

Dear Sir

I just needed to write and say how much pleasure I get from walking on your footpaths and viewing the wonderful fields of wild flowers that you have encouraged for all seasons.

I am 70 now but the birds, butterflies & flowers take me back to when I was little & spent my days in such fields & woods.

To-day I saw many small blue butterflies amongst the vetches & daisy's & an orchestra of bird song.

Thank you.

I spent yesterday walking some of the paths around Courtyard Farm, and just had to write to you to say how utterly beautiful I found it. The birds, the wild flowers, the butterflies and moths - and the poppies in their full glory

I loved Wharton wood with all its ivy and dead wood, so refreshing to see woodland so well managed. And the crops look so happy, the hedgerows gorgeous!

Thank you for creating such an inspiring and beautiful landscape where farming and wildlife flourish side by side, I wish I could walk there every day!

Comments by email:

We have just returned home having walked round the fields of cowslips - it's time we said how much we appreciate your farm and the regular walks we enjoy at different times of the year. Thank you for welcoming the public onto your land. (April 2015)

We just wanted to express our delight at your farm especially at this time of year. We visit quite often but especially when walking through Common Breck field on Saturday my wife and I felt it quite uplifting with all the wild flowers just coming out or already out. (May 2015)

We have just spent another holiday in North Norfolk (at Holme-next-the-Sea) and we wanted to write and let you know how much again we enjoyed walking and in my case running around Courtyard Farm. It's absolutely fantastic to see wildlife and farming being combined to such effect. Do keep up the good work! (June 2015)

I have been staying in Ringstead for the past few days and stumbled across your walks leaflet on my first day here. Every day since I have explored your woods, fields and footpaths with my dog. I come from Suffolk, which has its own beauties, but admit nothing matches your farm. I cannot say how much I appreciate you making the farm truly accessible to those of us who just want to walk and enjoy our surroundings. It's fascinating to see how we dog owners keep our dogs on leads and how paths are respected and no litter left because of the generosity of you as hosts in opening up your land.

One lunch time I met a man sitting on one of your paths reading the newspaper. He said he'd discovered this place a few days earlier and thought he'd found heaven. I fear too often in life we don't take the time to say thank you for something we truly appreciate. This time I just wanted to make sure I made time and hope that you are able to continue to share this wonderful corner of the world. (June 2015)

Just a note from my wife and I (and our two dogs) to thank you once again for allowing us to have access to the farm and for the glorious wild flower meadows which seem even more colourful this year (particularly the field adjacent to the Choseley Road). It is a real treat and we always feel very privileged to be allowed to share this with you. (July 2015)

Hi there - We are a family of 4 from NE London who often spend our holidays in North Norfolk in Holme next the Sea. We just wanted to say thanks once again for allowing us to spend a fantastic (and warm!) last Saturday afternoon walking around the farm trails with my mum and dad (we're regular visitors to Courtyard Farm whenever we are on holiday in Norfolk either jogging round or going at a more leisurely pace admiring wildflowers, views, soil, crops, woods, animals, farmed and wild.) Your generosity in giving others access to the land and your leadership in showing others how it should be done are both appreciated. Keep up the fabulous work. (April 2016)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for the lovely walks you provide on your land for people to enjoy. Most farmers don't like people on their land. I'm a great lover of wildlife, the environment and animals in general. It is wonderful to live so near a farm that cares for this and does not allow the dreadful activity of shooting. (March 2018)

Apart from many hares, only last Friday we spotted 3 fine Roe Deer emerging from Dark Wood at dusk, onto the field bordering the parking area. I have already seen Barn Owl hunting on your land close to the North Wood pond, and only yesterday spotted 2 Red Kites, Kestrel, Buzzard, many Skylarks, Yellowhammer, and Long-tailed Tits, plus a Goldcrest. (February 2018)

April 3rd 2018 - Thank You

I just wanted to say a big thank you for allowing us to walk over your beautiful farm. We come to Burnham Market Horse Trials every year and stay in Old Hunstanton, so your farm is perfect for walking our lovely labrador. It was a privilege to walk through the field of cowslips and woods with primroses, all credit to your organic stewardship.

Very many thanks

Barbara Walkinshaw

April 14th 2018 - Thank You

We just wanted to say a big thank you for the way you manage your farm and also share it. We live locally and love to follow the paths through your farm. Today we crossed the meadow with all the cowslips. I doubt whether there are many places in the country where people can see such a wonderful sight.

I was lucky enough to grow up on a farm in Hertfordshire and have always loved wildflowers, animals and birds. However, there aren't many farms managed the way yours is. I noticed some French partridges and wondered whether you have any grey ones?

Anyway, thank you for giving us the opportunity to share the flowers.

Kind Regards

Heather from Heacham and Mike from Snettisham