

Caton BFL gimmer hogg champion at Skipton

Ashley Caton, of Otterburn Lodge Farm, Otterburn, added to an ever-growing list of accolades at his local auction mart when exhibiting the champion gimmer hogg at a show for Blue-Faced Leicesters at CCM Skipton. (Wed, Feb 10)

The victor – the sire is from the Midlock flock of John Wight & Sons, based at Crawford, Biggar - sold for £450 to David Lodge, Otley, who last autumn landed his first Blue-Faced Leicester title at Skipton in the annual multi-breed show and sale of pedigree and pure-bred rams and females.

Ashley Caton also sold a second gimmer hogg for £420 to Cumbrian buyer Gordon Allen, Kirkby Stephen.

Top call at £500 fell to a gimmer hogg from John and Claire Mason, Oddacres, Embsay. Bred from a ram standing with the Smearsett flock of WA and A Booth, Austwick, it sold to a Mr Thomas, from Llandrindod Wells in Powys, Wales.

The best in-lamb Blue-Faced Leicester and reserve show champion came from Lancashire showman John Stott, of Laund Farm, Chipping, Preston. Judge was Richard Ellis, Addingham Moorside.

The show formed part of the regular sale of store and breeding sheep, which attracted a 1,150-strong entry, with in-lamb Swaledale ewes selling to a high of £129.



Ashley Caton with his Skipton Blue-Faced Leicester champion.



John Stott with his Skipton Blue-Faced Leicester reserve champion.