

Sawyers Garth Farm

The Gibson family moved to Sawyers Garth from Long Preston in October 1997 to live a farm in Lutondale.

Roger was born in Sedbergh in 1957 and is a farmer but also works as a walling a fencing contractor

Gillian was born in Nelson in 1960 and works as an occupational therapy assistant at Airedale General hospital

She is also a student at Ripon & York St

John ~~where she~~ and hopes to qualify as an occupational therapist in Jan 2003.

Claire, Born in Kendal 1981 is taking a year out before going to university & at the moment is working at the Art Shop. in Skipton

Michael, Born Keighley 1982, has just completed his A levels & is hoping to join the fire service.

The fifth member of the family is a Sack Russel called Sack!

The Gibson family moved to Sawyers Garth from Long Preston in October 1946. I Roger was born in Sedburgh in 1957 and am both a farmer and a walking fencing Contractor.

My wife Gillian was born in Nelson in 1968 and works as an Occupational Therapy Assistant at Airedale General Hospital. She is also a student at Ripon and York St John College and hopes to qualify as an Occupation Therapist in January 2003.



Croftage
Sawyers Garth Farm

The Gibson family moved to Sawyers Garth from Long Preston in October 1996. I, Roger was born in Sedbergh in 1957 and am both a farmer and a walling and fencing contractor.

My wife Gillian was born in Nelson in 1960 and works as an Occupational Therapy Assistant at Airedale General Hospital. She is also a student at Ripon and York St John College and hopes to qualify as an Occupational Therapist in January 2003.

Our daughter Claire, born in Kendal in 1981 is currently taking a year out before going to University and is working at the Art Shop in Skipton.

Michael, our son was born Keighley in 1982 and having completed his A levels is hoping to join the Fire Service. The fifth member of the family is a Jack Russell called Jack!

My first introduction to Littondale was in 1978 when I entered the Arncliffe Fete fell race and came third. Since then I have entered almost every year and won in 1986.

In the 1980's I managed Michael Foster's Winterburn farm and can remember bringing sheep up to Hesleden.

Since moving to Sawyers Garth I have been involved in numerous walling, fencing and hedging contracts in Litton. For Janet Beard I planted a hawthorn hedge behind the quarry to join the two existing hedges along the road side. Michael and Claire both helped with this. Eventually this hedge will need to be laid, this is something we don't see much of in this dale.

The wall around Litton Hall croft, according to some of the older residents, had been in a state of disrepair for at least 30 years, I have now re-built that and will be planting trees at the top end.

Much of my work is related to conservation where various grants can be obtained. I have worked with the Cowan family planting 1500 ash and hazel trees on the slope behind Stonelands, plus installing 1000 metres of fencing to surround them. For the Parish I re-built the walls around Cockpit Croft and helped with the Littondale Millennium Tree planting project and for English Nature installed fencing around the Reserve on Guildersbank. I have also re-established shelter walls at both Litton and Hawkswick with grants provided by the National Park.

On Sawyers Garth land an E.S.A. grant was obtained to rebuild 285 metres of wall between Letterbox 1 and Letterbox 2 fields which are situated on the left hand side of the road on the village side of Crystal Beck. The project was started in January 1998 and was completed on the deadline of 15th January 2000, hence the name Millennium Wall. All the original stone was used with very little additional

stone having to be brought in and the two gates were constructed using stone gate posts with hinge pins which were leaded in the traditional way. In the spring it was interesting to see the change in behaviour of the lambs as previously they had got used to jumping from field to field over the broken wall and were never satisfied to stay in one field. This year they were so much quieter when surrounded by a complete stone wall.

For my next project I have applied for a National Park grant to repair 100 metres of the wall to the left of Sawyers Garth Lane - a continuation of my Millennium Wall.

Cottage
Sawyers Garth Farm

The Gibson family moved to Sawyers Garth from Long Preston in October 1996. I, Roger was born in Sedbergh in 1957 and am both a farmer and a walling and fencing contractor.

My wife Gillian was born in Nelson in 1960 and works as an Occupational Therapy Assistant at Airedale General Hospital. She is also a student at Ripon and York St John College and hopes to qualify as an Occupational Therapist in January 2003.

Our daughter Claire, born in Kendal in 1981 is currently taking a year out before going to University and is working at the Art Shop in Skipton.

Michael, our son was born Keighley in 1982 and having completed his A levels is hoping to join the Fire Service.

The fifth member of the family is a Jack Russell called Jack!.

My first introduction to Littondale was in 1978 when I entered the Arncliffe Fete fell race and came third. Since then I have entered almost every year and won in 1986.

In the 1980's I managed Michael Foster's Winterburn farm and can remember bringing sheep up to Hesleden.

Since moving to Sawyers Garth I have been involved in numerous walling, fencing and hedging contracts in Litton. For Janet Beard I planted a hawthorn hedge behind the quarry to join the two existing hedges along the road side. Michael and Claire both helped with this. Eventually this hedge will need to be laid, this is something we don't see much of in this dale.

The wall around Litton Hall croft, according to some of the older residents, had been in a state of disrepair for at least 30 years, I have now re-built that and will be planting trees at the top end.

Much of my work is related to conservation where various grants can be obtained. I have worked with the Cowan family planting 1500 ash and hazel trees on the slope behind Stonelands, plus installing 1000 metres of fencing to surround them. For the Parish I re-built the walls around Cockpit Croft and helped with the Littondale Millennium Tree planting project and for English Nature installed fencing around the Reserve on Guildersbank. I have also re-established shelter walls at both Litton and Hawkswick with grants provided by the National Park.

On Sawyers Garth land an E.S.A. grant was obtained to rebuild 285 metres of wall between Letterbox 1 and Letterbox 2 fields which are situated on the left hand side of the road on the village side of Crystal Beck. The project was started in January 1998 and was completed on the deadline of 15th January 2000, hence the name Millennium Wall. All the original stone was used with very little additional stone having to be brought in and the two gates were constructed using stone gate posts with hinge pins which were leaded in the traditional way. In the spring it was interesting to see the change in behaviour of the lambs as previously they had got used to jumping from field to field over the broken wall and were never satisfied to stay in one field. This year they were so much quieter when surrounded by a complete stone wall.

For my next project I have applied for a National Park grant to repair 100 metres of the wall to the left of Sawyers Garth Lane - a continuation of my Millennium Wall.