

**HAWES FARMERS AUCTION MART CO LTD**  
**MARKET REPORT**

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

**Sale of Swaledale Gimmer Shearlings and Gimmer Lambs**

**Sale Kindly Sponsored by JG Paxton & Sons, Machinery Sales.**

**Forward: 2524 Sheep comprising 196 Gimmer Shearlings and 2328 Gimmer Lambs.**

The annual show and sale of Swaledale gimmer shearlings and gimmer lambs at Hawes Auction enjoyed a successful day, with a buoyant trade throughout and strong interest from buyers travelling from across the United Kingdom, from Devon to the Scottish Isles. Quality sheep were in demand, with the best types attracting keen competition and regularly achieving strong prices.

Thanks go to our pre-sale judges, Helen Drinkall, Oakenclough, and Craig Hutchinson, Bowes, for their time and expertise. A special mention also goes to our sponsors, JG Paxton & Sons Ltd, for their continued support.

**Swaledale Gimmer Shearlings**

Quality, abortion-vaccinated gimmer shearlings were in strong demand, with plenty of buyers competing for the best types. The first-prize pen was awarded to G Calvert & Sons, Keld, and went on to sell for £400. Their second-prize pen followed closely at £380, with the consignment averaging £362.90. The third-prize pen, awarded to JA Alderson, Barras, topped the day's trade at £410. Swaledale gimmer shearlings averaged £289, an impressive £109 up on the corresponding sale last year.

**Swaledale Gimmer Lambs**

The annual show and sale of Swaledale gimmer lambs attracted a busy ringside of buyers, with a strong trade maintained throughout. Quality lambs were particularly sought after, with the best pens easily and regularly selling in excess of £200, and plenty of the leading pens trading around the £250 mark.

The pre-sale champion pen, awarded to JW Porter & Son, Low Oxnop, sold for £320. This home also secured the second-prize rosette, with their pen selling for £280.

The ongoing flock dispersal from JS Calvert Ltd, Reeth, attracted considerable interest, with the show gimmer lamb topping the day's trade at £385 and further lambs from this home selling to £255. The sale also included the dispersal from WH Harker, which achieved a top price of £280.

A particularly well-admired pen of 10 from G Harker & Son, Punchard, sold for £350, further highlighting the demand for quality sheep.

The overall market average for Swaledale gimmer lambs was £159, an excellent £40 up on the year.

The next sale at Hawes Auction will be the annual **Gregg Day Sale on Saturday 7th November 2026**, featuring all breeds of breeding ewes, gimmer shearlings and gimmers, alongside the show and sale of Swaledale breeding rams and a sale of Leicester rams and other breeding rams. Entries are now invited, with the closing date being Thursday 29th October 2026.

**SHOW RESULTS**

Kindly Judged by Mrs Helen Drinkall, Oakenclough & Mr Craig Hutchinson, Bowes

**Gimmer Shearlings**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | G Calvert & Sons, Keld | £400 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | G Calvert & Sons, Keld | £380 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | JA Alderson, Barras    | £410 |

**Gimmer Lambs**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | JW Porter & Sons, Gunnerside | £320 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | JW Porter & Sons, Gunnerside | £280 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | B Thornborrow, Keld          | £210 |

**Gimmer Shearlings**

**Leading Prices:** JA Alderson, £410, G Calvert & Sons, £400, £380, £350 x4, EW Atkinson, £330, GR Scarr, £290, £265, £250, £245 x2, £240, N & H Sutcliffe, £260, £250, EW Atkinson, £260, AD Lambert, £225.

**Average £289.5**

**Gimmer Lambs**

**Leading Prices:** JS Calvert Ltd, £385, £255, £240, £195, G Harker & Son, £350, £190, JW Porter & Sons, £280, WH Harker, £280, D & DR Alderson, £255, £250, £195, £185, RS Harker & Son, £255, £210, £195 x2, £180, GJ & JM Scarr, £255, £180, TW Cowperthwaite, £250, £245, £235, £210, £200 x2, £195, £192, JT Dixon & Son, £240, £200, £190, MR & LE Rukin, £235, £230, £205 x2, £200, £185, S Bell & Sons, £230, ME Allison, £220, K & HJ Fawcett, £220, £210, £185 x2, £180, JR & SL Pratt, £215, £210, £200, ME Waggett, £215, £200, £195, EW Atkinson, £210, B Thornborrow, £210, £200, MR Ewbank, £210, J Dixon & Sons, £205, J Rukin & Son, £200 x2, H & EM Tiplady, £200, £185 x2, GA & DE Slack, £200, AD Coates & Son, £195, M/S Hutchinson, £195, P Ewbank, £195, D Hodgson, £190, KM & KJ Curwen, £189, S Reynoldson & Son, £185, R Metcalfe, £180, MW Dent, £180, AD Coates & Son, £180, LW & GM Atkinson, £180, S & RJ Calvert, £180.

**Average £157.2**