

The current owners of Hastley Barn Susan and Alan Greenwood, both come from Bradford in West Yorkshire. Susan was born in 1944 and Alan was born in 1941. We met in 1979 and were married in the following year. Our son Andrew was born in 1981.

Susan also has two grown up children from a previous marriage, Paul and Caroline. We have three grandchildren. Christopher, Joy and Cara.

## Hartley Barn

Hartley Barn is owned by Susan and Alan Greenwood and as its name implies is a barn conversion, converted over a period of 14 years as a complete D.I.Y. project.

When we bought the place the intention was to employ a builder to renovate the shell and finish the inside myself. After a lot of thought, however, I found the challenge of doing the whole lot myself too irresistible, plus the huge financial saving of course. When I set about the task of turning this derelict barn into a modern comfortable house I did not even give a thought to how long it would take. With no time limit there was no pressure and lots of time to rescue floor boards from old demolished mills and beams and rafters from old chapels and churches.

### Our life

Susan and I currently run a small printing business on the outskirts of Bradford where we live most of the time. We escape to Litton whenever we can - we like to bring friends and think it is a wonderful place to relax and unwind. It's like another world, and only an hour's drive away.

The reason we bought the barn is very simple. We owned a static caravan for 10 years at Hawkswick Cote Caravan Site, just 3 miles down the dale. We loved the area and knew a lot of people in Litton so when the barn came up for sale we couldn't resist. Hartley Barn is the stuff that dreams are made of - a warm and colourful house with every modern comfort within the walls of a traditional dales stone barn. There is a fabulous view of the surrounding countryside, peace and complete privacy.

### Our family

We have three children and three grandchildren, the youngest born in July 2000.

Paul, our eldest son is 30 years old, and lives a short distance away from us. He works for a Dental Supplies company as a Telesales person; he has two children, Christopher who is 4 years old and Joy-Anna who is nearly 3 years old.

Caroline our daughter is 27 and had her first child in July, a daughter called Cara. Before being struck down with M.E she worked as a P.A./ Secretary for a firm of solicitors in Leeds.

Andrew our youngest is 19 and still lives at home. He is serving an apprenticeship as an Engineering Technician.

One of our friends, Joan Flesher has written the following:-

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