

Strong Suffolk classes see Lilburn Estates triumph at Great Yorkshire Show

A strong entry of Suffolks at the Great Yorkshire Show saw classes eagerly contested from start to finish with judge Sheila Eggleston praising the excellent fleshing and correctness of all the sheep forward.

"It's a pleasure to judge such strong classes and I commend all the exhibitors on the standard of the sheep forward. From top to bottom in every class there was quality throughout.

Securing the overall championship and the female title was a ewe lamb from Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership's Roseden flock. This lamb, G34:14:18396 was shown by pedigree farm manager Michael Walton and is by Claddagh Special Blend who was purchased at Stirling and out of a homebred ewe by Roseden Houdini .

Mrs Eggleston said finding her champion among some exceptionally strong classes had been a tough task. "There were some very strong classes to judge and picking an overall winner was no easy task. But the ewe lamb shone out from the others, she is a very true and correct example of the breed and is well fleshed and moves exceptionally well. She has tremendous ring presence and great breed character."

Standing reserve was Roy and Gregor Hiddleston's gimmer, FNV:13:00913. By Strathisla Stifler she was purchased for 5000gns at the Strathisla dispersal last November and is out of an 8200gns dam by Strathisla Schumacher. She was first prize gimmer and reserve female champion at the Royal Highland Show last month.

Male championship honours also went to Wooler-based Lilburn Estates with their shearing ram class winner Rookery Top Shot. He is a Strathisla Red McGregor son out of a dam by Williamsgill Prince William and was bought last year from Chris Holmes.

Taking reserve spot in the male championship was Jill Tooze's trimmed ram lamb, DYX:14:00150. Sired by Davishill Decision he is out of a homebred dam by Plasllewelyn Panache.

In the remainder of the classes Thomas Darling won the untrimmed ram lamb class with LBC:14:01870. This Cairness Castello son is out of a Howeburn Last Laugh sired dam.

Top of the line in the aged ewe class was David Aconley's NFR:N25, this three crop ewe is by Williamsgill Canillona and out of a home bred dam by Glenhead Grandmaster.

Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership stood top of the group of three class and with it a new trophy offered by the Bulmer family in memory of the late Richard Bulmer. And the Tooze family won the Jack Bulmer trophy for the best show of sheep in their pens.

Results

Shearling ram,

1st Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership, Rookery Top Shot

2nd David Aconley, J10:13:00160

3rd Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership, G34:13:12301

4th Pamela Lupton, KXL:13:12301

5th Mr R Fitton, FZL:13:00613

Trimmed Ram Lamb,

1st Mrs Tooze, DYX:14:00150

2nd Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership, G34:14:18358

3rd Pamela Lupton, KXL:14:00212

4th Roy and Gregor Hiddleston, PWS:14:00065

5th Mr Riby, FZL:14:00833

Untrimmed Ram Lamb

1st Thomas Darling, LBC:14:01870

2nd Mr Denby, A58:14:00243

3rd Pamela Lupton's KXL:14:00215

4th Mr Fitton, SLN:14:00824

5th Mr and Mrs Glaves, M17:14:02710

Ewe, two shear or over

1st David Aconley, NFR:N25

2nd Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership, G34:12:08635

3rd Roy and Gregor Hiddleston, FNV:12:00524

4th Mr Fitton NAJ:11:00128

5th Mr Bulmer, D17:12:00314

Shearling Ewe

1st Roy and Gregor Hiddleston, FNV:13:00913

2nd Mrs Tooze, DYX:13:00133

3rd Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership, G34:13:12239

4th Mrs Tooze, DYX:13:00142

5th Mrs Tooze, DYX:13:00130

Ewe lamb

1st Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership, G34:14:18396

2nd Mrs Tooze, DYX:14:00148

3rd Mr Denby, A58:14:00235

4th Mrs Tooze, DYX:14:00149

5th Mr and Mrs Glaves, M17:14:02698

Group of three, one ram and two females

1st Lilburn Estates Farming Partnership

2nd Mrs Tooze

3rd Roy and Gregor Hiddleston

4th David Aconley

5th Mr Denby