



Hengae Sheepwalk

To Let by Informal Tender
Unenclosed permanent pasture with hefted sheep flock
Claerwen Valley, Ceredigion

284.60 Ha

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The Elan Valley Trust (formally the Welsh Water Elan Trust; Charity No. 1001347) are responsible for the administration of the majority of the 72 square mile Elan Estate.

The Elan Estate falls within the Cambrian Mountains (an area formerly designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA)), is a Special Protection Area (SPA) for wild birds, has Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) for habitats and most of the land has been designated as various Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

The Trust's objectives are to promote nature conservation, facilitate public access and provide opportunities for education, physical recreation, health and wellbeing and general charitable purposes. All the unenclosed farmland is subject to a right of public access on foot, and there are many public rights of way and other points of interest. The Trust will strive to offer new tenancy opportunities to those with values that reflect the objectives and ambitions of the Trust and will work with tenants to develop high nature value farming systems as a means of delivering our objectives.

The Opportunity

A rare opportunity to farm 284.60 hectares (703.25 acres) (or thereabouts) of unenclosed permanent pasture within the Elan Estate. The tenant will join an upland farming community and contribute to the management of the estate.

Elan Valley Trust have further holdings available to let and applicants are able to apply for more than one holding or a combination thereof. Please refer to our website for details of further holdings available.

The successful tenant will:

- Join an established and collaborative farming community
- Have a unique chance to play a part in this iconic mid-Wales landscape
- Work alongside organisations, including the Landlord and Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water to ensure nature benefits, with support and coordination.

Of particular importance to the Elan Valley Trust is an approach to farming that benefits nature and the landscape and we are seeking a tenant who is:

- An enthusiastic team player - committed to working in partnership with neighbours and landlord
- Willing to try new approaches and techniques
- Innovative, with a positive approach
- Mindful of the Elan Valley Trust's charitable objectives



Hengae Sheepwalk

Hengae Sheepwalk extends to some 289.40 hectares (715.11 acres) (or thereabouts) of unenclosed permanent pasture situated to the northern end of the Claerwen Reservoir with highway access from Ffair Rhos. The unenclosed hill is designated common land with sole grazing rights.

Grid Reference SN 80526772 (Ford).
What3Words: stoppage.props.excited (Ford).

The sheepwalk is approximately 7.50 kilometres from the village of Ffair Rhos and the B4343.

This totally unenclosed sheepwalk has direct vehicular access off the unsurfaced council highway from Ffair Rhos (U1357). The holding lies entirely within the area designated as "Less Favoured" including designations as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Special Protection Area.

Tenancy

The holding is being offered for let with effect from 29th September 2026 as a Farm Business Tenancy (FBT) under the provisions of the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995. The tenancy will be for an initial 15 year period with specific terms to be agreed between the parties. The agreement will include a break clause operational at five years.

The successful applicant will be required to sign the Trust's standard form of tenancy agreement. Estate's standard FBT repair liabilities will apply. A copy of the agreement is available upon request or at all reasonable times at the Elan Estate Office, Elan Village.



Livestock Handling Facilities

There are no livestock handling facilities currently on the holding. The Landlord would be willing to work collaboratively with the incoming tenant to provide handling facilities and also additional enclosed land on a licence agreement to hold stock.

Livestock

Mixed grazing is desirable for conservation grazing. The Landlord has a flock of 120 mixed aged white-faced mountain sheep depasturing the Holding presently. This flock is available to split between the Landlords retained hefted flock and an incoming tenant flock, the split to be agreed between the parties. Within the count are 30 hogs. There is the opportunity to purchase an additional 45 ewes and run on a tenant flock.

The Landlord will retain a hefted flock throughout the term of the tenancy, the Tenant shall hire and use the Landlords' flock during the tenancy. The terms and conditions for this can be found within the standard forms of tenancy agreement available from the Estate Office. The tenant would have the opportunity of purchasing the remaining flock as an in-going at commencement of the tenancy agreement.

Flock numbers can be adjusted during the term of the tenancy with prior approval from the Landlord. The maximum number of livestock at the holding can be discussed with Elan Valley Trust considering the need to graze the land appropriately and introduce other grazers if desired.

SSSI Management

It would be the incoming Tenant's responsibility to adhere to any land management plans in respect to the SSSI and Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Action 7: Designated Site Management Plan. The ongoing management is that of the prevailing Glastir Agreement; details are available from the Estate Office.

Peatland Management

Elan Valley Trust have completed a peatland restoration project on the holding; full details can be obtained by emailing the Elan Estate Office. The incoming tenant would be expected to manage the holding so as to not degrade the restoration works. Throughout the tenancy agreement the Landlord would maintain a right to enter the holding (upon giving reasonable prior notice) with or without equipment for all purposes in connection with the surveying, maintenance and enhancement of the peatland restoration works already undertaken on the Property.

Sustainable Farming Scheme

There are no Basic Payment Scheme entitlements included with this letting. The holding was not entered into the Sustainable Farming Scheme in 2026. It will be the incoming Tenant's responsibility to apply for future support schemes as appropriate for the Holding.

Rights of Way and Public Access

The unenclosed open hill land is classified as open access land under the Birmingham Corporation Water Act 1892. The Monk's Trod B.O.A.T crosses part of the sheepwalk.

Field Details

Field parcel details taken from RPW Online.

Field Parcels	Description	Size (Ha)
SN 8168 4911	Open Hill	284.60
	Total	284.60
		703.25 acres

Viewings

The holding will be available to view **strictly via appointment** only **Tuesday 9th June 2026** and at no other time. Please contact the Elan Estate Office to book an appointment and receive viewing instructions. Be respectful to the current occupier and do not cause unnecessary disturbance.

Tender Process

Offering: The holding is being offered to let by informal tender and tender application packs are available to interested parties. Applicants must inspect the holding before submitting a tender. Applications will only be accepted from those having attended a viewing day. Applications must be submitted using the prescribed form which are to be signed, marked Private and Confidential and returned to the Elan Estate Office, Elan Village, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5HP. Applications can also be emailed to: **lettings@elanvalley.org.uk** - If submitting electronically please request an email read receipt.

Deadline for receipt of applications by email or post by no later than **5.00pm on Tuesday 23rd June 2026**. Tenders received after this time will not be considered.

Applications must include the following information:

- The applicant's full name, address and particulars of their family;
- The rent per annum offered for the holding. Tenders must be a specific sum. VAT will be charged at the prevailing rate on the rent relating to the land and farm building. It should be noted that the rent should be tendered on a fixed pounds per annum basis for the first three years.
- Full particulars of the applicant's previous farming experience.
- Full particulars of the applicant's present farming system (if applicable)
- Capital and other resources available, to include information as to the assets they will be bringing to the holding such as livestock and dead stock
- Applicant's proposals for the future use of the holding now offered, including means of conservation farming for nature.
- Detailed budget proposals for the farm together with a 5 Year Business Plan.
- The names and addresses of 3 persons from whom references may be obtained, one of whom must be the applicant's Bank Manager if your application includes borrowing money, if not then a financial/trade reference.
- The name and address of the applicant's present Landlord (if any).
- If applying for more than one holding, please be clear on application form.

There is a welcome for applications to be submitted in Welsh. Please note interviews will be conducted in English.

The Landlords do not bind themselves to accept the highest or indeed any tender.

Selection Process

All applications received on or before the tender deadline will be considered and a shortlist prepared. Shortlisting will be based upon the tender submissions and applicants will be notified in writing. Those applicants who are shortlisted will be invited to attend an interview and it is anticipated that interviews will be conducted the week commencing 6th July 2026 although the exact date is to be confirmed. If necessary, a further shortlist may be prepared and followed up by a second interview. Subject to satisfactory reference and credit checks the successful candidate will be offered the farm business tenancy (subject to contract) of the holding. Farm Business Tenancy to commence on 29th September 2026.

Further information about Elan Valley Trust can be found at:

<https://elanvalley.org.uk/about>

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For further information please contact:-

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