



Changing Chettle Estate

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Estate Owner

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Alice Favre

Estate Owner

- Inherited in 2017
- 900 acres of land
- 36 rented dwellings
- 100 residents
- Village shop
- Hotel and restaurant



My Approach

- Use my position of privilege
- Once in a lifetime opportunity to regenerate the land
- To radically change the way we use the land in Chettle
- To challenge the status quo
- Inspire others through our journey



Mission Statement

“We will radically and rapidly redesign the land use of Chettle Estate to create our own regenerative ecosystem, with thriving biodiversity and abundant food production.

We will simultaneously create climate resilience for the future, decarbonise our lives and re-carbonise our land, whilst galvanising a regenerative culture throughout the community.”



Chettle's Community

- Broad mix of residents
- Creating a regenerative culture within the community
- Everyone has a role to play
- Connection with the land is a vital
- Events are a way to link people and land
- Hooray Day 2020 was pivotal moment



Vision for the Future

- Our community vision for next 40 years:
 - More locally grown food
 - Better biodiversity
 - Better access to the land
- Concept of Chettle Food Hub has emerged
- Becky Burchell to explain more...



Becky Burchell

Project Manager

Chettle Food Hub

- Resident of Chettle
- Founding member of Chettle Community Benefit Society
- Project Management for Food Hub creation
- Supporting community and stakeholders



Chettle Food Hub

- Based in Lower Farm yard
- New premises for Chettle Village Store
- New cafe space and pastry kitchen
- New 57 acre agroecological mixed farm
- Processing barn for farm produce



Agroecological Farm

- Diverse horticulture
- Agroforestry and orchards
- Chickens for eggs and meat
- Calf at Foot dairy
- Pigs
- Other poultry
- Honey
- Foraging

Map of estate and farm tenancy boundaries
Total 899 acres

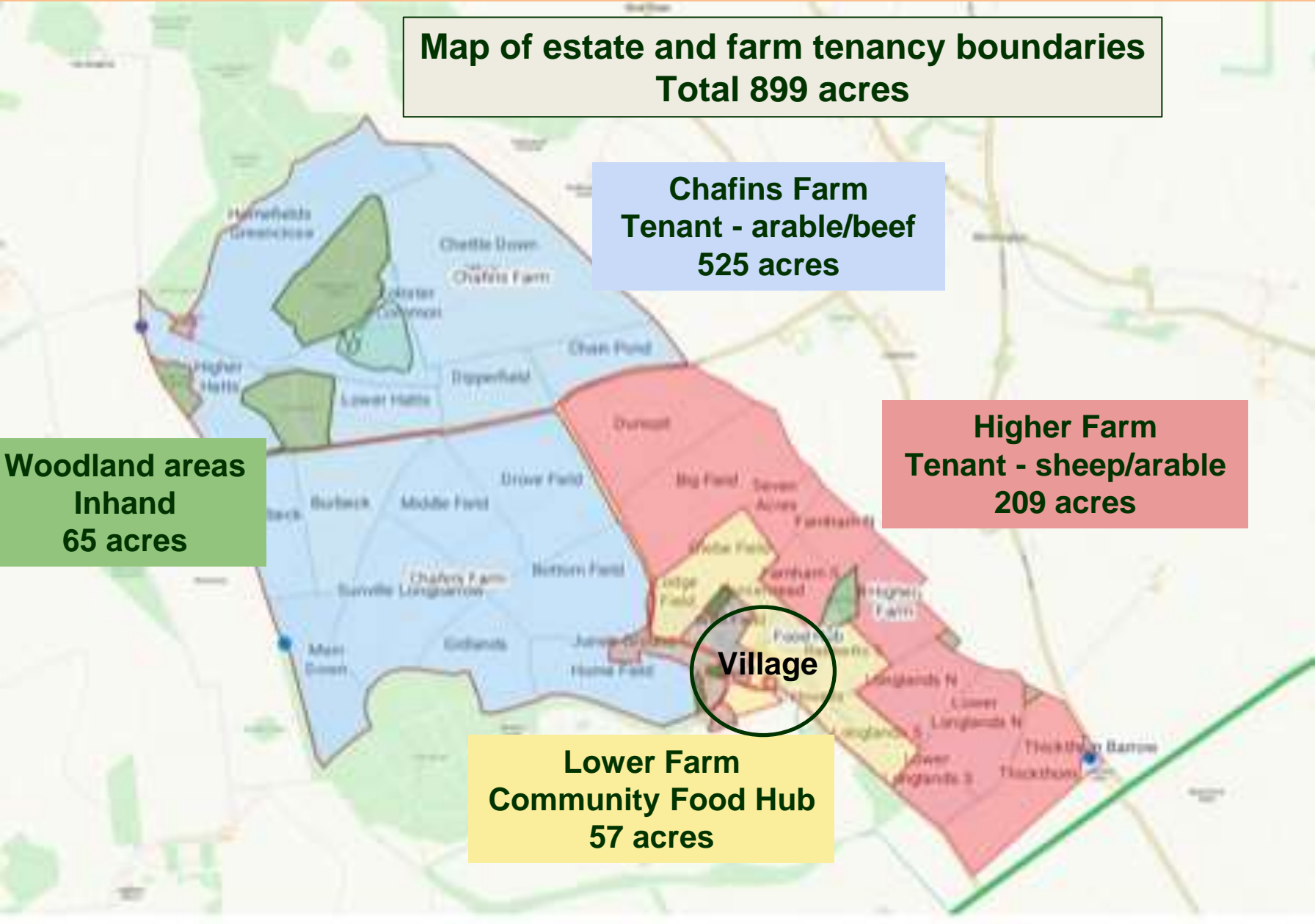
Chafins Farm
Tenant - arable/beef
525 acres

Higher Farm
Tenant - sheep/arable
209 acres

Lower Farm
Community Food Hub
57 acres

Woodland areas
Inhand
65 acres

Village





Community Ownership

- Chettle Community Benefit Society set up
- Selling shares to local people and supporters
- Children can be shareholders
- Society to invest surplus back into community
- Taking on ownership of Chettle Village Store



Community Benefits

- Access to healthy, ethical food
- Increased food security
- Increased local biodiversity
- Reduction in carbon footprint
- Local economy boost
- Training and education
- Connection food production and land use
- Being part of ecological solutions



Invitation to Dorset LNP

- We welcome partnerships
- We welcome advice
- We welcome research
- Thank you!

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