



Making a Fresh Start

Chris and Kara Bowman, from Warwickshire used to have a small outdoor breeding unit along with some rare breed pigs and beef cattle on the farm. With feed prices on the up but with a passion for farming firmly in their blood they were looking for a new and enterprising challenge.

Back in January 2012 the Bowman's attended the award winning BQP 'Fresh Start Pig Academy'. Now in its third year, the academy is designed to guide delegates through a course which gives them an understanding of what is involved in setting up in commercial pig farming. The course covers effective supply chains, optimising production and how to build a pig shed, complete with farm visits to demonstrate the opportunities on offer.



The Bowman's were keen to explore the finishing pig opportunity further. Support from the BQP team doesn't stop at the end of the Fresh Start course and dedicated Fieldspeople are on hand to offer guidance and advice throughout.

With the purchase of a new green site and the longer term aim to build their own home, the Bowman's set about building two pig sheds to house c. 900 pigs.

Since receiving their first batch of growing pigs, the Bowman's haven't looked back and believe the Fresh Start Pig Academy provided them with invaluable advice and information.

Their dreams do not stop here though – with a house to build and farm shop to aspire to, the Bowman's have a busy future ahead of them!

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