



# Breeding Big Galloway Reds

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# Countering assumptions

- I haven't always wanted to farm deer – but I always wanted to farm
- According to the SF 24 Oct, 1 of 640 'eligible' new entrants

## Why Deer at Gledpark

- My view of Scottish Agriculture's future: Premium products not Commodities
- I like Deer - stalker BDS member since 1999
- Nicoles Otley Ag project
- It's the perfect habitat..... (LFA SD)





# Venison demand in UK

- Wild cull static – declining for Red?
- Imports of Venison from NZ up 42% in 2011
- Highland Game having to import from Europe
- Political commitment - The Deer Farm Demonstration Project

# The current situation in Scotland

- @80 registered keepers of Deer in Scotland
- 2014 Waitrose price for producer group £5.31 plus 2p  
wk animals under 27 months
- Scotlands first 'Deer Abattoir' opened in Fife
- 3 of us in D&G..... Barony has given up its Deer

# .....the frictions

- borrowing money for an activity that you have no track record in
- setting up
- the lengthy period before a return
- learning your trade
- park or farmed – my view





there's no need to give up  
what your already doing



**Renewable  
Development  
Initiative**

**Demonstration Farm 6**

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NFU Scotland



The European Agricultural Fund  
For Rural Development  
Europe Investing in the Rural Areas



The Scottish  
Government

# Setting up

- Finding your Deer
- you only need the essentials – stock proof fence, stock
- when to DIY and when to GSI – the right advice will save a fortune
- The most poorly performing businesses over invest in machinery / work cooperatively
- ‘Its about the stock stupid’ .....

# Timeline and costs to establish a park system

Nov 2012

- BDS Deer Managers Qual (£400)

Jan 2013

- SNH, NFUS, BDFPA membership Firearms licence(@£300)

Jan 2013

- Remortgage (£1895)

Feb  
onwards  
April

- Fenceline prep (.....)
- Fencing of 2 paddocks, race and catch pen@40ac (£24000)

May 2013

- 25 Hinds 1 Stag (£12275) (tpt.....)



# Deciding what and what not to do

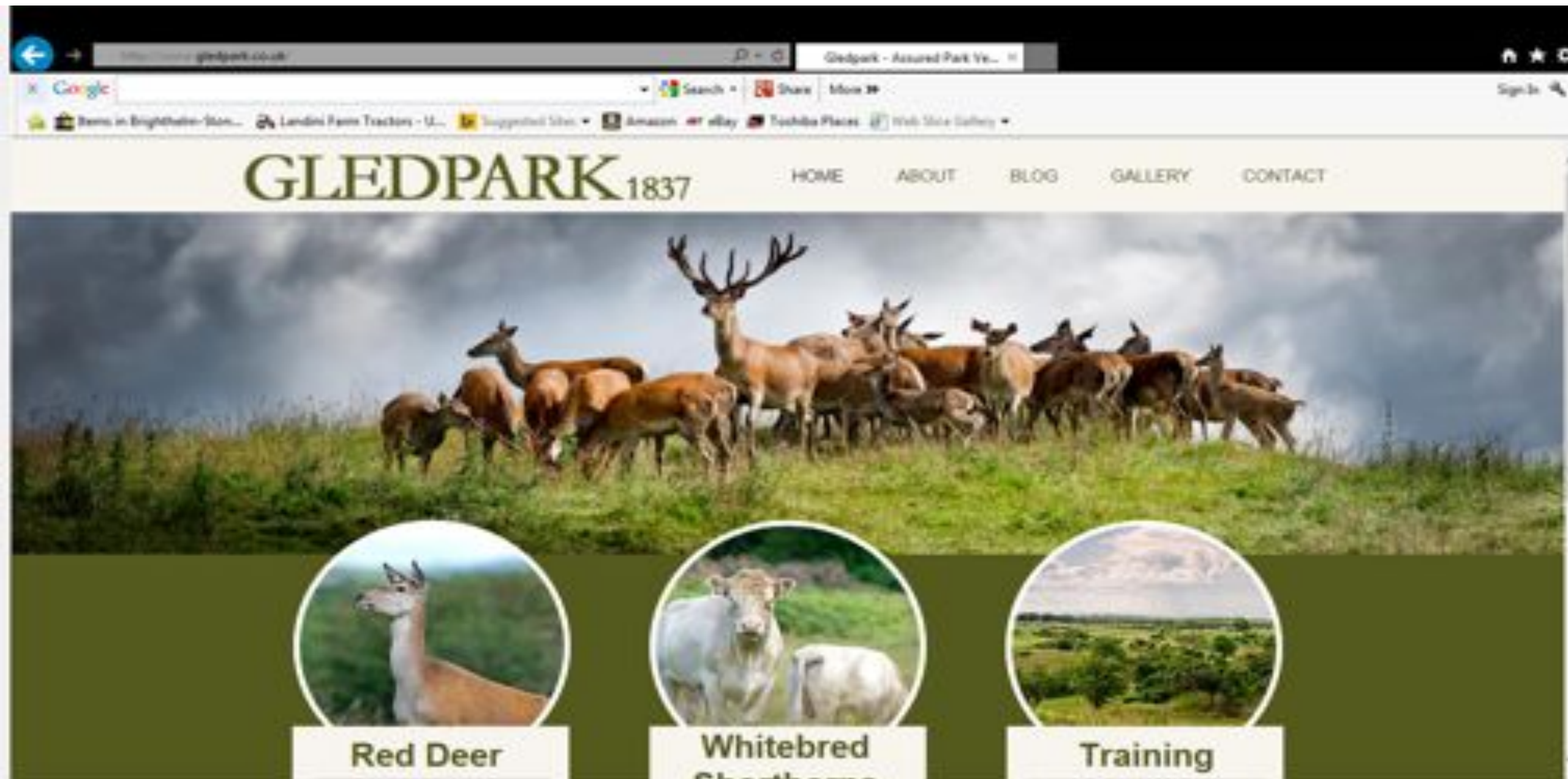


# Since our last meeting.....

- Continuing professional development (DFDP, QMS grazing Group, Monitor Farm)
- Improving the sward
- Capturing carbon.....
- This years calving
- Preparing for the winter
- Engaging with customers.....
- Engaging with the community.....



# The website.....



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying the website for Gledpark. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.gledpark.co.uk". The page features a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, ABOUT, BLOG, GALLERY, and CONTACT. The main content area is dominated by a large photograph of a herd of red deer in a grassy field under a cloudy sky. Below this main image, there are three circular icons arranged horizontally, each with a corresponding text label below it: a red deer head labeled "Red Deer", two white sheep labeled "Whitebred Shetlands", and a landscape view labeled "Training".

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Red Deer

Whitebred Shetlands

Training



**Questions ?**



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