Welcome

Talamh is gaelic for earth, and it's 50 acres form a green haven just north of the Southern Uplands. The thousands of young native trees planted over the past two decades are growing into woodland, and the pond we created teems with life - the land here provides a mixed habitat for wildlife.

Talamh is currently home to 8 adults, and a teenager, some living in our 17th century listed farmhouse, others in caravans and living vehicles in and around the paddock. we share food and cooking, eating together every evening and some lunchtimes. Most of the bread here is homemade, and we also eat lots of cakes and puddings to use up the masses of homegrown fruit. We grow lots of vegetables and keep hens for eggs. Most of our heating is from woodstoves.

Decisions are made by consensus at weekly meetings, but a lot of informal discussion takes place at mealtimes or around the fire. There is always plenty to do here, growing vegetables, processing firewood, working on the buildings. We have recently begun an extensive programme of renovations, working on roofs and floors. Talamh functions in an informal, unstructured way, and plenty of self-motivation is required, combined with a communicative, co-operative approach.

We are into : working towards sustainability and low-impact living, looking after our land and encouraging wildlife and biodiversity, growing our own veg and fruit, trying to keep all our buildings from falling down, opposing Trident, trying to stop opencast coal mining ever extending further across this area, playing music, eating good food, looking out for each other, working to resolve conflict, laughing about stuff round the fire, eating chips, growing willow to make baskets, trying to fix the hydro, and composting our poo.

Outdoor events are hosted several times a year - discussion groups, skillshare events, gatherings. There is lots of space for camping and a visitor caravan that sleeps 8.

Volunteers are welcome to visit by arrangement, to help out with the work here and experience community life : contact our volunteer co-ordinator for more information.

We are looking for new members. Please contact us for more information.