

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 30th May**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 31st May**

Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

Catalogue Available Online Now

**Saturday 1st June**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Smallholders Sale

**Thursday 6th June**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 8th June**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

*For further information on any of the sales  
please contact a member of the Market Team*

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## **REPORT FOR THURSDAY 23RD MAY**

### **Prime Lambs**

A much steadier week this week with numbers coming forward nationally and demand not matching supply. Quality lambs continue to sell well with best meat at the same levels. SQQ 392.07p/kg. SJ Leedham topped the day pence per kilo with best end Beltex lambs at 38kgs selling to 434p/kg; Ulmus Farm Ltd topped the day overall with 60kg texels to £190; JI & JA Claypole saw a strong trade for smart Texel crosses with highs of £180 for 49.5kgs with their lighter 38kgs to £155; WF Knight & Son saw their first draw of the season with best end Texels to £175 for 43kgs, with 39kgs to £155; D & AE Allen drew a big run of Masham crosses with well finished lambs at 42kgs selling to £160 with 40.5kgs to £154.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
434p	£165.00	395p	£154.00	404.6p	£156.00
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
407p	£175.00	380p	£154.00	388.5p	£158.54
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
364p	£180.00	235p	£120.00	298.5p	£150.00
Over 52kg					
314p	£190.00	314p	£190.00	314p	£190.00

### **Prime Hogs**

Anything out of spec hard sold with store types far better sold on Saturday. SQQ 272.31p/kg. MR Peters & Son topped the day with 44.5kgs Beltex to 400p/kg and £190 for their 53kgs; RC & JT Bailey topped their run of Suffolks with 74kgs to £180 with their 58kgs to £160; JI & JA Claypole topped with smart Continental hogs at 58kgs to £180.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
219p	£81.00	219p	£81.00	219p	£81.00
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
400p	£178.00	163p	£70.00	298.8p	£129.14
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
335p	£166.00	204p	£100.00	269.5p	£132.60
Over 52kg					
358p	£190.00	219p	£118.00	261.5p	£147.44

## Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade easing on the week with the majority forward feeding types. Averaging £96.74. WF Knight & Son topped the day with a best end showing of Continental ewes to £165, £159 and £145 for meat and shape; Ulmus Farm Ltd topped the Suffolks with meat ewes to £150 and £148; JI Holmes saw Continentals to £140 and two lots to £131; E Dahm saw a high of £130 for Zwartble ewes; JI & JA Claypole topped the Mules to £111 for strong meat, with the vast majority at the same level. Feeders were seen around the £50 to £75 mark.

To	From	Average
£165.00	£5.00	£96.74

### NOTICE

To ensure your entries are listed in the Saturday Store Sale Catalogue, please book in your stock by 4pm on Friday.

### FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY

Land off Walgrave Road, Old, Northamptonshire  
0.64 acres (0.26 hectares) of Paddock Land, Village location,  
Suitable for a variety of uses and may have longer-term development potential  
subject to obtaining the necessary planning consents.

Contact Alex Abrahams - 01832 732241

### FREE HEALTH ADVICE FOR FARMERS TO CONTINUE AT THRAPSTON MARKET

Parish Nursing Ministries UK will be offering health screening, information, and advice to farming families at Saturday markets. Their nurses will be based in the Bletsoes mobile unit, next to the market office.

**The nurses will next be in attendance on Saturday 8th June 8.30am – 12.30pm. There is no need to book, just turn up and wait to be seen.**

This free support can include • Blood pressure readings • Health discussions and advice on issues including joint/back pain and pain management, medication explanations, weight management, baby health issues, prostate concerns, restless leg syndrome, arthritis • Wellbeing discussions and advice on subjects including stress management, bereavement and dementia

For further information contact Andrea 07866 803798 [Andrea@fcn.org.uk](mailto:Andrea@fcn.org.uk)

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**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am**

at The Warriner School Farm, Bloxham,  
Banbury, Oxon. OX15 4LJ

## **Machinery Reduction & Vintage Sale**



### **To Include:**

1998 **CASE** MX100 Tractor - 1000 hours  
**MASSEY FERGUSON** Baler, **KUHN** Mower Conditioner,  
**SPEARHEAD** Topper, Grass Harrows, **TEAMS** Sprayer,  
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Vintage Hand Tools, Station Engines, Horse Drawn Ploughs, Threshing Box,  
**MASSEY HARRIS** Reaper & Binder

**on behalf of The Warriner School Farm**

*The sale is due to farming restructure*

## **Additional Entries are Welcome**

**Contact Jake Wagstaff 07487 526803**

Catalogues will be available online or by request

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## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 25TH MAY**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

R Cave saw a well meated Lincoln Red cow forward at 7 years old and Farm Assured selling to £1505, setting the pace for the day with a 9 year old Limousin cross cow with a 2 week old Limousin heifer calf at foot selling to £1200.

C Stancombe & Son drew a serious run of quality with British Blue steers at 15 months old selling to £1450 in forward condition with equally as smart and younger types to £1410, Their 15 month old Limousin steers topped to £1300.

### **Store & Breeding Sheep**

Numbers short in all sections with more needed on the trade.

**Ewes & Lambs** - Woodview Farm started the day with a flyer seeing full mouth Texels and strong 4 week old ram lambs selling to £145 a life, with their full mouth Charollais ewes and single ewe lambs selling to £140 a life; O Garnham penned a strong show of poll Dorset flock age ewes with singles at foot selling to £94 a life; R Martin saw a younger entry with cross bred ewe lambs and Continental lambs selling to £90 a life.

**Store Lambs** - a small seasonal entry forward with T Nursall selling Continental lambs with strong frames to £117 with followers at £84; Maydencroft Farm Partnership saw Hebridean ram lambs to £62.

**Feeding Ewes** - best ewes drove the trade with W Aves & Son topping to £141.50 for better shape meat with big thick ewes to £134, leaner meat types topped to £130; O Garnham saw a strong trade with Texel crosses of good lean meat to £137. Native bred types saw meat Jacob ewes to £61.

### **Calves**

A strong trade ringside with full confidence on the day. JEG James topped the day with a best end show of British Blue bulls at 26 days old selling to £445 with their heifers of the same stamp to £320, their Angus bull calves sold on a flyer with the best to £250 and heifers to £180; FH Pullin & Sons saw 2 weeks old Holstein Friesians to £40.

### **LAND AVAILABLE**

Approximately 3.78 acres of grazing land available to rent in Old Weston.

Fencing required to make stock proof.

Please contact Verity Garlick at [verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk) for further details.



## PROFESSIONAL ADVICE CLINIC / DROP IN AT THRAPSTON MARKET

On Saturday 22nd June, between 10.00am - 12.30pm we will have two of the Bletsoes Professionals stationed in the Mobile Office, down by the Market Office.

### **This Month's Professionals:**

*Andrew Middleditch will be available to talk about Developer Option and Promotion Agreements, conversion of buildings and general planning matters*



**&**

*Chris Templar will be available to talk about Farm Agency, Developer and Promotion Agreements, Compulsory Purchase and Utilities and Agricultural Tenancy matters*



Why not pop in and see them, no need to call or book!

## HARBOROUGH RURAL GRANT SCHEME

Harborough District Council has been allocated funds from the Rural England Prosperity Find (REPF) to be spent between April 2023 and March 2025.

Eligible applicants can benefit from grants between £5,000-£20,000 to support their business to diversify, innovate and grow. The council is keen to support exciting projects that will help local businesses and the wider economy and community.

Applicants must be based in rural areas in the Harborough District which can be identified in the grant policy.

### **The grant will cover four different themes:**

- Farm Business Diversification
- Innovation & Growth
- Green Technology/Infrastructure
- Rural Tourism

The application window will close on Friday 27th September 2024.

For more information please follow the link –

<https://www.harborough.gov.uk/rural-grants>

## SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### Home Grown Care Farm

1 British Blue Heifer	20 Months
1 Aberdeen Angus Heifer	24 Months

#### H Houghton & Son

12 British Blue Steers & Heifers	All 22-26 Months
4 Aberdeen Angus Steers & Heifers	
1 Hereford Steer	
1 Simmental Steer	
1 British Blue Heifer - <i>In forward condition</i>	29 Months

#### J P Watts

17 Limousin Steers	24 Months
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#### C E Hancock & Son

14 Store Cattle	15-25 Months
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#### S A C Holgate

29 Store Cattle	17-27 Months
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### STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

#### K Beck

2 Purebred Valais Black Nose Ewe Lambs - born Feb 24  
1 Purebred Valais Black Nose Double Theave  
1 Valais Black Nose x Wether  
*Heptavac P, Wormed*

### GOATS

#### K Beck

1 Boer Nanny Goat  
2 Boer Doelings

### PIGS

#### H Harbour

1 Large White Sow with a Litter of 7 Piglets	2 Years
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#### Home Grown Care Farm

1 Black Boar - <i>Proven stock getter</i>	4 Years
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### DONKEYS

#### Mrs Telling

4 Jenny Donkeys

## SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### J P Watts

17 Limousin Heifers	24 Months
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### FARM WORKER REQUIRED

Full/part time position on livestock farm in Cambridgeshire for hard working individual. Experience with cattle and sheep useful  
Telehandler certificate required. Apprenticeships also considered  
Contact Lee on 07799 875203

### FOR SALE

Quantity of second hand telegraph poles, various sizes from 6M to 11M, all stripped and clean of metal. Based near Peterborough,  
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### LAND FOR SALE

SPLASH LANE, CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH  
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for further information.





## LAND TO LET

### CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH

Approx. 5 acres of Permanent Pasture at Castor, Peterborough available on a short term Farm Business Tenancy agreement or Grazing Licence.

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## NOTICE

Please ensure Entry Forms and all relevant paperwork accompany your entries when bringing livestock into the Market.

Entry Forms can be found on our Website, in the Market Office or alternatively please contact the Main Office.

## NOTICE

If you would like your stock to be included in the weekly report presale, please contact the office before 12 noon on Monday.

Our chaplain Rev. Eddie Smith, Church of England Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on the 1st & 3rd Saturday each month for a chat, if you would like to talk.

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## Thrapston Market Report 2024 Advertising Tariff

### Advertising Charges

1/8 Page	£10 Per Week
1/4 Page	£20 Per Week
1/2 Page	£30 Per Week
Full Page	£50 Per Week
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### Discounted Rates Available

For further information, or to place and advert, please contact Beth Kitchener on 01832 732241 or [beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk)

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## An Auction



**NO** entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener

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## Land at Broughton Cambridgeshire

In all about 298.32 acres (120.71 hectares)  
Predominantly commercial arable land.

For Sale as a Whole or in 6 Lots



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# Arable Land Thurleigh, Bedfordshire

In all about 114.90 acres (46.50 hectares)  
For Sale as a Whole or in 2 Lots



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## Anglian Water – Fens Reservoir

Anglian Water, working in partnership with Cambridge Water, is proposing a new reservoir in the Fens.

The proposed site is between Chatteris and March, near to Doddington, Wimblington and Manea. During times of high rainfall, river flows from the Great Ouse catchment would feed the reservoir with water which will then be treated and transported to supply homes and businesses.

Anglian Water are engaging with local landowners, homeowners, communities and other stakeholders as they develop their proposal. The Phase Two Consultation will start on **30<sup>th</sup> May 2024** and is an opportunity for people to have their say on the developing proposals.

If you think you may be affected by this new development and would like guidance or assistance, please contact a member of the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241

Further information is available on [www.fensreservoir.co.uk](http://www.fensreservoir.co.uk)



## Grants Available in 2024

DEFRA have published a summary of grants available to look out for in 2024.

Grant	Important Dates
SFI Annual Health & Welfare Review	Applications Open
Laying Hen Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Spring-Summer 24
Cattle Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Autumn 24
Farming Equipment & Technology Fund 2024:	
Grant to Improve Productivity	Two application windows will open later in 2024
Improve Slurry Management	Two application windows will open later in 2024
Improving Farm Productivity (Round 2)	Those invited to make a full application have until 30 June 2025
Slurry Infrastructure Grant	Closed. Open again later in the year
Water Management Grant	Round 2 - Deadline for Full Applications end October. Round 3 open later in the year.
Harborough Rural Grant Scheme	Applications close 27 <sup>th</sup> September

Contact the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241 for more information.

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