

Rookery Suffolk Flock wins the 2015 National Flock Competition

It has been a tremendous year for the Rookery flock belonging to the Holmes family from Broadway, Worcestershire. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Rookery flock and is the third time it has won the National Flock Competition. This competition is run annually by the Suffolk Sheep Society and Liz Needham, from Grantham, Leicestershire was the 2015 judge. Norbrook kindly sponsored the competition.

The Bristol Gold Cup is awarded to the overall winning flock. This cup which is made of gold has been awarded since 1899. The overall reserve was Mrs Helen Goldie with her Harpercroft flock of sheep from Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.

The John Long Cup is awarded to flocks under 30 ewes. This was won by Glynis and Jane Soulsby, Williamsgill flock. The flock is based in Temple Sowerby, Penrith. Reserve in this category went to Patrick McVerry, Tullywinney flock from Newry, N Ireland.

Rookery won the WE Lloyd Cup in the category of 31-60 ewes. They also won the Bonnington Salver for the Best Flock of Ewes. In both occasions Mrs Helen Goldie's Harpercroft was a very close second.

The Keeble Cup (61-100 ewes) was won by the Lindum flock belonging to David and Julie Inman from Melton Mowbray. EA & L Jackson, Rugley flock from Alnwick Northumberland won the Brooks Cup in the Over 100 ewe Category.

Tom Fitzsimon, Sunnyhill flock from Dumfries won the Sainsbury cup for the Best Ewe Lambs and the Chebsey Cup for the best Progeny Group sired by Rhaeadr Top Man.

The Sire of the Year Trophy is awarded to the breeder whose ram had the highest average for three sons sold at Suffolk Sheep Society sales. The 2015 award went to Myfyr Evans, Rhaeadr flock. Three sons sold from Ardlea Arbennig for 25,000gns, 21,000gns and 850gns. The overall average was £16,398.