

Highgate Head Farm - Derbyshire

Chalets in the mist

BACKGROUND

This 150 acre dairy and grassland farm has been in the family since 1880. They rent out a cottage in the farmyard and also a chalet in the valley. These are currently on short term leases.



DIVERSIFICATION

Diversification in 1994 came about with the need for extra cash to support the farm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

They have received no support and undertake no formal marketing.

Business Link have mentioned the possibility of a Pennine Bridleway which may possibly bring tourists into the area.

He would like to receive useful information on where to get grants.

INVOLVEMENT WITH NWFTI

He is aware of EMDA and Business Link but has had no contact with NWFTI. (is he in the NW?)

FUTURE PLANS



He is looking at the opportunity to use the fact that there are peewits and curlews in the area to attract visitors, the Pennine Bridleway affords the opportunity to run livery and there is the potential to construct more chalets on his land. However, planning would be an issue.