

Hi my name is David Rose,

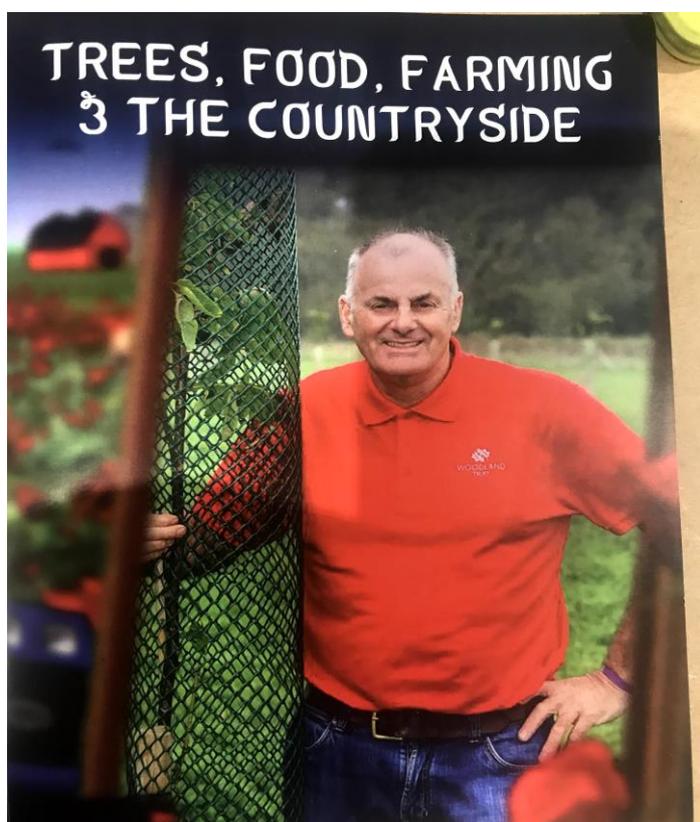
Background I'm a third generation farmer with over 40 years farming experience in mixed enterprises. In 1998 I formed a cooperative arable venture with three other arable farmers that collectively farmed 3000 acres, sharing all income and expenditure.

Home Farm currently comprises 450 acres of arable land, an agro forestry research project, an edible woodland pilot supported by the woodland Trust and a nature trail. There is also a diversification hub, based around an Ecocentre, including a café, fitness centre and Men in Sheds mental health project. We host a Forest School and educational visits, and have strong links with local YFC groups. We also process and sell produce from the 5,500 fruit and nut trees in the edible woodland, which included 250 litres of apple cider vinegar in 2019, and are in the process of developing a small rural business hub.

Community Focus I'm Chairman of Farmeco Community Care, a community benefit society, a separate business that rents land and buildings from the main farm. Its core purpose is to reconnect people with land, food and the environment.

Education I'm passionate about raising awareness and reaching out to people, particularly those from urban areas including BAME groups from Nottingham, to enhance their knowledge of where food comes from and improve their mental health and physical wellbeing. I was a finalist for the FWAG Silver Lapwing Award in 2019 and have hosted numerous farm visits during a 10 year HLS scheme. For the last 14 years we've taken part in Open Farm Sunday and in 2019 entertained over 5000 visitors.

Communication I take great pleasure in leading diverse groups around the farm, running lambing live events, nature workshops and getting closely involved with our Men in Sheds project. I'm a Woodland Trust Ambassador that requires me to host visits for local MPs, Councillors, NGOs and farmers, and in 2019 the Government's Tree Champion Sir William Worsley.



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