

# Case Study – Mantel Farm

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## The Mantel Farm Family

Mantel Farm is on the outskirts of Battle in the hamlet of Henley Down, between the villages of Catsfield and Crowhurst, TN33 9BN

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## From chicken boarding to beekeeping – Mantel Farm offers it all!

Mantel Farm, near Battle, is a family run garden farming business with a shop opening every Friday and Sunday. However, the shop, selling poultry, beekeeping equipment, animal housing, supplies, feed and equipment is just a small part of what they do.

The farm has been a poultry farm since the 1940's. However, when Jason and Kerry Weller purchased it, the farm had ceased trading. They dreamt of becoming as self-sufficient and sustainable as possible and have achieved this for their family in a number of ways.

Poultry is their speciality and they can offer comprehensive advice on keeping chickens including all the equipment needed, space required etc. Jason is the chicken expert and writes regularly for a national magazine, constructs chicken enclosures and holds their chicken courses.

Besides the many breeds of poultry, Josh Dean, their animal manager, is also responsible for looking after small families of ducks, rabbits, pigs, geese and goats. Visitors are welcome to go along and see the animals and learn more about living this special way of life from keeping livestock to growing your own food.

### **“Chickens come to stay while you go away!”**

At Mantel Farm they will even look after your chickens, ducks, quails, guinea pigs and rabbits for you when you are away. Another unique offering! A growing part of their business is beekeeping which they have enjoyed for the last few years. They offer a range of beekeeping equipment and beekeeping training courses to help and encourage others to do the same. In fact they have no less than 3 expert beekeeping tutors. They send a monthly newsletter sharing their experiences, latest research and advising what to do each month of the year. Says Ainsley Gill, director at McPhersons;

*“They continue to expand their range of complementary product and service offerings to ensure future growth that supports their values to live in a self-sufficient and sustainable way.”*

Kerry manages the finances at Mantel Farm and said;

*“We were looking for an accountant that did more than just report on what has happened and with Ainsley, it's like having our own CFO without the huge price tag. Always proactive and available to offer advice and so approachable!”*