

# Windy Pike Farm



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## Farm Description

### Size and Landscape

- ◊ 200 hectares of undulating farmland running down to the River Ribble
- ◊ Ancient woodland, new ponds, hedgerows and wildlife corridors

### Farming Type

- ◊ 160 Aberdeen Angus cattle
- ◊ 400 sheep

### Facilities

- ◊ Hard surface parking for coaches
- ◊ Wet weather shelter
- ◊ Toilets and hand-washing facilities



## Statement

At Ribble Aberdeen-Angus I demonstrate how a productive farm can also protect and enhance the environment. I have FACE accreditation for leading farm visits for schools and other groups. I can tailor visits for specific requirements and different key stages depending on the interests visitors have. We have a wide range of habitats including woods and river. Most visitors enjoy seeing the docile Aberdeen-Angus cattle and are surprised at the work we do to improve the breeds.

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## Activities Available

- ◊ Cattle and sheep life cycles – feeding, breeding, management & sales
  - Digestive systems and genetics
  - Health and welfare – blood testing, vaccinations
  - Market demands
- ◊ Climate change & farm carbon footprint
- ◊ Grassland growth, types & management
- ◊ Farm habitat management – woodland, hedgerows, walls & water courses
- ◊ Escorted farm activity and discovery walks



## Brief History

- ◊ The farm is listed in the Domesday book and the farmhouse was 'modernised' in 1690
- ◊ Nearby Castle Haugh is the site of an early Norman motte and bailey castle, known locally as Cromwell's Basin, and an older Copper Age (early Bronze Age) settlement



## Conservation on the Farm

- ◊ Restoration of ancient woodlands and hedgerows
- ◊ Wildlife corridors – trees and hedgerows
- ◊ Improving cover for the brown hare
- ◊ Improvement of stream beds for spawning salmon



## Farm Walks

- ◊ Terrain and distances are suitable for KS1 upwards



## Farm Projects

- ◊ Aberdeen Angus 'meat boxes' available on the farm or by delivery
- ◊ Breeding, genetics and sales of Aberdeen Angus cattle