

Blue Grey Cattle Sale History

Newcastleton Auction Mart

Newcastleton Auction Mart is operated by Harrison & Hetherington and was built in the 1880's. It holds the oldest Suckler Sale in the British Isles and the largest sale of Blue-Grey Calves. It has only slightly changed since it was built in the 1880's. The mart ring has an open top roof.

2002-2012

2012

Newcastleton Blue Grey Cattle Sale Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st October 2012

On Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st October 2012 Harrison & Hetherington Ltd held their Annual Special two day sale of Blue Grey Cattle at Newcastleton Auction Mart.

The two-day sale once again proved a success, with a great attendance of vendors bringing quality cattle to offer to an ever increasing ringside of buyers.

The top price of the day was achieved by annual supporters of the mart, Messrs Wallace, Farneyshields, Hexham whose 31-strong consignment averaged £1477, including a sale leading £1600, reached seven times. Bulling heifers peaked at £1120 for a pen of 5 from Messrs Kyle, Spoutbank, Walton. The second day saw cattle notably younger than usual, yet the impact on trade was negligible and all classes were easily sold.

Leading Blue Grey Heifer consignment averages:

Farneyshields £1477 (31 lots)

Old Cambus £1421 (12 lots)

Spout Bank £976 (17 lots)

High Thorneyburn £972 (23 lots)

Snowden Close £965 (33 lots)

Leading prices:

Blue Grey Heifers: £1600 (x5), £1580 (x4), £1550 (x2), £1520 (x3), £1500 (x7) Farney Shields, £1600 (x2), £1500 (x3), £1450 (x3), £1400 (x2) East Mains, £1220 (x2), £1150 (x2) Snowden Close, £1200 Old Cambus, £1120 (x5), £1040 (x7) Spoutbank Farm, £1100 (x7), £1060 (x2), £1020 (x6) High Thornyburn, £1030 (x4), £1020 (x4), £920 (x6) Snowden Close, £1020 (x2), £1000 (x5), £950 (x4), £920 Milnholm, £950 (x2), £920 (x2), £900 (x4) Hott Bank, £920 (x4), £900 (x3) Nether Rusko, £900 Lane Head, £900 (x5) The Bloch

2011

Newcastleton Blue Grey Cattle Sale Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th October 2011

On Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th October 2011 Harrison & Hetherington Ltd held their Annual Special two day sale of Blue Grey Cattle.

The nationally renowned 2 day sale once again proved to be a marvellous show of hill bred cattle with the top lines and names in each breed and section presenting their cattle to the largest ring side of keen bidders seen at the mart for some time.

In-calf Blue Grey heifers smashed the day's top price when Messrs Wallace of Farney Shields sold a pen of 5 to a fantastic £1450 a piece, whilst the second day saw a top price of £1000 for a superb bullock from Messrs Telford, Hole O Lyne. Both days saw averages soar way past last years with heifers averaging £97.50 more and steers rising by £93.33.

Blue Grey Heifers: £1450 (x5), £1280 (x4), £1200 (x2), £1100 Farney Shield, £1400 The Side, £1250, £1200 (x2), £1120 (x2), £1100 (x2) £1080, £1020 Old Cambus, £1120 (x6) Unthank, £1120, £1080 Rosebank, £1120, £1000 (x6) Milnholm, £1120 (x7), £1050 (x4) High Thornyburn, £1080 Unthank Farm (Higgs), £1050, £1020 (x5) The Bloch, £1050 Ashcraig, £1020 (X4) Snowdon Close,

Blue Grey Steers: £1000, £880 (x2), £720 (x4) Hole o Lyne, £700 (x7) Dykecrofts, £690 Berryfell Farm.

2010

Newcastleton Blue Grey Cattle Sale Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th October 2010

On Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th October 2010 Harrison & Hetherington Ltd, Newcastleton Auction Mart held their annual special two day sale of Blue Grey and continental calves.

This event is nationally renowned for the quality of hill bred cattle that are presented for sale. Many new faces were in attendance and trade throughout was very brisk.

Blue Grey bulling heifers sold to £1250 from M/s Wallace of Farney Shields. Galloway bulling heifers to £1080 from M/s G Bell & Co of The Bloch, Langholm. In calf heifers sold to £1500 (x6) for March born calving Blue Grey heifers from Mr K Drysdall of Old Cambus. Spring born 4/5 month old Blue Grey heifers sold to £500 from The Bloch.

The second day's sale was probably the best it has been for years with averages on a par with last year.

Leading prices: Blue Grey £1500 (x6), £1100 (x3) Old Cambus, £1130 (x2) Farney Shields, £1080 (x5) The Bloch, £980 (x8), £900 (x5) Byers Hall, £950 (x2) The Laythes, £940 (x4) Snowdon Close, £920 (x4) Milnholm.

2009

Blue Grey Cattle Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th October 2009

At their Newcastleton Mart on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October 2009 Harrison & Hetherington held their Annual Special two day sale of Blue Grey cattle.

The Sale renowned nationwide for the quality of its stock did not disappoint. The recently refurbished mart looked at its best, pens full and a ringside packed with regular customers outnumbered by new faces drawn from as far a field as Sussex in the South to Inverness in the North and all points between.

Right from the start on Tuesday the ringside was buzzing, prices terrific, the £1000 barrier being broken not once but 56 times. Seasoned on lookers commented never before had such prices being attained. All cattle were a joy to sell.

Consignments from Messrs Wallace, Farney Shields topping at £1350 averaging £1247.86 for 28 sold. Milnholm heifers topped at £1100, averaging £995, High Thornyburn not far behind at £1080. Hott Bank heifers peaked at £1000 whilst a superb run of 41 heifers from Berryfell Farm also broke the £1000 barrier.

Spring born calves also were in great demand regularly selling for prices in excess of £500 and as a result vendors left the ringside delighted with their days trading. The Sale averaged a whopping £704 up £288 on the year.

The next days trade did not quite reach the dizzy heights of the previous day, however all classes were good to sell. Blue Grey steers topped at £600 from Messrs Hogg, Milnholm whilst younger cattle sold at prices in far excess of vendors expectations.

Leading prices:

Blue Grey Heifers: £1350 (x2), Farney Shield, £1100 (x7) Milnholm, £1080 (x5), £1020 (x5) £1000 (x5), £960 (x7) High Thornyburn, £940 (x5) Spoutbank Farm, £910 (x3), £900 (x7) Snowdon Close, £900 (x4) Terrona.

Blue Grey Steers: £675 (x2), £670 (x3) Hole o Lyne, £650 (x3), Acrekowe, £630 (x3) Dykecrofts, £600 (x3) Milnholm.

2008

Blue Grey Heifers and Steers Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th November 2008

Harrison and Hetherington held their Annual 2 day sale of Blue Grey and continental cross suckled calves at Newcastleton Auction Mart on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November 2008.

The general feeling that because of the wet summer, cattle had not grown as well, consequently cattle were in the main smaller than normal.

On the Tuesday, well grown, fit to bull heifers were an excellent trade whilst smaller younger sorts were less money on the year. Buyers were out in force drawn from all parts of the UK.

The top price of the day being £860 for a terrific pen of 6 consigned by Messrs Wallace, Farneysheld, in calf heifers from the same good home topped at £850. Berryfell Farming topped at £740 for wonderful pen of 7 stylish heifers and from Messrs Hogg, Milnholm reached £730.

The Wednesday sale saw strong cattle dearer, Blue Grey steers sold to £555 for a marvellous pen from J McTurk, Glenshimmerock Farm.

Leading prices:

Blue Grey Heifers: £860 (x6) Farneysheld, £740 (x3), £700 (x4) Berryfell, £730 Milnholm, £690 (x2) Low Closegill, £660 (x2) Hole of Lyne

Blue Grey Incalf Heifers: £850 (x2), £840 (x2), £800 (x2), £760 (x2) Farneysheld, £710 (x2) Snowdon Close

Blue Grey Steers: £555 (x6), £510 Glenshimmerock, £540 Bowan Hill, £515 (x3) £510 (x3) Dykescroft, £510 (x2) Inverharroch

2007

**Blue Grey Heifers and Steers
Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st October 2007**

At their Newcastleton Mart on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st October 2007 Harrison & Hetherington held their Annual Special two day sale of Blue Grey heifers and bullocks.

Buyers were present from as far north of Scotland to the tip of Cornwall. The trade for heifers was excellent and as a result many prospective purchasers made the long journey south without satisfying their order.

Topping the trade were some marvellous Spring calving heifers at £800 from Messrs Wallace, Farney Shields, Ninebanks. Maiden heifers topped at £780 from the same good home. Wonderful heifers from Mr K Laurie also broke the £700 barrier with the hammer falling at £710.

Spring born heifer calves were particularly good to sell. The top price being £620 for a pen from Messrs Bell, The Bloch, Langholm.

Averages for the Tuesday were £471.88 a rise of £15.16 on the year this cementing Newcastleton's position as the premier UK Centre for the Blue Grey.

The second day cattle were forward in large numbers with the cattle in the main being smaller than previous years. Customers were not as numerous but regular purchasers competed strongly to ensure a satisfactory trade prevailed.

Leading prices:

Blue Grey Heifers: £790 (x6), £780 (x11) Farney Shields £710 (x3), £700 (x4), £660 (x3), £620 (x4) Snowdon Close, £660 (x5), £610 The Bloch

Blue Grey In Calf Heifers: £800 (x2) Farney Shields

Blue Grey Steers: £555 (x2), £475 (x3) Hole o Lyne, £485 (x5) Castlefairn, £465 (x8), £450 (x6) Terrona, £460 (x10) High Thorneyburn, £445 (x3) Mackilston

2006

Blue Grey Heifers and Steers Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October 2006

At their Newcastleton Mart on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October 2006, Harrison & Hetherington Limited held their Annual Special two day sale of Blue Grey heifers (day one) and Bullocks (day two).

A good show was forward with prices on a rise with regular buyers being pushed by a wave of new ones. This satisfied both auctioneers and sellers with most stock averages being well up on the year.

Blue Grey heifers averaged £456.72. Top in the strong heifer section was £780 obtained three times by Messrs Wallace of Farney Shields, Messrs Hogg of Milnholm, and Messrs Irving of Mountbenger.

Top in the Spring born section was a pen of four shown by Messrs Moore of Softley which went on to make £520.

The Second day produced some great cattle in all breeds with prices showing a strong rise on the year.

Leading prices:

Blue Grey Heifers: £780 (x9) Milnholm, £780 (x2), £760 (x4) £680 (x5) Farney Shields, £780 (x4) £620 Hermiston, £600 (x2) Mount Benger, £600 (x4) High Thorneyburn,

Blue Grey Steers: £590 £525 (x2) £505 (x4) Hole O Lyne £490 (x4), £480 (x6) High Thorneyburn, £490 (x7), £468 (x6), £400 (x4) Mount Benger, £480 (x2) Raeburnfoot, £465 Acreknowe, £460 Old Irvine, £460 (x6) The Bloch, £450 (x3) Terrona.

2005

Blue Grey Suckled and Bulling Heifers Newcastleton Mart Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October 2005

At their Newcastleton Mart on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October 2005, Harrison & Hetherington Limited held their great annual special two day sale of Blue Grey heifers and steers.

Averages:

778 Blue Grey heifers averaged £378, with the over 15 month old heifers levelling out at £475 and under 15 month old heifers at £305.

The demand throughout this day was very selective and prices reflected on the trade.

On the second day of the sale, trade for the Blue Grey bullocks was very strong throughout and were presented to a full ringside of buyers.

Leading prices:

Blue Grey Heifers: £680 (x7) & £630 (x5) Farneyshields, £640 (x4) Snowdon Close, £640 (x4) Hole O'Lyne, £600 (x5) Milnholm.

Blue Grey Steers: £515 (x2) Haining House, £512 (x2) Hole O'Lyne.

2004

Blue Grey Suckled and Bulling Heifers Newcastleton Mart Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th October 2004

Harrison & Hetherington at their Newcastleton Mart held their annual two day sale of Blue Grey suckled and bulling heifers.

A good number of stock entered attracted a tremendous gathering of both regular and new buyers which had travelled the length of the country for this well established breed.

On one of the few fine autumn days the animals looked in great condition, trade was similar on the year with buyers possibly being rather choosy.

Averages

Suckled heifers 12 months and under £375

Suckled heifers 12 months and above £580

Overall average £464 (plus £9.21)

Leading prices :-

Blue Grey Heifers £810 (x7), £780 (x6) £700 (x6) Berryfell Farm, £730 (x3), £650 (x3) Farney Shields, £720 (x4), £700 (x3) Snowdon Close, £700 (x8) Milnholm, £670 (x4) Spoutbank, £640 (x2) Byers Hall. Saler £665 Kilnstown, £520 (x3) Bowan Hill.

Blue Grey Steers –£480 Acreknowe, £475 (x5) Ottercops, £460 (x4) The Roan, £450 The Row, £465 (x7) Acreknowe, £460 (x2) Dykescroft, £455 (x2) The Bloch, £470 (x5) Hole o Lyne.

2003

Blue Grey Suckled and Bulling Heifers, also Blue Grey Suckled steers Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th October 2003

On Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th October 2003, Harrison & Hetherington, Newcastleton Auction Mart held their Great Annual special two day sale of Blue Grey bulling & suckled heifers followed on the second day by Blue Grey calves.

With an exceptional turn out of both regular and new buyers we experienced the dearest trade of Blue Grey heifers for sometime.

Averages:

486 Blue Grey Heifers £451 (plus £101.15 on the year).

Leading prices :-

Blue Grey heifers, £820 (x4), £485 (x2) & £450 (x2) Castlefairn, £800(x3), £780 (x7), £580 (x2) & £560 (x2) Farneyshield, £770 (x2), £700 (x3), £660 (x2) & £640 (x3) Hole o Lyne, £730 (x2), £720, £710 (x4), £700 & £680 (x2) Snowden Close, £700 (x6), £560 (x5), £450 (x4) & £375 High Thorneyburn, £660 (x5) Spoutbank, £650 (x6), £630 (x2), £600 (x11) & £525 (x4) Berryfell Farm, £600 & £390 The Bloch, £565 (x3) & £530 (x3) Mount Bengier, £540 & £485 Dryden Estate, £505, £380 & £355 (x2) The Crewe, £500 (x7) & £330 (x3) Allensgreen, £455 Cumstone.

Blue Grey bullocks £500 (x3) & £460 The Manse, £500, £438, £420 (x3) & £410 Allensgreen, £480 (x2) & £470 (x3) Hole o Lyne, £468 (x6) Acreknowe, £450 (x2), £425 (x4), £415 (x3) & £408 (x2) The Row, £450 (x2), £430 (x3) & £410 (x2) The Bloch, £435(x2), £430 (x5), £420 (x3), £415 (x4) & £382 (3) Dykecroft, £415 (x2) & £400 Nether Oakshaw.

2002

Blue Grey Suckled and Bulling Heifers Newcastleton Mart Tuesday 29th October 2002

On Tuesday 29th October 2002, Harrison & Hetherington, Newcastleton held their annual sale of Blue Grey Suckled and Bulling Heifers at Newcastleton Mart. All heifers were well sought after, and in attendance were many new buyers together with the presence of regular customers. Bidders paid much attention to the ages of cattle due to the over thirty months scheme.

504 Blue Grey heifers averaged £392.72

Leading prices:- £585, £560, £530, £510, £480 & £365 Snowdon Close, £570, £530, £505 & £495 Hole o Lyne, £545, £480 & 415 Byers Hall, £530, £520, £490 & £480 Farnley Shield, £520, £480, £475 & £455 Berryfell, £505 & £480 Stockasteads, £505 & £460 Raeburnfoot, £500 & £420 Thornyburn, £500, £495, £460 & £450 Carterton, £475, £420 & £410 Bloch, £465 & £415 Spoutbank, £460 & £415 Milnholm, £455 Lowclosegill, £420 Allensgreen, £410, £370 & £220 The Row, £320 & £220 The Crewe.