

Blackhall Holiday Cottages

Area – St. Ola

Summary

This project aims to build one 3-bed self-catering cottage on the farm allowing guests to experience a little bit of farm life including meeting resident highland cattle, hens and ducks.

Access will be available to a designated Local Nature Conservation Site on the farm which boasts a variety of wildlife and plants.

Some recreation facilities (eg pool table, darts, barbecue, bicycles) will be available for guests to use.

Project aims:

- This project will provide an additional income stream for the farm business allowing it to continue to support those in the partnership and allow for the improvement and expansion of current farm buildings and an increase in livestock.
- The partners currently all have other employment and the long term aim would be for the farm to be able to fully support them without the need for additional employment allowing them to focus more fully on improving land and animal management.
- The self-catering cottage will also provide part-time seasonal employment for one additional individual.

The total project costs are £246,601.27, a LEADER grant of 33.657572% (£83,000) has been awarded.