

Southern Grading - Ludlow 4th July 2025

The southern grading event on the 4th of July was the first-time Mike and I had ever booked in to have a sheep graded and we nearly never got to do it this time. We wanted to experience a grading event, so we knew what to expect the next time, we weren't expecting anything to write home about to happen. We had booked our other sheep into Hanbury show on the Saturday with the expectation of the southern event originally at Monmouth to be cancelled because of the ever-changing blue tongue virus situation. We had a phone call from the society about moving the event to Ludlow and possibility of it being on the Friday. It was great that they had managed to re arrange it at such short notice and nice and local for us!!

I'm told the weather was dry and windy, but to be quite honest I was so nervous I don't even recall the weather. We arrived at what we

thought was a good time (not fashionably late and not too keenly early), unloaded and settled in. My first impressions were how friendly all the breeders we had never met but knew a lot about were. The atmosphere was calm and chatty. We understand the graders Jenni McAlister, Gerallt Jones and Jamie wood had had travel problems and made a monumental effort to be there for which we are grateful. There was plenty of breeders and sheep entered in to be graded with a total of 48 sheep graded. There were two maximum point sheep, Puddle Lane Made Ewe Look and Puddle Lane Mop Head of Phil and Hayley Garrod's flock. Puddle Lane Made Ewe Look took home the female and supreme champion with Puddle Lane Mophead taking reserve female and reserve champion. Our own ram New House Kai surprised us with taking the male champion with him receiving



lots of compliments it just blew us away. Reserve male champion went to Wildhearts cracking ram lamb Maximillian. The ram 12-18 months class was won by Steve Dace with Cheshire Legend, the ewe 2-3 yr class was won by Steve Dace with Cheshire Kit-Kat, the 12-18 month ewe class was won by Steve Dace with Cheshire Lady and the ewe lamb 8-12 months

was won by Steve Dace with Cheshire Linda Lillian Well done to all the competitors. Among other things it was great to meet new faces and get some great experience. Thanks to all the graders and society member volunteers that organised a great event in such a short turn around, your hard work was much appreciated.

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