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CATALOGUE SALE OF RARE & TRADITIONAL IN LAMB EWES ON BEHALF OF THE DERBYSHIRE GRITSTONE SHEEP SOCIETY, LONK SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION AND RARE BREED SURVIVAL TRUST



SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2020

The inaugural Sale at Clitheroe Auction Mart on Saturday 15th February, in conjunction with the Derbyshire Gritstones, Lonk and Rare Breed Survival Trust, was really well supported. This was only the second year for the sale, and people travelled from far and wide to add new blood to their flocks. Sadly we only had 40 females forward in both the Lonk and Derbyshire Gritstones which meant trade was electric from start to finish.

Lonks started the days proceeding with the top price Ewe coming from the local, well known young breeder Ben Thorpe, Bacup. Judge for the Lonks was Jim Scrivin, Elslack, and he trusted his judgement, buying the stylish Ewe scanned carrying twins for 520gns. Further highlights saw a sought after shearing from AD Morton, Waterfoot making 380gns to a new young breeder Miss C Riley from Helmshore.

Derbyshire Gritstones had the best following of the day outstripping any of the other breeds on show, with a lot of the stock on offer finding new homes with new people to the breed which was fantastic to see. Craig Kempson, Cowpe judged the Derbyshire Gritstones pre-sale show, awarding the 1st prize rosette to J Redfearn & M Needham for a super shearling carrying twins, selling to new breeders Chas & Kath Heeley, Raisbeck. The Heeley family are not unfamiliar to the sheep show circuit, already having a brilliant name in the Hebridean Sheep Society. It has to be noted that we could have sold so many more females as many perspective buyers went home empty handed.

We had lots of other breeds forward, catching the eye was a Cheviot Shearling from KO Stones carrying twins, being snapped up by local breeder JL Worthington, Ramsbottom. Woodlands closely followed from C Kaye, Rishworth selling a shearling to 180 gns to R Helliwell, Edale.

A big part of the day was made up of a large entry of over 150 head from the Isle of Man. This was part of a project called the Mark Ark Project which was privately funded to establish populations of rare breeds, but has now sadly come to an end. Breeds including Balwen, Boaray, Hebridean, Hill Radnor, Norfolk Horn, Portland and Soay. It was a sight to be seen with all these fantastic breeds going under the hammer. The most encouraging aspect of the day was a packed ringside from start the finish, ensuring that all these sheep went to breeders who will continue to breed and promote each breed in its own right. The highlight from this dispersal had to go to the Hill Radnor Ewes selling to 140gns selling to H Booth, Lymm. Further prices can be seen in the charts below. Auctioneer Jeremy Greenhalgh commented. "What a successful Sale with some amazing breeds on offer, and some excellent prices. Already looking forward to the Sale in 2021."

Top prices as follows:

BREEDING EWES		
Breed	Top Price Per Head £	Top Price Vendor
Gritstone	420	J Mares & Sons
	399	J Mares & Sons
	273	K & S Kempson
Lonk	546	B Thorpe
	315	C Mitchell
	273	AD Morton Ltd
Woodland	168	C Kaye
	158	C Kaye
	158	P Thorp
Hill Radnor	147	Balladaniel Ltd
	132	Balladaniel Ltd
Norfolk Horn	116	Balladaniel Ltd
	100	Balladaniel Ltd
Portland	105	Balladaniel Ltd
	90	Balladaniel Ltd
Baldwen	58	Balladaniel Ltd
	48	Balladaniel Ltd

Hebridean	53	G & A Shuttleworth
	48	G & A Shuttleworth
Boreray	51	Balladaniel Ltd
	48	Balladaniel Ltd
Soay	38	Balladaniel Ltd
	37	Balladaniel Ltd
SHEARLING EWES		
Breed	Top Price Per Head £	Top Price Vendor
Gritstone	609	J Redfearn & M Needham
	483	A Redfearn
Lonk	399	AD Morton Ltd
	315	AD Morton Ltd
Cheviot	273	KO Stones
	252	KO Stones
Woodland	189	C Kaye
	189	A Redfearn
Hill Radnor	126	Balladaniel Ltd
	100	Balladaniel Ltd
Boreray	51	Balladaniel Ltd
	40	Balladaniel Ltd
Baldwen	40	Balladaniel Ltd
	39	Balladaniel Ltd
Soay	37	Balladaniel Ltd
GIMMER LAMBS		
Breed	Top Price Per Head £	Top Price Vendor
Gritstone	210	K & S Kempson & Sons
Lonk	231	C Mitchell
	126	C Mitchell
Shetland	74	I R Whewell
	53	I R Whewell
Badger Face	69	A Clark
	68	A Clark
Cheviot	48	I R Whewell

Breeding Ewes

Gritstones to £420, average £353 (15 sold)

Top price shown by J Mares & Sons, Darwen

Lonks to £546.00, average £264.00 (23 sold)

Top price shown by B Thorpe, Bacup

Woodlands to £168.00, average £152.00 (21 sold)

Top price shown by C Kaye, Rishworth

Hill Radnor to £147.00, average £115.00 (13 sold)

Top price shown by Balladaniel Ltd, Isle of Mann

Norfolk Horn to £115.00, average £93.00 (8 sold)

Top price shown by Balladaniel Ltd, Isle of Mann

Portland to £105.00, average £77.00 (18 sold)

Top price shown by Balladaniel Ltd, Isle of Mann

Baldwen to £58.00, average £53.00 (13 sold)

Top price shown by Balladaniel Ltd, Isle of Mann

Hebrideans to £52.50, average £45.00 (143 sold)

Top price shown by G & A Shuttleworth, Hornby.

Soay to £38.00, average £33.00 (35 sold)

Top price shown by Balladaniel Ltd, Isle of Mann

Shearling Ewes

Gritstones to £609.00, average £366 (39 sold)

Top price shown by J Redfearn & M Needham, Stockport

Lonks to £399.00, average £281 (12 sold)

Top price shown by AD Morton Ltd, Bacup

Cheviots to £357.00, average £294.00 (9 Sold)

Top price shown by KO Stones, Richmond

Woodlands to £189.00, average £148.00 (21 sold)

Top price shown by A Redfearn, Hayfield

Hill Radnor to £126.00, average £99.00 (6 sold)

Top price shown by Balladaniel Ltd, Isle of Mann

Boreray to £51.00, average £51.00 (3 sold)

Top price shown by Balladaniel Ltd, Isle of Mann

Baldwen to £40.00, average £40.00 (5 sold)

Top price shown by Balladaniel Ltd, Isle of Mann

Soay to £37.00, average £37.00 (6 sold)

Top price shown by Balladaniel Ltd, Isle of Mann

Gimmer Lambs

Gritstones to £210, average £210 (3 sold)

Top price shown by K & S Kempson & Sons

Lonks to £231, average £161 (9 sold)

Top price shown by C Mitchell, Holmfirth

Badger Face to £69.00, average £66.00 (12 sold)

Top price shown by A Clark, Ulverston

Shetlands to £73.50, average £57.00 (15 sold)

Top price shown by IR Whewell, Burnley

Cheviots to £47.50, average £47.50 (3 sold)

Top price shown by IR Whewell, Burnley