

## Social Farming Across Borders Pilot Farm Profile:

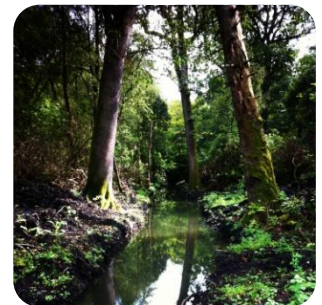
### Section 1 – Your Details

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### Section 2 – Your Farm

#### About my Farm:

Farren-Connell has been in the Nugent family for over 500 years and is a well-known landmark in the locality. The farm enjoys a parkland experience offering extensive pastures combined with native Irish woodland and trails. Current enterprises include tillage and a suckler to beef system which is managed by my husband Richard and myself. The entire holding comprises of 500 acres and is certified organic. Farren-Connell is also home to the Irish Girl guide Society in Cavan and regularly hosts groups of Guides from surrounding counties for week end and weekly visits. The woods at Farren-Connell are also used by a local archery group for national and international competitions over weekends. Survivalists avail of the tremendous woodland setting, camping out with the barest of equipment re-enacting an ancient experience.



#### Farm Activities offered to the Participants:

It is planned that participants would help with the creation and maintenance of an orchard and polytunnel. A future project is planned which would involve opening a new access to an ancient forest walkway. Feeding animals and participating in the experience of the day to day running of the farm.



Projects on-going at the moment:  
Weather related, ploughing and reseedling.  
Avenue maintenance, potholes and strimming.  
Cleaning cattle and turkey sheds.  
Fencing.  
Painting gates and woodwork.



### **Section 3 – Your Locality & Community**

Nearest Services: We are situated a short distance from Mountnugent village in County Cavan, as well as a short distance from Oldcastle, County Meath. Mountnugent is located close to Lough Sheelin and provides a post office, mini-supermarket, garage and petrol station.

Nearest town: Oldcastle has a doctor's surgery, 2 chemists, Bank of Ireland, a variety of shops and a farmers market on a Friday morning.

Nearest public transport or rural transport initiative: There is a bus which goes through Oldcastle linked with Kells in County Meath with Cavan town being the destination.

My locality and community interests :

I owned and operated an interior design, furniture and garden centre in Mountnugent for 9 years before the decline in the economy!

My husband Richard is forming a local community Heritage group, maybe there is the possibility of a link between Social Farming and this Heritage group in the future.

### **Section 4 – You, the Farmer**

Me and my Farm:

In the recent past we were a designated demonstration farm for the Department of Agriculture and have hosted various groups from both North and South of the border on Agricultural and historical matters. The concept of Social Farming is one that would gel with the ethos of Farren-Connell.

I have 2 children who are interested in farming and outdoor life when they are home from school.

