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THE AHIMSA REVOLUTION



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WHO WE ARE

The Ahimsa Dairy Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that was set up to provide entirely slaughter-free milk. We piloted our model and worked in partnership with an organic dairy and environmental charity in Kent called Commonwork, and with OMSCO – the Organic Milk Suppliers Co-operative. We are now completely independent. The herd is based on 72 acres of organic pasture owned by the Ahimsa Dairy Foundation since April 2017 between Manton and Wing in Rutland with temporary cowsheds and a milking parlour on the Old Manton Station industrial estate. The herd is a mixture of milkers, calves, retired cows and working oxen and produces 28,000 litres of milk a year.

The inspiration behind the Ahimsa Dairy Foundation comes from the farm at Bhaktivedanta Manor, which is run by The International Society for Krishna Consciousness and remains a unique experiment into what happens when dairy cows and their offspring are allowed to live long and happy lives instead of being exploited and sacrificed in the name of cheap milk.

Raw and whole pasteurised milk is delivered to doorstep/drop-point locations and sold at farmers' markets in the North London/within M25 area, and throughout the rest of the UK via mailorder. There are currently over 1000 people on the waiting list for the milk.

A woman with blonde hair and sunglasses, wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans, is feeding a light brown cow with a white muzzle. The cow has a yellow tag in its ear. In the background, there are other cows in a grassy field under a cloudy sky. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the image.

"The Ahimsa Dairy is starting a slaughter-free revolution because it's now what people want ..."
Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders)



'This wonderful initiative represents the pinnacle of animal welfare and a shift towards recognising the importance of being non-violent to nature and to animals in the production of food'

Patrick Holden - Founding Director & Chief Executive of Sustainable Food Trust



'I am full of admiration for the Ahimsa project.'

Satish Kumar - Editor-in-Chief of Resurgence & Ecologist Magazine

OUR OBJECTIVES

In conventional dairies, as many as 100,000 bull calves are killed every year. Cows themselves are slaughtered as soon as they become infertile or start to produce less milk, often when they are only five or six years old. The natural lifespan of a cow is 17-20 years. No Ahimsa animal will ever meet this fate.

Mission Statement:

The Ahimsa Dairy Foundation exists to create slaughter-free farms across the UK upholding the highest possible welfare and ethical standards while working in harmony with the environment and enhancing biodiversity.

Principles by which Ahimsa Dairy Foundation works:

- No slaughter of cows/calves or bulls
- Calves stay with their mums and the herd
- No artificial insemination (AI)
- Cows graze freely on organic pasture
- Cows milked by hand

Key Objectives by of Ahimsa Dairy Foundation:

- To establish slaughter-free dairy farming across the UK and beyond
- To establish an 'Ahimsa' certifying body for slaughter-free milk
- To support the development of ox- working farms
- To further sustainable dairy farming supporting biodiversity and local environments



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THE AHIMSA DREAM

The Ahimsa dream is that by 2030 we will have established slaughter-free dairies and eco-villages across the UK. We want every major town to have a hub where there are small hand-milking dairies with perhaps only two or three cows, where calves stay with their mums and local people can benefit from the milk.

We want to see cottage-industries springing up around the dairies where artisan crafts such as cheese and soap-making and wood-work can create local employment and help local towns and villages to thrive.

Our dream is for the land to be farmed holistically and that cows and oxen should be properly valued and respected for the immense

contribution they have made to human civilisation over the millennia. And just as we would wish for our own children we want all cows to have long and happy lives without facing a terrible end in the abattoir.

We aim to do this in three steps:

- Step 1 – Establishing firm foundations
- Step 2 – Setting up an Ahimsa eco-village
- Step 3 – Embracing the future



ESTABLISHING FIRM FOUNDATIONS

- Land purchase
- Upgrade the dairy
- Buy equipment for working the oxen
- Establish horticulture operations

Dairy:

- Upgrade milking parlour
- Milk cooling equipment
- Renew/ refurbish our processing unit
- Buy steel churns
- Transition to glass bottles
- Creamery

Oxen:

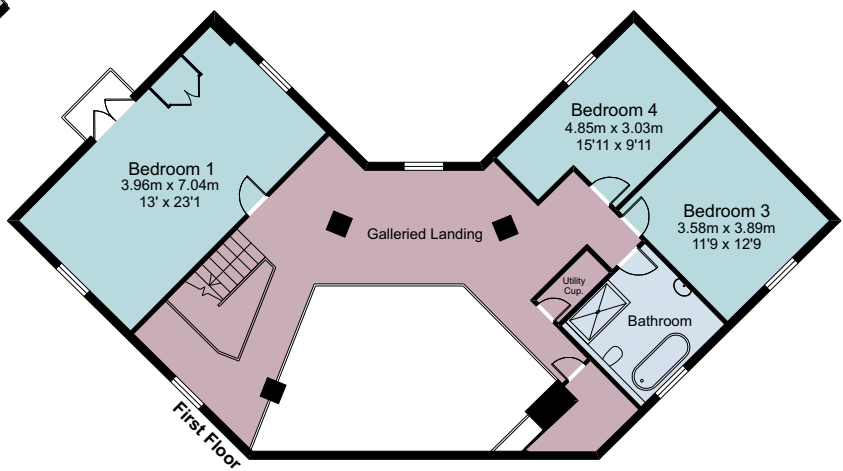
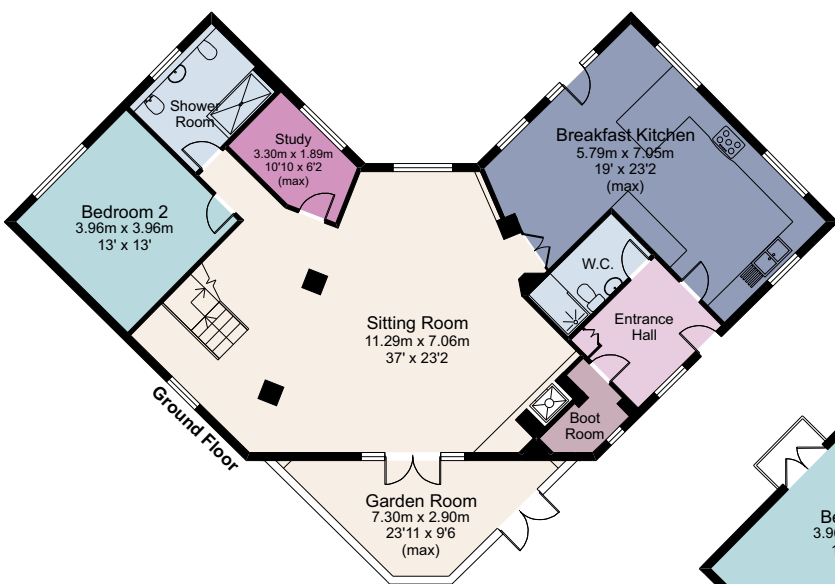
- Purchase yokes, buggies and agricultural equipment for working oxen – ploughs / harrows / trailers / rollers
- Training of oxen
- Fencing
- Research for innovative ways of using ox power
- Granary

Horticulture:

- Polytunnels / greenhouses
- Storage and preparation sheds
- Seed spreaders
- Buying heirloom seeds
- Composting boxes (to speed breakdown of manure)
- Bio digester for extracting methane for energy and production of high quality fertiliser












EMBRACING THE FUTURE (£950,000)

- Set up Ahimsa Land Trust
- Establish a slaughter-free association or certifying body
- Partner with other bodies to provide access to land
- Roll out model to other farmers



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A CALL TO ACTION

We have come a long way in the last few years, but now need your help to realise the Ahimsa slaughter-free dream. Please make a gift or become a member today and together let's create a total revolution in the way dairy cows and their calves are treated.

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