

SHREWSBURY AUCTION CENTRE

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MARKET REPORT FOR TUESDAY 31st MARCH 2026



DAIRY(26)	Top Price	£3000 (H)	£2920 (C)
PRIME HOGGETS (1151)	Top Price	£221.00	or 440ppk
CALVES (248)	Top Price	£865(B)	£815 (H)
CULL EWES AND RAMS (265)	Top Price	£250 (E)	£200(R)
BARREN COWS/OTM'S (12)	Top Price	£2569	or 350ppk
STORE SHEEP ()	Top Price	£ e/l	£ Ol

MARKET OPENING TIMES - *GATES ARE OPEN FROM 6.30AM*****

AUCTIONEERS CONTACTS

CALVES 10am

Nick Griffiths 07748 306442

LAMBS/HOGGETS 10am

James Evans – 07581 552 438

DAIRY & BARREN CATTLE 11am

Jonny Dymond 07803 412617

Henry Hyde 07398 137343

STORE CATTLE 10.30am

James Evans – 07581 552 438

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WEANLINGS 12.30pm

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STARTING TIMES

LAMBS/ HOGGETS: 10AM

CALVES: 10AM

CULL EWES: TO FOLLOW LAMBS

BARRENS COWS AND BULLS: 11AM

DAIRY: 11.15 AM

WEANLINGS: 12.30- 1PM

STORE CATTLE FORTNIGHTLY

THURSDAY: 10.30AM

STORE SHEEP: 12NOON

*******IMPORTANT INFORMATION*******

**ALL PASSPORTS ARE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTRY FORM.
ALL DETAILS ON FORM ARE TO BE FILLED IN CORRECTLY.**

25 DAIRY 11.15AM

JONNY DYMOND - 07803 412617

Total	Sections	Ave (£)	Top (£)	Vendor
4	Freshly Calved Cow	2123.33	2920.00	AD & RM Thomas
11	Freshly Calved Heifer	2510.91	3000.00	T Wainwright & Son
9	Dairy Heifer in Calf	2173.33	2400.00	James Brook Business
2	Dry Cow	1600.00	1600.00	CJ & L Tams

4 Cows to £2920 ave £2123

10 Heifers to £3000 ave £2617

9 In Calf Heifers to £2400 ave £2173

2 Dry Cows to £1600 (2)

DEMAND COMPLETELY OUTSTRIPPING SUPPLY.... MORE DAIRY CATTLE ARE REQUIRED EVERY WEEK!!

Today's show certainly came in the ring looking a lot fancier than they looked in the stalls but my mind cannot comprehend the trade achieved for the quality on offer and the milk prices at the moment.

Leading the trade to £3000 was a commercial bred heifer from TA Wainwright & Son which was roaring on at 33kg a day she was a picture of the modern Holstein, a wonderful Stanton Chief daughter, just 21mo from NM Roberts of Wrexham flew to £2920. Great to have N & K Brown here from Staffordshire with 3 heifers from his high yielding **DUNSTALLHALL** Herd, peaking at £2900 for a 30kg calved just one week, with others from the same home at £2850, Also at £2850 was a superb heifer from AD & RM Thomas **WOLSTON DREAMBIG DAWN 142** who was giving a huge 37kg. Only 3 heifers of the 10 sold for under £2420 with price starting at £1650 for a very milky but "Cowy" heifer.

Only 4 fresh cows today and more are very much needed with the tops to £2920 for **WOLSTON CHIEF DAWN 134**, A cow with a wonderful frame and supreme udder attachments from AD & RM Thomas. Friesian types from AW & L Hollinshead sold really well to £1850.

A run of superb in calf heifers from J K V Brooks 7-8 months in calf to the Angus met top demand, peaking at £2400 twice, with others at £2380 & £2350 with the average a fabulous £2173!

MORE DAIRY CATTLE PLEASE - NEXT WEEK WE HAVE THE DISPERSAL OF 24 DAIRY CATTLE FOR MR R WHEELER OR PURSHALL GREEN FARM DROITWICH which includes Fresh Calved and In Milk & Dry Cows and Youngstock

12 BARRENS 11.00am
HENRY HYDE- 07398 137343

Breed	PPK	Price (£)	Vendor
BB x	350ppk	£2569.00	JB Griffiths
Frie	268ppk	£2353.04	M & JC Gould
BB x	289ppk	£2127.04	LA & DL Brown
Frie	246ppk	£1953.24	Thomas & Wilson
Frie	283ppk	£1760.26	Thomas & Wilson
Frie	218ppk	£1556.52	Thomas & Wilson
Frie	220ppk	£1148.40	SE Roberts
H/Land	222ppk	£999.00	B Elkin
H/Land	210ppk	£974.40	B Elkin
H/Land	202ppk	£1232.20	D Coughlin
AA x	325ppk	£2041.00	GAG Evans
AA x	350ppk	£2352.00	GAG Evans

248 CALVES 10AM
NICK GRIFFITHS-07748 306442

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	Bulls			Heifers		
Breed	No	Ave	Top	No	Ave	Top
Frie	22	173.91	320.00	19	141.00	460.00
BB x	93	645.62	865.00	48	607.35	815.00
AA x	8	519.63	655.00	9	325.00	560.00
MRI	1	500.00	500.00			
Hfd x	21	448.71	605.00	13	383.23	480.00
Char x	1	840.00	840.00	1	765.00	765.00
Lim x	6	507.00	720.00	6	477.50	670.00

Numbers and quality this week. A fantastic day in the calf section with a great turnout of buyers who were well rewarded with a great show and quantity of calves. Buyers travelled from distance and were not disappointed with a superb run of Blues from Bowdler Farms topping the bulls and heifers at £865 and £815 respectively. There were 8 calves

selling in excess of £800, all of which came from Bowdler Farms, excluding a fantastic Charolais bull from CT Pain at £840. Of the 93 Blue bulls penned they returned an average of £645, while the 48 blue heifers averaged £607. Limousin bulls topped out at £720 for a smashing sort from Tony Wilson while the best of the Hereford bulls sold to £605 on two occasions from James Meddins while a lovely run from Beckbury Farm sold to £550. Angus bulls averaged £520 to a top of £655 from Alan Wainwright with others to £600 from Lewis Bros. Friesians very dear with the best to £320 from ET & P Shingler with others to £318 and £310 from JF & AA Owen. An average of £172 on the Friesians really did reflect the trade.

All heifers followed suit with trade very dear. 16 blue females sold over £700 with 4 over £800. Natives sold to £560 from The Groton again with Angus while Herefords sold to £480 from Beckbury. Lims sold to £670 from T & D Jones with smart Charolais to £765 from CT Pain.

Numbers needed again next week with this demand proving serious. Make sure you take advantage of the trade.

Please could all vendors ensure that TB Dates are stated and added to Passports for all calves that have been tested (whether or not they are 42 days of age or older) To ensure true value is maximised, please declare the sire of the calves particularly ABERDEEN ANGUS.

*****8 Week NON-Slaughter Declarations*** NO FORM NO DECLARATION**

In the interest of protecting your milk contract, Vendors are responsible for declaring their calves individually as not for slaughter, every week the auctioneer will declare at the point of sale and on invoice to our trusted buyers. Halls Holdings Ltd cannot be held responsible for the calf once it leaves the market where the onus transfers to the purchaser

1511 PRIME HOGGETS

JAMES F EVANS: 07581 552438

****SHEEP LICENCE****

ALL SHEEP LICENCES MUST BE FILLED OUT CORRECTLY.

WE ARE HAVING A LOT OF LICENCES NOT BEING FILLED IN CORRECTLY,

NUMBER OF SHEEP MISSING, CULL EWES NOT BEING ON SHEET, MISSING HOLDING NUMBERS ETC.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS IS DONE BEFORE HANDING IN YOUR LICENCE

Abattoirs are requesting that lambs are Belly Clipped, this is available at the market for convenience at the charge of 80pence per lamb

Lambs	Ave P/Kg	Top Ave	Vendor	Top Per Hd	Vendor
25.5-32kgs	378.70	384ppk	F Pinches & Son	£123.00	F Pinches & Son
32.1 -39kgs	397.13	426ppk	S Kinsey	£166.00	S Kinsey
39.45.5kgs	407.45	440ppk	Lythwood Sheep	£189.00	Lythwood Sheep
45.6- 52kgs	383.73	426ppk	GV & JA Hardman	£201.00	GV & JA Hardman
52+ kgs	351.71	373ppk	MD Pryce	£221.00	GV & JA Hardman
Overall	383.95ppk				
SQQ	405.18ppk				

Shrewsbury once again delivered a market full of energy and purpose on Tuesday, with a strong entry of 1,510 hogs leading the way, supported by 265 cull ewes and a well-filled sale across all sections. From the outset, there was a clear sense of intent ringside, with buyers present, active, and ready to do business.

This was another sale that demonstrated exactly what Shrewsbury is capable of when the numbers come forward. The trade held a solid edge throughout, with competition evident across all classes, and a consistency that continues to give vendors confidence.

However, the message remains as important as ever—this level of trade is built on supply. The more sheep that come forward, the stronger and sharper this market becomes.

Top honours went to Lythwood Sheep Ltd at 440ppk, while G V and J A Hardman led the per head section at £221. These figures reflect a market that continues to reward quality and finish, with buyers keen to secure the right types.

Standards and mediums again proved to be the backbone of the trade, averaging 397ppk and 408ppk respectively. These sheep met the strongest demand, with consistent bidding ensuring a reliable and competitive trade across the board.

Heavier hoggs held firm, averaging £189, with overweights returning £198, demonstrating that all classes remain saleable when presented correctly. Lights averaged 378ppk, showing a steady outlet for smaller types as well.

There was a noticeable level of consistency across the entire run, with very few sheep left without a bid. This is the type of trade producers can rely on—but it is entirely dependent on maintaining these sorts of numbers each week.

If Shrewsbury continues to see entries in excess of 1,500 hoggs on a regular basis, then this level of competition and confidence will continue to build.

Lambs 25.5-32kgs		
£123.00	384ppk	F Pinches & Son
£119.00	372ppk	DJ Shakeshaft
£115.00	371ppk	M Cordiner
£110.00	344ppk	M Cordiner

Lambs 32.1-39kgs		
£166.00	426ppk	S Kinsey
£157.00	403ppk	JE & R Hockenhull
£155.00	397ppk	Preece Farming
£155.00	397ppk	HW & ME Teague
£155.00	408ppk	S Burnett

Lambs 39.1-45.5kgs		
£189.00	440ppk	Lythwood Sheep
£188.50	419ppk	RF Wilde & Son
£188.00	427ppk	R Ratcliffe
£185.00	411ppk	R Ratcliffe
£185.00	411ppk	DJ Shakeshaft

Lambs 45.6-52kgs		
£201.00	419ppk	GV & JA Hardman
£196.00	408ppk	S Burnett
£196.00	392ppk	P & P Lowe Farming
£196.00	392ppk	G Meredith
£196.00	426ppk	GV & JA Hardman

Lambs 52+ kgs		
£221.00	345ppk	GV & JA Hardman
£221.00	335ppk	GV & JA Hardman
£220.00	367ppk	MD Pryce
£220.00	373ppk	MD Pryce
£219.00	327ppk	Lythwood Sheep

Stay Ahead with Our Free Weekly Sheep Trade Updates

With the sheep trade being so unpredictable over the past few months, I strongly encourage all vendors at Shrewsbury Market to sign up for our free weekly trade update text message service. It's easy to join — call the Shrewsbury office on 01743 462620 or contact Tom Jerman on 07948 080906 and provide your mobile number.

By signing up, you'll receive regular text updates on the latest market conditions and specific stock requirements for the week, such as the recent demand for tup lambs. This service enables us as auctioneers to communicate directly with you, ensuring we select the right stock for the right pens and present it to our buyers, so that you can achieve the best possible trade.

****** IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL VENDORS ******

VETERINARY ATTESTATION NUMBER (VAN) From the 13th December 2023 the European Union will not accept ANY part of a Carcass or Offal from UK livestock producers unless that have a Veterinary Attestation Number, this is relevant for Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Chickens and any other livestock in the UK.

IF YOU ARE FARM ASSURED your stock is considered to meet the requirements for export and you can ignore the rest of this statement.

IF YOU ARE NOT FARM ASSURED, please contact your Vets about getting a number.

While your stock can be sold at the market with or without a VAN Halls **STRONGLY ADVISE** getting one. The process from our experience is based on the health and well-being of your livestock, rather than paperwork. **OUR BUYERS REQUESTING THIS!** The meat industry is complex and when we trade in a world market ticking this box will be financially beneficial to you

265 BUTCHER, GRAZING & CULL SHEEP: To Follow Lambs

JAMES EVANS: 07581 552438

Ewes Top Price	Vendor	Ram Top Prices	Vendor
£250.00	NE & JA Gibbs	£200.00	RT & TA Dale
£239.00	NE & JA Gibbs	£190.00	RT & TA Dale
£230.00	S Burnett	£179.00	J Higgins & Son
£229.00	S Burnett	£140.00	RT & TA Dale
£220.00	S Burnett	£	
£220.00	A Pulse	£	
£220.00	J Higgins & Son	£	
£213.00	J Higgins & Son	£	
£211.00	EJ & SP Jackson	£	
£210.00	JB Joseph	£	

The cull ewe ring once again proved to be a strong and dependable section of the sale. A total of 265 ewes forward saw an average of £165, with a top price of £250 achieved by N E and J A Gibbs.

Rams sold equally well, topping at £200 for RT and TA Dale and averaging £181, underlining the strength of demand across all types.

This was a competitive trade from start to finish, with buyers active and engaged, ensuring all classes were well sold. The consistency seen in this section is a direct result of regular entries and buyer confidence in being able to source numbers.

Maintaining that flow is essential to keeping this ring as strong as it currently stands.

88 STORE SHEEP: To Follow Cull Sheep
Nick Griffiths 07748 306442

Top Price	Vendor
Ewes & Lambs	
£405.00	Westwood Farm
£400.00	WE Hamer
£370.00	A Pulse
£370.00	WE Hamer
£310.00	Westwood Farm
Orphan Lamb	
£40.00	P Hughes
£40.00	AW Jones
£38.00	T & TA Dale
Store Lambs	
£140.00	B & B Farming
£122.00	B & B Farming

The store and breeding rings continue to reflect confidence within the trade. Ewes with lambs averaged £285 and peaked at an impressive £405 for Westwood Farm, while cull lambs averaged £30 and sold to £40 for P Hughes.

Store sheep averaged £122, topping at £140 from B and B Farming, showing a steady and reliable demand for grazing and finishing types.

These figures highlight a level of optimism looking ahead, but that

confidence is closely tied to the strength of the finished trade. A strong live market underpins everything, and Shrewsbury continues to provide that foundation.

UPCOMING SALES

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Shrewsbury Store Cattle & Feeding Cows

Tuesday 7th April 2026

20th Anniversary “Spring Fling” Weanlings & Young Bulls

Wednesday 8th April 2026

TB Restricted “Orange” Cattle Sale

Friday 10th April 2026

Shrewsbury Plant & Machinery Sale

