

Creative writing challenge: farm life

Here's a picture of a photograph in one of the museum's special exhibitions, Place to Place. The photograph shows Honor Atkins driving a horse and cart. The Atkins family moved to Hill Farm, Enborne in 1956. Honor farmed Jersey cows together with pigs, Dorset Horn sheep, and chickens.

She witnessed changes in farming methods and made changes to her own practice after deliberation. However, she never changed her care of the animals into industrial-style farming. The Jersey cream she produced was potted by hand and sold at the farm gate and a local stall.

Imagine you are Honor Atkins. Describe a day on the farm – you might like to do this as a list of tasks or as a diary entry. You can research online daily life and challenges on a farm or in a rural community in 1950s and 1960s Britain.

