

## Langside Shearling Tops Suffolk's at Kelso 2021 at £6,000

The top priced Suffolk at this year's Kelso Ram Sales was for A Gray & Son's (Langside) shearling ram from Lanarkshire, with the hammer falling to Mr Roberts from North Wales for £6,000. This sheep was part of the excellent Langside pen of 10 averaging £1,800. Averages of £1,000 and over in the Shearling ring was achieved by J Elliott (Roxburgh Mains), £1,333 with a top of £3,300, G & B Ingram (Logie Durno), £1,250 with a top of £1,500, Kirsty Bailey (Easton) £1,175 with a top of £1,500, Stephen Illingworth (Glenrock), £1,092 with a top of £1,400, Lilburn Estates (Roseden), £1,053 with a top of £1,600, and Irene Fowlie (Essie), £1,000 with a top of £1,700. Registered Shearlings achieved an excellent average of £999, up 21% on 2019's average of £789.

Suffolk shearlings are also sold through the 'non-registered' ring 14, which can be confusing as a number of Society members also sell here. J Elliott (Roxburgh Mains) sold 25 sheep through this ring topping at £1,700 with an average of £1,386. J A Campbell (Glenrath) averaged £1,358 for 12 sheep and a top of £2,400.

The Suffolk breed has once again dominated the ram lamb rings at Kelso in recent years and 2021 continues that trend with Suffolks accounting for 45% of all lamb sales, the highest participation of any breed. Top three prices for Suffolk ram lambs at Kelso on the day was G L Stuart (Birness) getting £2,600 with the next two at £2,400 out of an excellent pen of 12 sheep sold for an average of £1,415. Next on the money list was Stephen Buckley's top two prices at £1,900 and £1,800 from his Sitlow pen averaging £1,103 for 10 lambs. Mr & Mrs B Nicholson's Knockem flock also topped at £1,800. Other notable sales in the Ram Lamb ring were S & G Brown (Capielaw Flock) and R H Black (Collessie flock) getting £1,300 and £1,100 respectively. Understandably entries were down this year with only 146 ram lambs entered (250 lambs in 2019), however the average was up 36% from £476 to an excellent £646.

**Table 1 Ring 8 Shearling Rams from Society Members (Top 10 by Average)**

Name	Highest Price	No of Sheep Sold	Average
Messrs A Gray & Son, Langside, 60L	£6,000	10	£1,800
J Elliot, Roxburgh Mains 9003	£3,300	15	£1,333
G & B Ingram, Logie Durno, HCT	£1,500	4	£1,250
Kirsty Bailey, Easton LVW	£1,500	10	£1,175
Stephen Illingworth, Glenrock 52K	£1,400	12	£1092
Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership, Roseden G34	£1,600	17	£1,053
Mrs I M Fowlie Essie H6	£1,700	23	£1,000
Mrs Fiona Wight, Wight CDW	£1,500	14	£982
J Hepburn & Co, Northhouse FOV	£1,400	11	£891
P & A Wilson Spoutwells H37	£1,150	6	£800

**Table 2 Ring 10 Ram Lambs from Society Members (Top 10 by Average)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Top Price</b>	<b>No of Sheep Sold</b>	<b>Average</b>
George L Stuart Birness 1W	£2,600	12	£1,415
S Buckley Sitlow 45Z	£1,900	10	£1,103
Mr & Mrs B Nicholson Knockem SUP	£1,800	2	£1,300
Stewart Lathangie Pyeston LVL	£1,000	5	£800
S & G Brown Capielaw JTO	£1,300	12	£769
Mrs H Goldie Harpercroft 249	£800	5	£630
Pamela Lupton Kexbeck KXL	£750	3	£617
M L Evans Jubilee Y31	£1,000	18	£561
J R Irving Glenreiver NLZ	£800	6	£558
P & D Reid Conchar JDX	£850	6	£535

**Table 3 Ring 14 Shearling Rams Non Registered (Top 5 Society Members by Average)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Top Price</b>	<b>No of Sheep Sold</b>	<b>Average</b>
J Elliot, Roxburgh Mains 9003	£1,700	25	£1,386
Mrs A Campbell, Glenrath B8	£2,400	12	£1,358
W D Mundell & Sons, Meigle W91	£1,100	9	£876
J F Stott & Sons T6	£1,350	9	£813
Mrs J S Laing, Oxmuir F48	£1,200	18	£738