

# Introduction to smallholding

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# Housekeeping

- Safety first
- Hand washing
- Boot dipping
- Food allergies
- Toilet
- Fire
- Photography
- Etiquette

# About us

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HOME OF  
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You are here

Paddock Paradise

Cattle

Soft fruit

Veg garden

Sheep

Pigs

Orchard & hens





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# Programme

09:30-10:30	<b>Session 1</b> Starting out; Planning; Laws and regs; Help & advice
10:30-10:45	Refreshments
10:45-12:30	<b>Session 2</b> Cattle; Sheep; Grass; Poultry for Meat
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30-15:30	<b>Session 3</b> Vegetable garden; Pigs; Poultry for eggs; Apple orchard
15:30-15:45	Refreshments
15:45-16:30	<b>Session 4</b> Bees; Fencing; Tools & equipment
16:30-17:00+	<b>Q&amp;A</b>

# What we don't keep - goats

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# Camelids

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# Breeding sows

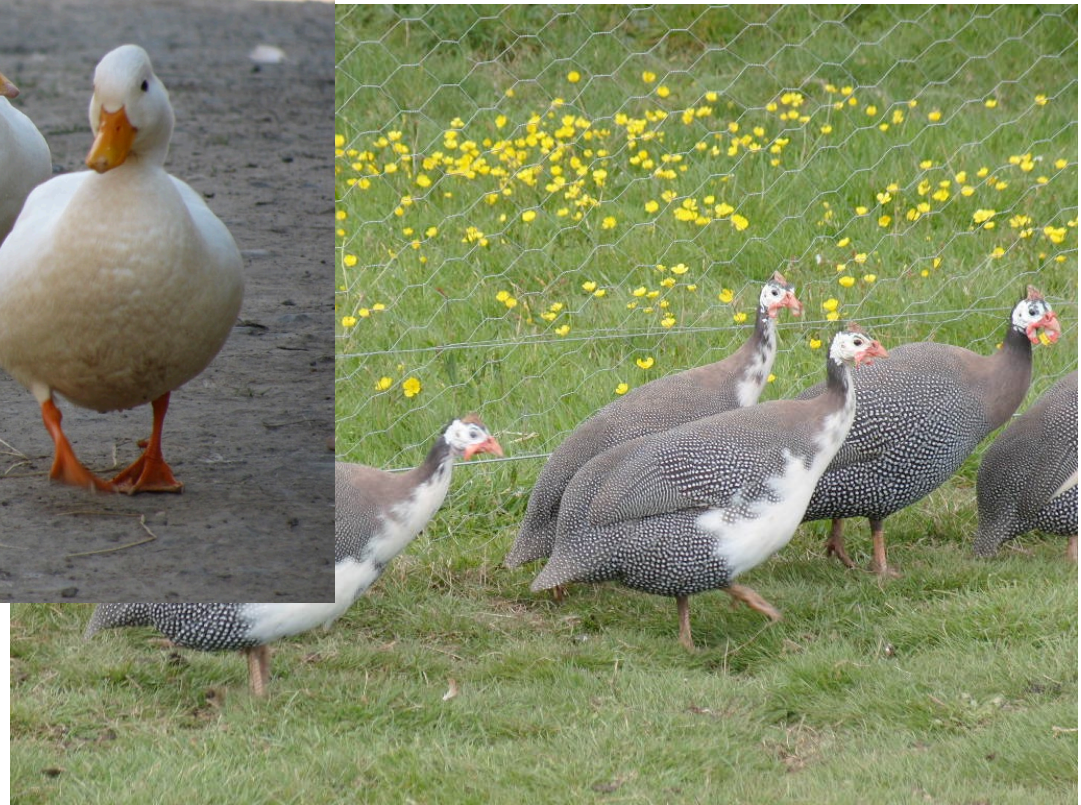
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# Waterfowl / other poultry

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# Laws & regulations

- It's not as bad as you might think
- Risk management, health and safety
- Insurance
- Per-enterprise regulation
- Security
- Biosecurity including boundaries
- Keep good documentation
- More on TAS website



# Scottish Smallholder Festival

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Sunday 28th October 2018 at Forfar Mart

Basket / £0.00 

SCOTTISH  
SMALLHOLDER  
FESTIVAL

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The Scottish Smallholder Festival is Scotland's largest smallholder event, celebrating the best of Scottish smallholding, growing and craft.

Organised by smallholders and growers, it is aimed at all those with an interest in the productive use of small land holdings. The next Festival will be held on Sunday 28th October 2018 at Forfar Mart.



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# Any questions?

- Ask now or when we're out and about
- There are no silly questions

WHAT IF WE DIE AND  
IT TURNS OUT GOD IS  
A BIG **CHICKEN**??  
WHAT THEN?!



# Starting out

- Buy or rent
- Bare land vs farm property
- Location influences everything:
  - Price of property and land
  - Type of land / climate
  - Access to markets
  - Access to suppliers and services
  - Local environment



# Help & advice

- Online
  - TAS forum: [www.tas.re](http://www.tas.re)
  - Farm Advisory Service [www.fas.scot](http://www.fas.scot)
- Practical
  - WWOOF: [www.woof.org.uk](http://www.woof.org.uk)
  - HelpX: [helpx.net](http://helpx.net)
- Training
  - Lantra: [lantra.co.uk](http://lantra.co.uk)
  - SRUC: [sruc.ac.uk](http://sruc.ac.uk)
  - Vets
  - Scottish Crofting Federation
  - NFU Mutual (Health and safety training)

# Viewing properties

- Take someone with you who isn't invested
- Take loads of the photographs and video
- Take a close look at:
  - Fences and boundaries, walls, soil, sward, sun and shade, land drainage, neighbouring properties (Google maps can help), farm buildings
- Check:
  - Rights of way, water supply, drainage and sewage, access rights, recent local planning applications

# Planning

- Enterprises – you can do anything but you can't do everything
- Aspirations, wants and needs
- Business or pleasure, not mutually exclusive
- Resources
  - Time, energy, skills, money, enthusiasm
- Patience
  - Time observing is time well-spent
  - Record what you see, think, and do



# Smallholding as a business

- Business setup
  - Company structure, accounts, VAT, insurance
- Funding
  - Grants, loans, self-funding
- Markets, marketing and differentiation
  - Local, organic, rare breed, niche
- Selling
- Diversification





# Enterprises


- How much will it cost me to get started?
- How long before I see an income?
- How much time do I have to spend?
- Do I have the physical attributes?
- Do I have the skills and knowledge and if not, how hard are they to come by?




# Dalmore Croft



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### FARM WALKS

Meet the animals, learn about food and farming, have fun!


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### LOCAL FOOD

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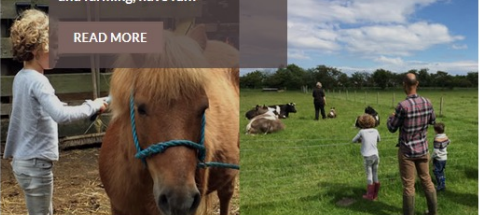
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### EVENTS @ DALMORE

Courses, workshops, seasonal, hot food, and more.

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### ABOUT US

## Welcome to Dalmore


Dalmore Croft is a 12 acre smallholding located on the outskirts of Barry, by Carnoustie in the beautiful county of Angus. It is owned and run as a small mixed farm by Rosemary and Dan Champion.

We produce meat, vegetables, fruit, honey, drinks and other food for local



### QUALITY

At Dalmore we place quality at the centre of everything we do, from animal welfare to responsible packaging to the use of chemicals to customer service.



### ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP

We're committed to excellent customer service - if there's ever

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