

Taking the overall championship at the Royal Three Counties Show under judge William Tait of the Burnview flock was Chris Holmes' ram lamb DND:14:00338. He is sired by the 21,000gns Cairness Great Expectations and out of the 2800gns Conveth bred ewe DYH:N60, a Cairness Achievement daughter. He is one of nine full embryo brothers and sisters and will be sold at Shrewsbury in July.

Standing reserve overall champion was the female champion 72H:13:02108 from John Sinnett's Stockton flock. Sired by Rhaeadr Mad Man she is out of a dam by Stockton Jackpot and is on her first outing.

Reserve in the male championship was the second prize ram lamb NLH:14:00531 from Mike, Richard and Rhys Davies' Saffoden flock. He is by the 4000gns Forkins Fagan and out of a daughter of Kings High and Mighty.

Meanwhile, Chris Holmes also took the reserve female championship with his daughter Sally and grand-son Ollie showing the ewe lamb DND:14:00340. She is a full embryo sister to the male and overall champion being a Cairness Great Expectation daughter.

In the remainder of the classes, the two shear and over ram class was won by Clive and Ann Meredith with Stockton Thats The One. He is by Conchar PR and out of a dam by Rhaeadr Radar.

Winning the shearling ram class was Shannagh McGinty from Messrs Samuel. He is by Limestone Total and out of a Barrowlands ewe by Cragroe Craftsman.

Top of the line in the two shear and over ewe class was 72H:N126 from John Sinnett, a 2010-born Stockton Lad the Second daughter.

In the progeny group of three lamb class Chris Holmes won with a trio by Cairness Great Expectation. While the pairs class was also won by Chris Holmes with the overall champion and the reserve female champion.

Commenting on his day's judging William Tait he had been very impressed with the standard. "The top end and in the gimmer, ewe lamb and ram lamb classes was exceptional.

"My overall champion is a ram lamb with a lot of potential, he is big, strong and well grown. He shows lots of breed character and is very eye catching, this lamb still has a lot more to come as he matures."

Group of three lambs, progeny of one sire,

1st Chris Holmes' group by Cairness Great Expectation

2nd Mike Davies and sons

3rd Messrs Samuel's group by Cairness Toronado

4th Mr P Fletcher

Ram, two shear and over,

1st C and A Meredith's Stockton Thats the One

2nd Blunt Farming's Milton Magic Man

Shearling ram,

1st Messrs Samuel's Shannagh McGinty

2nd Mr M Gatehouse's 84N:13:0021

3rd C and A Meredith's CSY:13:007

Ram lamb,

1st Chris Holmes' DND:14:00338

2nd Mike Davies and sons' NLH:14:00531

3rd John Sinnett's 72H:14:2626

4th Chris Holmes' DND:14:00334

5th Mike Davies and sons' NLH:14:00036

Ewe, two shear and over

1st John Sinnett's 72H:N126

2nd Chris Holmes' DND:14:00239

3rd Mr M Gatehouse's 84N:12:0047

4th MJ and JA Pinny's J65:10:L49

5th C and A Meredith's 72H:10:1655

Shearling ewe,

1st John Sinnett 72H:13:2108

2nd John Sinnett 72H:13:2098

3rd VE and BM Samuel FNW:13:0130

4th Ms A Mogford PSJ:13:0045

5th C and A Meredith 72H:13:2046

Ewe lamb,

1st Chris Holmes DND:14:00340

2nd John Sinnett 72H:14:02525

3rd VE and BM Samuel PSJ:14:3085

4th Mike Davies and Sons NLH:14:00537

5th Mike Davies and Sons NLH:14:00534

Exhibitor bred pairs,

1st Chris Holmes

2nd John Sinnett

3rd Mike Davies and sons

4th Ms A Mogford

5th Blunt Farming