

AGRICULTURAL STATEMENT

Property:	Miledown Farm Angel Lane Hindon Salisbury SP3 6DW
Client:	Vincent Nolan
Proposal:	Prepare a chronology of agricultural activity conducted at Miledown Farm
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CHRONOLOGY

1981 - 1992

- Miledown Farm came into existence in 1981 when Mr Eden Finch partitioned a parcel of land from Home Farm and created a new access drive from Mere Road to the land.

- Between 1982 and 1984 Mr Finch erected buildings and established a calf rearing enterprise purchasing batches of 30 calves, preferring Hereford crosses and kept 4 nurse cows with calves at foot, about 20 stirks and 20 store cattle on the farm.

- On appeal, planning permission was granted in February 1984 to permanently site a Mobile Home at Miledown Farm.

1992 - 2015

- In 1992 the Farm was purchased by Mr and Mrs Brian Rideout.

- Brian and Wendy Rideout farmed the property continuously for 23 years. They reared weaned calves and fattened store cattle on their grass. They cut and baled their own hay.

- During their tenure they expanded the holding, initially renting additional land but later acquiring land immediately to the north of the farm expanding the holding to about 15 acres.

- They improved and enhanced the yard and buildings extending the pole barn and building new calf stalls.

- In 1994 the Rideout's purchased and sited the current Park Home on the property which they lived in continuously until selling to Mr & Mrs Walters in 2015.

2015 - 2023

- The Walters were dairy farmers from Fovant. They farmed Miledown Farm as an extension of their dairy farm mowing grass for fodder and grazing young stock on the land. They also grazed sheep on the land and claimed the Basic Payment Scheme Grant.

- Latterly under the Walters ownership, Philip Harrison, a shepherd, grazed his sheep on the land and used the farmyard and buildings to store his agricultural machinery and equipment.

- Nigel and Jane Walters sold in September 2023 to Mr Vincent Nolan the current owner (SBI No. 200883353 Holding No. 45/271/0137 Flock No. UK336849)

2023

- Since taking possession of the farm Mr Nolan has cut and sold 120 wrapped haylage bales to local farmer.

- He has cut the hedges and removed diseased trees. He has levelled and stoned the yard and undertaken maintenance repairs to the farm buildings including the refurbishment and

rewiring of the Photo Voltaic Solar Panels.

- He has obtained a quote to install a bore hole in connection with a soft fruit and organic produce enterprise.

- Mr Nolan is in discussion with three local business which seek to establish a supplier relationship for the supply of local fresh green produce i.e. Farm to Fork (please see file letters).

- There are currently 110 pregnant ewes grazing the land and a land agent is investigating entry into Countryside Stewardships Schemes.



Figure 1 – Farm ownership boundary.

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17.12.23

Dear Vincent

Many thanks for getting in touch about your fruit and vegetable supplies, we would be very interested in ordering from you when you have stocks available. Our clients are, more and more, demanding to know about the provenance of our ingredients.

We currently buy fruit and vegetables from Bromham in North Wiltshire, but our policy is to work with smaller and more local growers. To this end, we use the walled garden at St Giles House for specific ingredients when we cater for weddings at that venue. Your products would be particularly useful when we are catering at Ashley Wood, another wedding venue.

If you could let me have an idea of what will be available when, along with an idea of prices, that would be a good start. Then we can schedule a meeting over at your farm, go over the finer points and get some pictures for our social media program, if you would be ok with that.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best wishes,

Martin

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Vincent Nolan
Mile Down Farm
Angel Lane
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18th December '23

Dear Vincent

Thank you for getting in touch and sharing your initial thoughts and plans for your farm, your proposals dovetail beautifully with our business.

Provenance prides itself as a business that supports and works with local farmers and producers, highlighting seasonal ingredients that are grown that to the highest standards by businesses that hold sustainability and care for the land and our environment at their core.

Nestled on the high street in Tisbury just a few miles from your farm, we are proud to have built up a customer base who have bought into and reflect our values, actively engaging in our mission.

As discussed we currently buy some of our produce from Tokes Farm, Stonehill Herbs & Flowers and Charles Dowding, with the balance coming from a local wholesaler, with the growth of our business we are currently looking for other growers who can help us fulfil demand.

I very much look forward to continuing our conversation, investigating and creating a plan for how we might work together

Kind regards

Sam

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