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## Journalist Experience

### Farmers Weekly

May 2000 – present

Monthly (approx.) contributions to Farmlife section. Also written for Features and Arable sections of the magazine.

Jobs entail:

- Research into farming businesses or people from the rural community
- Interviews with those involved
- Writing features based on interviews
- Taking pictures to accompany features

### The Farmer

January 1996 – present

4/5 contributions per month to regional newspaper.

Jobs entail:

- Exclusive interviews with politicians and farming leaders
- Interviews with politicians and farming leaders at events and organised meetings
- Writing features based on interviews with rural and farming businesses
- Covering shows and agricultural events
- Taking pictures to accompany all news items and features

### The Ross Gazette

November 1991 – present

Fortnightly opinion column based on national farming, food and rural issues. Holiday and sickness cover for chief reporter. Covering some other news and events.

Jobs entail:

- Explaining current farming news/issues to a non-farming public plus research
- Writing news stories based on events/press releases/interviews
- Proof reading
- Three years unpaid part-time work learning journalist skills

### Lantra

April 1999

Commissioned to write a number of case studies on a variety of training schemes run by Lantra illustrating prudent use of European funding.

- Collating information from training leaders
- Telephone interviews with leaders and students

### Dairy Farmer

October 1998

Commissioned to write an overview of various agriculture software programs comparing the range of options and ease of use.

- Creating evaluation spreadsheet for comparing each option
- Interviewing each software management team
- Creating finished article with a mix of text and data

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## **Personal Experience**

### **Farming**

Insight into farming and rural issues.

- Farmer's wife for 27 years and partner in the business
- Family pedigree dairy herd until May 2000
- Grow 120 acres blackcurrants for Glaxo Smithkline

### **Changes in Farming**

Insight into planning policies, grants and diversification options through changes in our own farming business.

- Local Planning – Granted planning permission for new dairy unit
- Diversification – Converting barns, dairy buildings into offices/craft workshops
- Planted 6000 trees under Woodland Grant Scheme

### **Interests**

There is a life outside agriculture.

- British Wheel of Yoga teacher – also taught blind and partially sighted students
- Wine and good food