

## Priestley wins Suffolk flock competition

CO Down breeder Mark Priestley has been announced as the winner of the prestigious flock competition organised by the NI Branch of the Suffolk Sheep Society and generously sponsored by Corby Rock. Renowned as one of the province's top breeders, the Limestone flock owner held off stiff competition including Ballymena breeder, Packie Donnelly, whose flock clinched the reserve championship. Priestley picked up the overall accolade after finishing runner-up to Donnelly in the 30 ewes and under category but enhanced his standing by claiming the honours in the ewe lamb and stock ram (with Clunty Mackenzie) sections.

In the 31 ewes and over category, William Montgomery edged out NI Branch chairman Anthony Patton - who was second and third respectively in the stock ram and ewe lamb classes - for the top honour. Others securing podium places were Denis Taylor (3rd in the 30 ewes and under) and Philip Gurney (3rd in the stock ram).

It has been confirmed that overall winner Mark Priestley will hold an open evening on Friday, July 23 starting at 7pm.

### Results

Flock ewes 31 & over: 1st W Montgomery; 2nd A Patton.

Flock ewes 30 & under: 1st P Donnelly; 2nd M Priestley; 3rd D Taylor.

Ewe lambs: 1st M Priestley; 2nd P Donnelly; 3rd A Patton.

Stock ram: 1st M Priestley Clunty Mackenzie; 2nd A Patton Burnview Bruiser; 3rd P Gurney Lakeview Landlord.

Champion flock: M Priestley; Reserve Champion Flock P Donnelly.



Flock competition winners, are from left, P Donnelly, Niall Walsh (judge), J Screene (representing Corby Rock - sponsor) W Montgomery, A Patton, M Priestley (overall winner), D Taylor and P Gurney.