

Philip Bradshaw farming - No Tillage drilling

Awarded £13,513 under Priority 1 Support for Farm Productivity, Intervention rate 40%

Philip Bradshaw (Farming) has been awarded a grant from the Cambridge Fens Leader Funding group to help acquire a Weaving GD Drill to facilitate a move to No Tillage Crop Establishment in the Fens at Flegcroft Farm, Whittlesey.



Philip wanted to purchase a no tillage seed drill capable of working with all combinable crops in all types of soil conditions so that the crops could be produced at lower cost and with less damage to the environment. The LEADER grant money helped him achieve this.

Philip has been sharing his knowledge and experience with other local farmers at his open days.

‘No till benefits are reduced costs of both establishment and inputs such as pesticides and fertiliser, while hopefully increasing yields and protecting and enhancing our soils,’ says Philip.

Philip has this advice for farmers and business owners contemplating applying for LEADER funding, ‘There is a significant amount of work involved in preparing an application, but the support from the local LEADER management team was excellent and very helpful.’ The process took 6 months from submitting the application to receiving the grant money.

The grant was awarded on the basis of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, modernising and improving the sustainability of the holding.



Philip shares his experiences through open days, meetings, and through social media. To find out more visit www.flegcroft.com