

BUYERS KEEN FOR KERRY HILLS AT CCM INAUGURAL SHOW AND SALE

Skipton Auction Mart's inaugural show and sale of 65 Kerry Hill breeding sheep and rams saw a strong trade and an excellent entry of sheep, with a total clearance in the females and near total clearance in the rams.

The day's leading price was Whitcastles Bronco, a shearling ram by an Enfys sire, consigned by Cindy Steen, from Moffat, which stood runner-up in the mixed shearling/aged ram show class and went on to sell for 800gns to Munro Livestock in Kelso. The supreme champion also came from Mrs Steen's run, a shearling gimmer by a Fronarth ram which sold for 750gns to Cairntop Farm in Aberdeenshire.

Ewe lambs, from naturally presented sheep to those in show condition, sold well throughout the day with a leading price from local breeder Louise Barritt, of Keighley, for her March twin by a Calcot sire, which made 500gns when sold to Nick Padgett, of Tarleton. Ewe trade remained strong throughout, most in natural condition and selling regularly between 140-200gns.

The day's show was judged by Dean Whybrow, from Bedfordshire, and saw Robert and Jean Price with their Welsh-based Pentrenant flock in Churchstoke, Powys, pick up five tickets in total across all classes, including a brace of red rosette successes.

They won the ram lamb class with Pentrenant Cymru, a February twin bred from Fronarth Arbennig, sold to CCM show steward, Kerry Hill breeder and multiple rosette winner Andrew Fisher, of Pateley Bridge, for 600gns.

The Prices also won the mixed shearling/aged ram show class with another shearling that stood overall reserve champion, going on to make 500gns, with the third prize winner from the same class, a Pentrenant-sired 3 shear ram shown by local breeder Linda Burrows, of Addingham, making 410gns when sold to S Brough, of Buxton.

Top prices and averages: Aged Rams to 410gns (av £430), Shearling Rams to 800gns (av £498), Ram Lambs to 600gns (av £525), Aged Ewes to 200gns (av £158), Shearling Ewes to 750gns (av £330), Ewe Lambs to 500gns (av £212). The show was sponsored by livestock minerals, proteins and vitamins specialist Go Nutrition.



Left: CCM show steward Andrew Fisher with Cindy Steen and the supreme champion shearling gimmer at Skipton's inaugural Kerry Hill show and sale.
Right: Robert and Jean Price with their inaugural Kerry Hill reserve champion shearling ram