

## Great Yorkshire Show 2015 PHILIP KERMODE - ORRISDALE TEXELS



Philip has been involved in pedigree Texels for twenty three years. Having run Texel rams on his commercial flock previously he made the decision to breed his own rams and, as the saying goes, like Topsy the flock grew.

The Orrisdale Flock is a family enterprise with his wife Carol and children Kirree, Thomas and Caesar all involved. They run approximately 300 pedigree ewes with an emphasis on breed type, mobility and, most importantly, carcass and length. Alongside the Texels there are small flocks of Charollais and Suffolk's and a commercial flock. Orrisdale is also home to herds of Limousin, Angus and Charolais cattle and a commercial suckler herd.

Over the years Philip has enjoyed success at the Royal Highland and the Great Yorkshire concentrating on the ewe lamb and recorded ram lamb classes, achieving Reserve Female Champion at the GYS 2012, 1st Prize Ewe Lamb at the Royal Highland Show 2014 and Reserve Male Champion at the Great Yorkshire Show 2014.

Philip has judged the Northern Ireland Flock Competition and the Irish Texel Society Show & Sale at Blessington in the South. He is pleased and honoured to have been selected for this role and is looking forward to it.