

The following photos show the current shelter we have for the horses and sheep.

As you can see the shelter really isn't big enough and is also in a state of disrepair.

As you can see the current shelter is constructed from wood. It has become mishapen and damaged through the horses rubbing themselves against it even though we have provided them with a scratch post.

So in view of the damage that has been done this is why I am planning on using concrete building blocks for the new building as I can't afford to keep replacing shelters which are constructed from wood.

The latter photos show the state the ground was in over the 2019 winter. Their current shelter is letting water seep up through the floor and also leak in through the roof resulting in them having nowhere at all dry to stand or lay down. The wet over this winter resulted in one of the horses having a severe abscess needing veterinary attention and pain relief for over a week. This is where having a stable for emergency purposes would have come in useful, allowing us to clean and soak her hoof to help relieve the abscess.

The new building will be on a concrete pad allowing the horses and sheep to be above the water level and therefore giving them a safe dry area in which to shelter and feed.

One of the horses is also aging now and needs to be able to get away from the others to eat feeds to help her maintain weight and have any special dietary requirements she may need as she gets older.

The large shelter area within the new building also means that all the horses will have space to lay down in bad weather instead of spending the whole time stood.

