

Social Farming Across Borders Pilot Farm Profile:

Section 1 – Your Details

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Section 2 – Your Farm

About my Farm:

Hazelwood Farm is a small traditional-based farmstead, nestled among the drumlins of East Cavan. Its small field structure and environmental ethos have changed little during the past 300 years that the Brady/O'Brien family have resided here.

Currently a proportion of the farm is being developed into ornamental gardens and orchards, with a strong community participation. Other developments of the farm are the establishment of a 1.5 ha nut orchard, which is the only one of it's kind in Co Cavan



Farm Activities offered to the Participants:

The main form of activity is horticultural based, with two acres of established ornamental gardens and plans for further expansion.

Participants will be invited to engage in all aspects of horticulture, including propagation, cultivation, maintenance and education.



Hazelwood Farm is also a registered Nature Reserve, where participants can get involved with the conservation activities that are carried out throughout the year. These include ecology surveys, woodland planting, traditional hedge-laying and bio-diversity enhancement.



Projects on-going at the moment:

- Garden's expansion and maintenance of existing gardens
- Nature conservation areas, e.g. forest, ponds, nature trails, wattle & daub nature hut
- The introduction of sheep and chickens
- The development of a 1.5 ha nut orchard
- Access paths throughout gardens
- Installation of permanent sheep fencing



Section 3 – Your Locality & Community

Nearest Services:

- Sandra's Shop & Post Office
- Canningstown

Nearest town:

Bailieborough is a hub town, which is central to Cootehill, Shercock, Kingscourt, Virginia and Ballyjamesduff

Nearest public transport or rural transport initiative:

Bailieborough town is only a few minutes from Hazelwood Farm, where there is a daily bus service to/from Dublin

My locality and community interests :

The farm has outreach connections with four nature reserves in the Cavan/Meath areas, and share events are ongoing throughout the year

Our farm encourages community integration through Meitheal and céile events and is always well received

Section 4 – You, the Farmer

Me and my Farm:

Me: Strengths:

- Have developed a wide variety of community-based projects throughout Cavan & Monaghan
- Have links with Rehab, Cavan Drugs Awareness, and Cavan & Monaghan VECs
- Qualified teacher - subjects Horticulture, Permaculture, Ecology
- Have worked with disabled people in the Cheshire Home Foundation
- Have established and chair the Cavan branch of the Irish Wildlife Trust
- Have established and chair the Bailieborough Gardening Group



Farm: Strengths:



- Centrally located
- Easy access
- Panoramic views
- Ongoing projects – gardens/nature reserve/nut orchard
- On-site tutor



Other information:



Spot – our dog!