

Vocations Sunday 2017

Who said sheep were stupid?

Sheep, unlike their reputation are not stupid animals, in fact it could even be said that they are really rather clever.

They are a flock animal which is why they live in groups; they have learnt that their only protection against predators is to act as a group and follow the leader! When being threatened they know that it is not a wise move to attempt to act independently but to rely upon the strength and knowledge of others they know and trust.

It has been found that a sheep can remember the faces of more than 50 other sheep for up to two years. They can also recognize familiar human faces too. They form individual friendships and not all ewes find all rams attractive!

Some years ago a flock of sheep taught themselves to roll across a metal cattle grid in order to get to the tastier plants in gardens than the ones on the rough moorland. Sounds pretty sensible to me.