

Grazing with carbon and wildlife in mind

Wednesday 22 September 2010

A Flora locale workshop



Led by Bill Grayson, for the Grazing Advice Partnership

This workshop will look at an innovative approach for grazing high environmental value land which takes account of the positive contribution grazing animals can make to climate change mitigation. The system involves the use of winter foggage to rear traditional single suckler beef animals while maintaining herb rich limestone grassland. The workshop will be of particular interest to hill farmers entering Higher Level Scheme agreements and their advisers. There will be a site visit to Ingleborough National Nature Reserve followed by an indoor session, covering the principles of this approach and how it can be applied on hill farms with extensive cattle enterprises.

Venue location:

Ingleborough National Nature Reserve, **Colt Park Barn**, Chapel le Dale, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA6 3JF, Tel (work): 01524242021

10.15 Assemble – tea/coffee

10.30 Introductions - Who's who and what they expect from the day

10.40 Ingleborough NNR - Outlining its key natural features and conservation objectives

11.00 The Morecambe Bay Local Grazing Scheme – Reviewing how it operates to deliver targeted grazing regimes to a range of nature reserves in north west England and, more specifically, how it supplies the required grazing regimes at Ingleborough

11.20 Carbon Implications of Conservation Grazing – Considering extensive grazing, global warming impact and public perceptions of its contribution.

12.00 Site visit – To view and discuss the NNR's cattle grazing regimes based on winter foggage (deferred grazing)

13.00 packed lunch in the field (bring your own lunch)

15.00 Summing-up - Remarks and Concluding Discussions – Can this approach help to mitigate extensive grazing carbon footprint and what else could be done to reduce its impact.