

Achray Farm Gate – Winter 2018

Welcome to Achray Farm on the route of The Great Trossachs Path. Please walk or ride through with care. Keep dogs on a lead or at close quarters; we have a variety of free roaming animals.

Updates – Winter 2018

Snow has been a significant feature this winter with lying accumulations from November onwards. The January **snow melt** took water levels over the bottom field and impressive overflows at Glen Finglas dam. Our **pigs** (Oxford Sandy & Black) have grown fast and spent some time escaping whilst we worked on fencing, they have loved their daily goats milk and can't get enough of it. The **hens** are enduringly hardy and still deliver eggs daily, the **ducks and goats** seem immune to cold, though the latter are not so keen on the rain or mud. Winter **milking** is down to once-per-day now to give the goats a rest over the winter. Significantly, our protective boundary **deer fence** is coming together. This will allow for over **1000 native hedging plants** and **60 new native trees** to be planted and protected, mainly along the **riparian edge**. Winter days are school days as we complete a 13-week intensive **small-farm course** on water systems, tree patterning, silvopasture, holistic design, keyline landscapes & more for soil building and regeneration. Nicola has also been on her gourmet **ice cream** course, stay tuned for updates or have a chat to us.

History

There has been a farm, smallholding or settlement on this site for as long as there have been maps of Scotland. The census shows a population of shepherds, gamekeepers and water workers. The area was also popular with the 19th Century romantic poets and artists such as Walter Scott; the "Highland Funeral" by Guthrie was painted here. Information boards around the village explore many of these themes.



Our Plans

We are working to develop Achray Farm as a modern productive regenerative enterprise, growing to suit the conditions and following permaculture principles to meet and raise local food issues and awareness. We obviously have some considerable buildings to renovate into usable space (some working, some husbandry and some to provide accommodation) as we grow. We maintain an "Open Farm Gate" policy.

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