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Financial lifeline for family fighting eviction



A FARMING family threatened with eviction have been thrown a lifeline so they can raise enough cash to buy the land they've lived on for generations.

Charlotte and Ben Hollins were told 18 months ago they could stay on at Fordhall Farm if they could prove to the trustees and owners of the land that they could turn the dilapidated farm around.

They are now officially launching the fundraising campaign at the Festival Drayton Centre on September 28.

Purchase

Charlotte told the Advertiser: "We are now creating a Pioneering Community Owned Land Trust to purchase the freehold and secure its future.

"This is a not-for-profit structure that allows the community to own the farmland, making the farm forever accessible to the community and future farmers; the next year is going to be extremely busy.

"It has given us the time we need to make this community project a success, but it is only one year and if we miss this chance, Fordhall will be lost forever."

Looking forward to a brighter future... Ben and Charlotte Hollins of Fordhall Farm, Market Drayton, Hereford cow.

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