

## **ASHBURTON BREEDING SHEEP FAIR**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual August Sheep Sale**

Nr. Peartree Cross, Buckfastleigh Rd, Ashburton TQ13 7JW

The second sheep sale at Ashburton for 2023 was held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August with the traditional rural event taking place under a sunnier sky. With rain and a good flush of grass the ewes forward met with a large complement of buyers aiding a strong and enthusiastic trade with only one pen going home.

**Ewes** sold to a top price of £190 for a smart pen of strong Blue Faced Leicester 2T Ewes from Helen Havill of Trusham, while A Bond of South Milton sold two pens of genuine North Country Mules 2T Ewes to £160 and R Manning of Strawberry Fields sold his two pens of well-bred North Country Mules 2T Ewes sold to £155. The trade was in line and above with other markets.

**Rams** saw a very large entry but with a clearance rate of 60% the well liked were well placed with keen bids. Top price was £470 for a pure Border Leicester 2T from Lucy Hawker of Shaugh Prior, pure Texel 2T from Phillip Bond of Blackaweton sold to £440, while Grace Baker of Kingsbridge sold all four of her Suffolk 4T rams to a top of £390 twice. A Charollais ram lamb from RJ & AM Pedrick of Ashburton sold to £395 while their 2T Beltex sold to £385.



**Store Lambs** were once again in very keen demand with the smaller sorts looking to be very well sold. Miss SM Pierce sold a pen of store lambs to £94 while her ewe lambs sold to a top price of £109. RJ & EJ Blackler sold a pen of store lambs to £83 each while smaller sorts from Dadd Farm of Bullaton selling two pens to a top price of £69..

The Auctioneers would like to thank all the farmers, breeders and buyers who support this traditional event set on the foothills of Dartmoor very conveniently located for farmers from Dartmoor, South Devon & Exeter.

**Next sales Ashburton Sheep Sale Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**ENTRIES NOW BEING TAKEN with store lambs in very keen demand!!**