

# Retrofitting a Papa Pump is easy and will save a lot of time and money



David Barnes farms beef and arable at Yarcombe, near Honiton, Devon. He used to have a traditional cast iron Vulcan Ram with which he has struggled for years. It was heavy on maintenance and was very unreliable. He decided to put in a Papa Pump, a modern hydro ram which he has found to be much more

reliable and efficient and has dramatically cut down maintenance time. He has also cut his water bills. A big bonus for David was the fact that the new Papa Pump could be fitted to his existing water system which also saved him a lot of money.



The Papa Pump (circled) compared to the old cast iron Vulcan Ram.

## The Problem

An old and unreliable ram pump was constantly failing and costing the farmer in time and money. It meant that the farmer had to use mains water as an expensive alternative.

## The Solution

The Papa Pump is able to be retrofitted to the existing pipework connected to the storage tank and troughs. The Papa Pump is more efficient than the large old cast iron pump, but the biggest difference is the savings made from the reliability of the pump.



(left) Local farmers brave the thick undergrowth to look at David's new Papa Pump at a recent open day.

(above) David no longer has to make the long walk to the pump 4 or 5 times a day.



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#### The Customer's View...

We've had an old cast iron ram pump for as long as I can remember. I found them to be very unreliable and would always go wrong. We had to go down 200-300 yards to the pump about 4-5 times a day. Now with the Papa Pump, I would go months without touching it - I forget I've got a pump! And I do feel the Papa Pump is a lot more efficient than the old ram pump.

The biggest thing with the Papa Pump is that there is so little maintenance, it just goes on and on and on and on! It's so easy to fit - I would say 90% of farmers could fit it themselves. We fitted ours in just 3 hours.

My water bills were about £2000 a year before, and now with the Papa Pump, I only use a little bit of mains water and my water bills have gone down to roughly £100 - £150 a year!

I'm very pleased with it and would recommend it to anyone.

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