

WELSHPOOL DUTCH SPOTTED UK FEMALE SALE IS A FLIER!

Anyone hoping to pick up a cheap Christmas present at the Welshpool sale this week, would go home disappointed and empty handed. Only four lots failed to make the four-figure mark, leading to an overall average of £1699 and with a 100% clearance.

Leading the way was a yearling ewe from Cath Difford and Mrs R Matthews Davies's Hill Top flock, when she made 3800gns, selling to Mr N Lofthouse, Harrogate, N Yorks. Hill Top Cowslip is by Bullseye and was sold in-lamb carrying three to Turbobont Caernarfon.

Next up and leading the ewe lamb trade, was a lamb in a strong pen of three from Brian Davies, Ty-Gwyn. Ty-Gwyn Donna, is by Gallowhill Balblair and out of one of the flock favourites, the home-bred Ty-Gwyn Cindy. She sold for 3200gns to MJ and L J Robertson's Lakeside flock, near Bristol. Brian's two other lambs, by Apache and Balblair, made 2000gns and 1350gns, respectively and both sold to Janet Davies, Llanilar, Aberystwyth

The only aged ewe forward in the accredited section had travelled down from Penrith and sold for 2400gns for Alan Smyth's Eden flock, when she sold to A Mitchell, Nasby, Northampton. She was sold in lamb to the newly imported stock ram, Cruzer. Mr Mitchell also bought Megan Rowlandson's yearling ewe, by her own home-bred Damson Blue Moon, for 1800gns. Damson Connie was sold in-lamb carrying twins by Mount Pleasant Desmond.

Alan Smyth also sold a ewe lamb, by his renowned stock ram Eden Bentley for 1200gns to Mr Mitchell.

Tom and Louise Nash, of the Merryboro flock, sold their ewe lamb, Merryboro Dorothy, by Apache for 1900gns to JP Richards and Son, Haverford West.

Rhys Francis sold three of this year's imports for 1700gns, 1600gns and 1200gns. The 1600gns offering sold to Cath Difford and Mrs R Matthews Davies, with the other two finding a new home with RA Davenport, Sandbach, Cheshire.

Recently-appointed DSSUK trustee, Sian Jones, from the flock she runs with her parents Roger and Gill Jones' Pentre flock had a good

day, when her Grade 4 registration yearling ewe made 900gns and their Grade 4 ewe lamb sold for 700gns to RG Francis and Son, Newtown, Powys. Both were sold in lamb to Pentre Casanova. The Jones' recipient ewe made 1200gns, carrying two embryos to Baaboom, selling to J A Nicholls, Stoke-on-Trent.

Rhys Francis also sold a recipient ewe, carrying two embryos by Ty-Gwyn Douglas for 1450gns to RG Francis and Son, Newtown. Douglas is by the well-known Merryboro Cracker, the Ty-Gwyn stock ram, which sired lambs to 4000gns at this year's DSSUK autumn sales.

Del Amson was delighted with his trade in the non-accredited section, when he sold a 2019 imported ewe, in lamb to Challoch Chief, for 850gns to MA and JM Price, Newport, Gwent. His yearling ewe, Lowfauld Costa, bred by Sian Jordon, sold in-lamb to Williams Dynamite for 1450gns to R Garlick, from Hereford. His two remaining ewe lambs made 1200gns and 800gns to ID Gregory, Buxton, Derbyshire, and MA and KA Davies, Llandysul, Ceredigion.