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At a recent auction a 57-acre smallholding on Exmoor was sold for £28,000. Yes, £25,000 for a freehold farm just outside the Somerset village of Brompton Regis which has a church, a chapel, a school, an inn, and a village shop - come - post office run by Roger Steer, (Busy man Roger!)

Known as Pulhams Mill the property has a stone mill building that is used as a store and a lavatory (Elsan, I am afraid).

Now you may begin to get the picture, for the living accommodation on the farm consists of a pre-war timber and asbestos bungalow, with three bedrooms but no bathroom, and in need of repair and modernisation. Still, for the money you cannot expect marvels. The bungalow is just about habitable, and in addition to the old mill building there is a three-bay galvanised iron shed suitable for garaging, another shed for storing hay, a stone shippen for eight cattle with concrete mangers and water bowls, and (with apologies to the Sex Pistols) a bullocks house.

Before all lovers of the Good Life start dashing off in Exmoor let me add that this property has no electricity, no mains drainage and only a private water supply fed by gravity from a neighbouring property.

(For all the clever journalistic phrases, they must be hard up for material - for the Evans' it was quite simply 'home' for over twenty years, We still miss you both. MHS)

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