buyers here were R Jones, Powys and the Marwood family for their Foulrice flock, Whenby, North Yorkshire.

Shearling rams

The Jones family of the Robleston flock, based at Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, dominated proceedings in the shearling ram offering with their top price being 3000gns for a son of Logie Durno Barbarian, out of a Rhaeadr Real Deal daughter. Robleston 24WGN06852 stood second in his class to the overall champion from the same flock and went home with A J and T Snaith, Thropton, Northumberland.

Next up was the pre-sale overall champion, Robleston 24WGN06839, another son of Barbarian out of an Arbryn Tonto homebred daughter. This one stood first in the shearling ram class at the Royal Welsh Show this year and was the pick of Messrs Heath and Cowles, Tregare, Monmouthshire, at 2400gns.

Next up for the Robleston string was a call of 2200gns securing Robleston 24WGN06945, another Barbarian son, this time out of a homebred daughter by Skye fall Virgil Van Dijk. Having been used successfully as a ram lamb producing this year's male champion at the Royal Welsh Show, the final bid fell to S Taylor, Coventry, Warwickshire.

The best from Mold, Flintshire-based Esmor Evans's Maerdy flock was a 1900gns shearling in the form of Maerdy 24WLS04750. A son of Boyo Uncle Tom and out of a Rhaeadr Superstar daughter, he found a new home with D T and S M Owens, Pembridge, Herefordshire.

Next up at 1800gns was another from the Jones family in the form of Robleston 24WGN06924, a Robleston Be Rich son out of a Gwyndy female by Wernfawr Vinnie. This one heads to Hunmanby, North Yorks with T and J Hunter for the Skelton Whin flock.

Two shearling rams then followed at 1700gns, the first being another from the Robleston flock for another Barbarian son selling to B Jones, Sarn, Gwynedd, while at the same money was the best of Haverfordwest-based Carwyn Lewis' Riverside pen for a Logie Durno Barracuda son, which sold to R J and J Towers, Ingleton, Yorkshire.





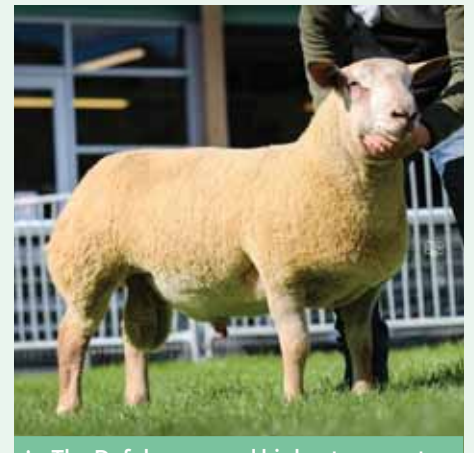
* Leading Builth trade at 4200gns was a ram lamb from the Tawelfa flock.



* Paul Curran sold to a top of 3000gns.



* The Dafalog flock topped at 2400gns.



* The Dafalog second highest came at 2100gns.





* Judge Neil Oughton with his champion, a shearing ram from the Robleston flock and a ram lamb from the Tawelfa flock



* Robleston's top price was 3000gns.



* The overall champion from Robleston sold for 2400gns.



* Another from Robleston sold for 2200gns.

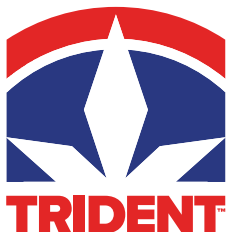
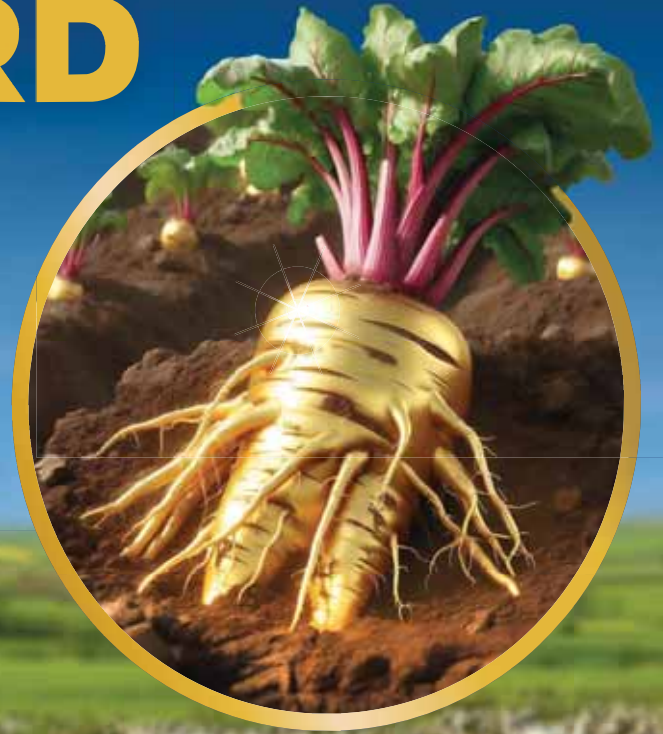


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OLDER RAM

1st	C D Griffin	23WSG01350
2nd	M and J Collard	23WAJ01008

SHEARLING RAM

1st	G Burrough	24XNR01321
2nd	T Newth	24VJZ05237
3rd	G Burrough	25VJZ00528

RAM LAMB

1st	T Newth	25WSG01523
2nd	T Newth	25WSG01493
3rd	CD Griffin	25VET01946

SHEARLING EWE

1st	M and J Collard	24WAJ01072
2nd	G Burrough	24XNR01326
3rd	G Burrough	24XNR01332

EWE LAMBS

1st	T Newth	25WSG01510
2nd	T Newth	25WSG01515
3rd	M and J Collard	25VLD00635

PAIRS

1st	M and J Collard
2nd	T Newth
3rd	G Burrough

GROUP OF THREE

1st	M and J Collard
2nd	T Newth
3rd	G Burrough

MALE CHAMPION

G Burrough	24XNR01321
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RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

T Newth	25WSG01523
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FEMALE CHAMPION

M and J Collard	24WAJ01072
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RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

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FAIROAKS FLOCK ON INTERBREED WINNING FORM AT ROYAL BATH AND WEST

The **Royal Bath and West Show** hosted last year's South West Regional Feature Show and taking the glory, having come through as winner of the shearling ewe class, was 24WAJ01072 from father and son team, Matthew and Jamie Collard.

Bred by Emyr Hughes, this Bronwydd Wild Thing daughter is out of an Arbyrn-bred dam by Artnagullion Turbo. Having won the breed championship under judge Patrick Tully, she then went on to win the reserve Continental interbreed championship under judge Alan Lyons and later on in the show was part of the Continental interbreed team of six.

Standing reserve in the breed championship was the shearling ram winner and male champion, Sheldon Carson from Gerald Burrough. By Robleston Wizard, this one is out of a homebred female by Loosebeare Tornado.

Tom Newth of the Prestleigh flock took both the reserve male and reserve female championship spots. His reserve male went the way of the ram lamb class winner with a son of senior stock ram, Wernfawr Awesome out of a Bronwydd female that was purchased at the Hereford High Flyers sale, herself a former first prize winner at last year's Royal Three Counties Show. Meanwhile, his class winning ewe lamb, another by Awesome, is out of a homebred ewe.

Picking up the top place rosette in the aged ram class was Chris Griffin of the Whitcombe flock with a 2023-born ram, bred by Tom Newth. Prestleigh Bravo is by Pembroke All Star and out of a homebred female by Boyo Toy Story.

OVERALL CHAMPION

M and J Collard	24WAJ01072
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RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

G Burrough	24XNR01321
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* Shearling ewe, female champion, breed champion and reserve Continental interbreed champion from Matthew and Jamie Collard



* Aged ram from Chris Griffin



* Shearling ram winner, male champion and reserve overall from Gerald Burrough



* Ram lamb and reserve male champion from Tom Newth



* Ewe lamb and reserve female champion from Tom Newth



* Pairs winners from Matthew and Jamie Collard



* Group of Three winners from Matthew and Jamie Collard




* Continental team of six winners



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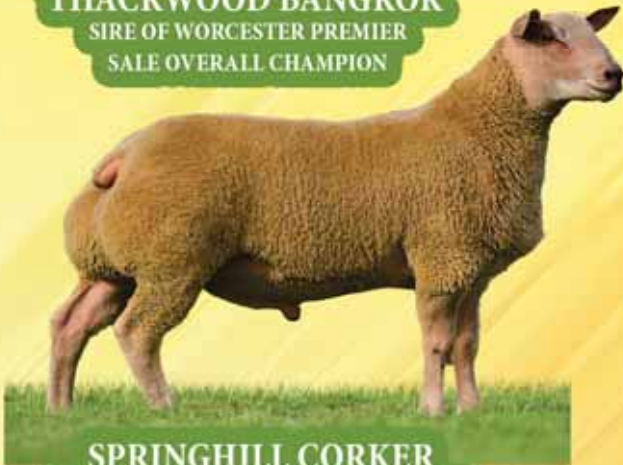
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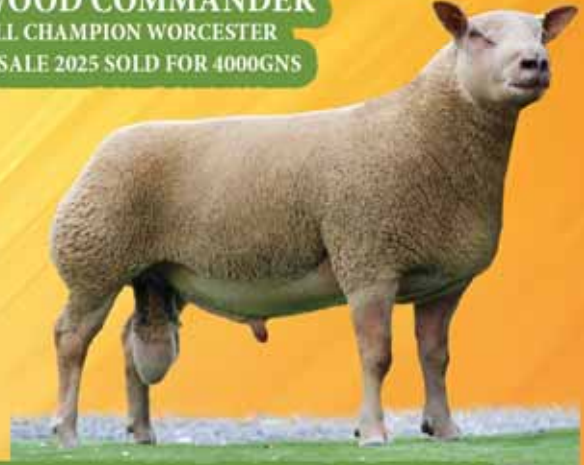
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SPRINGHILL FLOCK CELEBRATES INTERBREED WIN AT BALMORAL SHOW

The Charollais breed enjoyed a highly successful **Balmoral Show** with a shearling ewe from Graham Foster's Springhill flock winning the supreme interbreed title. The breed was also victorious in the pairs interbreed competition.

The Springhill gimmer had earlier been the choice of Charollais judge, Jonathan Wales of the Thackwood flock, Cumbria, to land the breed title. Sired by the 24,000gns Boyo Bravemansgame out of an Oakchurch ewe, she is a full embryo sister to the sale topper in 2024, Springhill Casino Royale.

Winner of the male championship ticket was the senior ram, Hollylodge Viscount exhibited by the Lornbrook flock. Main stock ram in their flock, his sire was Loanhead Ur the Boy. Standing second in the aged ram class and then moving up to take the reserve male title was Aghavilly Albert from Glen Baird's flock.

The reserve female champion was a senior ewe also from the Lornbrook flock and they also stood first and second in the ewe lamb class.

Alistair Moore's Hillside flock was the winner of the ram lamb class, with a strong lamb sired by Thackwood Braveheart. This sire was the winner of his class in 2024 at Balmoral. Taking the red ticket in the shearling ram class was another from the Lornbrook flock, from the same breeder as their male champion, Messrs McConnell. This Hollylodge tup was sired by Erenagh Brave Inca.



CLASS RESULTS

AGED RAM

1st	Mrs D Christie	20XWZ00663
2nd	Glenn Baird	22VAB01950
3rd	Mrs D Christie	20ZNN32010

SHEARLING RAM

1st	Mrs D Christie	24XWZ00965
2nd	Glenn Baird	24VRV00619
3rd	Alistair Moore	24QY05099

RAM LAMB

1st	Alistair Moore	25VBK01670
2nd	D and S Cowan	25QY05551
3rd	R Powell	25VfV00821

EWE

1st	Mrs D Christie	21ZHV01660
2nd	Mrs D Christie	21ZHV01758
3rd	W McAllister	23ZGQ05677

SHEARLING EWE

1st	G Foster	24WLK07642
2nd	Mrs D Christie	24ZHV01909
3rd	Mrs D Christie	24ZHV01911

EWE LAMB

1st	Mrs D Christie	
2nd	Mrs D Christie	
3rd	D & S Cowan	25QY05538

GROUP OF THREE

Mrs D Christie
Glenn Baird

MALE CHAMPION

Mrs D Christie 20XWZ00663

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

Glenn Baird 22VAB01950

FEMALE CHAMPION

G Foster 24WLK07642

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

Mrs D Christie 21ZHV01660

OVERALL CHAMPION

G Foster 24WLK07642

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

Mrs D Christie 21ZHV01660





* Interbreed judge Chris Davies with the supreme champion from the Springhill flock.



* Breed and interbreed honours went to a Boyo Bravemansgame daughter from Graham Foster.



* Reserve female champion, the aged ewe class winner from the Lornbrook flock.



* The Lornbrook flock took the red rosette in the ewe lamb class



* Male champion honours went to the aged ram Hollylodge Viscount from the Lornbrook flock.



* Reserve male champion honours went to the second placed aged ram.



* This Hillside lamb won the ram lamb class for Alistair Moore.



* Winner of the shearing ram class came from the Lornbrook flock.

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2nd	David Lewis	23YMH03551

SHEARLING RAM

1st	David Lewis	24VJZ05253
2nd	James Danforth	24WWJ00384

RAM LAMB

1st	David Lewis	25VJZ05526
2nd	Cormack McDowell	25VPS00439

AGED EWE

1st	Dave Roberts	22WLK06470
2nd	Dave Roberts	22WKW09972

SHEARLING EWE

1st	Dave Roberts	24XHE01563
2nd	James Danforth	24WWJ00371
3rd	David Lewis	24VJZ05234

EWE LAMB

1st	Jennifer Curtis	25DQ03342
2nd	David Lewis	25VJZ05530
3rd	Cormack McDowell	25VPS00431

PAIRS

1st	James Danforth
2nd	David Lewis

MALE CHAMPION

Dave Roberts	23XHE01441
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RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

David Lewis	24VJZ05253
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FEMALE CHAMPION

Dave Roberts	24XHE01563
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RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

James Danforth	24WWJ00371
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OVERALL CHAMPION

Dave Roberts	24XHE01563
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RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

James Danforth	24WWJ00371
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BOYO CLOVER TAKES RESERVE TERMINAL SIRE INTERBREED AT THREE COUNTIES

Dave Roberts' Boyo flock once again ruled supreme at the **Royal Three Counties Show**, this time with a shearling ewe, Boyo Clover.

By Tullyear Artemis and out of Edstaston Azalea, judge Robert Gregory said: "She was everything you want in a Charollais; correct with a tremendous presence and great locomotion. Good width, not too fat with a very good skin."

The second prize shearling ewe moved up to take the reserve female and then reserve overall breed championship. This time it was one from Yorkshire breeder, James Danforth. His Lodgehill shearling ewe was sired by Foxhill A One and out of a home-bred ewe.

The male champion was also from the Boyo flock in the form of Boyo Bravemansgame, the top priced ram at the 2023 Worcester Premier Sale. His sire is Lowerye Vladimir and is out of an Edstaston ewe.

The shearling ram and reserve male title went to Welsh breeder, David Lewis from Pembrokeshire. Pembroke Crème de la Crème is by Bronwydd Wild Thing out of a home-bred ewe.

The Pembroke flock also was top of the line up in the ram lamb class with Pembroke Domino, a son of Thackwood Casper out of an Elmwick ewe. This tup lamb is also destined for the sale ring, this time at the Carlisle Supreme sale.

The Boyo flock stood top of the line in the ewe class with one bred by Graham Foster in Northern Ireland. This Springhill ewe is by Boyo Walk this Way.

Finishing the day with a red rosette was Jennifer Curtis's Elmwick flock with a flashy ewe lamb by Loanhead Bright Spark.



* Championship presentation with judge Robert Gregory.



* Aged ram winner and male champion from the Boyo flock



* Shearling ram winner from the Pembroke flock



* Ram lamb winner from the Pembroke flock



* Aged ewe winner from the Boyo flock



* Shearling ewe winner and overall breed champion from the Boyo flock



* Reserve female and reserve breed champion from the Lodgehill flock



* Ewe lamb winner from the Elmwick flock



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LOANHEAD CLINCHES HIGHLAND CHAROLLAIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Taking home the championship spoils at last year's **Royal Highland Show** was the shearling ewe from Bruce and Gregor Ingram. By Foxhill Va Va Voom and out of a Logie Durno Untouchable daughter, she was tapped out as female and overall champion by judge Dewi Evans.

Standing overall reserve was the reserve female exhibit, a ewe lamb from Hannah Jackson and Helen Sloan's Rigghead flock. This one is by Logie Durno Craftsman, a Cavick Blood Diamond son and out of a Springhill sired Knighton bred ewe.

The male championship went the way of the Ingram family with their shearling ram, Cavick Cracker, who is bred by Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten. He is by Cavick Balenciaga and out of a Loanhead bred ewe by Rhaeadr Orlando.

The reserve male championship saw the first placed ram lamb coming through to take this rosette in the form of Loaningfoot Dettori,

from Ben Radley. He is by Thackwood Blaze and out of a Logie Durno bred ewe by Logie Durno Upperclass.

Winner of the aged ram class was Thackwood Amazon exhibited by the Messrs Wales. He is by Ffrwd Top Notch and out of a homebred ewe by Greenvale Star.

Meanwhile, the aged ewe class was won by William and Carole Ingram with their Wernfawr Ace sired ewe who is out of a homebred Foxhill Va Va Voom daughter. Adding to their successful day the family also took top spot in the group of three class.



CLASS RESULTS

AGED RAM

1st	J Wales	22GU060016
2nd	N Henderson	22WNC43554
3rd	E and E Duncan	23WYH01979

SHEARLING RAM

1st	Ingram	24WVW01700
2nd	J Wales	24GU07629
3rd	J Wales	24WLK07708

RAM LAMB

1st	B Radley	25XZR02079
2nd	J Wales	25GU08531
3rd	J Wales	25GU08503

AGED EWE

1st	Ingram	23ZNN49146
2nd	Ingram	23ZNN49161
3rd	Ingram	23ZNN49109

SHEARLING EWE

1st	Ingram	24WNC54449
2nd	H Jackson	24HR06212
3rd	Ingram	24NZZ54211

EWE LAMB

1st	H Jackson	25HR06914
2nd	Ingram	25WNC60933
3rd	Ingram	25ZNN60807

GROUP OF THREE

Ingram Family

MALE CHAMPION

Ingram- shearling ram 24WVW01700

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

B Radley- ram lamb 25XZR02079

FEMALE CHAMPION AND OVERALL

Ingram family's
shearling ewe 24WNC54449

RESERVE FEMALE AND RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

H Jackson and H
Sloan's ewe lamb 25HR06914





* Champion and reserve pictured with judge, Dewi Evans.



* Aged ram winner from Jonathan Wales.



* Shearling ram winner and male champion from the Ingram family.



* Ram lamb class winner from Ben Radley.



* Aged ewe class winner from the Ingram family.



* Shearling ewe winner and the overall champion from the Ingram family.



* Ewe lamb winner and overall reserve champion from Hannah Jackson.

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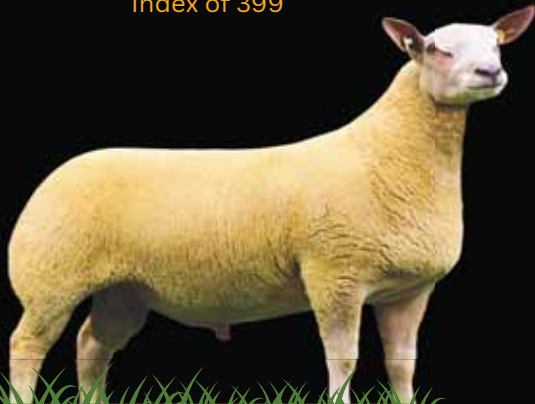


BOYO COMMANDER 24XHE01549

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Dakota sold for the Carlisle record of 14,000gns to Will Whiting at the Fursdon flock. Sire is Boyo Commander 24XHE01549 purchased privately for £12,000. Dam is Edstaston Tamsin 18TG00794 who is a daughter of the renowned Edstaston Madison 12TG00162



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FAULTLESS FOULRICE BELLE TAKES GREAT YORKSHIRE TITLE

Judge Tom Nancekivell, from Bude, Cornwall, had no hesitation in awarding the **Great Yorkshire Show** championship honours to a two-shear ewe, Foulrice Belle from father and son team, Charles and Stephen Marwood, Whenby, York.

Tom described the ewe as simply faultless! “She has size, length, style, shape and a perfect head. She is clearly a working ewe, which is good to see in the show ring.”

Females continued to dominate in the championship as the winner of the shearling ewe class was tapped forward to clinch the reserve overall championship. James Danforth’s daughter of Foxhill A One won a strong class of yearling ewes and then went one further to be runner-up.

The male champion was a shearling ram from Michael Alford, Devon. The Foxhill tup is sired by Edstaston Beau Jangles, purchased for 10,000gns at the 2024 Worcester Premier Sale.

The Thackwood flock of Jonathan Wales from Cumbria was in the prizes most of the day, landing top place in both lamb classes. Their ram lamb was reserve male champion and is a son of Thackwood Bangkok, who himself was male champion at the same show in 2024.

The Thackwood team’s winning ewe lamb is by a Logie Durno ram out of a homebred female by Boyo Vancouver.

Meanwhile, the Logie Durno stock ram from the Kirkhouse flock was the winner of the ram class. This one was a purchase at Worcester in 2024 and is sired by Crogham Aries II.



CLASS RESULTS

AGED RAM

1st D and J Norman 23ZNN49142

SHEARLING RAM

1st M and M Alford 24XWY00956

2nd J Wales 24GU07568

3rd J Danforth 24WWJ00384

RAM LAMB

1st J Wales 25GU08539

2nd D and J Norman 25XNK03558

3rd R Bamforth 25XXW01137

EWES

1st C Marwood 23DG12763

2nd T Hunter 23VJZ04980

3rd J Wales 21GU05151

SHEARLING EWES

1st J Danforth 24WWJ00371

2nd J Wales 24GU07530

3rd C Marwood 24DG13522

EWES LAMB

1st J Wales 25GU08533

2nd R Bamforth 25XXW03553

3rd D Norman 25XNK03553

PAIRS

1st J Wales

GROUP OF THREE

1st D Norman

MALE CHAMPION

M Alford 24XWY00956

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

J Wales 25GU08539

FEMALE AND OVERALL CHAMPION

C Marwood 23DG12763

RESERVE FEMALE AND RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

J Danforth 24WWJ00371





* Tom Nancekivell alongside his champion from Foulrice and reserve from Lodgehill.



* Aged ewe, female champion and overall champion from Foulrice.



* Shearling ewe, reserve female and reserve overall champion.



* Shearling ram and male champion from Foxhill.



* Ram lamb and reserve male champion from Thackwood.



* Ewe lamb winner from Thackwood.



* Aged ram winner from Kirkhouse.



* Pairs winners from Thackwood.



* Group of Three winners from Kirkhouse.

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Going one step better than she did in 2024 was a shearling ewe from Adrian Davies' Glyn Coch flock at the **Royal Welsh Show 2025**.

This classy female was reserve overall in 2024, but this time beat off all the competition to take the overall title. By Moelfryn Bouncer and out of a Logie Durno Wall Street homebred ewe, judge, Jonathan Aiken from Cumbria, described his winner as being correct with a lovely, feminine head, superb fleshing, skin and top line and once loose, showed herself off perfectly.

It was females all the way as Jonathan tapped out the senior ewe from Arwyn and Jane Thomas to stand reserve champion. The Arbryn ewe is sired by Arbryn Attila and out of a Dalby ewe, purchased at the Coral Sale. The judge was equally full of praise for this good handling ewe, but said she was just pipped to the post due to the flashy style of the overall champion.

The ewe lamb class was won by the Wernfawr flock of Paul Curran with their Glyn Coch Ace sired lamb, while in the male championship section it was two ram lambs that took the top awards.

The male champion was a lamb from the Jones family's Robleston flock. This one is by a home-bred tup by Logie Durno Barbarian out of a Gwyndy ewe by Wedderburn Rogue. The lamb not only caught the eye of the judge, but was sold later in the day to Society chairman, Patrick Tully for his Bincombe flock, in Somerset.

The reserve male champion came from the Wernfawr flock of Paul Curran. A son of Glyn Coch Ace, he stood second to the champion in his class.

The Robleston flock also stood top of the line in the shearling ram class with a tup by Logie Durno Barbarian. Meanwhile, the aged ram class went to Meirion Wyn Roberts' Gynnen flock.

The Group of three went to the Arbryn flock for Arwyn and Jane Thomas and they finished off a great week at the show by winning the reserve interbreed group of three title.



* Judge Jonathan Aiken (right) with his champion from the Glyn Coch flock and the reserve champion from the Arbryn flock alongside sponsors from Dunbia.

CLASS RESULTS

AGED RAM

1st M W Roberts 23XHE01441

SHEARLING RAM

1st G Jones 24WGN06839

2nd P Curran 24XEV02442

3rd M W Roberts 24XZL00029

RAM LAMB

1st G Jones 25WGN07420

2nd P Curran 25XEV02653

3rd B Baker 25VKX07130

AGED EWE

1st A and J Thomas 23WRF00967

2nd A Davies 23XCA02097

3rd A Davies 23XCA02170

SHEARLING EWE

1st A Davies 24XCA02283

2nd G Jones 24WGN06834

3rd G Jones 24WGN06849

EWE LAMB

1st P Curran 25XEV02662

2nd A and J Thomas 25WRF01100

3rd P Curran 25XEV02660

GROUP OF THREE

1st A and J Thomas

2nd P Curran

MALE CHAMPION

G Jones 24WGN06839

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

P Curran 25XEV02653

FEMALE CHAMPION

A Davies 24XCA02283

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

Mrs D Christie 25WSG01510

OVERALL CHAMPION

A Davies 24XCA02283

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

A and J Thomas 23WRF00967





* Shearling ewe, female champion and overall champion from the Glyn Coch flock.



* Aged ewe, reserve female and reserve overall from the Arbryn flock.



* Ewe lamb class winner from the Wernfawr flock.



* Ram lamb and male champion from the Robleston flock.



* Second placed ram lamb and reserve male from the Wernfawr flock.



* Shearling ram class winner from the Robleston flock.



* Aged ram class winner from the Gynnen flock.

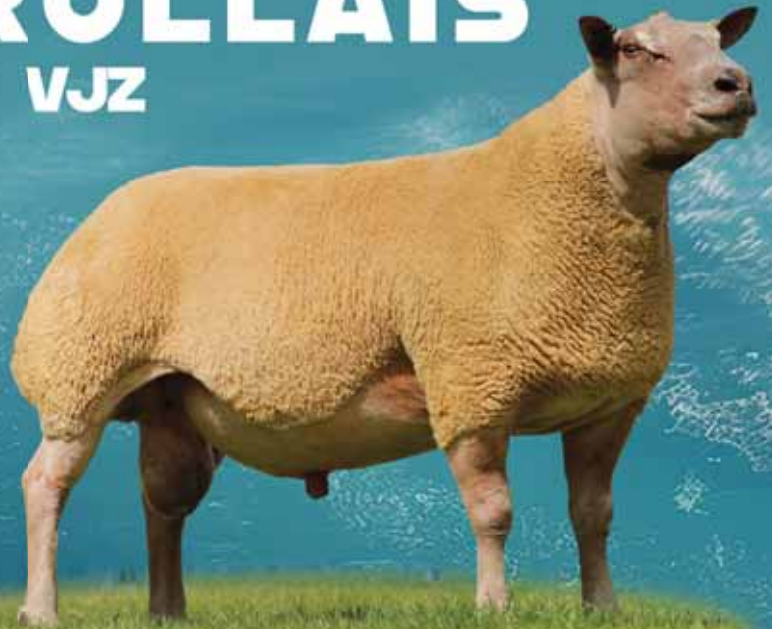


* Reserve interbreed group of three from the Arbryn flock.

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A STRONG COMMERCIAL FOCUS DRIVES THE SUCCESS OF THE ROBLESTON FLOCK

A sharp commercial focus, coupled with keen stockmanship as a result of generations of pedigree breeding, is behind the success of the Jones family's Roblestone flock.

Based in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, the Charollais flock was founded in 2014 with a handful of females bought from the Hereford High Flyers sale, explains Gareth Jones who farms in partnership with his wife, Cathy, father, John and mother, Carol.

“Our sheep enterprise focus is purely on producing rams for commercial customers, we aim to breed powerful shearlings with natural fleshing and the ability to perform in a range of farming systems. It is important to remember that not every farm is the same, so our rams have to be able to produce lambs which thrive in different conditions.

“Some will go to early lambing flocks wanting to push lambs to finish quickly off creep feed, but others will go to later lambing flocks looking to maximise production from grass and other forages,” Gareth adds.

“We’ll have 60-70 Charollais shearling rams to sell this time and hopefully a few more for next year.”

Foundation females for the flock came from Arwyn Thomas' Arbryn flock, with the first ram bought being the 6200gns Rhaeadr Real Deal, a ram shared with Arwyn Thomas and Steve Bradbury.

“We have been lucky to work alongside Arwyn who has guided us as we've developed the flock from those early foundations into the 90-ewe flock it is now. We bought another female from Arwyn the following year and she has proven to be an exceptional breeder, producing Roblestone Superman, sold to Graham Foster's Springhill flock as well as a 3300gns ram sold at the Premier Sale, Worcester, to the Elsworthy family,” explains Gareth.

Seeking to capitalise on these top breeding female lines, the family flush up to six Charollais ewes each year, to build strength through the flock. “Increasing the influence of these top females is the main aim from flushing, but the bonus is having extra males available for sale too and knowing they've come from the better lines within the flock.

“We’ll have 60-70 Charollais shearling rams to sell this time and hopefully a few more for next year. Demand is strong for the right type of shearling, so we want to capitalise on that.”

* While showing isn't the main aim for the flock, the publicity does help draw customers to the Built pens later in the year.





Currently lambing in December with ewes housed the week before lambing, the family is currently considering switching to a later lambing date to better suit the commercial ethos which underpins flock management. “We want to make the most of our ability to grow grass here in south Wales, so it makes sense to lamb later and try and be less reliant on feeding if we can,” says Gareth.

Running the flock alongside the family’s 500-cow dairy herd and pedigree flocks of Bluefaced Leicesters, Suffolks and Texels, the family grow more than 200 acres of maize, following this with autumn-sown new leys.

“These high-quality grass leys are central to how we manage the flock. Good quality grass allows us to grow the lambs without excessive feeding and switching to later lambing would complement this. Without good grass sheep farming is much more difficult!”

While running on their mothers, lambs are offered a home mixed 17% creep feed to take advantage of the early growth the breed is famed for, with lambs weaned at the end of March and any lambs which aren’t good enough to be retained are sold locally as prime lambs.

“Both the ewe and ram lambs are then shorn at the same time as the flock ewes in early May,



Feature : Roblestone flock

with a handful of show potential lambs left in their wool. Ewe lambs are then run grass without feeding to allow them to grow out naturally, allowing them to develop into strong flock ewes for both us and others.”

For the first time in several years, this year the family have chosen to lamb their ewe hogs. “We have done it previously, but stopped for a few years.

“However, we’ve got our ewe lambs growing well now and it gives us another opportunity to assess their maternal abilities earlier in life.

“We don’t push ram lambs much either, just keeping them moving forward all the time. Selling shearlings means we don’t need to push the ram lambs and it can often do more harm than good to overdo them as lambs,” he adds.

With the main sales outlet for the flock being the Main NSA Ram Sale, Builth Wells, in September, stronger feeding begins in June, with shearlings fed a home-mixed ration twice a day. “We’re still not trying to push them, just giving them enough feed to express their full potential. These rams must go and work in large flocks, so have to be fit and functional.”

Tups that have made an impact include a Skyfall tup, a ram that was used extensively, but which Gareth says was sold too soon. “He bred really well and there’s no doubt we should have held on to him longer.

“We’ve also used several homebred rams from the best female lines and these have done a great job. Roblestone Be Rich was used before being sold privately to Esmor Evans and sons of his will be available this sale season.



* Gareth’s wife Cathy and daughter, Olivia, cheering on at the Royal Welsh Show.



* Flock ewes having not long been weaned.

“We also used Roblestone Bomber before we sold him at Bulth to the Boyo and Woodhouse flocks and he has done well too. Last year we bought Hollylodge Dynamite at 10,000gns in partnership with Emyr Hughes and the first lambs from him look really promising, so we hope to use him more extensively this year along with a Cavick lamb that was purchased in partnership with other Welsh pedigree breeders.”

And, despite the core emphasis being on producing functional commercial sheep, the family still indulge their competitive spirit in the show ring, “We enjoy showing as a family and like to support Pembrokeshire County Show, as well as the Royal Welsh Show. Recent success includes winning the male championship at the Royal Welsh in both 2024 and 2025, as well as taking the interbreed title at Pembrokeshire in 2024.

“It helps keep our name in people’s minds and while we’re not aiming for pedigree sales, a good show season can draw a few extra customers to our sale pens and, potentially, bring a few breeders looking for our type of sheep and willing to dig a little deeper than our commercial buyers.” Not that the family’s commercial buyers are afraid to pay well, with last year’s Bulth pen topping at 3000gns and averaging £1406.

Now, for the first time, the family is preparing to host a production sale featuring all four pedigree sheep flocks and including about 80-head of Charollais females of all ages which will take place in November at Hereford Market.

“We’ve sold Charollais females at the High Flyers Sale for several years and having built numbers across all our breeds for a few years we are in a position to do something on our own with about 250 head across the four breeds.”



* A Charollais hogg with a Beltex sired lamb at foot.



* Along with shearling rams, the Jones family are known for selling high quality shearling females.

“High-quality grass leys are central to how we manage the flock, allowing us to grow the lambs without excessive feeding.”



* Some of this year’s lamb crop.



IN THE HOT SEAT WITH BEN BAKER AND BRYDON RICHARDSON OF THE BB FLOCK

Ben Baker and fiancé Brydon Richardson run the recently established BB Charollais together with their highly successful flock of Cheviot sheep, all managed alongside the family's dairy enterprise and commercial sheep flock.

In just its fourth year, the BB flock is already making a name for itself having had success with females in the couple's first year of selling at Oktoberfest in Worcester. In this Q&A, we sit down with the couple and get their take on the breed and the future direction of their flock.

Q What got you interested in the Charollais breed?

A "Having spent some time working for the Ingram family I was really impressed with what the Charollais could do in the commercial industry. It's size, natural fleshing and carcass quality was second to none, so we started running a few pedigree ewes to produce crossbred tups and then decided to run a pedigree flock."

Q What's the biggest plus point about the breed in your eyes?

A "They're the best weighing sheep a commercial producer can buy, coupled with ease of lambing and the best longevity we've experienced over any other Continental tup. We've also found the lambs literally come out wanting to suckle."

Q What's your marketing policy for your flock?

A "We're still in the early stages of flock development, running a maximum of 15 breeding females, a couple of which we flush. In an ideal world we would love to have a reputation for selling both quality females and ram lambs at Society sales. We're fortunate to have an outlet in the form of a family-owned pub for anything else and the lamb is regularly highlighted for superior quality with our customers."

Q How important is showing to promote the breed?

A “There is no better shop window than showing. If you’re fortunate to be receiving the winning tickets then other breeders are talking about your sheep and you’re also using social media to shout about your successes, all of which helps before Society sales. We’ve seen the reward with the Cheviots so cherry-picking shows with strong Charollais classes is something we will strive to do.”

Q If you could change one thing about the breed, what would it be?

A “It’s not really something I’d change about the breed; it’s more about perception of the breed in that there is a misconception that the Charollais breed is soft! It’s not something we have ever witnessed either in the pedigrees or commercially. We pride ourselves on producing fit and functional stock that haven’t been pushed hard and feedback from customers is strong.”

Q Do you think Charollais sheep reach their true value at pedigree sales?

A “When compared to some of the other terminal sire counterparts no we don’t, but that’s not necessarily the breed’s fault. The gene pool is sadly quite small and we’re in desperate need of export trade opening up, but at the moment the breed is in such a good place commercially that it should result in a stronger trade for rams. Female trade is good and demand is strong for those.”

Q If you had a voice at Society Council what would you push or advocate for?

A “I’d like to see the lambing date change to January and the Premier Sales move back by a month to reflect that as I think we would have another bite at the commercial audience. Secondly, while we do use flushing as a tool to enhance the flock’s genetics, it becoming wider used on the whole, sometimes at the detriment of the natural born lambs at sales, so we’d love to see a natural born ram lamb class introduced at the pedigree sales.”



* A few of the standout ewe lambs for this year from the BB flock.

GET TO KNOW BEN AND BRYDON

Q What's one thing a lot of people wouldn't know about you?

A Ben: I'm a classically trained singer!

Brydon: I have a degree in child care which helps me manage Ben!

Q Fantasy celebrity dinner guests?

A Jeremy Clarkson, Jo Marlet, G K Barry, Zara Larson, Nico Omilano and Gordon Ramsay (he'd be cooking the meal!).

Q Favourite meal?

A Ben – Fajitas

Brydon – anything that's a carb fest!

Q Three things on the bucket list?

A Own our own farm!

Route 66

Judge at the Royal Highland or Royal Welsh

Q What's one thing you can't function without?

A Ben – A meal!

Brydon – Dogs!



* The first time selling as an Oktoberfest consignor saw a BB ewe lamb sold for 2600gns.



* The favourites from this year's crop of ram lambs for Ben and Brydon.



* Dam of two of this year's sale ram lambs.

LOWER DENBY

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Successes for 2025

- 2025 Northern Region flock competition.
- 2025 Champion Yorkshire flock
- 3rd place ewes large flock
- 2nd place ewe lambs large flock
- Champion junior ram
- Reserve Champion large flock

Lower Denby Una

Yorkshire area champ of champs 2023
Won multiple interbreeds 23/24
Sons sold to Galtres and Rowanston with Debonair being retained.

Loanhead Cock O'the North

Purchased Carlisle 2024 - 5,000gns
Sons sold to 2,400gns
Sired 2nd prize ewe lambs large flock N Region.
Sired Champion Junior Ram N. Region flock comp

Lower Denby Diesel

Champion Junior Ram Northern region flock competition 2025
Powerful heavy muscled ram with a masculine head.
Export eligible semen for sale.

Lower Denby Debonair

Retained son of Cock O'the North/Una. Progeny looking promising.
Export eligible semen available

Lower Denby Django

Sold Worcester Premier 2025 2,400gns to Alan Thomas, Tilton flock

Springhill Dynamite

Very flashy with exceptional skin - from one of the best dam lines at Springhill.
Private purchase
Lambs due spring 26.
Outcross Pedigree!

Sires for 2026

- Bachymbyd Cymro** - Serious power and gigot. Lambs look very promising
- Robleston Arnie** - Lambs due spring 2026. Sold Builth 1 2023 for 2,000gns - big active ram with exceptional gigots
- Gorteen Del Boy** - Well balanced white headed ram. Dam is a constant breeder in the Gorteen flock. Outcross pedigree!
Private purchase - Lambs due spring 2026



EDSTASTON EWE LAMB LEADS OKTOBERFEST SALE AT 3000GNS

The Oktoberfest female sale kicked off the autumn season for female sales autumn calendar and last year's offering saw a ewe lamb from Robert and Jeanette Gregory's Shrewsbury, Shropshire-based Edstaston flock lead the trade at 3000gns.

Edstaston Diamonte 25TG01540 is by the 12,000gns Boyo Commander and out of a homebred female by Knockin Shockin, making her a full sister to last year's Carlisle Sale leader, the 14,000gns Edstaston Dakota. At 3000gns, this one found a new home with Dave Roberts for his Boyo flock, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Next best and continuing strong demand for classy ewe lambs was Penpergwm, Abergavenny-based Ben Baker, selling a January-born ewe lamb by Springhill Butterfly Effect. B B Destiny 25VKX07114 is out of a Gwyndy ewe, by Boyo Vancouver and at 2600gns found a new home with the ElsrIDGE flock of F A and C Elsworthy, Tiverton, Devon.

Meanwhile at 1500gns was the best of the ewe lambs from George Hoggard's Manor House flock at Kirton, Nottinghamshire. Manor House 25VFZ00287 is by Oakchurch Ruben and out of a Logie Durno sired Loanhead Talisman daughter. This one sold to Hereford-based Jeremy Price.

Another from the same pen, Manor House 25VFZ00304, then followed at 1400gns. By Springhill Blue Steel and out of a Foxhill Va Va Voom sired Logie Durno daughter, this January-born lamb caught the eye of previous vendor Ben Baker for his B B flock.

Edstaston 25TG01510 from the same pen as the sale leader and this time by Knockin Shockin and out of a Castellau female by Thackwood U Corker then found a new home at 1300gns. With an index in the top 10% for the breed, this one was the pick of Graham Foster for the Springhill flock, Co Tyrone.

In-lamb shearling ewes

Shearling ewes met a ceiling of 1100gns for the Cavick pen of Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten, Wymondham, Norfolk. Their leader was Cavick 24WVW01647, a Loanhead Vanquish daughter out of a Rhaeadr Orlando sired Loanhead daughter. Having been scanned triplets to Glyn Coch Corach Rambler, this one went to Gamlingay, Bedfordshire, with Kenny Titmus for the Wychems flock.

Two more shearling ewes followed from the Cavick pen with a 1000gns price tag, the first being a Loosebeare Voldermort daughter out of an Arbryn female. This one was sold carrying twins to Glyn Coch Corach Rabler with the hammer falling to Harry Bishop and Emily South, for the Chiltern flock based at Fencott, Oxfordshire.

Then at the same money was a Thackwood Tyson Fury daughter in the form of Cavick 24WVW01678, this time out of a Gwyndy female by Wedderburn Rogue. Again, scanned for twins to Rambler, this one was knocked down to Arwyn and Jane Thomas for the Arbryn flock, Whitland, Carmarthenshire.

Three shearling ewes from Manordeilo, Carmarthenshire-based Adrian Davies' Glyn Coch flock also shared a 1000gns price tag, his first being Glyn Coch 24XCA02244, a Glyn Coch Ace daughter out of a homebred Brettles Sherman daughter. Al'd and scanned a single to the 10,000gns Cavick Davinci Code, this one went to the Camp House flock of R J and J Towers, Carnforth, Lancashire.

At the same money was Glyn Coch 24XCA02297, a Glyn Coch Bolt daughter out of a Wernfawr Stormer homebred female and scanned a single to Moelfryn Bouncer. Buyer for this one was H W Davies, Alltwalis, Carmarthenshire.

The last of the shearling females at 1000gns was Glyn Coch 24XCA02233, another by Glyn Coch Ace and this time out of a homebred female by Glyn Coch Volcano. With triplets to Moelfryn Bouncer, previous buyers Harry Bishop and Emily South added this one to the trailer home to Oxfordshire.

OTHER VENDOR TOP PRICES

- * Gethin Davies, Moelfryn, 900gns to S Lewis, Haverfordwest, Carmarthenshire
- * Will Whiting, Fursdon, 800gns to R S and J Gregory, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
- * Victoria Ashmore, Micklehills, 800gns to G Pink, Shrewsbury, Shropshire



* Sale leader at 3000gns, Edstaston Diamonte, from Robert and Jeanette Gregory.



* B B Destiny from Ben Baker made 2600gns.



* George Hoggard sold this Manor House ewe lamb for 1400gns.



* Best of the ewes at 1100gns from the Cavick pen of Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten.



* A shearing ewe from the Glyn Coch flock of Adrian Davies at 1000gns.

Averages

23 shearing ewes **£874.24**

12 ewe lambs **£1435.00**

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‘SASSY’ SCOTTISH EWE TOPS CCM CHAROLLAIS SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Standing firmly in the spotlight at CCM Skipton’s annual Autumn show and sale of pedigree Charollais females last October was Hannah Jackson, of Messrs Sloan and Jackson, Rigghead flock, Collin, Dumfries.

The 2500gns sale leader had earlier been tapped out as first prize shearing ewe and overall champion by show judge Robert Whittaker, a fellow Scottish Borders farmer from Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, who runs the Hundalee flock of 50 Charollais.

Robert enthused at the high standard of entries. He said: “The shearing I placed champion showed great breed characteristics - sassy, with correctness, and fantastic top line, loin and full gigot with good tight skin. A real eye-catcher. The overall show of sheep forward for sale was a great representation of the breed and this showed with a full ringside of buyers and a good solid trade throughout.”

Robert’s pick, a February-born triplet, is by Skyefall Bandit - bought from Stuart Ramsey, Kelso, two years ago, out of a Foxhill ewe by Thackwood U Corker and purchased as a lamb for 1900gns. In-lamb with twins to Logie Durno Craftsman, a stock tup bought for 3500gns, she travelled to Cockermouth after being knocked down to David Norman to join his Kirkhouse flock.

Their eight shearing entries drew a lot of attention, with a Logie Durno Ultimatum twin daughter, out of a Glyn Coch Vagabond ewe and carrying twins to Artnagullion Carnival Chaos, taking fourth place and second top call at 1700gns. She sold to T Hunter, Hunmanby, for his Skelton Whin flock.



* Pre-sale champion and sale topper at 2500gns from Hannah Jackson



* Another from the Rigghead pen made 1700gns



* The top from the Loaningfoot pen at 1700gns



A Rigghead ewe by Dafolog Allstar, out of a 4500gns Logie Durno ewe by Foxhill Va Va Voom, carrying a single lamb also to Carnival Chaos, made 1600gns, while Skyefall Bandit featured again when one of his daughters carrying triplets sold at 1550gns, three others reaching 1000gns twice and 800gns. A further sale at 900gns, another Dafolog Allstar daughter, carrying a single Carnival Chaos lamb, brought Messrs Sloan and Jackson a leading consignment average of £1450.31.

Also flying the Scottish flag was Ben Radley, Loaningfoot flock, Georgetown, Dumfries, who was joint second top call at 1700gns and reserve overall champion with his second prize shearling ewe, a powerful Moelfryn Biggar twin daughter out of a homebred ewe by Oakchurch Royal Ryan. She was scanned carrying a single lamb to Thackwood Duke and travelled back over the border with Stuart Ramsey to Falsidehill Farm, Kelso.

Ben also sold a Boyo Vancouver-sired shearling carrying twins to Thackwood Duke for 1100gns. Further Loaningfoot sales were 1000gns, 900gns twice and 850gns twice.

Fixture regulars Charles and Valerie Marwood, Foulrice flock, Whenby, near York, saw sales of 900gns for shearlings sired by Foulrice rams: Buccaneer, Buster and Valiant and scanned in lamb to Skyefall Cannon, purchased at Kelso the previous year for 2000gns. Their third prize ewe by Foulrice Aristocrat reached 850gns.

The same team, led the ewe lamb section on price at 800gns for the second prize winner, sired by Lowerye Buzz from a Mendip Wellington ewe. This triplet sold to G and S Sinclair, Castle Douglas. Next best was by the third prize Foulrice Aristocrat daughter out of a homebred ewe to Foulrice Titus, which secured a hammer price of 750gns.

FLYING TRADE AT EXETER FOR CHAROLLAIS FEMALES

One buyer dominated the sale of in-lamb Charollais shearling ewes and ewe lambs at Exeter Market Friday 31st October taking 14 out of the 21 lots forward. Richard Rogers from Mold in North Wales was adding to his newly formed Blodwyn Flock. Topping his list were two shearling ewes at 1700gns apiece.

The first was from the Sheldon flock of Gerald Burrough, Devon. This ewe was out of his top show ewe, Sheldon Tantastic and carrying twins to Pembroke Club Captain. At the same money was the pen leader from Tom Newth's Prestleigh flock, Somerset. This daughter of Robleston Buckle Up was also carrying twins, this time to Boyo Drambuie. Other shearlings from the same flock sold for 1450gns and 1400gns.

Will Whiting's Fursdon flock from Cornwall topped at 1300gns for a Crogham bred shearling by Edstaston Bodhi and carrying twins to the 2025 sale leader Edstaston Dakota.

Leading the ewe lamb section were Ben and Amelia Watts at 1100gns with a lamb by Springhill Crackerjack. All four of their entries will be joining the Blodwyn Flock.

Averages

14 shearling ewes **£1,160.25**

7 ewe lambs **£885.00**

SPRINGHILL FLOCK ON TOP FORM AT DUNGANNON EXPORT SALE

A ewe lamb full of breeding from Graham Foster's Newtownstewart-based Springhill flock proved to be the cream of the crop at the **Dungannon export sale** topping at 4800gns.

Springhill 25WLK08351 is sired by Springhill Crackerjack, a son of Boyo Bravemansgame and out of their Oakchurch bred Cavick What A Boy daughter. She was part of the first prize pair of ewe lambs at the NI National Championships earlier in the year and after competitive bidding this one found its new home with Messrs Wilson and Gallagher, County Donegal.

Another ewe lamb from the Springhill flock followed close behind at 4400gns. This was in the form of Springhill 25WLK08367. This one is another daughter of Springhill Crackerjack and this time out of a homebred Boyo Walk This Way daughter. Another successful show ewe lamb having won first prize at Omagh show, she now resides with J P Graham and son, Cumbria.

At 3000gns was Ballyhunsley 25XSR01893, this one from Messrs J and D Anderson Bushmills, County Antrim, is by Springhill Bobby Dazzler and out of a Springhill bred Springhill Vodka daughter. She's a full sister to the 2025 Dungannon Premier female champion and was bought by G Foster for his Springhill flock having faith in her breeding.

Topping the shearling ewe section was Beechview 24PQ00579 from Messrs G and J Booth, Stewartstown, County Tyrone. She is sired by Erenagh Admiral and out of the homebred Riverdale Victor daughter. Scanned with twins to Tullyear Amazon she commanded a price tag of 2800gns selling to N Flanagan, Keady, County Armagh.

Back in the Springhill pen of ewe lambs saw Springhill 25WLK08365 reach 2800gns selling to H Keys, Fivemiletown, County Tyrone. This one is sired by Springhill Aston Martin, a Gwyndy Whizz Kid son and out of an Edstaston bred Knockin Shockin' daughter.

At 2600gns was another Springhill ewe lamb in the form of Springhill 25WLK08436, this one is sired by a Bolinaspect Captain Morgan

which was top priced ram lamb at Blessington last year and out of a homebred Boyo Bravemansgame daughter. She heads to Wales with E Turner, Newtown, Powys.

Back in the in-lamb shearling section saw G Baird's Amagh-based Aghavilly flock command a 2200gns price tag for Aghavilly 24VAB02319. This one is sired by Aghavilly Belvedere, a Rhaeadr Orlando son and out of a homebred Loanhead Virgil Van Dijk daughter. Scanned a single to Iskeymeadow Courthouse, she was snapped up by A Killion, Lecarrow, County Roscommon.

Another from the Aghavilly pen saw the hammer fall at 2000gns for Aghavilly 24VAB02299 carrying twins to Iskeymeadow Courthouse, selling to A Crothers, Newtownabbey, County Antrim. This ewe is sired by Loanhead Virgil Van Dijk and out of a Logie Durno bred Foxhill Va Va Voom daughter, with the dam having been crowned NI champion Charollais show ewe for 2024.

Also at 2000gns was Artnagullion 24ZGQ06222 from W McAllister, Kells, Ballymena. Sired by Artnagullion Bushwacker and out of a homebred Knockin Shop daughter, she was sold scanned carrying twins to Artnagullion Bandit to the previously mentioned H Keys.

Averages:

45 In-lamb shearling ewes **£991.20**

35 ewe lambs **£1,431.60**

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**DUNGANNON
FARMERS' MART**



* Sale leading ewe lamb at 4800gns from Graham Foster's Springhill flock



* Another Springhill ewe lamb sells for 4400gns



* At 3000gns was this ewe lamb from Messrs J and D Anderson



* Topping the in-lamb shearlings at 2800gns from Messrs G and J Booth



* A further ewe lamb from the Springhill pen at 2800gns



* Springhill ewe lamb at 2600gns



* The best shearling from G Baird topped at 2200gns



* Another from the Aghavilly pen made 2000gns



* Top for W McAllister's Artnagullion pen at 2000gns

PRESTLEIGH FLOCK DOMINATES HEREFORD HIGH FLYERS SALE

It was a day of double success for Tom Newth and his Prestleigh flock at last year's **Hereford High Flyers** sale of Charollais females as he celebrated top price in both the ewe lamb and shearling ewe section.

The sale leader from the Shepton Mallet, Somerset-based flock was a ewe lamb, Prestleigh Diamond Diva 25WSG01510. A daughter of former reserve interbreed ram lamb from the Royal Welsh, Wernfawr Awesome and out of a Boyo female by Lowerye Vladamir. The lamb had previously stood reserve female champion at the Royal Bath and West last year and after spirited bidding from the ringside, the hammer finally fell at 5000gns with the new owner being Stephen Cobbald, Acton, Suffolk, for his recently established Lavenham flock.

Continuing a phenomenal day's trade for the Prestleigh flock, the shearling ewe sale leader from the same pen and second highest price on the day at 4000gns was Prestleigh Cover Girl, 24WSG01404. By the privately purchased Roblestone Buckle Up, this one is out of a Rigghead Untouchable, Boyo-bred daughter. She sold having been scanned for twins to the privately purchased Boyo Drambuie and joined the sale leading ewe lamb in the Lavenham flock.

Next up at 3200gns was a shearling ewe from High Flyers stalwarts and Whitland, Pembrokeshire-based Arwyn and Jane Thomas' Arbryn flock, in the form of Arbryn 24WRF01066. By Logie Durno Barbarian and out of a homebred Arbryn Tonto daughter, this female was part of the interbreed group of three at last year's Royal Welsh Show and carries a family full of successful breeding females in the pedigree. Having been scanned twins to Bronwydd Double Decker, this one also joined the previous two, being knocked down to Stephen Cobbald.

Second highest priced ewe lamb at 3000gns went to Brecon-Powys-based Paul Curran with his first prize ewe lamb from last year's Royal Welsh Show, Wernfawr 25XEVO2662. By Glyn Coch Ace, she is out of a homebred Wernfawr

Uptown Funk daughter who produced the top priced ewe lamb at the previous year's Hereford High Flyers Sale. This one also added to the recently established Lavenham flock.

Remaining with Paul Curran's Wernfawr pen, his next best was the 2700gns Wernfawr 25XEVO2635, a Logie Durno Wall St daughter out of a homebred female by Glyn Coch A Night To Remember. She caught the eye of Ben Radley for his Loaningfoot flock, Georgetown, Dumfries.

Next up from the same pen at 1950gns was Wernfawr 25XEVO2655, a Roblestone Warrior daughter out of a homebred female by Wrenvale Mad 4 Ewe. Taking this one home to Hunmanbry, North Yorkshire, were Thomas and Judith Hunter for the Skelton Whin flock.

At the same price tag, Monachorum, Devon-based Paul Quick of the Loosebeare flock, secured another lamb from the same pen, this time Wernfawr 25XEVO2651. Another by Glyn Coch Ace and this time out of a Wernfawr Stormer daughter who produced the 2023 reserve breed champion from the Royal Welsh and is the dam of the 3500gns Wernfawr Chieftain.

Back with shearling ewes and the third highest price in that offering was the pen leader from David Lewis, Narberth, Pembrokeshire. Pembroke 24VJZ05289 is by Knockin Attitude and out of a homebred female by Arbryn Tonto. This one sold having been scanned with twins to Bachymbyd Bomber to Messrs Heath and Cowles, Tregare, Monmouthshire.

At 1850gns was another shearling ewe from Arwyn and Jane Thomas. Arbryn 24WRF01022 is by Logie Durno Barbarian and out of a Skyefall Virgil Van Dyke homebred female who is a granddaughter of the renowned Kit Kat. She

sold having been scanned to Tullyear Crusader to mass buyer on the day Rogers Farming, Mold, Denbighshire, for the recently established Blodwyn flock.

Next up and from the same pen selling for 1800gns was another Logie Durno Barbarian daughter, Arbryn 24WRF01065. This time out of a homebred Arbryn Tonto daughter, she was knocked down to previous buyers, Messrs Heath and Cowles.

David Lewis was then back in action selling Pembroke 24VJZ05279 for 1800gns to C D Griffin and Partners, Woolland, Dorset. A daughter of Pembroke Bulletproof and out of a Loanhead Washington homebred daughter, she had been scanned a single to Bachymbyd Bomber.

At the same money was another Arbryn female, 24WRF01068. By Arbryn Atilla and out of another Tonto daughter, Arbryn Rihana, she was sold having been Al'd to Bronwydd Double Decker to Emyr Hughes for his Bronwydd flock, Wolfcastle, Pembrokeshire.

Then at 1750gns was the best from Jennifer Curtis' Elmwick pen in the form of Elmwick 24DQ03113, an Arbryn Blitz daughter out of a homebred female by a Tawelfa sire. This successful show female from last summer had been Al'd to Loanhead Bright Spark and was the pick of Jim Neil, Stichill, Scottish Borders, for the Runningburn flock.

Trade was strong throughout the sale resulting in a 100% clearance for all females on offer and a centre record average for the sale of £1408.31.

OTHER VENDOR HIGHLIGHTS

- * T J W Evans, Sant Andras, sold Sant Andras 24WJG00862 (by Wernfawr Ali) for 1600gns to D E Ayres and Co, Ludlow, Shropshire
- * Emyr Hughes, Bronwydd, sold Bronwydd 24WAJ01038 (by Bronwydd Brenin) for 1350gns to Rogers Farming, Mold, Denbighshire.





* The sale leading ewe lamb at 5000gns from Tom Newth's Prestleigh flock



* Topping the ewe trade at 4000gns, a shearing ewe from Tom Newth



* Arwyn and Jane Thomas sold their best from the Arbryn pen for 3200gns



* Pen leading ewe lamb from Paul Curran's Wernfawr flock at 3000gns



* Another Wernfawr ewe lamb made 2700gns



* The Elmick pen topped at 1750gns for this shearing from Jennifer Curtis



MELTON MOWBRAY WINTER WARMERS SALE SEES A TOP OF 1250GNS

An increased entry of pedigree Charollais females at **Melton Mowbray** Market's Winter Warmers sale on saw a top price of 1250gns for a ewe lamb from George Hoggard's Manor House flock in Nottinghamshire.

Averages:

1 aged ewe **£651.00**

12 shearling ewes **£773.50**

16 ewe lambs **£509.25**

Auctioneer: Clive Roads for Melton Mowbray.

Sired by Springhill Bentley out of a Foxhill Va Va Voom sired ewe, she was knocked down to A Read from Newark.

Next best was the top priced shearling ewe this time from Geoff Biddulph's Gawsworth flock in Cheshire. This daughter of Ffrwd Alonso was carrying triplets to Foxhill All Star and sold for 1100 gns to Emily Scaman for her Hilltop flock in Saleby, Lincolnshire. Further shearlings from the same pen sold for 820gns and 800gns.

The pre-sale champion was a shearling ewe from Cecil and Janet Thomas's Wolston Flock near Coventry. Putting in the final bid of 900gns for this daughter of Foxhill Va Va Voom was Alex Walker from Coleby in Lincolnshire. The ewe joins his Colemine flock alongside a shearling purchased from the Gawsworth pen at 750gns.



* Leading Melton Mowbray Winter Warmers Sale at 1250gns was a ewe lamb from George Hoggard's Manor House flock.

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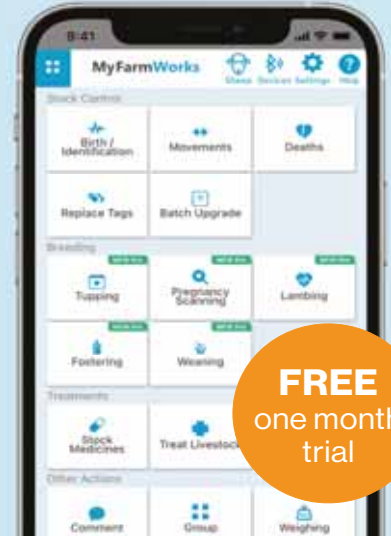


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