

Value of public landownership

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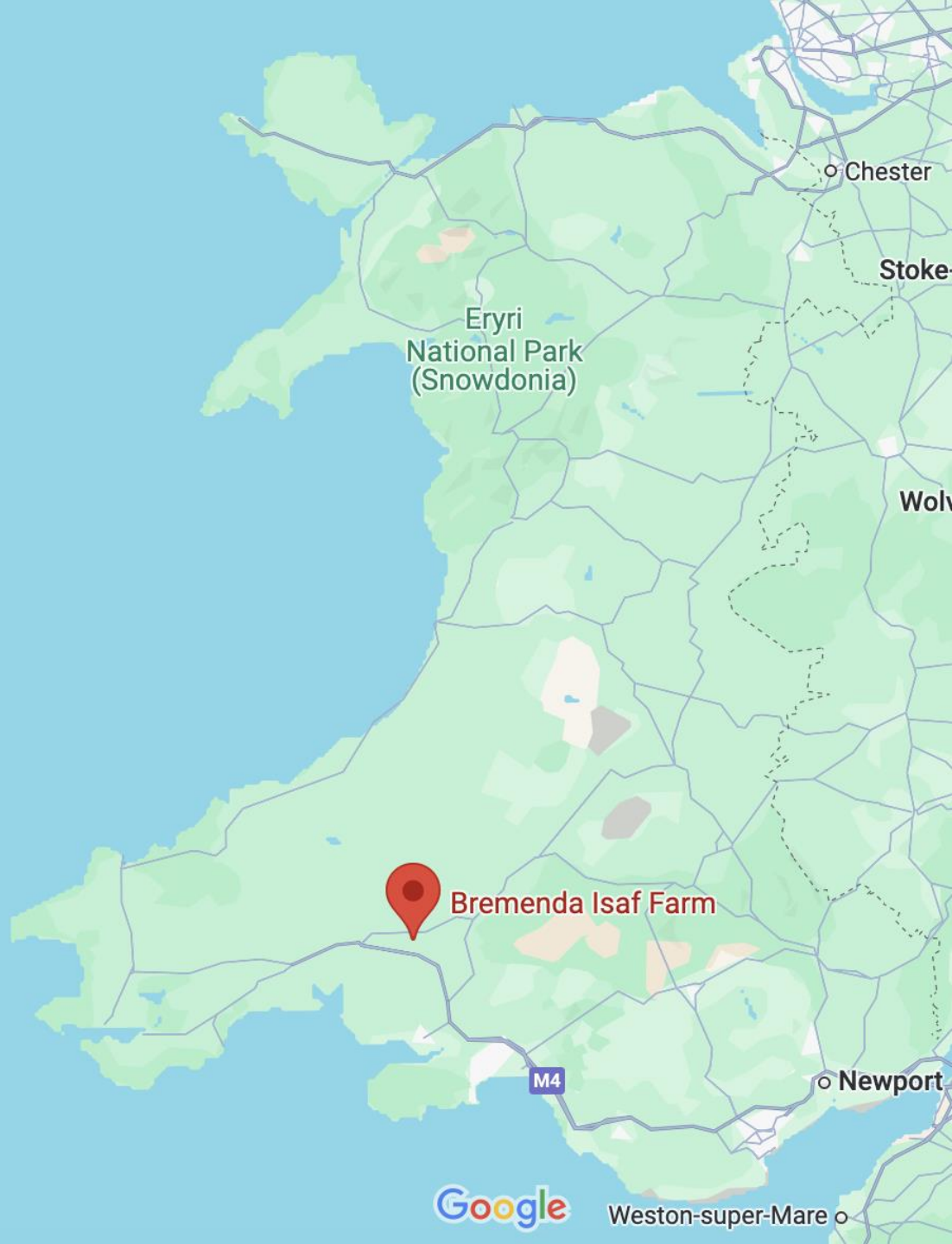
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Revamping the council farm estate for the 21st century: lessons from Bremenda Isaf in Carmarthenshire, Wales



- 100 acre lowland farm just outside Carmarthen
- 2.5 acre market garden
- Owned by Carms CC since 1970s
- Multiple stakeholders, public provisioning, public engagement, food partnerships
- 4 employees (approx. 3 FTE)
- Local hub
- Wellbeing of Future Generations Act



Council Farms in Wales

Council farm legislation 1908, 1926

954 holdings in Wales, **587** (62%) were below **20** hectares in size and 233 (24%) were between **20** and **40** hectares; there were **134** (14%) over **40** hectares.

Total of approx. **15,538** hectares

During 2023-2024, **187** new tenancies were granted, **21** to new entrants, **166** to existing tenants: **42** tenancies were terminated.

Operational yearly surplus of **£2,662,198.39**

Source: Welsh Government, Annual Report on Smallholdings in Wales 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

Farmer's 'world ended' after getting tenancy axe



FAMILY PHOTO

"They're cutting my daughter's chance at farming," said Michael Davies who received a letter from the council ending his tenancy

Rebuilding and revamping the council farm estate

Moratorium on selling council owned farmland

Fighting austerity

Investment required

Integration into public provisioning and local markets

Breaking down barriers

Beyond private property and towards democracy

Imagination, examples, lessons

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