

The Dairy Pond

A month after the formal opening of the new dairy in April 2011, this pond was machine-excavated to further the aims of The Countryside Restoration Trust (CRT) by attracting more wildlife to Pierrepont Farm.

It is hoped that birds — such as swallows and house martins — attracted to the pond by its insect life, will be encouraged to use mud from the pond's margins to build nests in the new buildings. To help things along, the CRT volunteers made and positioned three house martin nests on the front of the dairy in March 2012 (they are on the right-hand corner).

After the photo was taken, the pond was lined with Bentomat, a self-sealing geosynthetic clay liner that comes in rolls weighing up to 1.3 tonnes — again a job for a machine. The liner was then covered with earth that had been removed from the site of the dairy during its construction.

The pond is fed with rainwater collected from the 2,500 square metres of dairy roof.



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