

Benefits, Opportunities and Challenges of Permanent Grassland Tuesday 26th February



We would be pleased if you could join us for a workshop investigating the benefits and barriers to improving permanent grassland management on the 26th February at Bainbridge Farms, Morpeth, Northumberland.

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Permanent grassland can provide productive grazing whilst supporting biodiversity, carbon storage, water management and soil health. This workshop will gather and share information on how to optimise production from permanent pasture and explore what other benefits it can bring through delivering public goods. We will cover the opportunities and barriers to improving permanent grassland management in northern England and how it compares to temporary leys, as well as where new technologies, practical research and policies could help.

Our host [Simon Bainbridge](#) will show us and explain some of the areas where he has been experimenting with permanent pasture management. Simon and Claire Bainbridge farm 1,650 acres in the Northumberland uplands. With 160 suckler cows, 1,500 breeding ewes and a commitment to their local environment they have been working hard to optimise their use of permanent pasture.

During the workshop, we will also hear from Dr Paul Newell Price, Principal Soil Scientist at ADAS about research priorities, best practice and policy constraints. Paul will also highlight opportunities to get involved with trials through a new project ADAS and Newcastle University are leading called [SUPER-G](#).

This workshop is part of the SUPER-G project, which aims to co-develop sustainable permanent grassland systems and policies with farmers and policy makers. The livestock sector is under increasing pressure from environmental groups, but permanent pasture can deliver a huge range of public goods and services. This project will investigate further and work with farmers and policy makers to support grassland management. This workshop will explain more about the project and opportunities to get involved in a North East farmer network.

Date: Tuesday 26th February

Time: 10.30 – 15.30

Location: Bainbridge Farms, Donkin Rigg, Cambo, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 4LA

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