

SOUTHDOWN SHEEP SALE ATTRACTS BUYERS FROM FAR AWAY TO CHELFORD

The dispersal of the Pindale Flock of Southdown Sheep last Monday at Chelford, on behalf of Miss Moira Williams of Chapel-en-le-Frith, brought customers from as far away as Devon and Lancashire to the Chelford Centre.

Southdown Sheep have been mainly concentrated in the South East, but Miss Williams, and a number of other Northern enthusiasts have generated some considerable interest further north and this flock, containing some noted purchases from Society sales was obviously of interest to a large number of breed enthusiasts.

The top price of 340 gns was paid for the National Champion in 2008, a Ladywell Ram known as Bertie, who went home to Quernmore, Lancaster with F G & A M Carter. Leading the females, was the most fancied of the homebred shearling ewes, Pindale Elose, by a Brynglas ram who made 230 gns to T L Ellis of Corwen of Clwyd. Best of the ewes with lambs was a 2007 born ewe that had stood Champion Female at the Society Maidstone Show in 2008. Bred from the Ridings flock, she was sold with her ewe lamb Pindale Fallow at foot, and made 220 gns to R G Griffiths, Hope, Wrexham.

Another Wrexham purchaser, H M Lakin of Bwlchgwyn, paid 210 gns to take home another Ridings ewe, this time a 2008 born sheep, with her twin ewe lambs Pindale Francesca and Farhanah.

Averages:

Ewes with Lambs	£170.29
Shearling Ewes	£129.06
Rams	£206.49

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