



## COLLECTIVE FODDER AUCTION - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### The Ruffwell Inn, Thorverton, Exeter

Hearths RPS's first Collective Fodder Auction of the 2018/2019 winter series took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. A large crowd gathered for the sale on the back of the long dry summer and as expected, fodder was very much sought after. Sale prices achieved on the night were the dearest seen since the winter of 2013/2014.

In the Hay section top honours went to Messrs. Priscott & Habberfield, Wiveliscombe who sold Claas 2200 Square Bales at £47.50. Other 7' x 80cm x 80cm Square Bales of Hay from Mr S.E. Prettejohn, Aylesbeare sold very well achieving £33.00 per bale. Conventional Hay saw little interest.

Wrapped fodder was very much at the forefront of purchaser minds and virtually all lots sold at levels way in front of vendor expectations. Local vendors A.R. & N.J. Taverner, Upton Pyne led the way when selling Round Bale Silage at £37.50. Other leading Silage / Haylage prices as follows:

J. Middleton, Dulverton	Silage	£33.00
R. & J. Summers, Meshaw	Silage	£30.00
C.J. & J.L.M. Hutchings & Sons, Brompton Regis	Silage	£30.00
I.P. & J.I.W. Carey, Stoodleigh	Haylage	£28.50
B.G. Pearce Ltd., Cheriton Bishop	Silage	£28.50

Many other bales of fodder changed hands and all bales (round & square) were sold in excess of £25.

Our next Collective Fodder Auction will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at The Ruffwell Inn and early entries are now invited for this sale. It is expected that demand will remain strong for fodder and trade for straw is expected to pick up as the season progresses.