

Stonyfold Farm



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Farm Description

Size and Landscape

- ❖ Small grassland farm– approx. 50 hectares, on the south facing slopes of Beacon Fell Country Park.
- ❖ The farm sits between 150-210 metres above sea level.
- ❖ Replanted almost every hedgerow following original historic field boundaries.
- ❖ Large wildlife corridors created with small plots of wild flowers.
- ❖ On a clear day, from the farm, you can see as far as Wales and Snowdonia. Blackpool tower is easily seen on the coast out to West.

Farming Type

- ❖ Mixed stock rearing farm - Cattle and Sheep
- ❖ 80 cattle
- ❖ 150 sheep
- ❖ Managed within a Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme to encourage nesting farmland birds.



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Statement

Because we only have a small farm I go out contracting to other farms and specialise in fertiliser, lime spreading and advising on all types of farms throughout Lancashire. This, in addition to my work on the farms, hopefully gives me a well-rounded knowledge of all things agricultural. So, if anyone has any questions, I should be able to answer most!



Brief History

- ◈ The farm was set up with land from several smaller farms by Mark himself in 1988, building the farm house in 1994.
- ◈ Alongside his farming activities Mark is a local lime and fertiliser spreading contractor.



Facilities

- ◈ Hardstand parking, including coaches
- ◈ Outbarn - wet weather educational space, including disabled access, toilets and wash facilities
- ◈ Approx. 800m-900m surfaced walking paths.
- ◈ Trampler/wheelchair access. Bookings can be made.



Activities Available

- ◈ Farm walks and talks with the Mark about farming practice and managing the land through environmental stewardship.
- ◈ Terrain and distances are moderate and suitable for KS1 upwards. A Trampler is available by prior arrangement.
- ◈ Beacon Fell Country Park is adjacent to the farm (5 minute drive or 30 minute walk by public footpath, which goes through the centre of the farm). Groups could consider visiting both venues on the same day.
- ◈ Wildlife watching including, with luck, brown hare, roe deer and farmland birds
- ◈ Interaction with animals



Farm Walks

- ◈ Surfed paths from the Outbarn up and around the farm,
- ◈ Farmer led walks and talks can easily be arranged with Mark who has a vast expanse of knowledge which he is willing to share.
- ◈ Trampler and wheelchair routes are easily accessible too.



Farm Projects

- ◈ Original 10 year Countryside Stewardship moving on to Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) for ongoing conservation
- ◈ Trampler trail
- ◈ Farm education barn
- ◈ Grazing agreement through HLS to encourage ground nesting birds
- ◈ Large flood to bring in lapwing, redshank, oyster catcher and curlew etc.
- ◈ Strict stock management regime; cattle and sheep