

# Lower Gazegill Farm



Ian, Emma and family with their British Dairy Shorthorn cows © Lancashire Life

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## Farm Description

### Size and Landscape

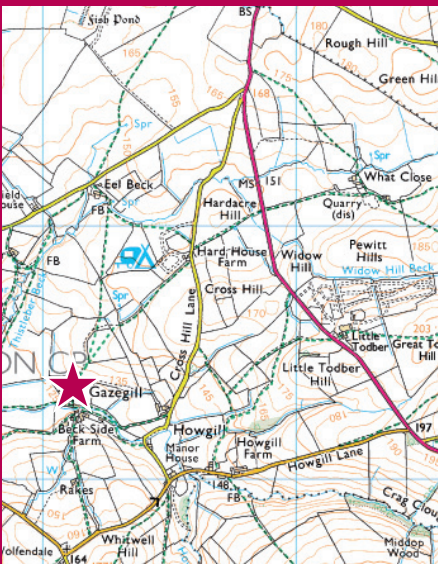
- ◈ 260 acres of gently undulating, organic, traditional flower rich hay meadows and pastures. Excellent view of Pendle Hill, moorland and Ribble Valley
- ◈ Ponds, hedgerows, woodland and river/streams

### Farming Type

- ◈ English Dairy Shorthorn herd
- ◈ Rare breed pigs; Oxford Sandy & Black and Gloucester Old Spot
- ◈ Hampshire Down sheep

### Facilities

- ◈ On-site parking
- ◈ Toilets & hand-washing
- ◈ Drying room
- ◈ Wheelchair access
- ◈ Purpose built classroom
- ◈ Kitchen
- ◈ Spare waterproofs and wellingtons



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## Statement

Here at Gazegill we are a real working farm with a very keen interest in the educational side of farming and food production. We feel it is incredibly important that young people understand what farms are here to do and so that is what we promote and teach here at Gazegill. We welcome everyone and have an open farm policy.

*Ian O'Reilly*



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## Activities Available

- ✦ Activity and discovery farm walks with farmer
- ✦ Dairy processing – make cheese, yoghurt, butter
- ✦ Gate to Plate – farm animals in the food chain
- ✦ Interaction with pigs, dairy cows and sheep
- ✦ Art & Craft – collect, design and produce nature boards
- ✦ History – Roman to medieval farming and landscapes



## Brief History

- ✦ The farmhouse dates from 1580 and the barn 1720 and has been connected to the Robinson family for 500 years
- ✦ A roman road passes close by. Some field patterns date from the Middle Ages (ridge & furrow). Old artefacts and coins have been found



## Conservation on the Farm

- ✦ Natural and organically farmed land and livestock; led by nature, not consumer demand



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- ✦ We are restoring the wild flower meadows, and cut traditional small bale hay later in year
- ✦ We are also improving habitats for breeding wading birds and woodland, hedgerow birds



## Farm Walks

- ✦ There are a range of themed, discovery/activity farmer-led walks available
- ✦ Terrain and distances are gentle and suitable for KS1 upwards



## Farm Projects

- ✦ Organic pork, lamb, beef, milk and cheese are processed on the farm and available directly to the public through a farm shop which also doubles as a butchers (cutting facility)
- ✦ Lower Gazegill attends farmers' markets across the region and delivers 'meat boxes' to the public and retail/restaurant trade