



HOPE'S
AUCTIONEERS & LAND AGENTS

December 2022

NEWSLETTER

SEASONS GREETINGS

After being on the board at Hopes for the last six years, it was an honour to be made chairman. For those who do not know me, I farm beef, sheep, and now dairy at Greystoke Castle with my wife Liz and our two sons, Thomas and Jack. We also have a daughter who is a teacher at a local primary school. I was born and brought up at Parkgate Hall near Wigton, where my family still farm and I have been a customer at Hopes all my life.

We have a fantastic facility here at Hopes and a business, which is now back in profit, thanks to all the board members past and present and all the staff involved with Hopes in all departments. But the biggest thank you must go to all our customers and shareholders who have backed Hopes through thick and thin.

Going forward we hope to keep stock numbers growing. We are hoping to expand the team in the land agency department to keep up with the changing times, with farm payments being phased out and new schemes coming in to replace them. The land agency team will be able to help with this transition.

There are also very early stages of planning to use the Syke Road site to greater use; more on that at a later date.

Thanks again to all our customers; please keep supporting Hopes. In the words of one of our past directors, "Let's continue to make Hopes great again!"

Your Sincerely,

John Peile

Chairman



OPEN DAY

Friday 24th February

2023 marks the 10-year anniversary of moving to Syke Road and to commence Anniversary Proceedings we will be hosting an open day in conjunction with local businesses within the Auction Premises.

The day is projected to incorporate a stock judging event alongside trade stalls and Industry Exhibition.

UPCOMING SALES

EVERY TUESDAY

SALE OF PRIMESTOCK

Sale of Prime Sheep at 8:30am followed by Cull Ewes
Sale of Young Bulls at 12:30pm followed by Clean Cattle.

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

Sale of Store Cattle and OTM Cattle

Sale of OTM Cattle to commence at 10.30am followed by Store Cattle

And

Sale of Calves and Stirks and Dairy Cattle

Sale of Calves and Stirks at 11am followed by Dairy Cattle

5th January

Sale of Calves & Stirks, Dairy Cattle, Store Lambs & In Lambs Ewes

12th January

Show & Sale of Store Cattle & OTM Cattle

4th February

Collective Sale of Small Tools, Machinery & Implements

24th February

10 Years – Open Day

2nd March

Anniversary Show & Sale of Calves & Stirks, Dairy Cattle & In Lamb Ewes & Hogs.

7th March

Anniversary Show & Sale of Primestock

9th March

Anniversary Show & Sale of Store Cattle

22nd March

Annual Letting of Stints & Grassland

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KENDAL COLLEGE



To cater to the North and West of Cumbria in September 2022 Kendal College launched a new satellite centre at Hopes Auction in Wigton.

20 new apprentices study 1 day per week from the Auction at Wigton in response to the huge uptake of Agricultural learners who have joined the college since 2021. It also recognizes the massive distances some students have to travel to reach college. The college are very keen to ensure that no student misses out on a Cumbrian agricultural education because of their distance from Kendal.

'We were delighted that Hopes Auction Wigton, have chosen to support us in our outreach work' - Richard Gardiner, lecturer in Agriculture.

The current intake of students for September is 85, taking the total number of students studying Agriculture at Kendal College to 135. These students come from right across the breadth and width of the county. Road Head to Preston, Seascale to Barnard Castle.

'It is wonderful to see such a huge uptake in our courses here at Kendal College. My colleagues Sam Riseborough, Richard Gardiner and Sarah Jackson knew the importance of retaining an Agricultural provision within the county and it is fantastic to have such a strong uptake.' - Dan Stamper, Lecturer in Agriculture.

On A level results day the college celebrated the success of its first cohort of students completing the Advanced Extended Technical Diploma in Agriculture with Kendal College. Sam Riseborough Lecturer in Agriculture, We were absolutely delighted in our first set of results. Two students achieved the top grade of triple distinction, triple star'. Several others achieved triple distinction star and no one in the group achieved less than a merit. Which for 28 students is an incredible achievement.

The new academic year has kicked off with students undertaking practical work on a range of farms across the county and the College is hugely grateful to those farmers hosting farm practical's. The college is always looking for new farmers to host practical's on their farms, if you think this might be of interest to you please get in touch with Dan.Stamper@Kendal.ac.uk

DAVID FEARON

AUCTIONEER AND FIELDSMAN

Born in 1994 David went to school at St Michaels Primary School and Keswick Secondary School. From school

he joined Harrison and Hetherington as a yard man and worked his way up to become an auctioneer, selling his top priced animal to 30,000 for a Blue Texel Tup, where he held the post for twelve years.

David joined Hopes Auction Co in September 2022 as an Auctioneer and Fieldsman and now regularly sells Ewes on Tuesdays and Store Lambs and Store Cattle on Thursdays.

David has settled into his role extremely well and enjoys 'the crack' with farmers and the company of his work colleagues.

David enjoys working at the family farm at Fell View Farm, Branthwaite; a 350 acre farm, where collie dog Lenny is his companion when it comes to running 600 Breeding Ewes & 600 Store Lambs.

In his spare time David's hobbies include milking cows morning and night, socialising at weekends and looking after his own flock of sheep. David recently bought his own home, which he shares with his partner and is looking forward to getting a new puppy at Christmas.

"I am really enjoying the role and challenges that Hopes Auction Co Ltd is throwing my way. The quality of stock that comes through the auction is outstanding, a real credit to the vendors. Hopes Auction can sell all qualities of cattle and sheep from Swaledale to Beltex and Friesian to Limousin".

If you would like a visit or just an informal chat, please contact David on 07500 173273.




Agriculture Information Mornings

J36 Rural Auction Centre, Crooklands
Saturday 3rd December
Saturday 4th February
Saturday 6th May
10am - 12pm

Hope's Auction, Wigton
Monday 28th November
5pm - 7pm
Saturday 11th February
10am - 12pm
Monday 24th April
5pm - 7pm

Drop in anytime!

Book your place
kendal.ac.uk/visit



Slurry Infrastructure Grant

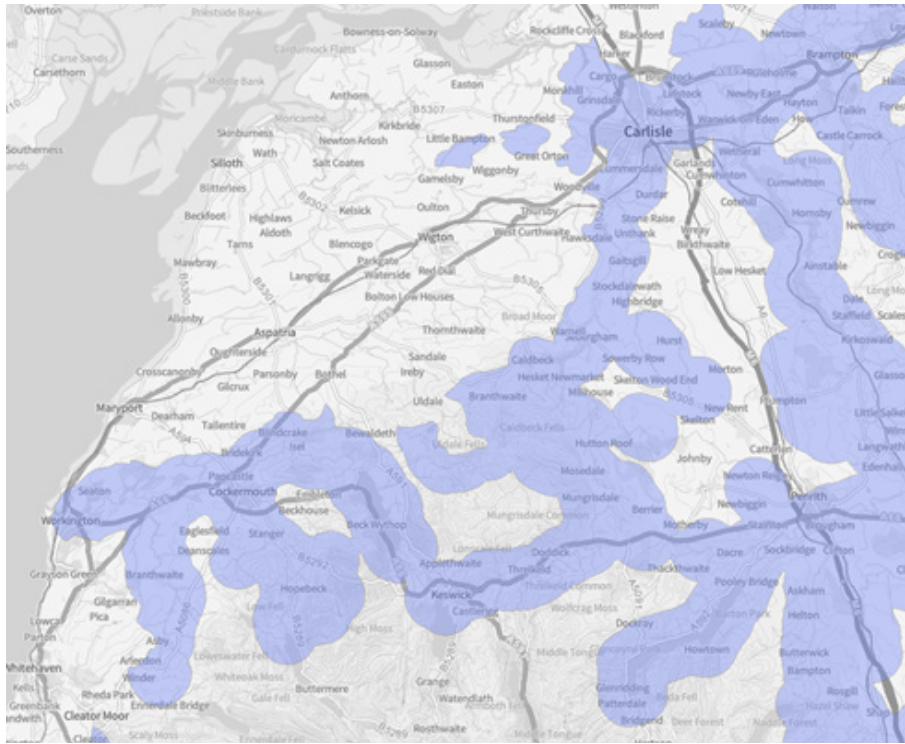
We now have further information on the long-anticipated slurry infrastructure grant. This grant is to replace, build additional or expand existing slurry stores to provide 6 months' storage.

The grant is based on standard costs providing a fixed contribution towards the cost of items and the storage you plan to build. There is funding available for slurry stores, slurry covers on the new or expanded stores, store accessories including reception pits, transfer pumps, mixers, transfer channels, and safety fencing.

DEFRA have highlighted their priority areas for the first round of the grant. These are the shaded areas on the map below. It is thought this is where the focus for the first round will lie, however it would be advised that if you are outside the area but are considering applying, that you still do so. This will mean that the RPA are aware where the need for support for slurry infrastructure lies for future rounds.

The first stage of application being an online eligibility checker is now open. This must be completed before the 31st January 2023. If successful, you will be invited to make a full application.

Contact the office now on 016973 44901 to start your application.



Future Direction of Travel for British Agriculture

BPS reduction

Government have confirmed that they will continue with the phasing out of BPS as planned with the transition to payment available through participation in the Environmental Land Management Schemes.

SFI

The Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) is to continue as planned. This is one branch of the Environment Land Management Scheme. There are three standards currently available: the improved grassland soils standard, the arable and horticultural soils standard, and the moorland standard. Applications for this scheme are open all year round.

Countryside Stewardship +

Countryside Stewardship + is to replace the Local Nature Recovery aspect of ELMs. We await further detail, though this scheme is expected to be an enhanced version of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme we have in place today.

We expect to hear further regarding the above schemes early in the new year.

In summary, it remains clear that this new direction of travel for British Agriculture is here to stay and is something that we are going to have to adapt to. BPS will continue to be reduced until it is no longer available, and the participation in the new ELM schemes is going to be fundamental in helping to bridge the gap of the loss of income.

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MACHINERY SALE

Saturday 1st October 2022



"Pinch and a Punch First of the Month"

Plenty of pinching as vendors contemplated the phenomenal trade for machinery on Saturday 1st October at Wigton with quality clean equipment selling beyond expectations.

One of the largest crowds seen at Wigton for a growing section and a super result for a sale that contained 2 dispersals on behalf of Messrs Watson, Hazel Gill (Retirement) and Mourneden Holdings.

The next sale will be the 4th February 2023 with further quality dispersals included.

Top prices:

- £38,500 - John Deere 6930 (09 Reg)
- £22,500 - John Deere 6330 (09 Reg)
- £15,000 - Lagan Stock Box
- £11,300 - Amazone Combination
- £9,800 - Hatz Piler
- £9,500 - NC 10T Dump Trailer
- £8,100 - Massey Ferguson 390 2WD
- £8,100 - Amazone 18m Sprayer
- £7,900 - Ifor Williams 12' Trailer
- £7,700 - Kuhn HR3004 Power Harrow



Sunday 4th December 2022

Annual Christmas Show and Sale of 'Butchers Lambs and Prime Cattle'

CHRISTMAS PRIME LAMBS – 161

The Annual Christmas Show and Sale of Butchers Lambs took place in Hopes Auction at Wigton, which saw a tremendous show of top-quality Butchers Lambs. The pre-sale show was very ably judged by George Cropper, Accrington, who made the lengthy journey from Baxenden, Lancashire. George commented on what a tremendous run of stock was presented before him and said that the stock was a credit to all vendors.

Competing for the Henry Ridley Trophy, and very kindly sponsored by Tynedale Farm Services, Wigton, after a lengthy inspection of the over 90kg Trimmed Lambs and the over 90kg Untrimmed Lambs, the overall Champion Rosette was awarded to the Trimmed Pair from Messrs Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge, with the Reserve Champion being awarded to the Untrimmed Pair from Messrs RE Miller, West Farm, Aspatria.

Competing for the R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge Perpetual Trophy for The Young Handlers Class, a ring full of festive buzz with children showing their prize lambs seeing smiles and joy throughout, with Thomas Harrison winning the under 11 years and later going on to win the Champion Young Handler 2022. Following the show, we saw the sale of all Lambs with the Champion pen weighing in at 48kg selling to £240 (500pkg) to the Judge, Mr George Cropper.

Top Price of the day was achieved by Messrs Miller, West Farm, with the Reserve Champions, weighing in at 48kg and selling to £320, selling to weekly Hopes Auction supporter RJ Harrison & Son, for their King Street Butchers Shop, Wigton.

CATTLE – 121

Yet again an outstanding show of cattle from the first to the last which provided our Judge Mr P Parkin, Howden with a stiff test of his knowledge and skill. Our exhibitors deserve full praise and credit for the entry put forward. It was after some deliberation that a 584kg Limousin Heifer from Ian Grainger, Kiln Close was tapped out as Champion and later realised 420kg (£2452) at sale time being purchased by Robert Pearson. Reserve honours were also awarded to Kiln Close, this time for a 723kg Limousin Heifer which was secured for the King Street Butchers Shop, Wigton by Paul Harrison at 420pkg. Cattle trade producing useful returns across the sale with the commercial classes performing well with

As ever the haltered classes produced a fantastic display of quality and trade on fire to a top of 590pkg or £3953 for a super Limousin Heifer from A Barnett, Brinns Farm who averaged a massive £3039.18 with his four haltered cattle. Top gross £4306 (550pkg) for a wonderful Blue Heifer, weighing 783kg from Ian Grainger, Kiln Close.

In all, eight cattle selling in excess of £3000 and thirteen selling to 400pkg or more.

Congratulations to all our rosette winners and many thanks to our vendors for producing a superb showcase of cattle.

Many thanks to our Judge Mr Phillip Parkin and to our sponsors for their generosity and of course not forgetting our buyers for this continued support.

