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## Key words

**Hectare:** A unit for measuring the area of land. A hectare is 100 metres by 100 metres

**Organic farming:** Farming without the use of manufactured chemicals

**Pasture:** Fields close to the farm that are used for grazing

**Hay meadow:** Fields close to the farm that are used for grazing and for growing grass for hay

**Spot height:** Points on an OS map that have been measured to be exactly that height (in metres) above sea level.

**Beck:** A beck is another name for a stream

**asl:** Above sea level

**Land use:** How the land is used. For example for transport, farming or houses

**Organic Entry Level Scheme (OELS):** This is an environmental stewardship scheme run by Natural England, open to farmers who manage their land organically.

**Higher level Stewardship Scheme (HLS):** This is an environmental stewardship scheme run by Natural England, which aims to deliver significant environmental benefits in high priority situations or areas.

## Carrs Farm – Background information

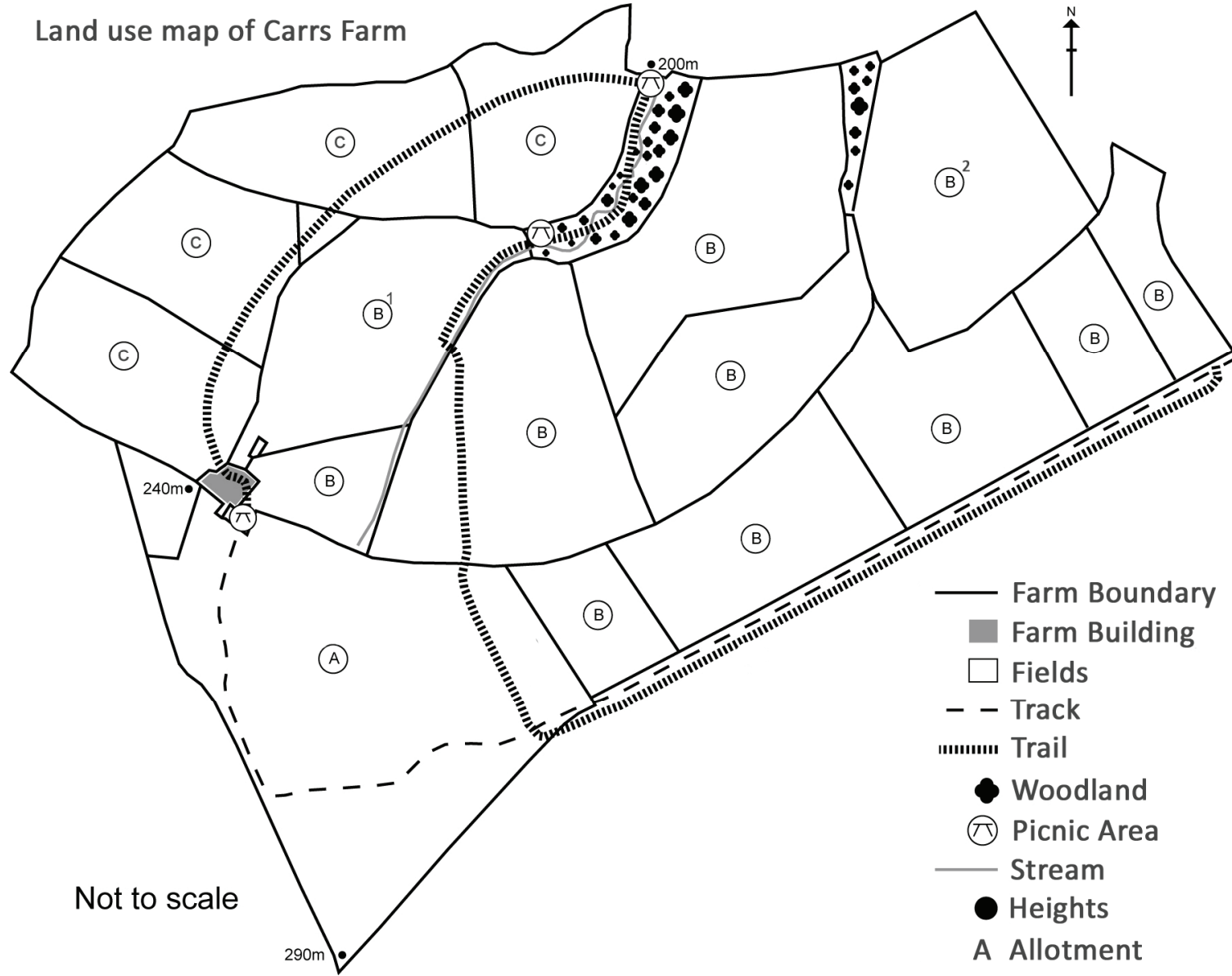
- Carrs Farm is 2km southwest of Wolsingham, Co. Durham. It is north-facing around Ashes Beck, a tributary of the River Wear.
- The land has been farmed for at least 500 years. Before the 1990s the farm was a dairy farm with Northern Dairy Shorthorns and a small flock of sheep. It then converted to beef production.
- The 50 hectare farm is now included in the Organic Entry Level and Higher Level Stewardship Schemes for 10 years – 2007 – 2017. This requires the farm to be farmed organically and to undertake specific management of environmental features and capital works.
- A neighbouring farmer rents the land to graze sheep during the winter months. The fields are either used for grazing (pasture) or for growing hay for winter animal food (hay meadows). 20 cows are also brought onto the hay meadows after the hay has been cut. The rent of the land provides an income for the farm.
- The farm is now mainly managed for wildlife according to the Carrs Farm Management Plan.
- The farm has some of the best upland hay meadows in England and an area of semi-natural woodland around Ashes Beck.

**Farming and environmental management at Carrs Farm**

Land use	Farming practices	Environmental management
Allotment		
Pasture		
Woodland		
Hay meadow		

**Diversification at Carrs Farm**

# Land use map of Carrs Farm



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- Farm Boundary
- Farm Building
- Fields
- - Track
- ..... Trail
- Woodland
- ⊿ Picnic Area
- Stream
- Heights
- A Allotment
- B Pasture
- C Hay meadow

*The Farm System*  
*Carrs Farm, Wolsingham, Co. Durham*

