



Whitebred Shorthorn

2024 Newsletter

What a start to 2024, a fantastic Spring sale, Blackburn Geewhizz saw a new record reached. It was also an excellent day for the other vendors – 100% clearance. It showed that there is demand for our breed. The office regularly receive enquiries, with new schemes coming into place, people are starting to seriously investigate Rare and Native breeds. I strongly feel that this is something we need to push forward as an Association and a key selling point along with the other attributes of the breed. The Association register between 100 – 140 females per year, this means we will remain on the RBST watchlist for quite some time. I see this as a positive and would like to use this as a good way of encouraging new breeders. There are lots of good points to focus on with the Whitebred Shorthorn

- Easy Calving
- Excellent maternal instinct
- Thrive on rough pasture
- Live out all year round
- Milkability
- Docile
- Longevity



Male Champion and Overall Champion Blackburn Geewhizz

Show results

Class One Bulls

1st Blackburn Geewhizz Male Chapion and Overall Champion

2nd Parton Hooligan Reserve Male Champion

3rd Bloch Oliver

4th Hallsford Arthur

Class Two In Calf heifers

1st Glentyne Twinkle 2nd Champion Female

2nd Glentyne White Heather 3rd

Class Three Maiden Heifer

1st Softley Snow Queen Reserve Female Champion

Sale Averages

- *4 Bulls @ £3307.50*
- *2 In calf heifers @£1706.25*
- *1 Maiden heifer @ £840*

A big thankyou to all of the Vendors for a fantastic show of animals.

Thankyou must also go to the buyers and underbidders.

A record breaking year for the sale with Gordon Jackson taking the top honours with Blackburn Geewhizz, he sold for 6800gns to JRF Pattinson and son, Hotbank Farm Reserve Male Parton Hooligan sold for 2400gns to Messers Dickinson.

Champion Female Glentyne Twinkle 2nd sold for 1650gns and Glentyne White Heather 3rd for 1600 to a new breeder.

Reserve female Champion Softley Snow Queen was sold for 800gns to Mrs K Wall, Hall Farm, Devon.

This Spring sale has certainly been a highlight for me, I really hope that we can keep this momentum going and drive forward. A lot of people who were not members were bidding for your animals, this again shows that new people are interested.

Our next event will be an open day to be held at Dumfries House, the date of this is to be confirmed but most likely August / September. I do hope you will be able to attend what will be an excellent and informative day.

I would like to remind members to use the advertising space available on the website, it costs £50 for one year unlimited advertising, – people **DO** use the site and animals are successfully sold this way. I aim to try and keep the facebook page more updated, please share the things that are posted on there. The more posts are shared, the more people see them.

Grassroots is a very good tool to use for many things, check mate is a great go to place for checking male and female pedigrees and will give you a clear indicator if you should mate specific animals. If you require any help with Grassroots, then please do get in touch.

With postage costs increasing and post sometimes vanishing, the Association would like to start emailing certificates, please let me know if this is ok for you or you would still like them posted.

I am sure you are aware of the schemes the government is putting into place but here is a link which maybe of interest

[What SFI can offer you - Farming for the future](#)

ASSOCIATION FEES

Registration of all calves up to the age of 1 year £25

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Transfer of Ownership £10 Transfer of Animals at Association Sales FREE

Membership £25 (please ask the secretary for a standing order)

With closures of banks and post offices could members pay by BACS if they can do so, this would be greatly appreciated.



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