



Opportunity for Wild Grazing Large Herbivores

We are looking for people who want to introduce large herbivores into the landscape **at scale**, and work together on forward-looking **nature recovery** projects. We are searching for **teams** of like-minded people who value trust, creative freedom and respect for one another.

We want to **partner** with these teams as they are striving towards ecological regeneration. While the other team members are contributing as ecologists and economists, we will contribute by taking the responsibility for the large herbivores, integrating our herd of 60 cattle into the habitat.

Our aim is to stay within the boundaries of the ecosystem and harvest only surplus animals, not pushing their performance at the cost of land and soil. With our **focus on the grazing herds**, we will align closely with the work of our colleagues and the requirements of the habitat.





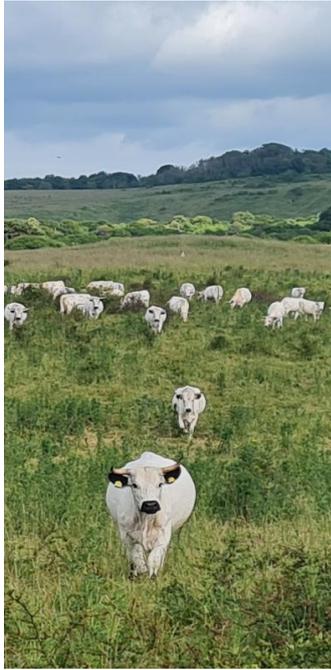
Our Vision

is **Nature Recovery** by **restoring natural processes** with the help of **large herbivores**. In the absence of wild megafauna, **cattle and ponies** must **stand in for their missing ancestors**.

Our animals contribute to a balanced ecosystem with their **natural grazing behaviour**, and movement. Because we respect them, their **social relationships**, and their **individual bonds**, the young grow up **protected by their elders** and are **able to learn** from them. They are out **on the land**, allowing them a lifestyle that gives them the means to stay **healthy**.

By **outwintering** and herding where possible, we will be able to **reduce fossil fuels**, to operate within the **Planetary boundaries**, **cycling our resources**, and producing the food the land is able to grow without tipping the balance. The aim is to work in synergy with the environment, not pushing for animal performance, but adapting the herd to the habitat with **beef as a byproduct**. Longterm visions include working with cattle across the whole spectrum from living **feral** to sharing some of their milk with us.





Who We Are

We are a **veterinarian** with an MSc in bovine ethology (**natural weaning** in cattle), and a geologist with mature cowgirl skills.

We have **over 25 years of experience** in running **large herds** (2000 head) in rugged terrain (4000ha of SSSI) with minimal equipment, at times on horseback. Our speciality is working at **scale** with sensitivity, thereby improving the condition of our species rich grass lands. We established **natural husbandry** methods, **reducing management** as much as possible.

Our animals are **White Park** and **Aberdeen Angus** cattle, and a couple of **Exmoor ponies**. They have been raised in family groups within **socially stable herds** that have developed naturally over the last two decades, during which time they have been selected for **physical and emotional soundness**: good calving ease, temperament, feet, udders and epigenetics have let them become tough and tame, sound and sociable, calm, confident, and easy to handle.

This is necessary and extremely helpful when living in wild landscapes. It also gives them an advantage in the way they utilise their habitat, as **youngsters learn from their elders** how to behave naturally. They have all grown up on the ranges, grazing year-round without supplementary feed, and have never been inside a building.





Our Offer

We are dedicated to large-scale habitat restoration, wildland regeneration and soil recovery.

We will contribute

- **Our animals** (60 Aberdeen Angus and pedigree White Park cattle of high health status and bred over 20 years for physical and psychological soundness)
- **Our expertise** (MRCVS, MSc in cattle behaviour, 25 years of managing 2000 cattle on 4000 hectares SSSI with little infrastructure)
- Our **time and effort** to do
 - Animal inspections
 - Animal relocations (moving herds cross country)
 - Tagging new calves & replacement-tagging
 - Obstetrics, PDs, BCSs
 - Roundups, blood sampling, vaccinations
 - Organising tb-testing
 - Herd admin (Cattle Records, BCMS, APHA)
 - Herd health (Health plan, high health scheme & all treatments, incl. meds records)
 - Welfare and Husbandry (Herd Structure, Management Plan, Animal Handling)
 - Breeding (selection of seedstock and replacements)
 - Establishing a herd of large herbivores
 - Extensification (cost reduction)
 - Habitat engineering
 - Any surveys and data collecting and processing
 - Overseeing research
 - Virtual fence management
 - Herding
 - Teaching and training
 - Sharing knowledge
 - Emergencies and extraordinary events



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