

## **BIOGRAPHY OF JAN BOOMAARS, VEXOUR FARMS**

Jan has his roots in Holland where his family has been farming since 1680. After his studies at Harvard and the London School of Economics, he started up Vexour Farm in Kent. Vexour Farm is based around the National Trust Village of Chiddingstone, in an area of outstanding natural beauty. The farm's main focus is pedigree livestock and cereals. Vexour is home to Charolais, Aberdeen Angus and Hereford pedigree cattle together with a flock of pedigree Texel sheep. The arable part of the farm produces cereals in a 5 year rotation of milling wheat, oilseed rape, barley, oats and winter beans. Vexour is managed with a clear focus on efficient commercial production and animal welfare, with a deep commitment to respect for the environment. The farm hosts regular college and university visits from the U.K. and abroad for both the livestock and arable business. Vexour works closely with national and local environmental groups.