

## REPORT FROM THE BLUE TEXEL SALE AT CARLISLE ON 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

The Blue Texel Sheep Society held their annual sale at Carlisle on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Top price of the day followed the judge, Nina Smith's recommendation when her Male and Overall Show Champion from the pre-sale show sold for 2400gns to Rhys Cooke, Nantyderi Farm, Llantilio Abergvenny. This shearling ram, Hackney Xtrovert, was exhibited by Giles Hardman, Farm Mill. Low Bands, Gloucestershire, is by Whatmore Siren and was bred by Christine Williams and Paul Tippits.

J Orr & Partners, Wester Walston, Carnwath, Lanark waited to the penultimate sheep in the ring before paying the second top price of the day of 2000gns for Rhys Cooke's Nantyderri ram lamb which is by Whatmore Walnut. Giles Hardman went on to pay 1200gns for the reserve female champion from Mr & Mrs DL and BWH Jones, Beili Bedw, Llanllwni, Pencadder, Carmarthen. She was a home bred gimmer by a Bishops sire.

Five lots made 1000gns The first of these was the first prize aged ewe from David Alexander's Millside Flock, Galston, Ayrshire. The 2013 born ewe is an imported ewe by the Dutch sire Bourmans-Stevens. Andrew and Sam Froggatt, Froggys Farm, Abbots Bromey, sold their Millend Whirlpool sired gimmer for 1000gns to MSH Benson, Horrace Farm, Pennington, Ulverston. Judge Nina Smith, Hill Farm, Clive, Shrewsbury also realised 1000gns for her Bishops sired shearling ewe when it was knocked down to John & Emma Lyle, No 2 Cottage, Nether Pratis, Leven Fife. Next to reach the 1000gns mark was the second prize shearling ram Cleenagh XXX (Triple X) from Adrian Richardson, Abbey Road Maguiresbridge, Co. Fermanagh which sold to The Alford Family to joining their Foxhill Farm Flock Blackborough, Cullompton, Devon. He is by CJ's Will-I-Am.

The ram lamb section saw one 1000gns purchase by PC Elliot, Espland House, Newton Reigny, Penrith when he purchased the second prize ram lamb, a Dulas X-treme sired lamb from DG & MH Jones, Beili Flock .

The averages were as follows:-

5 ewes £672.00  
41 shearling gimmers £601.83  
20 ewe lambs £366.98  
1 aged ram £735.00  
19 shearling rams £702.39  
25 lamb rams £488.46