

Welcome to Penrhiw Farm

My husband and I fell in love with this place 10 years ago as we planned our move to Wales. We spent 3hrs viewing outside and knew it was for us before even looking at the house. In fact, the vendor reminded us we needed to look inside!

We had plans, many we have accomplished but not all. I'm glad we spent so long outside as that is where we have spent most of our time, enjoying having our horses at home, which was the dream that led us here in the first place, to sitting around the fire pit down in the dell listening to the birds and using our hands to craft.

We opened our home to foster young people and saw how everyone that came here benefitted from the peace and tranquility, so our charity was born and more people came.

Initially our time was spent improving the drainage and providing a healthy and stimulating environment for the horses to keep them mentally and physically fit.

We had always employed an open stable policy and always found them squashed into the same one!

So, we took the walls down and made one big stable where they all hang out together. It certainly saves on mucking out and bedding. The track enabled us to access the paddocks safely and gave the horses freedom to roam 24/7, 365. The gates enabled us to create stables if they were needed, partition areas of track or just make them walk further.

We've also had sheep and goats living freely with the horses all as one big herd coming and going as they please. They choose when to eat, sleep and play and who with. Check out Paddock Paradise if you're not familiar with the benefits of a track.

Then of course there is the manège.

One of the first things we did when arriving and boy it was worth it. A place to ride and play with horses all year round. They also love to go in there to play together and roll. The sand barn has also provided a bolt hole from the weather to groom, work in hand or just give them a loafing area.

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My husband built the workshop, tack and feed room himself. The workshop was his dream but sadly he never really got to use it fully before he died, but he enjoyed planning, designing and building it.

I really hope the next owner loves it as much as he did.

I apologise for the garden, it's not my strength but I like the idea of growing my own food, but I never found enough time. We would always choose a canter across the mountain over weeding!

My one regret is not getting the summerhouse in next to the manège overlooking the valley and those stunning views. I will miss them, no day is the same. The colours play and dance as the day progresses.

Then I suppose there is the house. It's not the biggest but it's just for eating, sleeping and showering. You'll live outside I promise you. However, it's cosy in the coldest months as the wood burner warms the whole house through and cool in the summer on those hot days.

The local community is a close one, they are supportive but private. They look after what they have, they are proud. The Amman Valley is beautiful, the mountains, Riverside Walk locally with easy access to more beautiful open spaces. You won't hear or see the neighbours unless you want to.

The road is quiet as it leads nowhere except the mountain. The best of both worlds – quiet, private and tranquil but not isolated with amenities not too far away including a fab animal feed store at the bottom of the road. Say Hi to Tanya from me when you pop in!

So, if you become the next custodian of this land I hope you enjoy it as we have, make your own mark, leave it better than you found it. I will miss it hugely but without my husband some of the joy has gone, it's a lot to take care of on my own and I need to be nearer family so it's time to pass on the mantle.

Will you be the one to accept it?