

# Market Report Chagford Pony Sale

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Auctioneers – Rendells, Chagford

Rendells are the last remaining firm to sell semi-wild drifted ponies within the Dartmoor National Park by auction. This time-honoured tradition was once again held with the Rendells annual sale of Dartmoor Ponies last Thursday.

The sale attracted vendors and purchasers old and new assisted by the pleasant sunny weather being much kinder than the previous year's constant rain. Due to the large amount of work behind the scenes before the auction, the presale publicity helped attract a large crowd with buyers from Northern Ireland as well as 16 counties in England including as far away as Cumbria, Durham, Yorkshire and Lancashire in the North, Norfolk in the East and Sussex in the South East as well as regular buyers on the doorstep at home as well as the New Forest and the Midlands.

The Auctioneers said they had enjoyed a more buoyant trade than had been seen for some years with an 89.9% clearance of the 258 ponies at the auction and an average sale price of £88, up £70 from 2014 (when only 80 ponies were sold). The Auctioneers were pleased to see so many vendors going home having enjoyed such a successful day. The quality of the ponies was noticeably impressive. Top price of the day was 520 guineas for R A Steed for an outstanding example of a coloured filly. Donkeys sold to 275 guineas for C Harris.

The 2019 sale has been the most successful for a very long time and this is a credit to the relentless hard work of Charlotte Faulkner and her team from The Dartmoor Hill Pony Association, without their efforts the sale would not be able to take place. The Auctioneers would also like to thank the Dartmoor community for their help not only in supporting the sale but also with their naturally seasoned expert horse handling abilities. We thank all involved for helping to secure the future of this iconic breed.



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### **Leading Prices:**

R A Steed sold to 520 guineas.

P & V Pearce sold to 400 guineas.

M Alford sold to 340 guineas.

N Burgoyne sold to 325 guineas.

The late John Irish sold to 310 guineas.

A Mortimore sold to 290 guineas.

P & D Cleave sold to 275 guineas.

J Shears sold to 250 guineas.

H Pearse sold to 240 guineas.

C Caygill sold to 200 guineas.

A Cole sold to 185 guineas.

A Bowden sold to 145 guineas.

J Mortimore sold to 135 guineas.

SG & RM Partridge sold to 110 guineas.

A Abel sold to 95 guineas.

P R Coaker sold to 95 guineas.

T Lear sold to 95 guineas.

Donkeys sold to 275 guineas for N Burgoyne and 140 guineas for C Harris.

However there were still plenty of Colts at 10 Guineas plus.

Forthcoming sales at Chagford Market include the Machinery Sale on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the Cattle Sale on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Pony Sale which will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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