

Skipton Grading & Show 1st August 2025

CCM Skipton Auction Mart

The Northern regional grading event of the Valais Blacknose Sheep Society at Skipton once again proved a highlight of the summer calendar, attracting a strong entry of high-quality sheep from leading and emerging flocks across the region. Exhibitors presented stock in excellent condition, demonstrating the continued progress being achieved in breed type, fleece quality and overall structural correctness.

Grading duties were expertly undertaken by David Hodge, Phil Garrod and Raymond Irvine, whose experienced and consistent assessments ensured the integrity of the Society's grading programme while providing valuable feedback to breeders. The standard throughout the day was strong, with competitive classes across both male and female sections and support from exhibitors and spectators alike.

Two sheep achieved the coveted maximum gradingscore of 4/4/4, underlining the impressive advancement of breeding standards. In the



Supreme & Female Champion:
Deepdale Mopsy -
Heather Adams

ram lamb section, Cumberland Marvin, exhibited by Adam Kirkbride, secured maximum points before going on to claim the Male Championship and ultimately Reserve Supreme Champion. Matching this achievement in the ewe lamb section was Deepdale Mopsy, exhibited by Heather Adams, also awarded maximum points and later securing both the Female Championship and the

day's Overall Supreme Championship.

Reserve honours in the male section went to Cheshire Lorenzo from Steve Dace, while Deepdale Maisie, also exhibited by Heather Adams, claimed Reserve Female Champion, completing a strong championship showing for the Deepdale flock.

Across the classes, success was widely shared, with notable performances from the Cheshire, Birchfield, Cumberland, Deepdale, Skaigh, Valhalla, Bramham, Milasha and Minninglow flocks, reflecting the depth of quality now being seen across breeders.

The event again demonstrated the

importance of the grading system in encouraging continual improvement while providing an excellent opportunity for breeders to benchmark flock progress.

The Society extends sincere thanks to CCM Skipton Auction Mart for hosting the event, to the council members for their organisation, and to the many member volunteers and helpers whose work behind the scenes ensured the



Reserve Supreme & Male Champion:
Cumberland Marvin - Adam Kirkbride

smooth running of the day. Appreciation is also extended to all exhibitors for their continued support and for presenting sheep of such a high standard.

With strong entries, two maximum-points animals and an impressive championship lineup, the 2025 Skipton grading once again confirmed the strength, enthusiasm and forward momentum of the UK Valais Blacknose community.

Ram 2-3 Years Old

- ① **Cheshire Kyle (ET)**
Mr Steve Dace
- ② **Birchfield Kidsty Pike**
Mrs Alexandra Burch

Ram 12-18 Months Old

- ① **Cheshire Lorenzo (ET)**
Mr Steve Dace
- ② **Birchfield Laird**
Mrs Alexandra Burch
- ③ **Birchfield Lord Arthur**
Mrs Alexandra Burch
- ④ **Valhalla Lucas**
Mr & Mrs B Chandler
- ⑤ **Bramham Lord Lancelot**
Mrs Rebecca Staniforth

Ram Lamb 4-6 Months Old

- ① **Cumberland Marvin**
Mr Kirkbride
- ② **Deepdale Maximus**
Heather Adams
- ③ **Skaigh Monza**
Mr Douglas & Mrs Kate Little
- ④ **Cheshire Murray**
Mr Steve Dace
- ⑤ **Milasha Mighty Max**
Miss Natasha Lee

Ewe 2-3 Years Old

- ① **Cheshire Kim-kardashian (ET)**
Mr Steve Dace

Ewe 12-18 Months Old

- ① **Prendwick Lady Dot (ET)**
Mr Steve Dace
- ② **Cheshire Lollipop (ET)**
Mr Steve Dace
- ③ **Cheshire Lipstick**
Mr Steve Dace
- ④ **Cheshire Luna**
Mr Steve Dace
- ⑤ **Minninglow Lucky**
Mr David Coupe

Ewe Lamb 4-6 Months Old

- ① **Deepdale Mopsy**
Heather Adams
- ② **Deepdale Maisie**
Heather Adams
- ③ **Deepdale Miss Fluffystuff**
Heather Adams
- ④ **Deepdale Muffin**
Heather Adams
- ⑤ **Cheshire Mee Mee**
Mr Steve Dace

Supreme Champion:
Deepdale Mopsy Heather Adams

Reserve Supreme Champion:
Cumberland Marvin Mr Kirkbride

Female Champion: **Deepdale Mopsy** Heather Adams

Reserve Female Champion:
Deepdale Maisie Heather Adams

Male Champion: **Cumberland Marvin** Mr Kirkbride

Reserve Male Champion:
Cheshire Lorenzo Mr Steve Dace



Left to right: Female Champion: Deepdale Mopsy -
Heather Adams, Reserve Female Champion:
Deepdale Maisie - Heather Adams



Reserve Male Champion:
Cheshire Lorenzo - Steve Dace