



# **EDUCATION**

- Born 22/12/89
- Left school 2007
  - Highers: AAABBB
  - Adv Highers: BB
- Year at Edinburgh Vet School
- SAC
  - Graduated 2011 BA Rural Business Management (Agriculture)

## Home Farm - Bowanhill





# Bowanhill - Stock

- •750 Blackface ewes
- •20 Texel ewes
- •50 Galloway Cows
- •30 Sal-x Cows

## HARDEN – CONTRACT FARMING



- 445 Ha
- •50% RGR
- 1200 ewes

# HARDEN - STOCK

- 400 HILL BF EWES
  - 180 HOGGS
- 250 PARK BF EWES
- 600 MULE/TEXEL X EWES
  - TEXEL, SUFFOLK, BELTEX-X TUPS
  - 220 HOGGS

• 50 SUMMER GRAZING CATTLE

### HARDEN – CONTRACT FARMING

- 3 year contract
- £/ewe/year contract fee
- Contracted to provide all labour and power
- No subsidies
- Profits split 55/45%

# CONTRACT FARMING - PROS AND CONS

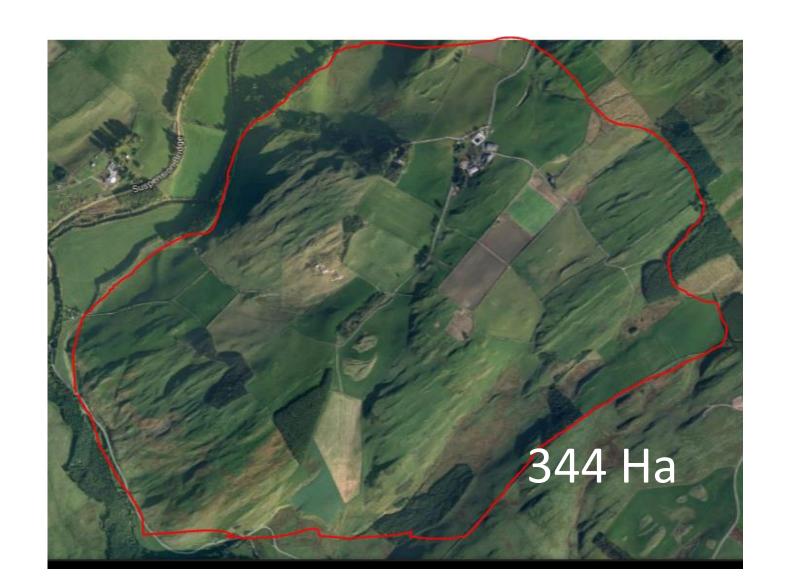
#### • PROS

- SMALL AMOUNT OF CAPITAL NEEDED
- SPREAD LABOUR/EQUIPMENT
- GAIN EXPERIENCE

#### • CONS

- LESS PROFITABLE
- DON'T BUILD AN ASSET
- NOT YOUR OWN STOCK

## **WHITCHESTERS**





- 54.52 Ha RGR
- 141.2Ha PGRS
- 131.9Ha TGRS

### WHITCHESTERS - STOCK

- 510 BLACKFACE EWES
- 225 SUFF X EWES
- 27 TEXEL EWES
- GERTRUDE
- 31 GALLOWAY COWS
  - 32 GALLOWAY AND BLUE GREY CALVES
- 2 ANGUS COWS
  - 2 ANGUS HEIFER CALVES
- 20 SALER X LUING HEIFERS

## WHITCHESTERS - PLAN

- BUILD STOCK NUMBERS
- LOW COST EASILY MANAGED SYSTEM WORK LIFE BALANCE
- PRODUCE QUALITY COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK
- INVESTIGATE OTHER REVENUE STREAMS
- MAKE MONEY

# GENERAL ADVICE

- BE CONFIDENT AND BELIEVE IN YOURSELF
- GET AS MUCH EXPERIENCE AS POSSIBLE
  - DEVELOP A C.V
- USE PROFESSIONALS TO HELP WITH NEGOTIATIONS AND BUSINESS PLANS
- WORK HARD
- BE PATIENT
- BUY A GOOD COAT AND A GOOD DOG
- FIND A GOOD WIFE