

Carlisle Blue Texel Show and Sale 29th September 2012.

A good show of Blue Texel sheep were presented to an eager ringside of buyers at the Special Show and Sale, held at Borderway Mart, Carlisle with three lots surpassing the 1,000gns mark.

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At 1,180gns was the 1st prize Ewe Lamb and Reserve Female Champion from Messrs DL & BWH Jones of the Beili Blues flock. February 2012 born, with an imported Dutch blood on both sides of her pedigree, she was purchased by Cormack Dowell Partners, Eastriggs, Dumfriesshire for their CJ's flock.

The final lot to reach the four figure mark was a shearling gimmer from David Alexander's Millside Flock, who had earlier stood second in her class. She carries noted breeding from Jonsland and Craigalbert lines, and sold for 1,000gns to Mr B Stevenson, West Auckland.

Topping the prices for the males on offer was the 2nd prize shearling ram from Messrs DG & MH Jones, Powys. Sired by Dulas Super, 1st prize Ram Lamb at the Royal Welsh Show 2009, and from a homebred dam with imported breeding in her pedigree, he was snapped up by John Lyle & Co, Leven, Fife for their noted Viewforth flock.

Trading for 750gns late in the sale was a ram lamb from young Cameron Cormack. The stylish lamb has toured the Summer show circuit, collecting prize cards at both the Great Yorkshire and Dumfries Shows. Buying again was Mr B Stevenson, West Auckland.

1st prize shearling ram, Male and Overall Champion – consigned by David Alexander

1st prize shearling ram, Male and Overall Champion – consigned by David Alexander Selling at 700gns was the pre-sale Show's Male and Overall Champion, a March 2011-born Shearling Ram from David Alexander. From a Craigalbert sire and homebred dam, he sold to D & J Coulson Livestock Ltd, Middle Rasen, Lincs to run with their 200-strong commercial flock.

Averages - 9 Shearling Gimmers £673.22, 18 Ewe Lambs £508.11, 1 Ewe £504.00, 7 Shearling Rams £517.57, 13 Lamb Rams £390.15.

Show Results	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
CLASS 1 EWE	----	----	----	----	----
CLASS 2 SHEARLING EWE	502 –				
BAILEY	511 - ALEXANDER		505 – DL & BWH JONES		506 – DL & BWH JONES
	504 – DG & MH JONES				
CLASS 3 EWE LAMB	525 – DL & BWH JONES			515 - HANCOCK	512 - HANCOCK
	521 - BAILEY	527 - LYLE			
CLASS 4 SHEARLING RAM			537 - ALEXANDER	531 – DG & MH JONES	536 – DL & BWH
JONES	535 - MCINTYRE		539 - LYLE		
CLASS 5 LAMB RAM	544 – DL & BWH JONES			555 - CORMACK	556 - CORMACK
	552 - LYLE	558 - BAILEY			
MALE CHAMPION	537 - ALEXANDER	RESERVE		544 – DL & BWH JONES	
FEMALE CHAMPION	502 – DL & BWH JONES	RESERVE		525 – DL & BWH JONES	
OVERALL	502 – DL & BWH JONES	RESERVE		537 - ALEXANDER	

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