**WELCOME**

 **TO**

**TALLINGTON FARMS**

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**FARM PROFILE**

Tallington Farm is a working arable farm consisting of 200 hectares (approximately 500 acres) at Tallington in South Lincolnshire. The farm has been in the Thurlby family for four generations and used to employ up to 30 people, but with the increased farm machinery power, falling farm prices and the reduction of agricultural workers, Andy now farms as A H Thurlby and neighbouring farmer P N Watts in partnership. The farm grows wheat, barley, potatoes, sugar beet and oilseed rape. Sunflower seeds are also grown for Vine House Farm Bird Seed, a business in Deeping St Nicholas. Asparagus and Christmas Trees are grown and sold, in season, from Tallington Farm (Mill Lane). The farm also has Lincoln Red Cattle and sheep.

Tallington Farm is situated in the strategic position on the A1175 road which runs between Stamford and Spalding. The River Welland passes across the south of the village and the remains of a Boat Canal are also on the farm. A hundred metres further south is the Lincolnshire county boundary. Neolithic and Bronze age pottery plus evidence of flat and barrow graves evidences earlier farmers than the Thurlbys, although it is only visible from the air.

Tallington Farm is part of the Higher Level Entry Scheme and also in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. As part of this commitment to the larger environmental impact, wild bird seed (kale, quinoa, wild radish, millet and maize) crops are planted for the wild birds and insects and also acts as pheasant cover. We have also planted over 1000 metres of new hedging to encourage birdlife and insects.

There are also a number of natural spring ponds which harbour carp and crayfish as well as tadpoles and plants.

There a donkeys for interest and chickens, dog and cat too.

Andy and Louise are very keen to promote farming, the environment and the

countryside to educate young children, promoting British Agriculture and ensuring children growing up today are aware of where their food comes from and to respect the countryside.

**FARM VISITS**

If you are interested in a farm visit please contact Andy or Louise on the numbers below. We would like to meet you before your visit to discuss your group requirements. We can then tailor your visit to link into your curriculum requirements. It is also an opportunity to discuss Health & Safety precautions and any disabled or special needs requirements.

The maximum number of pupils we like is 30, accompanied by teachers and volunteers of a ratio of 1 adult : 6 children. We expect your visit to last approx two hours depending on your requirements. There is no charge for the visit.

If you would like to tailor your visit to suit an older age range just send us an enquiry specifying your curriculum requirements, we endeavour to adapt to meet your needs. Our educational staff have years of farming experience and are CEVAS trained.

Tallington Farm is not open to the public, when you visit us you will have a dedicated farm education worker who will arrange your booking, meet your curriculum needs and lead on the day to ensure continuity and make sure the students get the most from their experience in the great outdoors.

There is sufficient parking at the farm for one large coach or three smaller minibuses. Alternatively, parking is available for eight cars. Toilet facilities are available. At the Christmas Tree location coaches will need to park on the roadside. Space for cars in the field.

**Contact Details:**

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**Tallington**

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**DIRECTIONS TO THE FARM**

**From the A1175 from Market Deeping to Stamford cross the main railway line and turn left in to MILL LANE near the village hall. Pass the playground on your left and enter the second turning after The Farm House sign. This is the entrance to Tallington Farm. Follow to the first open space on the left where Louise will be waiting for you.**

**Christmas Tree Visit:**

**From the A1175 from Market Deeping to Stamford cross the main railway line. Turn left into Bainton Road. Over the River Welland and either park on the roadside or in the Long Meadow as directed, before the next bridge.**