

## Property Information Sheet



### Name and Address

Fordhall Organic Farm,  
Tern Hill Road,  
Market Drayton,  
Shropshire,  
TF9 3PS

### Property Description

England's first community owned farm that has been chemical free for over 70 years.

### What changes have you made to your home / what green features did your home come with?

We have a renovated brick building with solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, hempcrete walls, hemp batt insulation and sheepswool with lime hemp plasters and natural clay paints. We also built the new Straw Lodge which is sat on car tyre foundations and has external lime render and internal clay render.

### Why did you make these changes / choose a home with these features?

We have a focus at Fordhall to limit our environmental impact where possible and to conserve energy in our activities. This means choosing materials with low embodied carbon, materials that can act as a carbon sink, those that limit our fossil fuel use and creating buildings which are healthy and happy places for us to work and enjoy.

### What were the approximate costs of each of the changes you made?

The renovation of the Old Dairy was £450,000 and the build cost of the Straw Lodge was £520,000.

### What have been the approximate energy savings?

Not known, as neither building was in use prior to construction or renovation.



### Who undertook the work?

Severn Architects and Slater Wilde Architects designed the buildings and renovations. Shingler Construction completed the renovation of the Old Dairy. Traditional Building Skills managed the Straw Lodge construction in partnership with Huff and Puff Construction for straw walls and Arthur Phillips for lime work. TyPren completed the roundwood timber frame in the Straw Lodge.

### Would you recommend them?

Yes, we would recommend them all.

### What else would you like to do?

We would like to install ASHP, solar thermal and more PV panels, but funds have hindered their integration. However, as funds become available, we will be investing in more renewable technology onsite.

### Have you considered any measures but rejected them? Please give details of what and why.

N/A

### Any further comments?

For more information about our eco-buildings visit here: <https://www.fordhallfarm.com/eco-building>  
More details about our farm can be found on our website.

### Visiting instructions / information

We are open on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of October for Green Open Homes. On Saturdays our opening hours are 9:30am to 5pm, whilst on Sundays we are open between 10am and 4pm. We have an onsite shop and café; the café is open from 10am to 4pm.