

Making trees work for livestock

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**WOODLAND
TRUST**

Nostalgia





Timeline

● 1950 Longnor tenant

- 80 cows 400 chickens
10 pigs

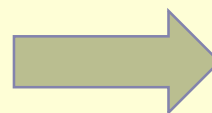
● 1973 acquired farm

● 1984 clover trials

- 100 cows 250 sheep 80
beef

● 1998 organic
conversion

● 2000 sold organic milk



● 2005 red house farm

- 180 cows 0 sheep
100 beef

● 2016 Webscott
Farm

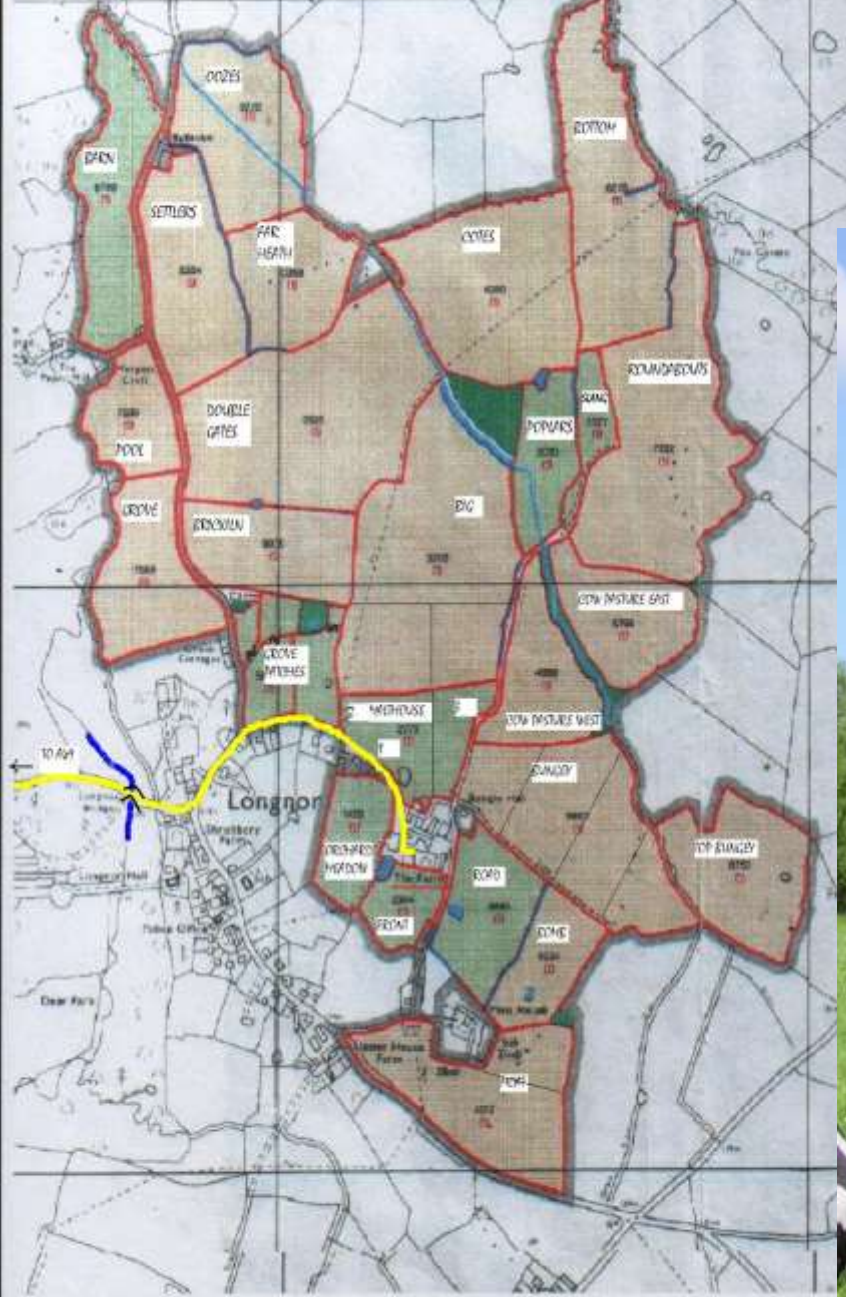
- 450 cows 220 beef 0
sheep
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2018

- 250 cows Longnor
- 220 cows Webscott
- 250 beef Waitrose
- Grass based
- 12 Staff full and part time



THE FARM, LONGNOR



The Farm



9 5 2003

Aims

- To research the role of browsing trees for health
- Value of different species for moisture retention
- Fuel and alternative uses
- Planting the lost generation



Research



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Positioning



Planting process


- Hornbeam
- Sycamore
- Disease resistance elm
- Small leaved lime



Willows crack and white





- Willow contains salicin, body converts into salicylic acid
 - Pain reliever
 - Anti-inflammatory
 - Headache pain
 - Muscle cramps
 - Menstrual pain
 - Osteoarthritis symptoms
 - Back pain
 - Crack willow (*salix fragilis*)
 - White willow (*salix alba*)
 - Higher potency in the spring
 - Willow acts more slowly than aspirin as a pain reliever, but effect last longer
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High reliance on Clover

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Agroforestry willow



Cow with collar browsing



View from Above

The Farm



The Weird and Wonderful



School owl visit

The importance of in field trees




Hedge laying


Pleaching with a billhook of
brumuck.





Notes

- The tree has to have secret reserves to fight off pests – **Pytonicides** have antibiotic properties. A biologist from Leningrad in 1956 put a pinch of crushed spruce needles in glass with protozoa – all dead in seconds
 - **Walnuts** have compounds in leaves that deal effectively with insects
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- Trees release **29tonnes** of Oxygen into air per square mile of forest, the daily requirement for 10,000 people
 - Approximately 15 trees store 1 tonne of Carbon per year. $1\text{C} = 3.67 \text{CO}_2$ equivalents



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The Hidden Life of
TREES



What They Feel,
How They Communicate

Discoveries from a Secret World

Awards





Thanks



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