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Pentwyn

An Opportunity for a Business Tennant

Market Gardening or Community Supported Agriculture

Introduction

Radnorshire Wildlife Trust is seeking a tenant and potential business partner to conduct edible horticulture at Pentwyn Farm, Llanbister Road, LD1 5UT.

We have a 2-bedroom bungalow on site and up to 4 acres of land, with storage options, available for lease.

We are seeking applications of interest from people who support our vision and wish to increase the production of fresh fruit and vegetables for short-supply chain local markets for future generations. We are open to applications from all backgrounds, be they experienced producers or established organisations, or first-time entrants.

Expressions of Interest

Please send expressions of interest to James Hitchcock, Chief Executive Officer, at Radnorshire Wildlife Trust at james@rwtwales.org

Please include information about why you are interested, whether you would be interested in the rental of the bungalow within the arrangement. Please outline any plans, including an outline business model, if possible.

If you want to call and speak to James for further information, he can be contacted on 07949 828589

Overview

In October 2021 Radnorshire Wildlife Trust purchased a 164-acre hill farm, [Pentwyn Farm](#). We have a [30-year vision](#) to increase nature at the site, demonstrating what can be achieved when nature-first farming is undertaken. We want to showcase a new model for mixed farming as we move through a generational transition in the way land management is funded and supported and as Wales and the UK reposition themselves as a food market and producer following our exit from the European Union.

A significant part of our vision for the site is to provide an opportunity for the production of fruit and vegetables as we believe that to achieve Wales' and the UK's goals for nature's recovery and tackling climate change, which have been adopted internationally, we need to approach land management differently. We understand the demand for land for edible horticulture and want to demonstrate what can be done when landowners are prepared to make space available for new opportunities.



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Once we have identified the level and nature of interest from potential tenants and partners, we will begin working up legal paperwork. Our intention would be to provide a lease which provides security of tenure for a period sufficient to encourage investment into the land and soil.

At its heart Radnorshire Wildlife Trust is a pragmatic landowner and we will work with the right candidate to support them with start-up and marketing. This is an exciting opportunity.

We have soil nutrient data for the site.

Site Location

Pentwyn Farm, Llanbister Road, Powys, LD1 5UT.

Site photos



The Bungalow

Pentwyn Bungalow is located just off the council-maintained lane to Pentwyn Farm and comprises a beautifully located bungalow. The bungalow is of brick construction under a tiled roof. The residence is subject to an Agricultural Occupancy condition when planning was granted in 1979. The property comprises: Hall/Utility (2.4m x 1.9m) WC Kitchen with Rayburn (5.5m x 3.6m) Pantry Lounge with open fireplace (5.5m x 3.7m) Single Bedroom (3.1m x 2.4m) Double Bedroom (4.1m x 3.3m) Double Bedroom (4.35m x 3.07m) Separate WV (1.8m x 1.1m) Bathroom (1.8m x 1.6m) Front Hall Services Mains electricity, private water supply & private septic tank drainage. Outside A large gravel driveway with lawned garden together with tiered shrub and flower borders garden area.



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Radnorshire Wildlife Trust

Radnorshire Wildlife Trust is part of the UK Wildlife Trust movement, and has been running since 1987, as an independent Trust. Together with our members and volunteers, we work to protect wildlife across Radnorshire, both on our 19 nature reserves and through working with others.

We manage over 400 hectares of land for wildlife which includes Gilfach an upland hill farm and Tylcau Hill, a species rich grassland, ffridd and rhos pasture site, close to Pentwyn. Four of our sites have SSSI status or other environmental designations. We work with others to encourage and help them to manage their land, from gardens to farms and community green spaces, for wildlife, recently holding an event attended by 25 local farmers promoting conservation.

We have over 150 volunteers, and a regular Tuesday Volunteer group attended by an average of 12 people, who with our estate worker, manage our reserves for wildlife and access. Each year they contribute around 2000 hours of time. In return they will gain skills, friendship, exercise and knowledge of the environmental benefits they are bringing.

We teach people of all ages to care for wildlife, through our work with schools and young people, training sessions and our family events. For example, we run an active youth action group, with twelve members of the local community, who are keen to learn more about influencing community change.



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We campaign to raise awareness about issues affecting wildlife locally and nationally. We work locally to ensure wildlife is protected. Currently we are actively supporting positive change for the River Wye.

Current priorities for the Trust, identified within The Wildlife Trusts collective strategy and aligning to national environmental objectives include working with communities and landowners across Powys, through our Green Connections project, offering landowner advice, supporting the local authority to do more for nature and enabling communities to take positive action for nature. We're also working with an artist in residence to promote the benefits and the unique history of Rhos pasture, a significant habitat for Wales.

Our vision is for more nature everywhere and our mission is to bring about nature's recovery through local action. This is part of The Wildlife Trusts new Strategic Plan 2021 – 2026. As an organisation (and a Wildlife Trust movement) we have three Goals.

1. To put Nature into Recovery,
2. To Empower People to Act for Nature and
3. To achieve Net Zero by 2030