



HIGHER CARTHEW FARM

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With lovely views over Cornish countryside, and just a stone's throw from Helston, this adults-only farm CL occupies a massive field. There are five well-spaced hook-up points and three water taps, plus fresh eggs are available to buy daily. The farm itself is relatively small and is home to just a handful of sheep. Owners Jeremy and Jane Dunstan have restored the farm from a wreck to its current as-new condition, adding a couple of holiday cottages in some of the old outbuildings.

Location: Wendron, Helston, Cornwall
Call: 01209 831362
Pitch type: grass
Facilities: electric hook-up, fresh water and toilet/waste water drain point
Dogs allowed? no
Adults only? yes
Open dates: April to November



MEET THE OWNERS

We chat to Jeremy and Jane Dunstan

Why did you set up the CL?

"The farm had been 80 years in the same family before we bought it at auction in 1999, but it had fallen into disrepair. Jeremy is a builder by profession so we quickly set about restoring the house and outbuildings, converting them into a couple of holiday cottages. We started the CL in 2011, after one of the guests staying in our holiday cottages, who was in The Club, suggested that we start a CL site on our land. This seemed like a good idea and a great way to diversify our business, so we set up the site."

Can you describe a typical visitor?

"We are an adults-only site, so most of our visitors tend to be older couples, plus quite a few of them are teachers – seeking a break from children while they are on holiday! People come from all over. We have regulars from Norfolk and the Midlands, some just staying for a few nights and others for weeks at a time. Jane loves to bake scones and our CL visitors can order a cream tea while staying here – delivered to their caravan. They can also buy farm-fresh eggs if they want!"

What do people like to do while staying here?

"There are some great walking opportunities nearby, including an old mineral tramway route, running from one coast to the other, that has been set up for walkers. For those who love fly-fishing, we are near Stithians Lake Country Park, plus we are also handy for places like Penzance, Falmouth as well as, of course, nearby Helston and the lovely beaches along the Lizard."



ROUND OAK

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Set within beautiful Kent countryside, this CL is on a working farm which is home to rare breeds of Hebridean sheep and Highland cattle. Owners Norman and Ruth Coles bought the land in 2006, before developing a brand new farmstead with the CL site attached. From the start, they wanted to concentrate on rare breeds and their animals are what are known as 'conservation grazers', grazing on local country parks and conservation projects as well as on the farm itself. Stay here at the right time of year and you'll see lambs or calves being born. Plus, you can buy produce from the farm, including eggs, lamb and beef.

Location: Sutton Valence, Maidstone, Kent

Call: 01622 844491

Pitch type: grass and hardstanding

Facilities: electric hook-up, fresh water and toilet/waste water drain point, shower room (charge to use this)

Dogs allowed? yes, on leads

Adults only? yes

Open dates: all year



MEET THE OWNERS

We chat to Norman and Ruth Coles

Why did you set up the CL?

"The CL was always part of our plans for developing the farm. We wanted to publicise our work with rare breeds as much as possible with the public, so a CL with people actually staying on the farm seemed the perfect way to do this. Our visitors often take a lot of interest in the workings of the farm and we are happy to show them round, plus there's the chance for them to purchase produce from the farm if they like. We were keen to make the CL as good as possible, so it's a fairly large site, with well-spaced electric hook-up points, plus we have even built a luxury shower room – visitors just pay a small extra charge if they want to use this."

Can you describe a typical visitor?

"We now have quite a few regular visitors, some who come just for a weekend and others for weeks at a time. Quite a few of them are fairly local and just want a change of scene and a quiet break. Because the site has security entrance gates, we also get the likes of single ladies staying with us, as they feel safe and secure here."

What do people do while staying here?

"From the site, it's a relatively short drive to the resorts on the North Kent coast, so quite a few people like to explore the towns and villages here. Other visitors just want to relax and unwind, plus we are always happy to show people around the farm, which is especially interesting in the lambing season or when Highland cattle calves are being born."

