

PLANNING AND PREPARING YOUR PLOT

- How much space?
- Arranging the area to suit your needs
- Storage space
- Fencing your ground
- Gates
- Ground and Housing

The very minimum fencing requirement will be good stock fencing well strained and erected on good strong fence posts



Alternatively, electric fencing can be used on its own – be sure it is working and that the pigs can see it



Gate Hinges

The 'L' shaped hinge can either be inverted at the top or you can put a pin through it to prevent the gate being lifted off



Alternatively, 'lowther' hinges can be used



Housing

Many different types of housing can be adapted for pigs:

- Barns
- Sheds
- Arcs
- Playhouses
- Large Dog Kennels
- Straw Bale Houses

Pointers to comfortable, convenient housing

- ❑ Pigs don't like draughts; they like to be cosy in winter.
- ❑ Galvanised arcs are best sited in the shade to avoid over heating in summer
- ❑ Adequate ventilation is of the utmost importance to avoid condensation building up inside the housing if there is limited space.
- ❑ Make sure you buy housing that you can get into yourself – this can be essential for cleaning, attending to a farrowing, or attending a sick pig needing treatment.
- ❑ Housing that can be moved fairly easily is more convenient.
- ❑ Sturdy housing is essential. When you buy your piglets they will be small and easily accommodated but after a few months you will have a somewhat larger animal who will enjoy a good rub or a scratch first thing in the morning so be sure your housing is up to it!

Traditional Pig Arc – central door



Traditional Pig Arc – offset door



Recycled Plastic Arc – air vents



Arc with rear air vent



Arc with farrowing rail fitted



'Pigloo' with built in farrowing channel

