LOWTHER ESTATE

Beavers
A Farmer’s Perspective

An overview by
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Current stock

• 120 Longhorn females plus followers
Honey Bees

- 750 hives (500 Production)
- 3 types of honey produced
- River Lowther - River naturalization

- Pond Bottom – wetland restoration by Eden Rivers Trust
Beaver release site
Setterah Park in 2022?
What was the Beaver habitat like before?
Current Impacts

- Damming stream course
- Creating canals
- Expanding their lodge
- Spreading water making the land wetter
- Increasing biodiversity of both flora and fauna
  - Angelica, Figwort and Opposite-Leaved Golden Saxifrage
  - Lapwing, kingfishers, snipe, teal, oyster catchers, CURLEW!
What is the Beaver habitat like now?
How did these changes impact on our farm?
How is the environment today?
Setterah Park in 2023?

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Looking to the future....