

Micro Farming Group Visit – September 2016

- Owned by an ecological land co-operative
- Making a living through small scale, off-grid, sustainable farming.
- 9 acre plot
- Sole income from land,
- Current tenants and young family have run Steepholding for 2.5 years
- Water rain harvester with a borehole now in place as water - tank holds 10,000 litres.
- Use a generator in winter
- Wind turbine will be erected in near future
- Solar panels in place
- Supplying produce to local pubs and cafes
- Attending farmers market in area selling fruit and vegetables
- Squirrels like strawberries!
- Local delivery available subject to conditions of planning restrictions
- Limited machinery used, majority of work completed by hand
- Apple trees provided an income in the winter as sold as bear roots
- Using community compost, improves soil
- Fencing has been used to prevent deer and rabbit infestation
- Golden Guernsey milking goats
- Possible future ideas – milk /cheese produced from goats
 - Boxed lamb and pig
 - eggs
- No freezer on site
- Motto: Trial and error, give it a go.

See website for further information: <http://steepholding.wordpress.com>

