

**WILLIAM
BARRON
PURCHASED
HARESHOWE
OF IRONSIDE**

**BY NEW DEER IN THE
1930'S. HIS FAMILY
LIVED THERE AND
WORKED THE LAND
UNTIL 1990 WHEN HIS
GRANDDAUGHTER
MARGARET SOLD THE
PROPERTY.**

Aberdeenshire Farming Museum and Hareshowe Farm are run by Aberdeenshire Council's Museums Service.

Aden Farming Museum is located in the former Aden Estate farm steading which is a restored historic building. The ground floor is fully accessible to all visitors. The upper floor has limited access for those with mobility restrictions.

Hareshowe Farm steading and Hareshowe farmhouse are both small traditional buildings and visitor numbers may need to be limited at particularly busy times. A member of staff is on hand to provide visitors with short, guided tours. Please be aware that due to historic nature of the buildings, some areas of Hareshowe may not be accessible to visitors with mobility restrictions.

The museums are open seasonally. For details of opening hours, events or general visitor information please contact

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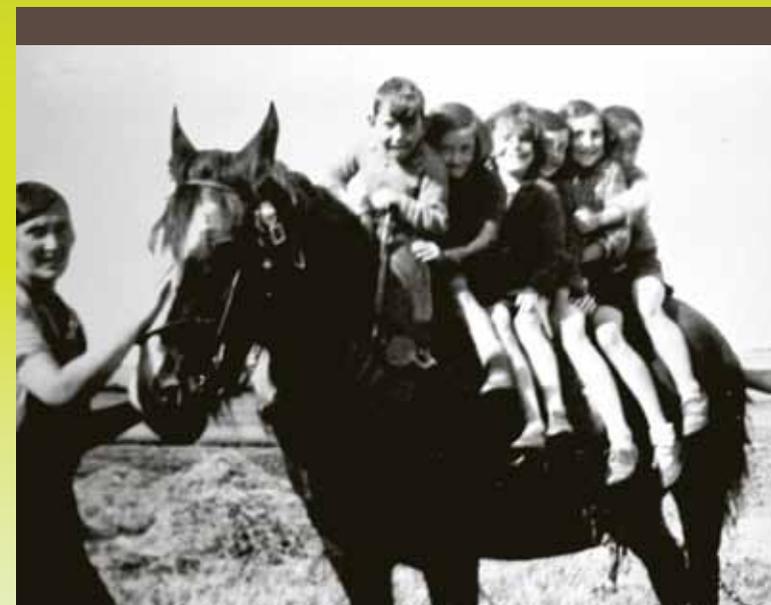
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**HOME AT HARESHOWE OF
IRONSIDE**

The Barron Family

Margaret remembers the move from her Grandparents' house: it was 1935 and she was 9 years old. She went by horse and cart to the empty, spooky farmhouse to spend the night there with her Auntie Annie. They had the fire going and the kettle on for the arrival of the lorry – first with the furniture, then with the animals.



At that time, Margaret's father John was a widower. Having been injured in WWI, and lost the use of an eye, he had become a poultry breeder. He had training to start his business, and was provided with the equipment he needed.



Hareshowe was home to cattle and working horses as well as to the chickens and turkeys. The daily routine of farming life for the Barron family was similar to other farmers of the time.

A 6.30 start for everyone, as Grandfather rose and put the fire and the kettle on before calling to wake everyone up. Auntie Annie made a breakfast of brose (oatmeal and hot water) while the men mucked out the byre (cattle shed).



Margaret Barron continued this way of life after her father became too frail to work. In the late 1980s, she contacted the Aberdeenshire Farming Museum to find out if they would be interested in some old equipment.

The Museum staff not only took the equipment – they bought the whole farm, and transported it stone by stone to Aden. Hareshowe of Ironside is now Hareshowe of Aden, and is maintained as a living history exhibit as a 1950s farmstead.



The rest of the day would be busy for the whole family, as they worked the land and cared for the beasts. Corn (oats) and neeps (swedes) were grown in the fields. Hay had to be cut, dried and stacked. Cows had to be milked and calves fed. Eggs collected, chickens cleaned and fed. Repairs to machinery, fences and buildings carried out...

During the 1950s electricity arrived in the area, which made life easier for farming families. Electric lighting was quicker and safer than paraffin lamps, although it was handy to keep some of the old lamps, because the electric supply was unreliable.

