

# HAZELDENE

## TRADITIONAL FARM & SHOP

*Prime Quality Meats from British Rare Breeds*

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## The British Lop Pig

With only around 360 breeding sows left this is Britain's rarest native breed of pig.

The British Lop originates from the Lop Eared White pigs of Devon and Cornwall. Due to their remoteness they avoided the trend to try and improve the breeds by using some Asian breeds, therefore they remain very British and well suited to making use of poor unproductive land.

This breed has been used for centuries in the South West but the breed society was not founded until 1920.

In the 1950's the Government encouraged concentration in commercial pig production to just three breeds (Landrace, Large White & Welsh). This was disastrous for all the other native breeds including the Lop, numbers tumbled and with the breed relatively confined to the South West the Lop became very rare.

The British Lop is similar to the Landrace and the Welsh but is much deeper in the body and, of course, has large lop ears.

They are very hardy and good foragers.

They had excellent maternal instincts and litters are normally between 12 and 14.

They are very docile and manageable despite their size.

The British Lop is a leaner breed than other native breeds with good marbling in the meat.

They are excellent for pork joints, bacon and make fantastic sausages.

The British Lop has only 10 blood lines left now, these are:

- Queen - 10
- Gracious - 14
- Thatcher - 14
- Excelsa - 18
- Mary - 18
- Lulu - 20
- Pride - 38
- Sunshine - 50
- Actress - 68
- Harmony - 102

Why not help save and promote the breeding of the rarest of Britain's native breeds?

Come and visit the farm and see how docile and kind they are.

Buy Lop meat, so that others will begin to breed these lovely animals.



Treat yourself and adopt a pig

Choose your pig - Name the pig

Visit the pig - Eat the pig

**It's the best pork you  
will ever eat!**