

Kelso 2018 Show & Sale (Sponsors Harbro)

This was the third year of the Kelso Suffolk Show and a big thank you to Harbro for sponsoring this year's event. There was once again considerable interest on the eve of the sale for the show. Judge Raymond Dawson (Whinbrae Farm, Aberdeenshire) had a challenge picking the winners with some excellent stock brought forward in both the Shearling and Lamb classes. Congratulations to G Stuart (Birness Flock) for winning the Breed Champion with his Ram Lamb (lot 3661). D Gilmour (Broomknowes Flock) was runner up in the Ram Lamb Class and Reserve Breed Champion with lot 3790. In the Shearling Class, J Watson (Brijon Flock) lifted the 1st Ticket for lot 2985 and J & E Campbell (Rosebrough Flock) was reserve. The results were:

Lamb Class

1st & Breed Champion – G L Stuart & Son (Birness) lot 3661

2nd & Reserve Breed Champion - D W M Gilmour (Broomeknowe) lot 3790

3rd – R H Black (Collessie) lot 3764

4th – S Lathangie (Pyeston) lot 3680

Shearling Class

1st – J Watson (Brijon) lot 2985

2nd – J & E Campbell (Roseborough) lot 2810

3rd – E A & L Jackson (Rugley) lot 3135

4th – A Gray & Son (Langside) lot 2954

Sale

As the leading domestic terminal sire breed in the UK and Ireland, the Suffolk breed has dominated the ram lamb sales at Kelso in recent years and 2018 continues in this vein. Suffolks accounted for 53% of all lamb sales with 49% of the total lamb prices. Top price in the lamb ring on the day was J G Douglas (Cairness) getting £4,000 sold to Irish breeder Mr T Buck. Next was Gary Beacom with £2,800 for his Lakeview ram lamb. There were 212 suffolk lambs sold at an average of £521. Lilburn Estates (Roseden) achieved the top average of £941 selling 6 rams with a top price of £1,800.

In the shearling ring, A Gray & Sons (Langside) was the top performer in Ring 8, clearing 13 sheep at an average of nearly £1,055 with a top price of £5,000. The MV registered shearlings in ring 8 cleared 295 sheep with an average of

£697. Ring 14, which is for non MV accredited Suffolks, sold 452 shearlings at an average of £616.

There is always confusion to rings being classified as “Registered” or “Non Registered”. This is not an indication of Society membership, it simply relates to the Maedi Visna Accreditation scheme. Registered rings refer to a ring where all vendors must be in the MV scheme and Non Registered refers to a ring where breeders sell sheep that are not required to be in the MV scheme. Some members choose to sell their accredited sheep in the non-registered ring.

The sale highlights and averages were as follows:

Table 1 Ring 8 Shearling Rams from Society Members

Name	Highest Price	No of Sheep Sold	Average
15 Messrs A Gray & Son Langside Farm Langside 60L	£5,000.00	13	£1,055.38
9 P Gray Scrogton Scrogton 6X	£3,000.00	15	£963.33
17 J Watson & Co Bowsden Moor Brijon X22	£1,800.00	32	£925.00
1 Highfield Farming Co C & J Nicolson Knockem SUP	£1,000.00	2	£900.00
12 Mrs Fiona Wight Carwood Wights CDW	£1,500.00	14	£835.71
3 D W M Gilmour Broomknowes Broomknowes V18	£1,050.00	2	£825.00
20 Mrs I M Fowlie Adziel Farm Essie H6	£1,100.00	23	£813.91
2 J & E Campbell Rosebrough Rosebrough 76L	£1,300.00	10	£810.00
10 Stephen Illingworth Howgillside Glenrock 52K	£1,150.00	8	£683.75
25 E A & L Jackson Rugley Farm Rugley 10P	£2,600.00	27	£679.26
22 Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership North Middleton House Roseden & Lilburn G34	£1,000.00	19	£646.32
16 J S Dun & Partners Catcune Catcune 31P	£1,500.00	19	£645.79
7 J S & J B Mauchlen Spotsmains Spotsmains FJY	£1,300.00	13	£607.69
4 Messrs H Annett & Son Widdrington Widdrington PHB	£900.00	10	£605.00
21 Kirsty Bailey Dere Street Farming Easton LVW	£950.00	11	£588.18
19 Messrs G Berwick & Son Barbarafield Farm Barbarafield JOH	£850.00	9	£563.33
23 J Hepburn & Co Northhouse Northhouse FOV	£850.00	14	£535.00
11 R G Laing & Sons Oxmuir Oxmuir F48	£1,000.00	19	£500.53
8 Mr S Bourman Middle House Middlehouse SFS	£500.00	1	£500.00
18 Rodger K Denby Riddings Hill Carnforth A58	£600.00	7	£490.00
6 Hazel M Martindale Land Farm Landale KFD	£900.00	12	£477.50

14 P & A Wilson Spoutwells Spoutwells H37	£550.00	6	£451.67
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Table 2 Ring 10 Ram Lambs from Society Members

Name	Highest Price	No of Sheep Sold	Average
Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership North Middleton House Roseden G34	£1,800.00	6	£941.67
S Buckley Sittinglow Sittlow 45Z	£1,800.00	6	£800.00
George L Stuart Milltown Of Birness Birness 1W	£1,600.00	12	£794.17
Gary Beacom Lakeview Farm Lakeview JFF	£2,800.00	9	£724.44
J G Douglas Woodhead Of Cairness Cairness 33H	£4,000.00	11	£720.91
S & G Brown Woodhead Farm Capielaw JTO	£1,300.00	12	£690.83
Dennis Taylor 56 Cashel Road Ballynacanon KKW	£1,700.00	9	£595.56
M L Evans Tower Gate Farm Jubilee Y31	£2,400.00	15	£588.00
D W M Gilmour Broomknowes Broomknowes V18	£1,000.00	9	£548.89
P & D Reid Calfpark Conchar JDJ	£650.00	2	£525.00
R H Black Newton Of Collessie Collessie 416	£1,000.00	15	£520.00
H T Turner 18 Eton Close Harley PSF	£700.00	3	£500.00
Mrs H Goldie Harpercroft Harpercroft 249	£620.00	10	£497.00
Stewart Lathangie Pyeston Farm Pyeston LVL	£950.00	9	£433.33
S & W Tait 37 Lisnaharney Road Burnview T86	£700.00	7	£425.71
W & H Fleming Hallhill Hallhill 35N	£1,250.00	12	£409.17
Gordon A Mackie Drimmie Farm Drimmie 583	£850.00	8	£405.00
J R Irving Hilltop Glenreiver NLZ	£750.00	7	£404.29
G & J Soulsby Williamsgill Williamsgill FAJ	£400.00	2	£400.00

Table 3 Ring 14 Shearling Rams Non MV Registered

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