

# Bletsoes

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## The Market Report

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020**

**Tuesday 19th May**

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep, Ewes & Lambs

**Tuesday 26th May**

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep, Ewes & Lambs

*Our Sales are Subject to Inspection.*

*Please adhere to all rules & regulations regarding the running of our auction sales to ensure we can keep them operating.*

*Keep your distance, Please wash your hands. Spaces have been marked in the rings for buyers*

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**Buyers Only around the Pens**

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**Keep your distance 2 Metres**

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## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 12TH MAY

### **194 New Season Lambs**

A blistering trade, the whole entry averaged £108 with only 11 lambs under £100. If they are finished sell them, don't wait for the trade to increase, with this dry weather there will soon be an influx of lambs in the markets, putting pressure on sales in the shops. As an area that is renowned for early lambs the more we have the, more it will encourage further buyers to attend.

Please book your entries in presale, we had an extra 100% increase on numbers booked in that were shown on the day, this number could have encouraged extra buyers to attend if we had known they were coming.

**11 Standards** - Selling to 260p for 3 Continental lambs weighing 34kg from Abbie Digweed; John Bourne & Son saw 258p or £98.04 for their eight 38kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
260p	£98.40	258p	£88.40	258.5p	£95.41

**181 Mediums** - Abbie Digweed topped this section too with 40kg lambs selling to 263p; Mark Greenaway saw 261.5p for his 42kg lambs; FG Belcher sold 41.5g lambs to 260p; B Burrows & Sons sold a pen of 19 Charollais x lambs to 259.5p; Celia Plunkett sold her 41.5kg Charollais lambs to 259p; and TR Tame & Son sold 42kg lambs to 259p. Price per head sold to £116.48 for 45.5kg lambs from Mark Greenaway, who also saw his lambs a kilo lighter to £115.48; John Bourne & Son topped at £114.75; JW Higgins saw £110.51 for his 43kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
263p	£116.48	255p	£103.40	259p	£108.51

**1 Heavies** - A 52kg lamb from FG Belcher sold to 231p or £120.12.

To		From		Average	
231p	£120.12	231p	£120.12	231p	£120.12

**1 Over 52kg** - A 58kg lamb from JW Higgins sold to £127.60 or 220p.

To		From		Average	
220p	£127.60	220p	£127.60	220p	£127.60

## 72 Old Season Lambs

Vendors travelling extra miles in the hope of catching a few extra pounds away from Stratford, resulted in fewer entries this week.

**3 Standards** - Will Steele sold his 34kg Beltex type lambs to 206p; and GF Heath & Son sold their 38kg lambs to 195p or £74.10.

To		From		Average	
206p	£74.10	195p	£70.04	202p	£71.39

**31 Mediums** - Topping at 202p or £86.86 for 43kg lambs from Will Steele; followed by Sue Collett at 199.5p for 40kg lambs; Charles Vernon Miller sold his 43kg lambs to 199p or £85.57; and Mark Greenaway sold 41.5kg lambs to 190.5p.

To		From		Average	
202p	£86.86	185p	£79.06	193.5p	£82.69

**35 Heavies** - Selling to 220.5p or £102.53 for Charles Vernon Miller; RS Betteridge sold 48kg lambs to 205p; along with Sue Collett at the same price for 46kg lambs; G Hawkins & Sons sold 47kg lambs to 195.5p; Griffiths Partnership sold 50kg lambs at 195p or £99.32; Will Steele saw 190p or £95 for his 50kg Easycare lambs; Ben Hemmings sold 48.5kg Herdwick lambs to 189p; and GF Heath & Son saw their 52kg lambs to 187p or £97.24.

To		From		Average	
220.5p	£102.53	180p	£88.20	193p	£94.34

**3 Over 52kg** - A couple of pens in this category which sold to £97.20 for a 60kg lamb from RS Betteridge and a 67kg lambs to £91.79 shown by G Hawkins & Sons.

To		From		Average	
162p	£97.20	137p	£91.79	153p	£95.40

\*\*\*\*\* NEXT WEEK \*\*\*\*\*

Tuesday 19th May

A Special Sale of 100 Mule Cull / Feeding Ewes

## 90 Cull Ewes & Rams

An extra buyer helped the trade on the ewes today, which sold to £79.50 for a pen of 3 Texel x ewes from Sue Collett; Charles Vernon Miller sold his 5 Beltex x ewes to £79; John Coldicott sold his Mule ewes to £72 from £67; JE Andrews sold 5 ewes to £69.50; G Hawkins & Sons sold their 6 Mules to £69.50; AD Lane sold a Texel x ewe to £69; AR & PR Whitmill saw their 5 Mules sell to £68.50.

Rams sold to £91 for a pair of Charollais; FG Belcher saw £70 for his 2 Charollais; and a Suffolk from Sarah Jane Redding sold to £52.

Hoggets with teeth sold to £99 for GF Heath & Son with 2 Texels; Sue Collett saw a top of £98 for hers; Mark Greenaway sold his to £87 and £80 for one other.

To	From	Average
£79.50	£39.00	£55.95

## 4 Store Lambs

Just one pen this week, 3 Zwartable x and one other x sold to £65 for JE Andrews.

To	From	Average
£65.00	£65.00	£65.00

## EWES & LAMBS WANTED

Have you any for next week?

Tuesday 19th May. *Please contact us so that we can inform the buyers.*

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A FINAL Round-up for the Season

**Tuesday 26th May**

A Special Collective Sale of Store Lambs & Feeding Ewes.

*Sell your unfinished lambs before they push up their teeth.*

*Grass fever is about and buyers are looking for all types of sheep for grazing.*

*Don't deprive your next crop of sheep with a shortage of grass,*

*let someone else finish them for you, and get the money in your pocket.*

*Please contact us so that we can inform the buyers.*

## ROAD CLOSURE

Please note the B4632 road from Stratford Upon Avon will be closed from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Please leave enough time to travel the short diversion.

A quicker route to the market is from the roundabout take the A3400 Shipston Road, turn for Wimpstone, travel through Wimpstone taking the next turning signed Admington / Quinton. At Quinton village turn right before the College Arms travel down this road until the T-junction turn right and the market is on the right.

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# **Bletsoes Procedures for Markets & Sales in respect of the Covid-19 Restrictions**

Update 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020

As the situation with Coronavirus develops, we regularly receive updated guidance from DEFRA via the Livestock Auctioneers Association, regarding the running of the livestock market and other sales. We are pleased that DEFRA has recognised the importance of livestock markets continuing to operate as an important part of the food supply chain. We are following the advice of DEFRA and adding our own additional measures to do all we can to provide a good service to all our clients and users of the markets, whilst taking reasonable precautions.

We are delighted that we are able to continue to offer a service to the farming community and remain open for business. Until further notice, the sales on Thursday and Saturday at Thrapston and on Tuesday at Stratford will continue for sheep, cattle, pigs, goats and calves, however we are not permitted to sell any breeding stock through the sale ring. The following applies to all sales:

1. We are operating a “**drop & go**” policy in respect of all livestock. Sellers must remain in their vehicles and allow market staff to unload livestock and pass any relevant paperwork through the vehicle window.
2. We will restrict the attendance within the market to as few as possible:
  - Only those that are **buying or working in the market** should attend
  - A register of all Buyers attending each market has to be maintained.
  - If you wish to attend Market as a Buyer, please register in advance with Al & Jake, in order that your attendance is registered and so that you can be allocated a space to stand around the cattle ring for Saturday sales.
  - Any person over the age of 70 should not attend sales
  - Any person that is knowingly ill, showing symptoms of the virus, or has an underlying health issue should not attend sales
  - Children should not attend sales
  - Any lady that is knowingly pregnant should not attend sales
3. The market canteen will remain closed, for the foreseeable future.

4. All non-essential food chain supply sales, such as the Fur & Feather, Machinery, Shrub & Plant sales, etc. are cancelled until further notice.
5. We have arranged suitable hand washing facilities – in the gents wc and ladies wc.
6. We will limit numbers in the market office. so that any queue is outside in the open and you should maintain 2 metres distancing, in any queue.
7. All of the pens are inside though with good ventilation, please ensure that you **observe 2 metres distancing at all times.**
8. If you wish to arrange collection of stock from the farm, please speak to Al or Jake, who will be pleased to organise this with you.
9. We are operating a **Private Sale Register**, which can be found on our website, in respect of Store Cattle, Bulling Heifers, Breeding Sheep, Ewes with Lambs at foot as well as Fodder, all for sale by Private Treaty.

Please follow the current government guidance on how to reduce the likelihood of contracting the virus:

## **DO**


- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

## **AVOID**

- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

We look forward to helping you through these uncertain times. Any concerns or queries please speak to Al or Jake. Please take sensible precautions and keep safe.

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