



SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026

'WIGTON WHITES'

Saturday the 12th September saw the Annual Wigton Whites Show & Sale of Continental Cross Breeding Sheep. Once again, an exceptional catalogued entry of 2909 sheep were on offer with sheep forward to suit all budgets and requirements.

The pre-sale show competing for the 'DA Harrison Trophy' was in the very capable hand of Mr Luke Jackson, Firbank Farm, Cliburn, Penrith who awarded the first prize rosette to an exceptional pen of 5 Pure Texels from Allan and Christine Watson, Rowan Garth, Sandwith which later went on to sell for £580 purchased by Graeme and Deborah Pattinson, Low Houses, Wigton. 2nd Prize was handed to Mark Ireland, Heys Farm, Clitheroe later selling for £410.

The Ewe Lambs were next to be judged and were competing for the 'Harry Fisher Challenge Cup' and once again was ably judged by Luke Jackson with Adam Bell taking the first and second prize accolade. The 1st prize pen then selling for £250 to Messrs Whiteford, Tercrosset and second prize selling to S & D Peile, Parkgate for £380. The 3rd prize Pen of 5 selling to £200 from Harley Harrison selling to T Graham and D Fearon.

From the get go all sheep were much easier sold than anticipated with depressing sale reports from other local sales we thought the breeding trade had gone but no not in Hopes with an overall average of £270.63 for all sheep forward.

Averages:

Ewes	£242.64
Shearlings	£306.93
Gimmer Lambs	£203.20

Starting off the day was the Ewes with genuine consignments of dispersals and reductions encouraging peoples bidding with a top price of £460 being achieved by Caleb Todhunter, Greyrigg House for an old proven tup breeding ewe.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
Mr M Bennett, Ellonby Hall	9	322.22
NJ & JM Todhunter, Greyrigg House	21	310.24
TA & A Jefferson, Aspatia Hall	41	278.17
Messrs Bland, Clea Hall	20	272.50
Mr O Thomlinson, Croft House	5	249.00
Messrs G Spark, High Blaitwaite	71	239.65



Moving on to the Shearlings saw some serious quality with maybe the best quality run of sheep seen at this sale for a number of years which was an absolute credit to all vendors. This section was topped by Cameron Jackson, Fern Gulley for a single Pure Texel gimmer shearling selling to a top of the day at a staggering £1,000 selling to Mr N Walker, Higher Lath Farm, Ulverston.

Topping the averages was David MacTaggart, Orchardton Mains, first time consigner to this sale selling up to £640 and topping the averages at £600.

A massive well done must go to the Holliday team, Clea Mire selling an outstanding run of 184 Texel X Mule and Texel X Chev Mules. All homebred, all lambed and had all the treatments selling to a top of £400 for 5 Cheviot Mule X Texels and settled up averaging a staggering £334.89.

Pen of 5 Continental Shearlings

1st Prize – A & C Watson, Rowan Garth

2nd Prize – RH & MR Ireland, Heys Farm

3rd Prize – Messrs J Sewell, Mayfield Farm

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
D & V MacTaggart, Orchardton Mains	4	£600
A & C Watson, Rowan Garth	15	£592
Messrs Harrison, Hazel Head	18	£518.89
C Jackson, Fern Gulley	7	£502.86
E Lawson, Pasture House	1	£500
Douganhill Farms Ltd, Orchardton Mains	12	£486.67
J Blaylock, Tarn End Farm	2	£450
Mr A Ashburner, 1 Summer Hill	12	£422.50
D Lawson, Pasture House	1	£410
Messrs Beaty, Newton Field	10	£400
J Lawson, Pasture House	1	£400
NJ & JM Todhunter, Greyrigg House	10	£383.00
L Stamper, Meadow View	2	£370
T Graham & D Fearon, Kirkland Garth	21	£361.19
Messrs Sewell, Mayfield Farm	24	£360
TA & A Jefferson, Aspatria Hall	48	£356.15
Mr M Bennett, Ellonby Hall	18	£350.56
RH & MR Ireland, Heys Farm	32	£349.84
Mrs W Storey, Hillcrest	10	£338.50
Messrs Holliday, Clea Mire	184	£334.89
Messrs J W Crozier, Raggetsyke	15	£333.33
Messrs Mounsey, Throstle Hall	6	£333.33
J & C Hastings, Kopja	9	£324.44



1st Prize Pen of 5 Continental Shearlings - A & C Watson of Rowan Garth. Allan and Christine Watson with the judge Luke Jackson



1st Prize Pen of 5 Continental Ewe Lambs - Adam Bell of Thethwaite Farm. Adam Bell with the judge Luke Jackson

Moving on to the Gimmer lambs saw a strong ring side of buyers. Quality was exceptional to sell with Beltex Gimmer Lambs selling up to £440 a head from Stephen Stoddart, Hillside, Wigton. Texels selling up to £390 from Messrs Miller, West Farm, Aspatria and Suffolks up to £320 from Adam Bell, Thethwaite, Raughton Head.

Pen of Five Ewe Lambs

1st Prize – Adam Bell, Thethwaite Farm

2nd Prize – Adam Bell, Thethwaite Farm

3rd Prize – Harley Harrison, Cobble Hall

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
NJ & JM Todhunter, Greyrigg House	10	£276.00
Messrs R E Miller, West Farm	23	£269.57
B J Harrison, Beck Farm	20	£252.25
GEH & SJ Stoddart, Hillside	10	£242.00
Adam Bell, Thethwaite Farm	72	£239.24
S Harrison, Westnewton Hall	1	£230
A & M Roberts, Riggin Gill Farm	48	£208.54





So all in all, the Wigton Whites 2026 can only be described as a massive success. Thank you very much for all of your support!

Ewes (Ave £242.64)

Beltex £460 £360 £355 £340 (2) £335 £305 £300 £290 £260 Greyrigg House (Todhunter) £390 £340 £310 £300 Ellonby Hall (Bennett) £290 £275 £245 Croft House (Thomlinson) £290 Aspatria Hall (Jefferson) £250 Prospect House Farm (Gott)

Texel £310 £265 £260 Aspatria Hall (Jefferson) £300 (2) £280 £255 £215 (2) £205 £200 £195 High Blaithwaite (Spark) £290 £255 Clea Hall (Bland)

Suffolk £290 (2) Aspatria Hall (Jefferson) £220 (2) Fern Gulley (Jackson) £185 Prospect House Farm (Gott)

Charollais £205 The Beeches (Murray)

Shearlings (Ave £306.93)

Texel £1000 £500 £480 Fern Gulley (Jackson) £820 £700 £640 £580 £570 £560 (2) £520 Rowan Garth (Watson) £720 £400 Mayfield Farm (Sewell) £640 £560 Orchardton Mains (Mactaggart) £640 £510 £490 £460 (2) Orchardton Mains (Douganhill Farms) £600 £580 £430 Hazel Head (Harrison) £580 £430 £420 £400 Greyrigg House (Todhunter) £520 Tarn End Farm (Blaylock) £500 Pasture House (Ella Lawson) £460 £400 £390 Summer Hill (Ashburner) £460 £440 Ellonby Hall (Bennett) £440 (2) £420 Newton Field (Beaty) £400 Clea Mire (Holliday) £390 Towcett Farm (Carruthers)

Suffolk £600 Newton Field (Beaty) £420 £410 £390 (2) £370 (2) £360 £330 £260 Hillside (Stoddart) £370 Meadow View (Stamper) £345 £320 (2) Aspatria Hall (Jefferson) £330 £325 £320 £305 £300 £290 Wyngarth (Elliott) £315 £295 Bankdale Farm (Wilson) £305 £300 £260 £245 Swallow Heights (Wilson) £305 £300 £290 (2) £285 £280 £270 (3) £265 £260 Pasture House (Lawson) £300 £280 Higher Broach Farm (Thompson) £300 Swallow Heights (Pickthall) £290 Croft House (Thomlinson) £260 £255 Foulsyke Farm (Bowe) £260 Gallowberry (Mitchinson) £255 Towcett Farm (Carruthers) £220 Braithwaite Shields (Hunt)





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Dutch Texel £380 £350 £330 £305 Hillcrest (Storey)

Badger Face £330 £300 £250 (2) Higher Broach Farm (Thompson)

Dutch Spotted £320 Foulisye Farm (Bowe)

Leicester £310 Higher Broach Farm (Thompson)

Black Texel £260 Towcett Farm (Carruthers)

Charollais £240 Swallow Heights (Wilson)

Ryeland £210 Pasture House (Lawson)

Gimmer Lambs (Ave £203.20)

Beltex £440 £300 Hillside (Stoddart) £240 Higher Broach Farm (Thompson)

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Charollais £205 Higher Broach Farm (Thompson)

Badger Face £170 £165 (2) Higher Broach Farm (Thompson)

