



# SHROPSHIRE AND CHRISTMAS TREES



We were introduced to the idea of keeping Shropshire Sheep through the British Christmas Tree Growers Association (BCTGA). This was back in 2012 when our tree crops were relatively young and required a fair bit of maintenance work in terms of grass and weed control using mowers and strimmers.

With living in Wales in the Cambrian Mountains this was proving to be a challenge with the wet weather conditions.

After more research we decided to try the Shropshire Sheep and introduced 30 ewes to the plantation. We had to brush up on our shepherding skills and monitor grazing and get familiar to keeping livestock again.

The Shropshires have become part of our lives now with roughly a 80 head flock, rewarding us with great lambs and being a valuable asset to our tree business.

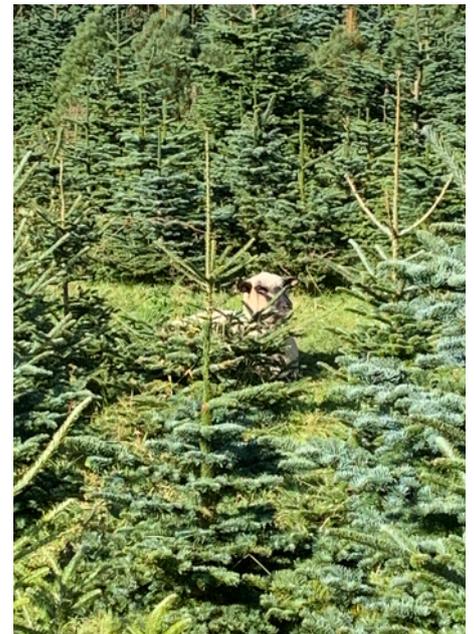


It is something Jane and myself enjoy and we never stop learning from them, with their lovely nature. Lambing can be tough but rewarding.

The sheep are brought into the barn just as we start the Christmas Tree Harvest, in order to free the fields up for the staff to have easy access and for the safety of the sheep. The sheep will remain inside until after lambing.

We sell small flocks, specialising in plantations up and down the country introducing them to the Shropshire Sheep Society. We have met so many friendly members and helpful contacts this way.

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Cambrian Trees is a family run business set in the Cambrian Mountains. It has around 100 acres of land growing up to 200,000 trees including Norway Spruce, Nordman Fir, Fraser Fir and Scotch Pine. The business supplies the wholesale and retail trade.

[www.cambriantrees.co.uk](http://www.cambriantrees.co.uk)

For more information about how to manage Shropshire Sheep in tree plantations of many kinds, download the free guide **“Two Crops From One Acre”** from the Publications and Forms page of the SSBA’s Website:

[www.shropshire-sheep.co.uk](http://www.shropshire-sheep.co.uk)

