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My Community Network

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British Farming



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Focus – *Our farming industry is under greater threat than ever before with a Government heavily focused on food imports rather than continuous development of a sustainable farming industry. We have lost over 20% of our farms under this government in the past 10 years. Food and drink sector is our largest manufacturing sector reliant on produce providing 64% of all our food worth over £120 billion to our economy. By 2050 the whole idea of what constitutes a farm may take a very different form. We must stand up for our British Farming Industry !*

Dear friends welcome to the May edition of **My Community Network** for keeping you informed of issues that I am representing you on. I am a local family man, born and bred in Borough Green. Businessman, ex - school governor, Parish & T&MB councillor. My mission includes building a network of support in my political work for improving our community and our people's lives. *This month's edition focuses on one of my key manifesto - 'British Farming'.*

Fact – We have one of the most sustainable livestock production in the world with 85% of water consumed by sheep and cattle falling as rain on our abundant grasslands in an ideal temperate climate. So, trying to offset our farming carbon to other countries yet intent on importing our food is madness within a global climate vision. We should be using our green lands wisely with subsidies to farmers for crops and not solely for hedgerows and woodlands. Trees and bushes don't feed all the hungry mouths !

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