


## 100% Hay @ Glanwye Farm

 [Website](#)

 **Location:** Glanwye, Hereford Road, Hay on Wye, Herefordshire, HR3 5EW

### About the farm

Glanwye farm is a 14-acre smallholding less than 1 mile from the centre of Hay on Wye. The land runs down to the banks of the River Wye.

It is home to 100% Hay, a partnership formed by its owners Sein Harcourt Cooze and Joe Hand 14 years ago.

The farm is split in two between a 2-acre market garden and grazing land for a herd of Anglo Nubian Goats and small areas for fruit trees.

The market garden, although not certified organic, is worked on organic principles.

There are 3 polytunnels (4m by 20m) and 1 propagating tunnel (4m by 10m). Cultivation in the field is done on 4ft wide beds 25metres long - heavy use of mulching is used on the bed system and green manure/cover crops are sown in between the cropping plants. Jadam liquid fertilisers are also applied to the beds.

Crops grown in the bed system include potato, leeks, beetroot, onion, kalettes, sprouts, cabbage, fennel, loose leaf salad, lettuce spinach, broccoli and chard.

Sein makes three types of raw milk goats' cheese and raw milk Kefir, along with kimchi with produce from the garden.


All the produce grown on the farm is sold at the Thursday weekly market 50 weeks of the year.

### Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:

- In the market garden - from crop planning to propagation, cultivation weeding (wheel hoes, oscillating hoes). Picking and prep for the market.
- With the goats - hand milking, feeding and kidding and goat health management.
- In the tunnels - tomato, chillies, aubergine, melon, cucumber, sweet potato and lemon grass. They also grow dahlias for cut flowers.

## Troed yr Harn (Black Mountains College)

 [Website](#)

 **Location:** Troed-yr-Harn Farm, Hospital Road, Talgarth LD3 0EF

## About the farm

Troed-yr-Harn is an upland hill farm, until recently intensively grazed with sheep. It is undergoing an agroecological transition with horticulture, some arable, agro-forestry and silviopasture.

After two years of ecological surveys, consultation and planning, BMC are now in the first year of implementing horticulture expansion, limiting sheep grazing and the development of a tree nursery. Students are actively involved in the development of the farm and the management of growing activities. The routes to market are being developed.

### Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:

- Propagating and planting out
- Tending, weeding and watering horticulture
- Ecological surveys
- Tree planting
- Fencing and path maintenance
- Harvesting and packing produce
- Tree seedling establishment
- Community outreach and working with volunteers
- Transporting to Talgarth and/or taking part in farmer's markets as required

## Ciliau

 **Location:** Ciliau , Erwood, Builth wells LM2 3TZ

Ciliau is a 200-acre organic farm. Farming at Ciliau revolves around enhancing and protecting the botanical aspects of the ground. There are four SSSI's across the farm, including in the main farmhouse along with a growing suckler herd of traditional native, rare breed Hereford cattle raised on pasture and outwintered. There are no sheep. Hay cuts are taken rotationally around the farm.

The long-term plan is to sell beef from the farm directly into the local area and to sell wild meadow seed.

The farm was formerly part of a larger organic enterprise, which has now been split, with the other part now being farmed industrially. The farm is run by Roger (the owner-occupier), a new entrant farmer who previously worked as a builder with historic buildings. The farm has a history of 20 years of extensive surveys on the farm, including woodland, hedges, meadows, invertebrates and birds.

### Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:

- Seed collecting
- Hedge laying
- Orchard work
- Bracken destruction
- Tractor work
- Cattle husbandry
- Fencing
- Woodland work
- General farm maintenance
- Botanical surveying

## Hill Farm

 **Location:** Hill Farm, Hereford HR3 5RH

### About the farm

Hill Farm is a 600-acre upland pastoral family farm and is a mixture of rented and owned ground. On the farm, a flock of 1500 ewes are raised for breeding and lamb. The breeding rams are sold all over the UK and most of the meat goes to a co-operative slaughterhouse. Hill Farm runs a calf-rearing enterprise, with groups of 150 on the farm at a time. The family is also working on a project that aims to help increase wool processing opportunities in the UK and have plans to set up a small-scale poultry enterprise on the farm in the coming year.

### Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:

- Day to day sheep management such as moving, fencing, administering treatments
- Seasonal jobs include lambing, shearing, helping with ram sales in autumn, winter feeding, moving fences, putting out bales
- Working on the calf enterprise throughout the year
- General farm maintenance, fencing work, composting, hedgerow maintenance
- Potential student project idea: developing a small, pastured poultry and pigs' enterprise for selling locally

## Llwynberried Farm

 **Location:** Llwynberried, Fforddlas, Llanigon, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR3 5QQ

### About the farm


Llwynberried runs a mixed farming system with beef cattle and sheep incorporated into an arable rotation of eight years. Four years of diverse herbal leys are managed with Adaptive multi-paddock grazing to build soil fertility which then enables four years of annual cropping before returning to the fertility building phase once again. Most of the meat is sold through Sainsburys Taste the difference range, with a small proportion going to the local butcher in Talgarth. Llwynberried are also growing diverse population bread wheats for local bakeries.

They are the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation tenants to be farming the land at Llwynberried, and take great pride in finding the optimum production capacity of our land while finding space for nature to thrive in a harmonious balance.

#### **Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:**

- Assist with lambing, and calving
- Fencing, and general farm maintenance
- Tree planting, hedge laying
- Soil sampling, crop walking
- General animal husbandry
- Machinery maintenance
- Tractor driving (Dependent on ability)

## **Lower Genffordd**

 **Location:** Penbont Road, Talgarth LD3 0EG

#### **About the farm**

Lower Genffordd is a 7-8 acre, non-commercial smallholding at 800 feet, across the valley from Black Mountains College. Roughly half of the land is well-established, mature secondary woodland. The other 3-4 acres is pasture/meadow, a traditional orchard (replanted in 2020), a mixed poultry run, large vegetable garden/soft fruit cage and polytunnel, along with a farmhouse used as a holiday let. They also have two horses on the neighbor's adjoining land which provide most of the manure we need for horticulture and orchard. All work is done manually, with hand tools rather than machinery.

Since they arrived in 2019, the whole farm has been completely organic, with no fertilizer, pesticide herbicide or other chemicals. Lower Genffordd is operated as a no dig system with the market garden, aiming to operate in a completely agroecological way. After five years, they are starting to see some changes, for example in the range and

numbers of birds present and nesting, the smallest pasture being allowed to rewild and a good range of mammals present.

There are a very wide range of possible activities, including a full range of horticultural activities throughout the year including harvesting and processing food for the winter. They also forage and preserve food from the locality.

Currently Lower Genfford scythe the orchard during the summer months as trees too young to allow livestock in yet and feed the horses at the adjoining stables with the grass. The site is heated with a log boiler which requires 30-50 cubic meters of logs annually that need to be cut, hauled, stacked and moved to the boiler room. Drainage and ditch maintenance which becomes more important with every year of increased/intense rainfall

#### **Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:**

- Orchard maintenance and harvesting
- Garden and hedge maintenance (the holiday let also has its own large self-contained garden which also needs looking after)
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- The site is heated with a log boiler which requires 30-50 cubic metres of logs annually that need to be cut, hauled, stacked and moved to the boiler room
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- Horse care/ stable work
- Poultry care including breeding (turkeys geese chickens and ducks as well as killing and preparation
- Ad hoc activities: fencing/repairs; strimming paths to keep them open; rotating poultry foraging areas and horse pasturage; apple juice and cider and Perry making from our own and Neighbours' trees

## **Moorpark Garden**

 [Website](#)

 **Location:** Moor Park, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SS

#### **About the farm**

Moorpark Garden is a 0.3 of an acre Victorian walled garden. It is part of a 40-acre family-owned estate and has orchards, stables and parkland surrounding the garden. The production is focused on producing high-quality, sustainable and nutrient dense food, that is distributed through local restaurants and veg boxes. They practice organically but are not certified.

Where possible, Moorpark Garden implement as much of a closed loop system as possible; making all compost for the no-dig beds with materials collected from the estate, growing all produce from seed to harvest and working with open pollinated and heirloom seeds, which they hope to save more of in the future for a locally adapted home saved seed supply.

The apple and pear orchards are currently home to 50 trees, which are being added to every year. They are also in the early stages of growing mushrooms outdoors throughout the garden.

Growing happens between the propagation glass house, outdoor beds and 2 poly tunnels.

**Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:**

- Propagation
- Planting out
- Day to day plant care
- Bed preparation
- Harvesting
- Production
- Orchard maintenance
- Compost production
- Seed saving
- Growing undercover
- Working with perennials
- Understanding crop rotations

Possible opportunity to work with <https://theseeddetective.co.uk/>

## Mountain View regen Farm

 [Website](#)

 **Location:** Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire, HR2 0QS

**About the farm**

Mountain View Regen Farm is a 30 acre organically managed mixed farm in the Golden Valley, Herefordshire. The farm was started after the owners, Neil and Jo, were inspired by the Richard Perkins model and during Covid, they made the leap and started out as new entrants with a pastured poultry system, which has now grown to include meat birds, sheep and some visiting dairy cows. The farm also has a small vegetable growing area, 2 polytunnels, a tree nursery, bees and they would like to add more emergent stacked enterprises and more people into the farm, to build community and resilience. They hope to also include pork, rabbit and summer camping to their farm diversifications.

**Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:**

- Feeding, watering, moving poultry
- Sheep management
- Moving and setting up mobile electric fence systems
- Mowing in summer for fencing
- Processing chickens (training and HSA small scale slaughter license certificate provided)
- Assisting with the market garden
- General farm maintenance
- Developing new ideas with the farmer for other farm activities, i.e. compost teas, bokashi composting etc
- Planting trees and hedges
- Moving cows and pigs

## Pen Yr Heol

 [Website](#)

 **Location:**

**About the farm**

Info TBC

## Penpont

 [Website](#)

 **Location:** Penpont Estate, LD3 8EU

**About the farm**

The Walled Garden at Penpont is approximately 1.52 ha, and has been certified Organic with the Soil Association since 2002. A wide variety of vegetable and flower crops are grown and sold through the onsite farm shop. From January to June, Penpont supply their regular customers with a veg & fruit box, using produce from a local organic wholesaler as well as some of their own. The gardens have three poly tunnels, a large lean-to glasshouse, as well as tool & storage sheds. The soil type is a fluvial loam over red sandstone. For the last 20 years a system of green manures has been used to maintain soil fertility, enhanced by creating their own compost and by operating organic principles. More recently the garden is now entering a transition period to a 'no dig' system creating raised beds and permanent paths. The Walled Gardens are managed by Glenn van Lint (Head Grower) and Vina Hogg (Penpont Estate), who between them have extensive knowledge and practical experience in organic and regenerative horticulture.

### About Penpont

Situated in the heart of the Brecon Beacons National Park, Penpont is a working rural estate of 2000 acres, located on the River Usk just west of Brecon. At the core of the estate is a Grade 1 listed house, and a historic collection of outbuildings with walled gardens and grounds extending to approximately 40 acres. The house and estate still remain within the ownership of the original family.

In 1992, Gavin & Davina Hogg, a trained arborist and landscape designer, moved to Penpont. As well as managing an extensive restoration program of the buildings and gardens, they have also established a number of on-site business enterprises including: a holiday cottage, a regenerative livestock enterprise, a campsite, a wedding & events venue, a biomass heating system and the organic fruit, flower and vegetable unit supplying the on-site farm shop.

Gavin and Davina's sons Forrest and Josh are also based at Penpont, and are directly involved in managing Penpont's livestock enterprise, building restorations, woodland management and charitable endeavours.

In 2019, Penpont partnered with Action for Conservation, a youth engagement charity, who run an education programme on the estate inspiring the next generation of conservationists and land workers. This Project has since bloomed into a education programme for young people, an onsite Tree Nursery and a 'Land Library' hosting a range of resources and books inspired by the ongoing biocultural revival of Penpont and its community. [You can read more about the Penpont Project here.](#)


**Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:**



- Bed Preparation
- Seed Sowing, pricking out, potting on
- Mixing our own seed compost and potting on compost
- Pruning fruit trees and bushes
- Utilising the BCS (two-wheeled 'walk behind' tractor) for rotavating, harrowing and flailing
- Hoeing and weeding, including clearing ground of perennial weed roots and helping transition areas of the walled garden to 'no-dig' bed systems.
- Top dressing beds with manure and compost.
- Picking and bagging produce for the farm shop/veg boxes
- During the quieter winter months, there might be an opportunity to support other activities on Penpont for example coppicing, tree planting and general tree nursery work.

## Stump Up For Trees

 [Website](#)

 **Location:** Bettws, Abergavenny, NP7 7LG

### About the farm

Stump Up For Trees is a community-based charity focused on enhancing biodiversity in the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park area. They are aiming to plant one million trees (we are almost halfway), working in partnership with upland farmers, promoting the multiple benefits of trees on farms including natural flood management, carbon sequestration and ecological restoration. Stump up for Trees have an off-grid Community Tree Nursery based in Bettws near Abergavenny, where they propagate native trees from local seed and care for our saplings, before they go out to plant sites. They have a thriving community of volunteers who help us at the nursery, on plant days, and with seasonal tasks like bracken bashing. They are a small team so there is an opportunity to get involved with all aspects of the charity including ecological surveying, woodland creation site surveys, hosting open days, representing Stump at local events and writing blogs for the website.

### Activities a trainee student might do on this placement:

- The role would be split with one day (Tuesdays) at the Tree Nursery and one day (regularly a Saturday) tree planting, bracken bashing, seed collecting,

conducting maintenance and monitoring surveys of plant sites and supporting at events.

- The main tree planting season is from December to March, and they need help on Tuesdays preparing for plant days (lifting stock and processing tree orders). On Saturdays, you would be involved in tree planting events—helping with getting trees to site and managing small groups of engaged and often experienced volunteers.
- There is usually plenty of tea and cake and you get to see some amazing parts of the National Park. This is a very social part of the job and great experience in delivering hands-on ecological restoration.
- All of the sites are different, and they like to experiment with diverse and innovative techniques in woodland creation planting on marginal land and agroforestry schemes.
- From the end of March, we are more focused back at the Tree Nursery, with heeling in stock, propagation, maintaining the off-grid irrigation system, shed-building, taking cuttings, species research, making organic compost and more.
- Summer is the time for bird and plant surveys, monitoring and maintenance of our plant sites and visiting agricultural shows.

## Grange Project

 [Website](#)

 **Location:** Grange Farm, Monmouth NP25 5HW

### About the farm

Info TBC

## Tir Awen

 [Website](#)

 **Location:**

### About the farm

Info TBC

## Ty Mawr

 [Website](#)

 **Location:** Dan y Gyrn, Blaenglyn, Brecon, LD3 8NF

### About the farm


Ty Mawr farm is an upland National Trust farm in the Brecon Beacons, just outside Brecon. It is nestled underneath Pen y Fan and adjacent to a National Nature Reserve at Craig Cerrig Gleisiad. The farm is at the start of a very exciting transition from an intensively managed sheep farm to a farm managed with conservation as its primary output. The farm will be managed by the National Trust alongside a grazier with a herd of extensively grazed cattle. They will undertake habitat restoration, routine tasks such as fencing, gate hanging, dry stone wall repair, footpath maintenance, hay meadows, coppicing and tree felling and tree planting. Ty Mawr are in the process of creating a nursery on site that will be used for growing trees, sphagnum and upland plants as well as processing wildflower seeds from our meadows in a custom-built seed drying facility. Alongside the farming and land management they will also be working with partners such as Natural Resources Wales and the Brecon Beacons National Park to undertake some river and wetland restoration work.

The farm is managed 'in-hand' by National Trust staff, and you will be working alongside their local ranger team and National experts from the wider Wales team.

The National Trust is passionate about assisting people to access the countryside and we see Ty Mawr as an exciting opportunity to offer a unique experience in the Brecon Beacons. The farm has the remains of a historic green lane which will be reinstated as a footpath through the site linking onto the existing rights of way network.

## Wye Organic - Veg, Livestock and Flower Farm

 [Website](#)

 **Location:** Courtfield, Welsh Bicknor, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6JJ

### About the farm

The Wye Organic Market Garden is in its fourth year of business and comprises 2 walled gardens totalling 1 ¼ acres, 4 large polytunnels totalling 1200 square meters. They do some small-field scale production as well with potential for further expansion in the future. Wye Organic is located in one of the most beautiful spots in England, surrounded by the river Wye and its iconic steep-sided wooded valleys, facing the Forest of Dean.

They work in partnership with the meat side of the business who manage 1000 acres of grassland with beef and lamb, plus wild venison.

The farm and gardens are run entirely under the principles of regenerative agriculture. The gardens are managed using a no-dig system. Wye Organic are organic certified, as is the livestock operation, which is also certified Pasture Fed.

They grow a wide range of crops, mainly focused on higher value leafy greens, bunched roots, and mediterranean solonaceae and cucurbits at the height of the season. The field-scale growing is currently focused on the crops deer leave alone: squash and leeks for example.

Wye Organic have 3 main sales channels: direct to customers through their box scheme and web orders, wholesale to local shops, and to local restaurants and other secondary wholesalers and box schemes.

**Activities a trainee student might do on these placements (Veg, Livestock or Flowers):**

- Work with the Head Grower and other Growers to attend to all aspects of care for the land and the production of crops, including soil preparation, sowing, planting, weeding, harvesting and other activities that support crop production such as pest and disease management, compost production and mechanisation;
- Work with the Head Grower and other Growers in packing and delivering wholesale and individual orders around the local area;
- Support the Head Grower and other Growers to carry out other work such as infrastructural work and general maintenance;
- Be flexible in working hours to suit the needs of the garden where necessary, such as early starts on busy harvesting mornings, and occasionally helping cover routine duties for example on the weekend watering / tunnel-opening rota. We do however strive to be as flexible as possible in meeting all team members' needs for a regular work routine, and all irregular work will be prearranged with the Head Grower according to need and availability;
- Help promote and market the business such as helping run stalls at local events;
- Help to oversee casual workers and volunteers who may be drafted in at busy times of the year.
- Plus opportunities to assist in all aspects of growing, and preparing cut flowers, if desired.