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Dairy Placement

Tim runs this farm with his parents, Daniel and Helen. There are 150 acres to this all-grass farm and you will help with the all the normal dairy duties, caring for around 150 Friesian cows plus calves. Calving takes place during the spring. There are around 55 replacement heifers and 2 stock bulls, but Tim is mainly using AI (Artificial Insemination) to for reproduction.

Tim is a young farmer eager to progress his farm which he is now taking over from his father. He recently won the Young Grassland Farmer award. He holds a level 7 degree in agriculture. Tim spent time abroad learning at other dairy farms, specifically in New Zealand.

Tim has a sister who lives nearby, and she often visits. There is a Collie dog on the farm named Sandy.

The family enjoy sports, like the GAA (Gaelic Athletics Association) and rugby and if they go to watch any matches you are welcome to go too. These are great local events and great for meeting new people. Tim is also a member of the local Macra na Feirme (www.macra.ie) which is a rural youth organisation that is great for social events.

There are clubs in the area if you wish to get involved with other sports or activities, and a bus service available from the nearby town to assist you with sightseeing further afield.

Bandon is a small town with a population of approximately 7,000 people. Check https://sites.google.com/site/bandon02388/ for more information on this town. It sits on the banks of the River Bandon, between two hills and has an abundance of natural habitat for wildlife. It is less than 30kms from Cork City where you can access public transport to all other parts of the country.

Cork city is well worth a visit. It is the second largest city in Ireland with plenty to see and do such as visiting the English market www.englishmarket.ie Blarney Castle www.blarneycastle.ie or Saint Fin Barre's cathedral www.cathedral.cork.anglican.org



