



High Meadow Farm



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A 319 acre holding, predominantly arable with a small number of livestock, showing how production and conservation are working in harmony. Visitors can explore the footpaths, discover new areas of woodland, see the hedges being restored and look out for woodpeckers, kingfishers, buzzards and woodcocks which are regular visitors to the farm.



The Farm

High Meadow Farm is 319 acre predominantly arable farm, lying just south of Ludlow, nestling in the heart of the Shropshire countryside. It has been our home and business for many years and we have a strong tradition of caring for the environment with sound, practical farming.

Livestock

We run a small herd of Herefordshire cattle which produce quality meat that we sell locally. Animal welfare is a top priority and the cattle are kept with their best welfare interests at heart. They graze the herb-rich pastures and are slaughtered locally to minimise stress. Every effort is made to ensure that grass management is as natural as possible. Manure is regularly applied and land is tested for nutrient deficiency.

Crops for food

We follow a traditional mixed rotation of winter wheat, oil seed rape, potatoes and beans, all grown on contract with specific end market use, such as bread making wheat for Warburton's. We make every effort to reduce the need for crop sprays by following good husbandry practices including careful crop rotations and using appropriate seed varieties.



Conservation

We do everything we can to preserve and enhance the wildlife habitats on the farm – we work with nature rather than against it. Woodland coppicing, tree planting, water management and soil conditioning form the backbone of our environmental management. We are also establishing a number of grass and wildlife margins around the farm. We lay hedges on a regular basis which provide food and cover for birds and insects as well as creating a valuable wildlife corridor through the farm. Woodpeckers, kingfishers, buzzards and woodcocks are all regular visitors to the farm and we manage their habitats sensitively to ensure their continued survival.

Visits

I want to share what we are doing here with others. Visits to High Meadow Farm can be arranged through the LEAF office.

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