



THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2026

SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS FOLLOWED BY BREEDING SHEEP & STORE HOGGS

CALVES & STIRKS – 52

A smaller show of Calves and Stirks today, selling to a packed ringside of buyers, both regular and new buyers present to push the trade to higher prices.

Taking the top accolade today with super run of 6 British Blues, was the Jefferson family from High Pow, topping at £1180 with a 5 month old British Bull Stirk, taking their average to a very respectable £1163.33 across the board, closely followed by Messrs Hughes, Oakshaw, who sold a Charolais Steer Stirk to £1120 and Messrs RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm, who consigned another super run of Limousin and Charolais Stirks, to sell to £1100 for a pair of 6 month old Limousin Bulls, resulting in their average leading to £1014.00 for 10 Stirks sold.

Weaned Calves topped at £780 for 13-week-old Blue Bulls from K Brough, Bolton Cottage Farm, who also sold Blue Heifers to £670 for the same age.

David Sanderson, Thackthwaite Hall sold a run of 10 Aberdeen Angus and Blue Stirks aged 14 weeks old to £700. Milk Calves were in short supply, which resulted in a good trade for those vendors selling them. Topping the Milk Calf section was regular consignors Graham Farms Ltd, Greenrigg, who sold a run of 10 Blue and Limousin Calves to £570 for a pair of 6-week-old Limousin Bulls

Our next sale of Calves and Stirks will be our Annual Anniversary Show and Sale and will be held on Thursday 5th March 2026, please contact David Bowman on 07721616786.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow	6	£1163.33
RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm	10	£1014.00
Messrs GN Hetherington, Crookdake House	2	£950.00
Messrs Hughes, Oakshaw	5	£910.00
K Brough & Son, Bolton Cottage Farm	3	£693.33
Messrs Harrington, Flatt Bank	6	£670.00
D & C Sanderson, Thackthwaite Hall	10	£648.00

British Blue Bull Stirks £1180 £1170 (3) £1160 £1130 High Pow (Jefferson) £880 £640 £570 x 2 Flatt Bank (Harrington) £780 Bolton Cottage Farm (Brough) £650 Thackthwaite Hall (Sanderson)

British Blue Heifer Stirks £950 (2) Crookdake House (Hetherington) £700 £650 Thackthwaite Hall (Sanderson) £670 £630 Bolton Cottage Farm (Brough)

British Blue Bull Calves £560 £550 £510 £450 £420 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

British Blue Heifer Calves £490 £280 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

Charolais Steer Stirks £1120 Oakshaw (Hughes) £1100 (2) £1050 £1010 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Charolais Heifer Stirks £1080 (2) Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £870 Oakshaw (Hughes) £700 Flatt Bank (Harrington)

Limousin Steer Stirks £950 x 2 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Limousin Bull Stirks £660 Flatt Bank (Harrington)





Limousin Heifer Stirks £910 (2) Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Limousin Bull Calves £570 (2) Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

Limousin Heifer Calves £550 Greenrigg (Graham Farm Ltd)

South Devon Steer Stirks £870 Oakshaw (Hughes)

South Devon Heifer Stirks £890 £800 Oakshaw (Hughes)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirks £670 (2) £590 Thackthwaite Hall (Sanderson)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Stirks £700 £630 £610 (2) Thackthwaite Hall (Sanderson)

BREEDING SHEEP

Hope's Auction saw a nice offering of both Breeding Sheep and Store Hogs with buyers for all, ensuring the best prices paid for all qualities.

Firstly the Breeding Sheep saw a quality, genuine consignment forward seeing a top price of £500 released for a tremendous Beltex X Shearling, scanned in lamb with a single from the Bell family, Fitz, who very kindly donated all proceeds to the Cancer Research Charity in memory of Alans very good friend, father Dicky Miller, West Farm. This lovely Shearling was very generously purchased by Brian Harrison, Beck Farm, who also has a very strong connection with the Charity.

Following on the Bell Family consigned a tremendous run of In Lamb Hogs, seeing a top price of £290 paid for a pair of Texel X Beltex Hogs, scanned with singles. This good farming also consigned 2 pens of first cross Texel X Mule Hogs, selling a pen of 6 for £275 a head and another pen of 6 for £260 a head.

Messrs Hickson, Homilton Farm consigned another run of genuine Texel x and Mule In Lamb Ewes, Mules selling to £238 for a pen of 7 and Texels to £238 for a pen of 5.

Following on from the Breeding Sheep, we saw a quality run of Store Hogs which went on to settle at £137.56 average for all forward. A top price of £176 was achieved for a tremendous Hogg from Messrs Hennessy, Orton Rigg Farm, closely following were Messrs Thompson, High Hall with a pair selling for £174 a head.

Steven Frizell, Thorneyland, Longtown after a lot of persuasion took the leap of faith and went on to top the averages on his first visit, selling to £172 for a pen of 4 and £170 for a pen of 3, selling 23 in total to average a staggering £163.96.

Our next Sale of In Lamb Ewes will take place on Thursday 5th March 2026, please contact David Fearon on 07500173273 for further information.

BREEDING SHEEP

In Lamb Gimmers

Beltex £500 Fitz (Bell) £210 School Farm (Wannop)

Texel £290 £275 £260 x 2 £250 £240 £230 £220 Fitz (Bell) £238 £212 Homilton Farm (Hickson) £200 School Farm (Wannop)

In Lamb Ewes

Mule £238 £200 £196 £148 Homilton Farm (Hickson)





STORE HOGGS

Texel £176 £166 £150 £148 Orton Rigg Farm (Hennessy) £158 £152 £151 Croft House (Young) £156 £146 £138 £131 £128 Low Buildings Farm (Wetherell) £156 £146 Woodrow Farm (Dabinett) £150 £132 £126 High House (Norman) £150 £134 High Hall (Thompson)

Beltex £174 High Hall (Thompson) £172 £170 £167 £162 £160 £152 Thorneyland (Frizell) £170 £161 £160 £152 £136 High House (Norman) £140 Barkbeth (Ewart)

Suffolk £162 £152 £142 Woodrow Farm (Dabinett) £150 High Hall (Thompson)

Dutch Texel £160 Thorneyland (Frizell)

Herdwick £131 £100 Arkleby House (Wilkinson)

Mule £130 High House (Norman)

Gritstone £128 High House (Norman)



This cracking In Lamb Beltex X Shearling, scanned to a single was sold to £500, with all proceeds donated from this sale to the Cancer Research Charity Fund, very kindly donated by Alan Bell and Family, Fitz.

