

## **"An introduction to dragons."**

Most of us have dragons who look over us, either as individuals, families or even countries. For my family (as farmers), our dragon is Dianadl Gwynt (or Breathless Wind in the English), and she is a green dragon whose most important word is husbandry, the looking after of land and animals in a sustainable and humane way.

All dragons start as green when they first hatch, as you may well know, but as they grow they change colour, depending on their character. The Welsh dragons are burnished red from the hard work deep underground in the mines and quarries. The Scandinavian dragons are black, from the intense thinking they do. The compassion of healthcare workers is signalled by the blue dragons looking over them. But many English dragons (and of the low countries it appears) are white, having lost all the positive characteristics and are left being greedy and bullying. This may be fine when building an empire, but not so good when running a health service, say.

Two countries appear not to have dragons at all, Scotland and Ireland, for they have no need of them, for they have whisky instead!