

Press release
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Art at Dalmally Mart for RSABI

United Auctions is to host a charity auction at Dalmally Auction Mart in support of Scotland's rural charity RSABI.

The auction of an original oil painting will be held during Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers' Annual Sale of 1212 Blackface shearlings, aged rams and ram lambs on Saturday 20 October 2018.

'Market Day at Dalmally' has been donated by Alan Watson, former Managing Director of United Auctions, who was presented with the painting on his retirement from the Company in 1999 by colleagues and staff.

The painting is by the late John Prentice, a retired Perthshire businessman who painted for his own pleasure. He was known to the farming community for his portrait of veteran Stirlingshire farmer Jim McEwan, and a Blackface tup, which went on special display at the Highland Show in 1998.

Alan Watson who joined the Company aged 21, was based in Stirling (Kildean) where he sold fat and store sheep and later covered the west of Scotland and the Islands, selling at markets in Tarbert, Strachur, Fort William and Lochgilphead.

He said: "I've enjoyed a long and happy career and have been very privileged to be sent to such wonderful places across Scotland for work - and get paid for it. The painting has been much admired by everyone who has seen it in my home for almost 20 years, so much so that 10 signed prints were issued. This is my small way of repaying a debt to the farming community for the living I had from them. My family fully support what I'm doing."

David Leggat, Trustee of RSABI and former Executive Chairman of United Auctions, said: "RSABI is delighted that Alan has donated this wonderful painting, which captures the view of Dalmally mart particularly well, for auction at Dalmally tup sale. It is typically generous of Alan to give such a treasured item to raise money that will allow RSABI to assist people who have depended on the land."

Mr Watson will attend the charity auction at Dalmally Mart with his son. The painting will go under the hammer of auctioneer Raymond Kennedy at 9.50am on Saturday 20 October.

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Notes to editor

- The dimensions of the painting are 42"x 30".

Photo caption: A print of 'Market day at Dalmally'. The original painting will be auctioned at Dalmally on 20 October with proceeds going to RSABI.

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United Auctions are Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers and procurement specialists and operate a network of different auction markets across Scotland, including Stirling, Huntly, Lairg, Dalmally, Tiree, Islay, South Uist and Oban. The company conducts auctions of both commercial and pedigree livestock, including the world-famous Stirling Bull Sales, and provides farm-to-farm and farm-to-abattoir procurement services.