



## THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026

### 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHOW & SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS

### FOLLOWED BY DAIRY CATTLE & BREEDING SHEEP

#### CALVES & STIRKS – 69

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March saw the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show and Sale of Calves and Stirks at Hopes Auction, with the judging in the very capable hands of local Calf Rearer, Gordon McGregor, Longrigg, who was faced with an exceptional run of Calves put before him.

#### SHOW RESULTS

<b>MALES UNDER 3 MONTHS –</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lot 35 – British Blue - £610 – M/s Eilbeck, Plumbland Farm
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lot 8 – British Blue - £620 – Graham Farms Ltd, Greenrigg
<b>HEIFERS UNDER 3 MONTHS -</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lot 34 – British Blue - £690 – M/s Eilbeck, Plumbland Farm
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lot 38 – British Blue - £640 – M/s Eilbeck, Plumbland Farm
<b>MALES OVER 3 MONTHS -</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lot 45 – Limousin - £1300 – JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lot 42 – British Blue - £1180 – JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow
<b>HEIFERS OVER 3 MONTHS -</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lot 51 – Inra 95 - £1360 – RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lot 24 – British Blue - £910 – M/s J & I Watson & Son, Moorhouse Farm

**CHAMPION** Lot 45 - JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow

**RESERVE CHAMPION** Lot 42 - JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow

The Overall Champion, a five-month-old Limousin X Bull from Messrs Jefferson, High Pow, later went on to sell for a staggering £1300 and was purchased by the Judge.

Topping the day, on two occasions, both from RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm, a five-month-old Charolais Steer selling to £1360, also a five-month-old Charolais Heifer, again selling to £1360. This good farming family went on to sell 7 Stirks, ageing 4.5 to 5 months old to average a staggering £1185.71.

#### LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm	7	£1185.71
JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow	7	£1140.00
Messrs RS & E Gate & Son, Nr Branthwaite Edge	4	£1010.00
Messrs Hughes, Oakshaw	4	£940.00
Messrs Harrison, Hazel Head	6	£806.67

Young Milk Calves were also very easily sold with a very strong demand, seeing Messrs Graham, Greenrigg selling calves under 4 weeks old to £620. The good farming sold an 8-day old Blue Heifer Calf for a staggering £580. Many more Calves are needed for future sales in order to keep up with buyer demand, so please do not hesitate to get in touch, our next sale of Calves and Stirks will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026, please contact David Bowman on 07721 616786 or David Fearon on 07500 173273.

**Charolais Steer Stirks** £1360 £1340 £1320 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

**Charolais Heifer Stirks** £580 Moorhouse Farm (Watson)





**Inra 95 Heifer Stirks** £1360 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

**Limousin Steer Stirks** £1040 £980 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

**Limousin Bull Stirks** £1300 £1120 £1100 High Pow (Jefferson) £800 Hazel Head (Harrison)

**Limousin Heifer Stirk** £1000 £880 x 2 £800 (2) £760 £680 £670 £660 (2) £600 (2) Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson) £900 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £780 Hazel Head (Harrison)

**Limousin Bull Calves** £560 (2) Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

**Limousin Heifer Calves** £510 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

**British Blue Bull Stirks** £1180 £1160 (2) £960 High Pow (Jefferson) £800 Hazel Head (Harrison) £770 £760 Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £740 (2) Crookdake House (Hetherington) £700 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £640 Bolton Cottage Farm (Brough)

**British Blue Heifer Stirks** £910 (2) Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £820 x 3 Hazel Head (Harrison) £700 Crookdake House (Hetherington)

**British Blue Bull Calves** £620 £580 £530 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd) £610 £560 £500 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £600 £540 £500 £400 Flatt Bank (Harrington)

**British Blue Heifer Calves** £690 £640 £630 £560 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £620 Bolton Cottage Farm (Brough) £500 Gerrard House (Gerrard House Farm Ltd) £400 £380 (2) Flatt Bank (Harrington)

**Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirk** £1080 £1040 (2) £880 Nr Branthwaite Edge (Gate) £600 East Farm (Carruthers)

**Aberdeen Angus Heifer Stirks** £500 £470 (2) East Farm (Carruthers)

**Aberdeen Angus Bull Calves** £390 Gerrard House (Gerrard House Farm Ltd)

**Aberdeen Angus Heifer Calves** £450 (2) Gerrard House (Gerrard House Farm Ltd) £450 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck)

**South Devon Steer Stirks** £1010 Oakshaw (Hughes)

**South Devon Heifer Stirks** £950 £940 £860 Oakshaw (Hughes)

**Beef Shorthorn Heifer Stirk** £480 Bolton Cottage Farm (Brough)

**Holstein Bull Calves** £310 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £200 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

## **DAIRY HEIFERS - 6**

A nice sale of Dairy offered for Sale today, all in the form of Heifers, topping at £2800 for a Holstein Heifer, giving 31 litres of milk, with Butter Fat at 5.01% and Protein at 3.85% for Crookdake Farms Ltd, Crookdake Hall, taking their average to a very respectable £2575.00 for 4 animals sold.

Messrs LF Raven, Priestcroft also sold two Friesian Heifers, both cubicle trained and giving 30 litres to £2700, resulting in their average returning at £2500.





Our next Sale of Dairy Cattle will be the Anniversary Show and Sale, competing for the 'Calvo Cup' and will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon, please advise the office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March for cataloguing purposes or contact David Bowman on 07721 616786 or David Fearon on 07500 173273.

**Holstein** £2800 £2700 £2600 £2200 Crookdake Hall Farm (Raven)

**Friesian** £2700 £2300 Priestcroft (Raven)

### EWES WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

A small show of Ewes with Lambs forward, selling to £128 for a Beltex Ewe with Twins for Harry Gardhouse, Cowgate.

Many more Ewes and Lambs could easily be sold, please do not hesitate to contact David Fearon on 07500 173273.

**Beltex Ewe with Twins** - £128 Cowgate (Gardhouse)

**Texel Ewe with Twins** - £122 Cowgate (Gardhouse)

**Cross Ewe with Twins** - £105 Cowgate (Gardhouse)

### SHEARLINGS WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

**Suffolk Shearling with Twins** – £128 Dockray Hall (Ramsay)

### HOGGS WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

**Texel Hogg with a Single** - £110 Cowgate (Gardhouse)

### STORE HOGGS

**Texel** £142 £134 £100 Southernby Hall (Todd)



Crookdake Farms Ltd, Crookdake Hall sold a run of 4 Holstein Heifers to £2800, for this Heifer, giving 31 litres, taking their run of 4 animals sold to average £2575.00.

