

Conservation Grazing Farm Business Tenancy Opportunity

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Goodhope & Pen Anglas Farms, Pen Caer Peninsula, North Pembrokeshire

The National Trust Cymru is seeking an enthusiastic and forward-thinking tenant to manage Goodhope and Pen Anglas Farms on the spectacular Pen Caer Peninsula in North Pembrokeshire.

This is a unique opportunity to develop a sustainable livestock enterprise whilst playing a central role in helping the National Trust restore nature across a nationally important coastal landscape. We are looking for a tenant who shares our ambition to demonstrate how farming and nature recovery can thrive together.

The successful applicant will work in partnership with the National Trust Cymru to deliver conservation grazing, restore habitat condition, enhance biodiversity and contribute to landscape-scale nature recovery across the wider Cilau area.

Please note that this is a land-only Farm Business Tenancy and does not include residential accommodation.

The Holding

The tenancy comprises:

- **Goodhope – 39.6 hectares (97.8 acres)**
- **Pen Anglas – 31.92 hectares (78.9 acres)**

Together the holdings extend to approximately **71.5 hectares (176.7 acres)** and occupy a spectacular position on the wild and windswept North Pembrokeshire coast.

The tenancy includes:

- Two traditional stone barns at Goodhope Farm.

There is also the option to include:

- A farmyard at Cilau Ganol Farm.
- Two agricultural sheds at Cilau Ganol Farm.

These additional facilities are located between Goodhope and Pen Anglas and may be incorporated into the tenancy agreement if required.

About the Land

Goodhope and Pen Anglas support a rich mosaic of habitats characteristic of the Pembrokeshire coast, including:

- Species-rich grassland.
- Traditional hay meadows.
- Coastal heath.
- Maritime grassland.
- Wet/marshy grassland and rush pasture.
- Scrub and habitat mosaics.
- Wildlife-rich hedgerows, cloddiau and field boundaries.

Botanical surveys carried out over several decades have demonstrated the exceptional wildlife value of the holdings. The farms support species-rich meadows and grasslands containing characteristic plants such as yellow rattle, yellow bartsia, bird's-foot trefoil, common knapweed, tormentil, heath-spotted orchid and Adder's-tongue fern, reflecting decades of low-input management.

Goodhope has long been recognised as one of the finest remaining examples of an unimproved coastal farming landscape in Pembrokeshire, whilst Pen Anglas contains a network of species-rich grasslands, traditional hay meadows and coastal habitats with significant potential for further restoration and enhancement.

The farms also form part of a wider National Trust Cymru landholding in the Cilau area, creating an opportunity to deliver nature recovery at a landscape scale.

Our Vision

The National Trust's ambition is to restore nature and create bigger, better and more connected habitats across the Pen Caer Peninsula.

We are seeking a tenant who can help deliver this vision through:

- Extensive cattle grazing across both farms.
- Sensitive management of coastal habitats.
- Restoration and enhancement of species-rich grasslands.
- Traditional hay meadow management.

- Appropriate management of scrub and rank vegetation.
- Protection and enhancement of hedgebanks, cloddiau, walls and boundary features.
- Improvements in habitat connectivity across the wider landscape.
- Low-input, sustainable farming systems.
- High standards of livestock welfare and husbandry.

Livestock grazing will play a fundamental role in maintaining and restoring the ecological value of these sites, and we are particularly interested in proposals that use cattle as a key conservation management tool.

The Opportunity

We welcome applications from farmers who can demonstrate:

- Experience managing livestock, particularly cattle-based systems.
- A strong commitment to nature-friendly farming.
- Excellent livestock husbandry and welfare standards.
- An understanding of conservation grazing and habitat management.
- A willingness to work collaboratively with National Trust staff.
- A vision for developing a profitable, resilient and environmentally sustainable farm business.

Applicants are encouraged to bring forward innovative ideas that deliver positive outcomes for both farming and nature.

The National Trust is keen to build a long-term partnership with the successful tenant. In addition to the land included within this tenancy, there may be opportunities to explore further conservation grazing projects on National Trust Cymru land elsewhere in North Pembrokeshire. Whilst not guaranteed and subject to separate agreement, these opportunities could provide additional grazing for livestock and further involvement in delivering nature recovery across the wider landscape.

Tender Submission

Applicants should submit:

1. Rental Offer

A proposed annual rent for the holding.

2. Farm Business Proposal

An outline of the proposed farming enterprise, including:

- Livestock type and numbers.

- Grazing system.
- Infrastructure requirements.
- Business objectives.

3. Land Management Proposal

A statement describing how the applicant would manage the farms to:

- Restore nature.
- Deliver conservation grazing.
- Manage traditional hay meadows.
- Enhance species-rich grassland.
- Maintain coastal heath and maritime habitats.
- Support landscape-scale nature recovery.

4. Relevant Experience

Details of:

- Farming experience.
- Livestock management experience.
- Habitat management and conservation grazing experience.
- Any relevant qualifications, training or environmental scheme involvement.

Selection Process

Applications will be assessed against:

- Quality and viability of the business proposal.
- Ability to help restore nature and deliver National Trust objectives.
- Understanding of conservation grazing and habitat management.
- Relevant skills and experience.
- Ability to work in partnership.
- Rental offer.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview, where proposals will be explored in more detail. The preferred term of the tenancy is up to ten years and any optional facilities at Cilau Ganol Farm will also be discussed at this stage.