

## **SUFFOLK SOCIETY NATIONAL SHOW AND SALE**

**Dates: 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**

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### **OVER 16,000 WATCH ONLINE SUFFOLK NATIONAL SALE**

The Suffolk Sheep Society broadcast its Norbrook sponsored National Show and Sale online with over 16,000 people logging in as Gary Beacom's (Lakeview Flock) National Breed Champion Ram Lamb (JFF:17:02564) topped the sale at 21,000gns bought by Mr and Mrs Nicolson, Knockem flock at Duns. The same lamb was the Male Champion, and overall breed reserve, at Balmoral in 2017 whose dam is an outstanding ewe by Cairness Cyclone, the 26,000gns 2010 National Champion.

This was also the first event that the Society broadcast live on its Facebook page. Chief Executive Robin McIlrath said "this has been a tremendous effort with interest from all over the world. The Suffolk is a very popular breed, and as well as the general interest, I know of at least one bidder purchasing a ram lamb as a direct result of just logging on and viewing the sale. Good lambs will always sell, and I think that we saw that today." He went on to say "It was also great to see so many young breeders coming through and presenting their sheep at the sale. Congratulations to Gregory Hiddleston (Irongray Flock) and Harley Turner (Harley Flock) for winning the Young Breeder and Young Handler Classes in the show, it also worth mentioning Clare Hardman and Sam Wilson who picked up the two reserve rosettes as well".

C J Holmes' (Rookery Flock) Rhaeadr Dynamic sired lamb (DND:17:00575) was bought by R & G Hiddleston (Dumfries) for 13,000gns for their Irongray Flock. The lamb's dam is by Cairness Coalition out of Stockton Sentinel II.

James C Innes (Aberdeenshire) presented 4 ram lambs with an average of 2,500gns and a top price of 6,200gns for his Strathbogie A Kind of Magic sired lamb bought by S & W Tait (Co Tyrone). The other lambs sold at 1,400gns (SUT:17:01520), 1,400gns (SUT:17:01524) and 1,000gns (SUT:17:01518).

Full brothers from the Burnview pen (S & W Tait) sired by Ballynacanon Attitude made 5,800gns (T86:17:01049) and 5,200gns (T86:17:01131). These lambs are out of the Cairness Liam ewe whose first ram lamb sold for 5,500gns at Stirling in 2016. Burnview also got 2,600gns for the Birness Murray sired lamb (T86:17:01077). This lamb is the half-brother of the reserve Champion from Stirling last year.

S J Buckley (Sitlow Flock) was next in the money with 4,500gns for his 20<sup>th</sup> January born lamb (45Z:17:02881) sired by Salopan He's The Boy out of the ewe by Jubilee Legacy.

Six breeders with lambs getting 3,000gns or more for their lambs. L & M Liggett (Carony Flock) 3,600gns for DBB:17:00722 (sire Rhaedr Readymix), I & J Barbour (Solwaybank Flock) 3,400gns for FHT:17:01470 (sire Lakeview Harbinger), A W Evans (Dol-Ilys Flock) 3,200gns for 82N:17:02688 (sire Pyeston Punch), P D W Taylor (Ballynacannon Flock) 3,000gns for KKW:17:00873 (Reserve Breed Champion), J G Douglas (Cairness Flock) 3,000gns for 33H:17:02608 (sire Cairness Sir William) and G L Stuart (Birness Flock) 3,000gns for 1W:17:01932 (sired by Redbrae Rambo).

M Davis and Sons (Safaddan Flock) got 2,800gns for January born lamb, NLH:17:00911 and J G Douglas (Cairness Flock) sold two in succession for 2,400gns each (33H:17:02608 and 33H:17:02641).

There were also 8 Shearling rams presented with top price going to Mrs Pamela Lupton from Yorkshire (Kexbeck Flock) getting 800gns for her Rhaeadr Reggae I sired ram which was bought by A T Edwards of Powys. A Portuguese buyer paid top price in the Shearling Ewe class for a W H Sinnett & Sons (Stockton Flock) sheep. S W Cobbald (Suffolk) paid 1,800gns for J J Tooze' (Spittal Flock) excellent ewe lamb (DYX:17:00253).