



SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

'WIGTON WHITES'

Hope's of Wigton held their Annual Sale of Wigton Whites on Saturday 6th September, 2025 with a tremendous catalogued entry of 2494 breeding sheep forward which was very kindly sponsored by NWF Agriculture. A strong crowd of buyers from across the North of England and from the southern counties competed throughout the day to purchase quality breeding stock with over 90 purchasing accounts successful!

The pre-sale show competing for the 'DA Harrison Trophy' was in the capable hands of Bryan Fell of Chapel Farm who was faced with some superb sheep before him but with Bryan knowing nothing but the best of quality sheep he took it all in his stride and placed the classes as below.

Pen of 5 Continental Shearlings

1st Prize – T Graham & D Fearon, Kirkland Garth

2nd Prize – M/s Pickthall, Swallow Heights

3rd Prize – Messrs Harrison, Hazel Head

The first place Continental Gimmers from Tanya Graham, Kirkland Garth went on to sell for joint top pen of 5 price selling for £500 to Zoe Hall and Mark Batty.

Top price of the day was achieved by J & C Hastings, Kopja, Dumfries who always head south to Wigton with an exceptional run of sheep, setting the bar at £700 selling to Jack and Tom Peile, Greystoke Castle.

Also selling a pen of 5 was Alan Ashburner of Summer Hill, Sandwith who is also well renowned for breeding the goods who also selling for £500 a head.

This good farming later went on to top the averages selling his full consignment to average up at a staggering £450 per head.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
Mr A Ashburner, Summer Hill	14	£450.00
Jack Bland, Clea Hall	2	£440.00
S H Pickthall, Swallow Heights	5	£430.00
T Graham & D Fearon, Kirkland Garth	20	£424.00
Messrs Harrison, Hazel Head	16	£401.25
Miss H Pickthall, Swallow Heights	2	£400.00
Miss E Stamper, Winston Terrace	7	£362.86





E Lawson, Pasture House	1	£360.00
D Lawson, Pasture House	1	£345.00
P Bell, Sunnyvale	2	£330.00
AJ & J Haston, Dearham Hall	6	£321.67
J Lawson, Pasture House	1	£320.00
E R Holliday, Clea Mire	3	£300.00
Messrs Holliday, Clea Mire	79	£291.58

Another massive mention must go the Holliday team from Clea Mire who saw an opening in the continental shearling trade and came back with a bang. The run of all homebred First Cross Texel Mules well vaccinated and all had lambs just ticked all the boxes and sold like hot cakes. Topping out at £315 a head and averaging up at a staggering £291.58 for 82 sold.

The Ewe Lambs were next to be judged and were competing for the 'Harry Fisher Challenge Cup' and once again was ably judged by Bryan Fell.

Pen of Five Ewe Lambs

1st Prize – A Bell, Thethwaite Farm

2nd Prize – R E Miller, West Farm

3rd Prize – H Harrison, Cobble Hall

Following the shearlings saw the sale of gimmer lambs and once again a superb run of ewe lambs were forward with quality off the clock. Adam and Amy Bell topped the day selling a pure gimmer lamb to top the gimmer lambs at £500. This same good home also took first place Pen of 5 selling for £335 a head selling to yearly buyers Messrs Peile, Parkgate, this run of outstanding sheep later went on to average a staggering £263.19.

Richard and Dickey Miller also consigned their annual run of gimmer lambs topping at £450, £410 and £400 seeing a real trade throughout despite being last on the day. Later averaging up at £284.20.

Once again, a highly successful days trading and would like to thank both vendors and purchasers for attending.

Ewes (Ave £210.76)

Texel £280 £250 £215 (2) £210 £205 Anthorn Farm (Irving) £240 £220 £205 (2) £195 £185 (3)
Nook Close (Metcalf & Smith) £240 **Hall Close** (Proudlock) £235 £185 £175 **Whins Farm**
(Hunter) £220 £185 £150 **Cape Farm** (Hunter) £190 **Fern Gulley** (Jackson) £160 **Hillside**
(Lowthian)





Suffolk £240 £220 £200 Cardew Hall Farm (Musgrave) £225 (2) Fern Gulley (Jackson) £175
Anthorn Farm (Irving)

Beltex £270 £240 (2) £225 £205 £195 £190 (2) £160 Cardew Hall Farm (Musgrave) £255 £225
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Shearlings (Ave £251.98)

Texel £700 £480 £460 £410 £400 £360 (3) £340 (2) £300 Kopja (Hastings) £540 £480 £300
Hazel Head (Harrison) £500 £440 £400 Summer Hill (Ashburner) £460 £420 Clea Hall (Bland)
£430 £390 £380 £370 £350 £320 £300 Winston Terrace (Stamper) £350 £330 £320 £310
Dearham Hall (Haston) £340 £325 £310 £295 Greystoke Castle Farm (Peile) £335 £295 High
Hall (Thompson) £330 £320 £315 £305 (2) Clea Mire (Holliday) £330 £320 Braithwaite Shields
(Hunt) £320 Nook Close (Metcalf & Smith) £320 £310 Pasture House (Lawson) £300 (2)
Lamonby House (Donald) £300 Cleamire (Holliday) £300 Wyngarth (Elliott)

Beltex £520 £500 (3) £420 £400 (2) £390 £370 £300 £260 Kirkland Garth (Graham & Fearon)
£440 Higher Broach Farm (Thompson) £430 £420 £370 £250 Swallow Heights (Pickthall) £360
Pasture House (Ella Lawson) £345 Pasture House (Danny Lawson) £330 £320 (2) £310 £305
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Farm (Musgrave) £240 Braithwaite Shields (Hunt)

Rouge £390 £350 Higher Broach Farm (Thompson)

Dutch Spotted £375 Glasson Farm (Kirk) £310 Higher Broach Farm (Thompson)

Black Texel £295 Cardew Hall Farm (Musgrave)

Blue Texel £225 Glasson Farm (Kirk)

Kerry Hill £250 Glasson Farm (Kirk) £160 Fangs Farm (Clark)

Zwartble £235 Pasture House (Lawson)

Dutch Texel £228 Glasson Farm (Kirk)

Herdwick £145 Thornbarrow Cottages (Sanderson)





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Gimmer Lambs (Ave £204.07)

Beltex £500 £335 £320 £310 £300 £270 £240 (2) £225 £210 £200 £175 (2) Thethwaite Farm (Bell) £400 £380 £300 West Farm (Miller) £360 £300 Sunnyvale (Bell) £330 £230 Townend Cottage (Bell) £320 £185 £170 Cobble Hall (Harrison) £300 £260 (2) £250 (2) £245 (2) £205 Prospect House (Hodgson) £280 £195 £190 £180 (2) Higher Broach Farm (Thompson) £160 (2) £150 (2) Moss Hill (Bell)

Texel £450 £410 £280 £235 £215 £200 £195 West Farm (Miller) £380 £188 £175 £172 £168 (2) £158 Greystoke Castle Farm (Peile) £280 £150 Cobble Hall (Harrison) £190 £155 £150 Hall Close (Proudlock)

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Rouge £220 Higher Broach Farm (Thompson)

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Badger Face £220 Higher Broach Farm (Thompson)



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