

Trustees Report (November 2025)

It's been a fairly tough year for stock. Ewes came through a very wet and wild back end and start to the year remarkably well which was just as well as come mid-March it went from one extreme to the other, lambs on the whole faired well through the dry conditions but the prolonged dry spell took its toll on the ewes into the summer.

On the whole the sheep trade has been buoyant, cull ewes and tups have seen good rates most weeks. Prime lambs at the start of the year didn't hit the heights of the previous year but still received fairly good steady rates and as probably more realistic to the year before. More recently a lot of lambs better suited to the store ring are entering the prime market instead and are probably hampering the fat trade slightly.

Despite the shortage of grass in certain areas of the country the store trade, apart from a few weeks, has been strong and hopefully shows a confidence in the lamb job going into next year.

Our first event of the year was the In-Lamb Show and Sale at Longtown in February. Thank you to C&D for hosting us again and to Ewen MacMillan for judging. Well done to the vendors for putting a good show of stock forward, it's always a tricky sale to get support for but it's good to see it gaining in interest for the selected females put forward.

Next event was the Prime Show and Sale at Longtown in March. Well done to all vendors but a special mention to Andrew Reid, Glendearg for winning for the 5th consecutive year and winning all three classes. The champion pen of lambs selling for a huge 405p/kg.

After lambing we headed to Catslackburn for the annual stock judging. A great evening with a huge turnout to look over a fantastic show of sheep. A huge thank you to David and the team at Catslack for all their efforts in making it a success.

A few days later we headed to Greystoke at Penrith for NSA Northsheep. The stand looked fantastic. After originally thinking we'd be in for a quiet day due to our location it turned out instead to be a very busy day. Massive thank you to Sion Morgan for providing stock for the stand, it was great to see a relatively newcomer to the breed getting to showcase his stock at an event like that. Unfortunately, we made the decision not to attend NSA Welshsheep in mid-May due to bluetongue amid the uncertainty and lack of knowledge given to us at the time.

The Royal Highland Show soon followed. Well done to the Common family for winning with their ewe and also to Gordon Jackson for judging. The local shows are a huge part of the summer, but the highlight was the Champion of Champions class at Langholm Show. With 10 show champions forward for it, it was hugely impressive to watch and was a great advert for our breed.

The Border Ewe Sale took place between Dumfries and Longtown. With the vast majority selling at Dumfries, it can only be described as a huge disappointment and definitely didn't

have the “fantastic buzz” the mart claimed it had in its report. In a year where breeding sales have been flying high, the day was a huge sickener for our vendors and members.

Again, the uncertainty surrounding bluetongue restrictions from the Welsh Government and the marts decision to move it to Dumfries unfortunately backfired on us.

A couple of weeks later the Tup Sale took place at Lockerbie, there was definitely some nerves about on how this would go after the Ewe Sale however a great show of tups forward and a packed-out ring for the most part contributed to a very successful day for the breed. Huge congratulations to Craig and Stuart Weir for topping the sale for their pen leader at £20,000 which was closely followed by Ali and Rob Warden’s pre-sale Show Champion at £18,000. Thanks go to James Cochrane for judging the Show and thanks to Starlyne and Davidsons Animal Feeds for sponsoring the event.

Builth Wells Ram Sale took place the week before the Ewe Sale, well done to David and Norman Douglas for an outstanding trade for a great pen of tups. It’s great to see new faces and a lot of interest down there but it’s particularly pleasing to see so many keen youngsters buying into the breed.

A very encouraging set of accounts were approved at the AGM, with a profit of £4,776. This was higher than budgeted for due to not attending NSA Welshsheep which saved £1,304 and the interest received on investments being £1,758. Another contributing factor was the treasurer did not pay out the prize money of £900 to members in time to be submitted in this year’s accounts.

Thank you very much to Rob for all his work throughout the past year and also to Gill for all her help at the various events. A big thank you to someone who works hard behind the scenes, Claire Cochrane who has taken our social media to another level, it’s the best way to advertise our breed and the work she’s put into it this last year certainly hasn’t gone unnoticed. Also thank you to Craig and the rest of the Council for their help and inputs throughout the year, it’s been much appreciated.

Tom Elliot – President
Craig Weir – Vice President
Blair Cockburn – Immediate Past President

Cheviot Sheep Society

Statement of Balances as at 30th September 2025

Bank & Cash in Hand	2025	2024	2023	2022
Opening Balance	£28,861.37	£29,117.53	£27,215.05	£29,185.19
Closing Balance	£33,638.02	£28,861.37	£29,117.53	£27,215.05
Profit/Loss for the year	£4,776.65	£256.16	£1,902.48	£1,970.14
Represented by				
Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account	£6,126.42	£2,763.23	£5,636.31	£4,822.57
Royal Bank of Scotland Liquidity Manager 35-day Account	£1,095.53	£1,059.27	£1,041.56	£1,031.23
Royal Bank of Scotland Liquidity Manager 95-day Account	£4,864.03			
National Savings Account	£0.00	£4,672.83	£4,636.95	£4,632.64
NFU Mutual Investment Account	£21,897.04	£20,366.04	£17,972.71	£16,898.61
Sub Total	£33,983.02	£28,861.37	£29,287.53	£27,385.05
Less Unpresented Cheques	£345.00	0.00	£170.00	£170.00
Total	£33,638.02	£28,861.37	£29,117.53	£27,215.05

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Income & Expenditure Account 2024 - 2025

Income	2025	2024	2023	2022
Memberships	£6,560.00	£4,170.00	£3,850.00	£3,835.00
Sale Levies	£6,557.00	£6,332.74	£6,592.98	£6,015.00
Flock Book Fees	£2,530.00	£2,610.00	£2,520.00	£2,536.00
Tie Sales	0	£60.00	£75.00	£75.00
Sponsorship	£1,100.00	£950.00	£2,525.00	£1,330.00
Stockjudging	£1,545.00	£1,780.00	£2,220.00	£740.00
Sale Bar	£730.00	£520.00	£510.00	£450.00
Merchandise	£1,688.08	£100.00	£51.30	£110.04
Interest Received	£1,758.46	£2,446.92	£1,088.74	£1.12
Miscellaneous	0	£80.00	£4.00	£204.00
Total Income	£22,468.54	19,049.66	£19,437.02	£15,296.16
Expenditure	2025	2024	2023	2022
Secretary's Salary	£4,300.00	£4,040.00	£3,980.00	£3,750.00
Secretary's Expenses - Accommodation & Mileage	£714.25	£531.50	£743.75	£156.25
Postage & Telephone	£356.59	£421.50	£305.92	£338.48
AGM Expenses	£298.50	£575.60	£378.35	£225.00
Memberships	£370.00	£170.00	£170.00	£155.00
Advertising	£2,682.00	£2,392.00	£2,387.00	£2,342.00
Printing & Stationery	£1,195.60	£1,934.63	£1,013.99	£1,238.61
Bar Equipment & Sale Drink	£305.41	£394.50	£334.56	£333.66
Photographer	£695.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
NSA Events Fees	£2,246.03	£1,080.00	£1,207.00	£558.00
Stand & Storage	£1,717.20	£4,078.39	£2,539.20	£1,704.00
Merchandise	£889.41	£91.80	£57.46	£129.24
Entry Fees & Prize Money	£200.00	£0.00	£1,005.00	£855.00
Internet & Website	£461.00	£731.99	£701.00	£772.00
Stockjudging	£754.77	£2,060.67	£2,414.42	£659.27
Investment Loss	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,101.39
Miscellaneous	£506.13	£803.24	£296.89	£948.40
Total Expenditure	£17,691.89	£19,305.82	£17,534.54	£17,266.30
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£4,776.65	£256.16	£1,902.48	£1,970.14

THE CHEVIOT SHEEP SOCIETY

Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2025

Registered Charity No SC008555

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the Accounts as required under section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the Accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
/to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
/to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Robert Kellett Date: 18/10/25
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Approved by the Trustees:
(and signed on their behalf)

T. Eust Chairperson

Robert Kellett Treasurer

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