



Country Land & Business Association

Name: Chris & Caroline Addison

Region: Cumbria

Farm: Greystone House, Nr Appleby

Size: 560acres

Greystone House is a mixed farm in the Lyvennet Valley roughly at about 580ft above sea level.

Stocking level; 138 dairy cows plus 70 followers, 150 beef cattle, and 30 pedigree Simmental cattle, 250 ewe flock plus lambs, with an additional 300 store lambs purchased each year

60 acres of Spring Barley and Spring Oats

The grassland is a mixture of permanent and temporary grass making significant use of white and red clovers.

The farm has been organic since 2007 and all the land is in the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme since August 2008. Previously the farm was in the Entry Level scheme and prior to that in the Countryside Stewardship scheme. The River Lyvennet, a SSSI runs through the farm for over one mile and we have worked closely with the Eden Rivers Trust for several years to protect the river's banks and its flora and fauna.

There are 35 acres of woodland which is managed to both protect its wildlife and to provide timber for the farm. Footpaths cross the land and further permissive footpaths have been added to help access and to enhance the public's enjoyment of the countryside.

HLS options include overwinter stubbles, the restriction of livestock access, bird and nectar seed mixtures, hedge laying, fencing and wildlife corridors. Wildlife on the farm includes otters, red squirrels, kingfishers, and white crayfish among many other species. Part of the HLS scheme includes heather regeneration in lowland heath and preserving hay meadows.

Farming and the environment have gone hand in hand for generations at Greystone House. A profitable farm is crucial to enhancing and preserving the biodiversity and conservation of the countryside.

The Environmental schemes are essential to agriculture providing the ideal habitats for the biodiversity of the countryside. The Addison family have been committed conservationists for many years and see this symbiotic work as a natural extension of our farming activities in the Lyvennet Valley.