# **TWAS ANOTHER PROPER JOB**

### John Greenslade

Well-known "Farmer John" Greenslade wrote a successful memoir '*Twas a Proper Job* of his life as a Devon farmer, conservationist and broadcaster, first published in 2010. Over the next ten years as work on the farm and conservation projects progressed, he was persuaded to record the further triumphs and setbacks of life in rural Mid Devon, at Way Farm. From a low point as devastating Ash Dieback was diagnosed in newly-planted woodland, to the "Mighty Big Experience" of being awarded the MBE for services to Agricultural Education and Conservation in the West Country, he relates the fascinating story of his experiences as one of Devon's great characters. As in the first volume, poems by his sister Margaret and a selection of attractive images, help to complement and expand his vision of the English countryside at its most precious.

John Greenslade died at work on the farm he loved in 2020, but having lived his life to the full. This book helps to celebrate his achievements, with reflections by others to underline the affection in which "Farmer John" was held by all.



### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

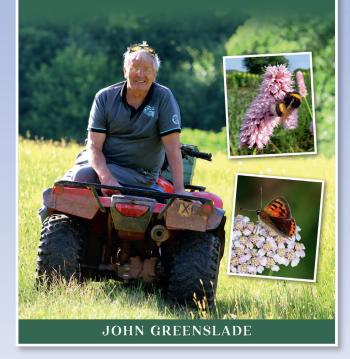
**John Greenslade** was a Devon farmer and broadcaster, known to many through his Radio Devon broadcasts as "Farmer John". He died in September 2020.

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Above: Daughter and son-in-law – the Allerways Herd.

Left: Knapweed paradise.

Above: Garden view.

Right: Leading the Bluebell Walk.

### Below: Example of a double-page spread.

CHAPTER 2

#### THE CREATION OF TWO WILDFLOWER MEADOWS, 2011

ote 'Tteas a Proper Job in 2010 we worked hard to increase wildflowers in our two meadow areas. My great friend, Cyril Cole who has a large SSSR area on his farm at Rose Ash, encouraged us to bring back so ne of his varieties of orchids and other wildflowers into





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Above: Burnet moth.