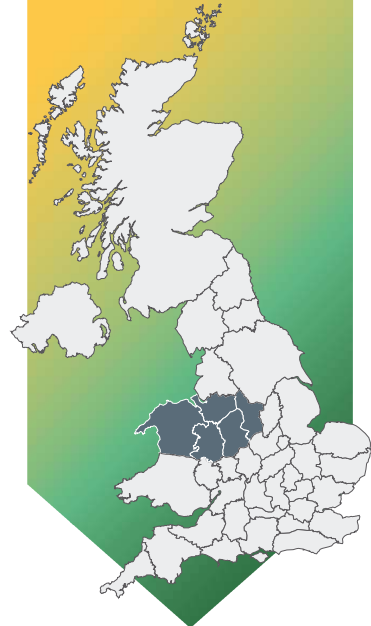


# North West Mids & North Wales

## LIMOUSIN BREEDERS CLUB

Chairman **Llyr Hughes** reports...



**A**s Chairman, it gives me great pleasure to report on another progressive and successful year for our Club. Across both our Spring and Autumn fixtures, alongside a memorable herd open day, we have once again demonstrated the depth of breeding, commercial focus and camaraderie that define our region.

### Autumn Show & Sale – Welshpool

**Thursday 20th November 2025**

The Club's annual Autumn Show & Sale at Welshpool delivered a straight-talking, commercially focused day's trading. Buyers showed clear intent, rewarding bulls that combined muscle, mobility and depth of cow

family. Ringside discipline was evident throughout, but when genuine quality came forward, trade lifted with confidence – culminating in a top price of 13,500gns.

Pre-sale champion Woodmarsh Vimto set the tone early. Sired by Powerful Irish and out of the proven donor Trueman Miranda (by Trueman Jagger), his pedigree carried reliability and true breed character. From a maternal line that has already produced high sellers including Woodmarsh Opera (10,000gns), Vimto realised 6,000gns to B & C Fairclough & Co., underlining continued demand for cattle bred from consistent, performance-driven cow families.

Pre-sale reserve champion Ashledge Venezuela combined two proven lines. By Haltcliffe Iceman (a Cloughhead Umpire son known for stretch and carcass





quality) and out of the homebred Ashledge Lilliana (a Ballyrobin Gazza granddaughter admired for milk and structural correctness), he sold for 8,500gns to JJ Price & Co., reflecting strong commercial confidence in balanced pedigrees.

The day's highest price of 13,500gns was secured by Pabo Vivaldi, selling to Messrs Goodall. By Ampertaine Elgin and out of the homebred Pabo Nigella – herself descending from Netherhall Jackpot and the renowned Icemaiden/Cloughhead Ainsie lineage – Vivaldi brought together two elite breeding strands. With progeny from this family having reached 23,000gns previously, his scale, shape and maternal strength were clear attractions.

**Other notable trade included:**

- Dylans Vancouver – 6,500gns to A.M. Ellis & Co. (by Haltcliffe Vermont).
- Cowin Viper – 6,000gns to Messrs Thomas, from the same influential family as the 26,000gns Cowin Anton and Reserve Overall Male at the 2025 Royal Welsh.
- Pabo Viper – 6,000gns to R.W. Williams & Co., further reinforcing the consistency of the Elgin × Pabo cross.

**Female Section**

Leading the females was Pabo Veryspicy (Lot 22) at 4,500gns to Messrs Webber (West Sussex). By Ampertaine Magnum and out of Pabo Seriousspice, tracing to Kingbull and Impeccabull lines, she combined modern muscle with proven maternal depth.

Her herd mate Pabo Vipple (Lot 21) realised 3,000gns to R.D. Payton. By Pabo Rocknroll (a Grahams Nashville son) and out of Pabo Ripple (Gerrygullinane Glen), she exemplified the milk and longevity long associated with the herd.

The Autumn fixture once again highlighted the strength of traditional cow families supported by forward-thinking sire selection – a formula that continues to deliver commercial success.

# Spring Show and Sale – Welshpool

Thursday 15th May 2025

Kindly sponsored by Cogent UK and Lloyd's Animal Feeds, the Spring Show & Sale proved equally memorable. Under the expert eye of judge Mr Rob Francis (Crugnant), Pabo Usain, bred by WP Hughes & Son, claimed the overall championship. This April 2023-born son of Pabo Rolex (out of Pabo Olympic by Mereside Godolphin) went on to sell for a commanding 18,500gns to Owen Williams.

Reserve champion honours went to Garyvaughan UJ from Messrs Lewis, a powerful Gorrycam Phantom son out of the iconic Garyvaughan JLO, selling for 10,000gns to Messrs Jones, Welshpool.

## Other leading prices included:

- Pabo Umbro – 12,000gns to Messrs Owen, Tywyn.
- Garyvaughan Vineyard – 11,000gns to Messrs Davies, Carmarthenshire.
- Spittalton Upover – 9,000gns to Messrs Hughes, Corwen.

The leading female, Hitchettshill Uptowngirl, a Carrickmore Maximus daughter served by Glenrock Redemption, realised 8,500gns to Messrs Aryes & Co., while Hitchettshill Tinkerbelle, sold with her January-born calf at foot, made 6,000gns to Messrs Owen, Newtown.

## Sale averages reflected a buoyant trade:

**Bulls – £7,603.75**

**Pedigree Females – £4,725**

**Cows & Calves – £6,300**

These figures underline continued commercial confidence in pedigree Limousin genetics from our region.



# Woodmarsh Open Day

Sunday 10th August 2025

Beyond the sale ring, the Club's strength lies in participation and shared learning. The Woodmarsh Herd Open Day, kindly hosted by the Gould family, was a tremendous success. With sunshine overhead, members and visitors enjoyed the opportunity to walk through the cattle and discuss breeding decisions in an open and practical setting.

The day also hosted the final of the Young Limousin Breeders stock judging competition, expertly overseen by master judge Richard Bartle, alongside a clipping demonstration by Sean Mitchell and Mick Dumbreck. Events such as this are vital in encouraging the next generation and strengthening the future of our breed.

Across both sales and our herd open day, one consistent theme stands out: quality cattle backed by strong maternal lines continue to command confidence. Our breeders remain committed to producing functional, commercially relevant Limousins without compromising breed character.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to our club members and committee, sponsors, judges, auctioneers, vendors, buyers and the many volunteers who contribute behind the scenes. Your continued support ensures the North West Midlands & North Wales Limousin Club remains progressive, united and forward-looking. As we move forward, I look forward to welcoming Mick Gould as new club chairman and Natalie Nicholls as club secretary.



## HERD COMPETITION 2025

Judge Thomas Illingworth

### Small Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> M & J C Gould Ltd - Woodmarsh herd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> D G & K J Evans - Brynglas herd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carla Ashley - Ashrock herd

### Medium Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> WP Hughes - Pabo herd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> RG & RS Whitley - Haulfryn herd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Hunt - Ashfordhall herd

### Large Herd

- 1<sup>st</sup> C V Lewis & Sons - Garyvaughan herd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> WL+JA Forrester - Twemlows herd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr AJ Clark - Mayfields herd

### Best Homebred bull born 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pabo Valencia - WP Hughes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Woodmarsh Virgill - M & J C Gould Ltd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Twemlows Velocette - WL + JA Forrester

### Best Homebred Heifer born 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> Woodmarsh Veronica - M & J C Gould Ltd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pabo Venus - WP Hughes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Garyvaughan Vina - C V Lewis & Sons

### Best Stockbull and Progeny

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corrycam Phantom - C V Lewis & Sons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pabo Rock n Roll - WP Hughes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bernish Sportsman - D G & K J Evans

### Best Homebred Bull Calf 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> Garyvaughan Ace - C V Lewis & Sons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pabo Aron - W P Hughes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Haulfryn Alex - RG & RS Whitley

### Best Homebred Heifer calf 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> Haulfryn Anna - RG & RS Whitley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayfields Amega - Mr AJ Clark
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodmarsh Amazinglight - M & J C Gould Ltd

### Best Youngstock

- 1<sup>st</sup> Woodmarsh - M & JC Gould
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Garyvaughan - CV Lewis & Sons
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pabo - WP Hughes

### Best Cow Family

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wilodge On High - Woodmarsh Treasure and Woodmarsh Unnypot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pabo Ice Maiden - Pabo Nigella and Pabo Nainsy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brynglas Priceless - Brynglas Una and Brynglas Victoria

### Champion out of Small and Medium herd

Woodmarsh Herd - M & JC Gould

### Champion Large herd

Garyvaughan Herd - CV Lewis & Sons

### Overall Champion

Garyvaughan Herd - CV Lewis & Sons