

## Laund Farm



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### Farm Description

#### Size and Landscape

- ➊ 190 hectares - mix of intensive grassland, rush pasture and semi-upland
- ➋ The higher land is on limestone and supports many wildflowers

#### Farming Type

- ➊ A beef and sheep farm specialising in sheep dairying and winner of 'Sheep Farmer of the Year 2012!'
- ➋ 500 milk sheep
- ➌ 1,000 commercial sheep; mix of Swaledale and Blue Faced Leicester breeds
- ➍ 100 milk sheep replacements (hogs)
- ➎ 40 suckler cows and 40 followers

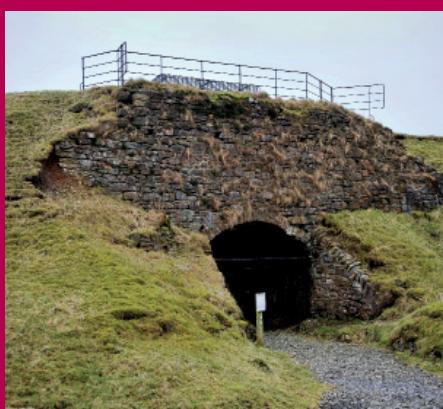


# Statement

'I love to see the oyster catchers and lapwings on our farm, and for me, putting in ponds and creating wildlife habitats is almost a hobby, I enjoy it that much!

The whole family is involved in the farm, and the educational side is very important to us

## **Simon Stott**



## Facilities

- Ⓐ On-site hard standing parking
- Ⓐ Purpose built classroom and eating area
- Ⓐ Toilets & hand-washing
- Ⓐ Spare waterproofs and wellingtons
- Ⓐ Wheelchair access to all farm and stock buildings
- Ⓐ Bird hide and binoculars available to use



## Activities Available

- Ⓐ Tractor and trailer tour of farm
- Ⓐ Farm walks – birds & historic lime kiln
- Ⓐ Pond/stream dipping
- Ⓐ Educational visits to include: animal husbandry – lambing for 6 months of year, sheep feeding and milking, food and digestion, restored lime kiln



## Brief History

- Ⓐ Simon and John Stott are the 3rd generation of the family farming; they have been at Laund Farm since the 1930s
- Ⓐ The farmland used to be a deer park and is part of the Leagram Estate, which has its origins in the monastic period



## Conservation on the Farm

- Ⓐ Manage fields infested with rush and have created water scrapes to encourage curlew, red shank and snipe
- Ⓐ Restoration of flower-rich grassland
- Ⓐ Manage the moorland with stock to benefit habitat and bird species
- Ⓐ Create and manage woodland edge wildlife corridors



## Farm Walks

- Ⓐ There are a range of themed farmer-led walks available
- Ⓐ Terrain and distances are moderate and suitable for KS1 upwards



## Farm Projects

- Ⓐ Sheep Milk UK co-operative is owned by the farm and delivers 650,000 litres per year to dairies across the North of England
- Ⓐ Sheep's milk is used for cheese and yoghurt production, including at nearby Leagram Dairy. Sheep's milk is a good substitute for cow and goat milk for people who are lactose intolerant