

Farming and Public Benefits

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Introduction

- Upland Tenant Farmer
 - 750 hectare farm across LFA land
 - Situated in Bowland AONB, Lancashire
 - 2500 Breeding Ewes (Swaledale and Mule)
 - Participate in various environmental schemes
- NFU Uplands Forum Chairman



Why are we farming the Uplands?

- Uplands farming businesses are focussed around agricultural activities
- Very aware of the many other benefits we provide alongside this:

- Biodiversity outcomes
- Carbon Storage
- Water Quality
- Public Access



- A huge amount of an uplands farmers time is spent delivering on outcomes often which are not directly valued
- Cultural links to the areas, often bringing a wealth of experience with the generations who've farmed the land

Where are the opportunities

- We can work and do continue to deliver on joint outcomes
- Maximising local knowledge to facilitate and effectively deliver wider policy objectives
- Partnerships can be beneficial for all, however all solutions and delivery needs to be created jointly



The Issues

- Partnership Working
 - Has to do what it says on the tin!
 - Farmers have to be included in decision making and consulted properly, incorporating local knowledge alongside national strategy
 - Which stakeholders are shouldering the risk and who's realising the reward?



Questions

