



SCHEDULE

Shropshire Sheep Breeder's Association

National Show and Sale

On Saturday 25th July 2026

At

Shrewsbury Auction Centre

Bowman Way

Battlefield

Shrewsbury

SY4 3DR

Halls Holding Number 35/280/8001

Tel: 01743 462620

Website: www.hallsgb.com

 **MartEye** available for online buyers

Closing date for entries Saturday 4th July 2026

Show time 10am

Sale starts at 1pm with non MV in pens, no Marteye

Followed by MV in main cattle ring with Marteye

Livestock entries to: Hall's email: rachelp@hallsgb.com

Entry forms/catalogues will be available from Halls or our website www.shropshire-sheep.co.uk

Shropshire sheep are a very useful breed, dating back to the mid 1800's when farmers in the West Midlands improved the hardy native heath and hill sheep of the region.

Their desirable traits are:

- *Shropshire ewes make excellent mothers. They are milky and prolific, successfully rearing multiples and producing lambs over many years.*
- *They are hardy, docile, and easy-care, enabling efficient flock management with minimal time and effort.*
- *They produce top quality lambs - frequently grading as U and R for conformation.*
- *They have a well-established track record for grazing in conifer plantations without damaging the trees.*
- *More recently they have been used for environmentally friendly weed and herbage control in orchards.*
- *Vineyard growers are learning of the useful traits of Shropshire's too.*
- *Shropshire wool is good quality and suitable for knitting yarn.*

For anyone interested in talking about their uses in the above, we will have experienced keepers of the breed available to answer any of your questions on the day of the sale.

Shropshire Sheep Show Classes.

Judge: Mr. Charles Harding from Nuneaton

1. Senior Ram (2 shear and over)
2. Shearling Ram
3. Trimmed Ram Lamb (born on or after 1st December 2025)
4. Breeding Ewe (to have reared a lamb or lambs this season, shorn bare on or after 1st May 2026)
5. Shearling Ewe
6. Trimmed Ewe Lamb (born on or after 1st December 2025)

All males except teasers entered must be shown.

Entries:

Up to 20 females can be entered into the sale

4 males per flock (max 2 in each ram class)

2 teasers per vendor

Timetable:

Friday 24th July 2026

Entries can arrive from 3pm until 6.30pm

Saturday 25th July 2026

Entries can arrive from 6.30am until 7.30am

All entries will be health inspected by a veterinary surgeon on Saturday morning.

Show Time:

To commence at 10am

Sale Time:

To commence at 1pm in the pens for Non MV sheep (no Marteye) and will follow for MV sheep in the main cattle ring.

Sponsorship

The following sponsors have kindly donated cash, prize cards, rosettes, sashes and trophies:

SSBA rosettes and prize cards will be awarded to 6th place in all classes.

There will be prize money for 3 places in each of the show classes (£25,£15 & £10) and the champion will receive £50, reserve and opposite sex £25 each.

The show and sale has been sponsored by the firms listed below and as they have been kind enough to support us, can we ask that you support them in return.

Overall Sponsor:



Prize money sponsors of sheep classes:

Champion, Reserve Champion and Opposite sex: Mr & Mrs R Hares of Millenheath farm.

Class 1: Caleb Roberts Insurance Services Ltd

Class 2: Osmonds animal nutritionists and veterinary suppliers

Class 3: Nigel Farr Farm Services

Class 4: Maelor Feeds

Class 5: Stapeley Veterinary Practice

Class 6: G H Bradshaw fallen stock

Rosettes and cards for 1st to 6th in all the show classes have been donated by SSBA.

The “**Morley Perpetual Challenge Cup**” and sash for the Shropshire Champion has been donated by Mrs.C.Jakeman
The “**Southworth Shield**” for the best prepared pen of 2 or more sheep has been donated by Mr. B.Hodson.

The “**Roydon Shield**” for the best opposite sex to the champion has been donated by Miss A. Harvey

The “**Hall’s Shrewsbury Auction Centre Small Flock Cup**” for the highest priced Shropshire sheep from a small flock sold through the ring has been donated by Hall’s Shrewsbury Auction Centre. To be eligible, the animal must have been bred by the vendor and come from a flock of 15 registered ewes (any age) or fewer, based on the number of live ewes on the most recent flock return supplied to the Registrations Clerk by 30th November 2025. This will be awarded at the SSBA’s AGM and not during the event.

£50 voucher to spend at Osmonds for the junior winner has been donated by Rosie Lee of Lets Farm.

Juniors (aged 18 and under) will be awarded points as follows:
4 points for 1st, 3 points for 2nd, 2 points for 3rd and 1 point for entering and the highest points total will win the prize.

Winners of trophies MUST sign to acknowledge receipt of the trophy (if they wish to take it away) and return it in good time for the following year’s show.

Other Sponsorship

Banner for booking in:, Trevor Lightfoot, Fairfields flock

MV signage: Charles & Jan Morris, Apiary flock

Non MV signage: The Clay Family, Showle flock

Judges Meal: Hall’s Shrewsbury Auction Centre

Other sponsors: Tim Ireland Barlows Ltd, Stone Circle Flock, Hall’s Shrewsbury Auction Centre.

General Conditions.

Statutory Regulations The event will be carried out in full compliance with DEFRA and other statutory regulations in place at the time.
Defra helpline 03459 335577

All Livestock All entries must be tagged in accordance with current DEFRA regulations. Tag numbers must correspond with pedigree certificates and in the catalogue.

Sheep must be placed in the allocated pens-which are in lot number order- and remain in them until after the sale.

Animals may not be moved from allocated pens prior to the sale.

Any animal whose ear tag does not match that printed in the catalogue will be rejected from the event. For guidance, please contact your local Trading Standards Animal Health.

The acceptance of all entries remains at the discretion of the auctioneers.

Selling animals outside the ring is not allowed except by prior arrangement with the auctioneers.

It is the responsibility of the vendors to check that their animals have been sold. It is also their responsibility to ensure that purchasers receive the correct stock purchased (inc. any documentation) and must also assist in the departing of purchased stock before they (the vendors) leave the market.

Sheep For additional information on Breed Society regulations, please see the relevant section on page 9.

Provision will be made for MV Accredited and Scrapie Monitored sheep.

Shropshire Rams will be limited to FOUR (4) males per flock. (max 2 in each ram class) the limit on Ewes, female entries is TWENTY (20).

Vasectomised rams TWO (2)

Animal Health Vendors will be expected to ensure that their animals are in good health and, to the best of their knowledge free from infectious or contagious disease. The entry form includes a declaration to this effect, which must be signed. Veterinary surgeons will be on call, in the event of them being required. Entry to the sale carries a warranty of soundness from the vendor.

MV Accredited MV Accredited Provision will be made for MV Accredited sheep.

Please ensure the status of your flock is clearly marked on the entry forms and all the relevant certification is brought on the day, **please send a photocopy with entry forms, otherwise sheep will be classed as non MV.**

It is the responsibility of the owners to ensure they follow the pathways laid out in the market to safeguard the status of their livestock, which always remains their responsibility.

Society Inspection A veterinary inspector will carry out a health inspection.

Animals failing the inspection will be marked with a yellow marker spray.

A quarantine area will be made available but rejected stock should be removed from the market as soon as possible. See page 10 for more details.

Transport of Animals All livestock must be transported in vehicles or trailers which comply with the law. There will be washing out facilities at the market (the cost of which will be included in the commission charges). All livestock must travel with the correct licences. If in doubt, please contact an Animal Health Officer at your local DEFRA offices.

Movement of animals over 65km requires that you have a competency certificate, contact DEFRA for further details.

Please use movement forms to include VAN. (Vet attestation number) Animals in transit, not entered into the event will only be allowed on the premises with the permission of the Auctioneer.

Please contact Halls before the event.

Fodder & Water Vendors must supply their own hay and buckets. Straw is provided.

Order of Sale It is the responsibility of the vendors to ensure their animals are presented for sale at the correct time, and lot order. Ewes then ewe lambs, teaser rams, rams then ram lambs. Lot order will be selected at random by ballot prior to the sale All non MV sheep will be sold in their pens before sale of any MV sheep.

Responsibility Vendors are always solely responsible for and in charge of their stock whilst on the premises. **Lot numbers must be worn at all times.**

Reserve Price Any reserve prices must be submitted to the auctioneers in writing prior to the start of the sale. Halls reserve the right to charge the full commission on the reserve price for any animals not sold.

Entry Fees & Forms Entry fees are as follows:

£10 Inc. Vat per female sheep (ewes sold with un-weaned lambs count as one entry)

£12 Inc Vat per male

£12 Inc. Vat for late entries, accepted up to midnight on **Weds** before **sale**

Cheques to be made payable to **Halls Holdings Ltd** (Not SSBA).

Bacs details: sort code 20.78.01 account no:23752720 ref: SSBA/your name

Payment for entries must be received by the closing date.

Receipt of entries will be acknowledged by email, if an email address is provided and a receipt has been requested. Entry forms filled in incorrectly will be returned.

Pedigree Certificates Vendors are to supply with their entry copies of the pedigree certificates or proof of eligibility to be registered and full pedigree information. If copies of these certificates are not received with the entry, the animals will be sold as **unregistered stock at the end of the sale.**

Disclaimer The Breed Society, its representatives, judges, inspectors & stewards, Shrewsbury market and the Steering Committee are acting in good faith on behalf of participating vendors, and accept no responsibility or liability for any death, accident or injury to people, animals or property at the event. Vendors and purchasers are responsible for their animals at all times

Auctioneers' Conditions

1. Sheep will be exposed in lots according to the numbers in the following Catalogue. The Auctioneers reserve the right to refuse any bid without assigning any reason. The highest offer on each lot will be preferred to the purchase (subject to Article 3).
2. No liability, whatever is undertaken by the Auctioneers for the statements appearing in the Catalogue or made at the Sale. The exposor who supplies such a statement is alone responsible for any error or misstatement. Animals affected with any disease of an infectious nature or animals out of an infected flock or herd are strictly prohibited from being brought to the premises occupied or used by the Auctioneers at the time and should any such be brought; The Owner or Consignor will be held responsible for all damage or loss occasioned thereby.
3. The Exposers reserve the right to fix a reserve price and to announce same before the bidding begins or during the time of the bidding or at the conclusion thereof. The right to bid by or on behalf of the seller in terms of the Sale of Goods Act 1893, is expressly reserved.
4. Immediately after each purchase is declared, the risk of the animal shall be exclusively with the Buyer, and it is declared that until a settlement shall be made in terms of these Conditions the delivery of the animal shall be suspended. The right of the property shall not pass until the price is paid.
5. Immediately after the Sale all lots must be paid for in cash or debit card to the Auctioneers. The price being paid, each lot shall be taken away at the Buyer's expense within one day after the sale thereof.

Lots shall only be removed from the Auctioneers' possession on a written order from their clerk, and any lot removed in contravention of this condition may be recovered brevi manu by the Auctioneers.

6. If any Buyer fails to pay for and remove his purchase in compliance with the above conditions, the Auctioneers in their opinion may either (a) sue the Buyer for the price and interest thereon at the current Bank Rate and for the keep of, and any other expenses incurred by them in connection with such purchase, or (b) re-sell the Lot either publicly or privately and recover from the defaulting Buyer the deficiency (if any) attending such re-sale and interest thereon as aforesaid together with the keep and other expenses. In either case the Auctioneers shall have the right to sue at their own instance without the consent of the Owner or Consignor, and no defence whatever in such action shall be Consignor alone.
7. No undertaking of the Auctioneers or their servants to take charge of any animal after the Sale or to forward it to its destination shall be held to impose upon the Auctioneers any legal obligation or vitiate any of the foregoing conditions.
8. The Auctioneer is appointed Judge of the Sale, to whom are hereby submitted all disputes and differences of any kind which may arise at and in relation to the Auction, either between Exposers and Offeror's or amongst Offeror's themselves; his decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
9. The auctioneer reserves the right to charge the full commission of the reserve price for any animals not sold.

Specific Shropshire Breed Conditions

The chief steward's decision is final on all matters at the show and sale.

1. All female sheep, including lambs, destined to be sold at a designated breeding sale MUST be registered and fully paid for prior to entry.
2. Registrations of females that have not been paid for will not be eligible for sale.

3. Male sheep must be eligible for registration i.e. birth notified.
4. Teaser tups must be birth notified.
5. Entries not adhering to the above will not be accepted.
6. The vendor selling a ram or ram lamb to a Society member will be required to register the sold animal.

Upset Prices:

Ewe lambs:	150gns
Shearling ewes:	225gns
Older ewes:	vendors discretion
Older rams:	vendors discretion
Ram lambs:	200gns
Shearling rams:	250gns
Teaser rams:	vendors discretion

Each flock to be limited to up to four males (max of 2 in any of the 3 male classes), 2 teaser rams and twenty females.

All animals will be inspected by a veterinary inspector before commencement of show classes and the sale.

All sheep must comply with the breed standard.

A brief "Official Breed Description" is listed later in this schedule, but a full "Critical Selection Booklet" can be viewed on the Shropshire Sheep Website or contact the Membership Secretary for a copy of the booklet.

All rams and ram lambs entered into the sale **MUST** be shown beforehand.

Teaser rams should not be shown.

Females can be entered into the sale without being shown.

Maximum of 2 females per vendor in each showing class. (20 can be for sale)

All ewes must be empty to comply with Scrapie rules.

Substitutes Substitute to be notified within 72 hours of the sale.

Lot numbers must be always worn.

Breed Inspection

What the inspection will look for:

1. That the animal's identification is as required by legislation and the Society and corresponds to the ear tag number as shown on the entry form. Animals without the correct identification will be rejected from the sale.
2. The animal is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
3. All rams must have two adequately sized testicles of approximately the same size and normal consistency.
4. The teeth of the animal are in the correct position.
5. Account will be taken of the age of the animal.
6. There is no abnormal deviation in the structure of feet and/or legs.
7. Ewes shall be of sound udder.

The inspector is empowered to disbar any animal from the sale which does not comply with any of the matters contained in clauses 1 – 6 above. The inspector's decision shall be final and binding to all concerned and neither the inspector, the Society, nor the Auctioneers shall be liable to the owner of such animals or any other person or company for damage or for any loss arising out of such rejection.

Inspection is a condition of entry of the Society and compliance with this inspection shall in no way form a guarantee to the purchaser of the animals so inspected.

Free Membership

All UK located non-members who buy Shropshire females at the sale are eligible for free membership of the Shropshire Sheep Breeders' Association until the annual renewal date (30th November 2026).

Buyers of rams only are not eligible.

Free membership will not be confirmed until all the information required by the society is received and Halls confirm that all monies owed are paid to complete the transfer of sheep.

Official Breed Description

The Shropshire is medium sized, with typical mature rams and ewes weighing 120+kgs and 70+kgs respectively. Shropshire Sheep are active and alert with free action.

Head Naturally clean, soft black face, with a covering of wool on the poll. Rams should possess a bold masculine head.

Ears Soft black in colour, of medium length and well set on.

Neck Muscular and not too long.

Body Well fleshed, long, deep, and symmetrical. A broad, straight back with well-sprung ribs. Rump – quarters long and wide, dock well set on and gigots full and deep.

Legs Medium length, of strong bone and upright joints, well set apart and soft black in colour.

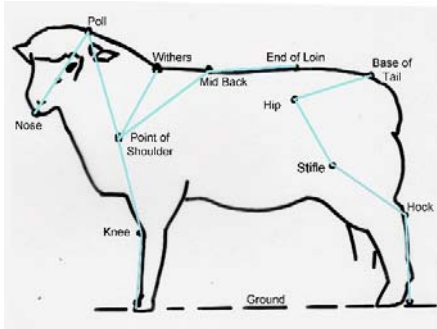
Skin & Wool Cherry pink skin covered with dense, fine quality wool of good staple.

Undesirable Traits:

- Receding wool above the eyes.
- Lack of wool around the base of the ears.
- Excessive black wool or patches of dark skin with no wool on the head, either in front of or between the ears
- Coloured wool in fleece
- White patches or mottling on the face, ears and/or legs.
- Throatiness-being loose skin below the neck
- Horn stubs
- Thick, coarse, long, pricked, or drooping ears.
- Drooping rump (dock set low)
- Roman nose
- Coarse wool on breeches

Conformation and Locomotion

In addition to the requirements detailed in the previous section, the action or the way an animal moves is an important consideration especially for exhibition and can make the difference between first and second place. Pauline Bowles, a renowned judge and exhibitor of Shropshire sheep wrote “Usually your preferred animals virtually choose themselves: they catch your eye by their alertness and stance. A good sheep has a leg at each corner and when it moves its back foot should follow behind the front, in a straight line from the knee and hock downwards. Back feet should be seen to be lifted. Sheep which fail to lift their hind legs and are seen to ‘shuffle’ suggest a narrow pelvis. A lifted walk is desirable and indicates a wide pelvis, which in turn should make for easier lambing.



For perfect conformation in a sheep, cow, dog or cat, the symmetry should be right. This is how it was described by a top Friesian breeder. Measure your animal, the following inter-point distance should be of equal length:-

- Tip of nose to the top of the poll
- Poll to point of shoulder
- Point of shoulder to middle of back
- Middle of back to the front end of the loin
- Base of tail to hip joint
- Hip joint to stifle joint
- Stifle joint to the point of the hock
- Point of the hock to the ground
- Point of withers to the point of the shoulder
- Point of shoulder to middle of knee joint
- Middle of knee joint to the ground

Charity Auction.

The Cleaton Flock has kindly donated 2 shearling ewes from the Fairfield's Flock to be auctioned in aid of prostate cancer charity.



Mr Trevor Lightfoot had been a breeder of Shropshire sheep for many years before ill health made him decide to sell his flock just after lambing them himself in 2025. Owen Powell (Cleaton) took on the whole flock, so it was very pleasing for Trevor to see them all going to one place.

In appreciation of this there will be 2 lovely Fairfield shearling ewes at the auction.

These will go through the ring as the very first lot and Hall's have also kindly agreed to waive their commission on these.

Following this there will be a couple of interesting lots obtained by Mr Alfie Benbow, such as some clothing donated by "The Sheep Game", which will be auctioned to add to the charity.



Information

Schedules and Catalogues Available on the websites: www.hallsgb.com and www.shropshire-sheep.co.uk or from: Shrewsbury Auction Centre, Bowmen Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury, SY4 3DR Tel: 01743 462620
Email: Henry Hyde henry.hyde@hallsgb.com

Local Veterinary Surgeons To be advised.

Local Accommodation Travel Lodge Tel: 08719 846120

Bars & Restaurants Two Henrys bar and grill is less than 2 minutes' walk from the market. There is a very good café within the market on the sale day.

Any questions contact Membership Secretary, details below:
Mrs Jan Morris

The Apiary, Stoney Stretton, Yockleton, Shrewsbury, SY5 9PZ
01743 821685 or 07816813986 (WhatsApp)

Email: membershipsec@shropshire-sheep.co.uk

Website: www.shropshire-sheep.co.uk

**Shropshire Sheep Social
Meal and Get-together
Friday 24th July 2026
7pm**

The Two Henrys pub,
Robert Jones Way, Battlefield,
Shrewsbury
SY4 3EQ

Friends, family, and buyers are very welcome.

Come along and meet others attending the Show &
Sale the following day.

It is only a short walk from the livestock market,
animals that have been brought in can also be
viewed on Friday evening.

*To be included in the Shropshire Sheep Breeders' area
please **ask for a separate application form** to book your
meals from **Janet Morris***

Tel 07816813986

Email membershipsec@shropshire-sheep.co.uk