

## **Teeswater Sheep Breeders Association Announcement of 2021 Trophy winners**

The final task of my two years as the Association chairman was to report to the AGM the recipients of our various trophies, which are keenly competed for. I am very pleased to announce the trophy winners as follows:

**Ceiba Geigy Trophy** awarded for the most points in teeswater classes at shows – the Howe Wath flock – Dr Giles & Kieran Horner.

**John LeCornu Memorial Cup** – awarded for the most points in rare or native breed classes at shows where there are no teeswater classes – the Derwent Flock - Sue Tyson & Rachel Willan.

**Tunstall Lola Trophy** awarded for the first time based on the most points gained in classes by exhibiting a teeswater fleece or in wool on the hoof classes. We have a tie between the Highfields flock - Amy Donlon, & the Tunstall flock – Adrian Helm & Pam Morrish

**Leyburn Auction Mart Trophy** – for the champion sheep at Leyburn show & sale – the Dallowgill flock – David & Gill Newbould with a gimmer shearling.

**The Edward Lawson Trophy** – for the reserve champion at Leyburn show & sale – the Howe Wath flock – Dr Giles & Kieran Horner with a shearling ram.

**Melton Mowbray Sale Trophy** – for the champion teeswater – the Ferrensbury flock – Mark Elliott with a shearling ram.

**The Chairman's Shield** is awarded to the person who has done the most for or to promote the Association. I missed awarding the shield last year due to events and meetings being cancelled, so a double award is now being announced.

In February 2020, an exhibition called the 'Teeswater Year, Farm to Fleece to Fashion', was held at the Dales Country Museum in Hawes. A teeswater year was documented with photographs alongside crafted feltwork and textiles produced using teeswater fleece.

Sadly, shortly after the opening evening the covid lockdown hit and the museum had to close but managed to reopen to host the exhibition for two weeks that August. A lot of very hard work was involved putting this together.

The recipient also attends many shows and for the last 5 years has been a regular at our Leyburn sale. You can be never quite sure where her camera is being pointed, but she takes some stunning photographs. She's our 'official unofficial' photographer, so for 2020 the Chairman's Shield is awarded to Mellissa Peakman.

Moving to 2021, Brexit brought about great challenges everywhere, even in the teeswater sheep world. In November 2021, we became a Zootechnical recognised association which enables our members to be officially recognised to trade with other countries. But the story doesn't stop there. We also need to gain 'third country listing' to actually carry out such a trade. To achieve our certificate has meant many hours of work and dedication by the recipient, Davina Stanhope, who is awarded the Chairman's Shield for 2021.

Congratulations to all the winners and well done to everyone who has taken part.

David Waine  
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