

## Loanhead Farm. A WATIF? project

Recent projects have been on the farm and here's the entrance. It starts out looking quite small as many of the buildings, being a few hundred years old were modified single story with coom ceiling or 'room in roof', as are most of the local houses



There's a nice new patio and Chris made some tables for the warmer weather. The Main dining area, one of our smaller rooms is also used for meetings, activities, talks and colder days. How the spaces will be used in the future will develop as our needs become clearer



There's a room currently being used for small meetings and volunteer meals, coffee, tea etc. We can be a bit scruffy sometimes and this saves changing into smarter clothes. If the activity requires a larger room we have the byre which should accommodate tables and sales stalls.



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The byre has an attached barn for larger indoor activities, bands, music, maybe festivals, celebrity weddings, political rallies etc but at the moment it's a barn. There are several buildings that are undesignated at the moment, some needing significant refurbishment.



One of the first parts, after making the core buildings functional, was the polytunnel below which needed a new skin and some raised beds. It now has an automatic sprinkling system and a wood-chip floor. The produce is being used in the meals available in the main dining-room. Readers are invited to admire the doors which I fabricated and haven't fallen off yet.



The Cabin, below is intended for 'healthy' activities like Yoga, meditation, exercise requires more guttering, paint and weather protection. Mostly recycled, some parts are already in use but disabled access is awaiting upgrades. There are ramps to most facilities, but as it started as a working farm it will need more. Another coat of paint and some more guttering are on my to do list.



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The bees are doing whatever bees do in their beehives. That's them in the distance down the wood-chip path above. I'll not annoy them with a photo session.



There's a dutch barn above and various outbuildings in which we can store the reasonably robust tools for gardening and constructional purposes. Spades, forks, wheelbarrows etc as well as firewood and drainage pipes. Most of these buildings are locked and have recording CCTV. The big 'Tractor shed' was to become the Men's shed, then a people's workshop, but is currently on hold as the roof lacks some qualities needed for those uses. An alternative is being sought while we think about it. The black and white picture is of Peggy the Flyer (Foal) on the farm pre WW1.

