

Egg farm hires alpaca minders

A Cornish egg farm has recruited two Peruvian alpacas to act as security guards for their hens.

The animals, named William and Harry, keep predators away from speciality egg producer Clarence Court's hens near Camborne, reports Sky News.



The Huacaya alpaca are said to be fiercely defensive of their feathered brood.

Clarence Court director Lisa Rowe said: "Alpacas are extensively used in Australia and New Zealand to safeguard sheep because they will protect them with their lives.

"We know that happy hens lay the tastiest eggs, and for that reason we recruited the alpacas.

"They are great company for the birds and will not only ensure they feel safe and sound, but fully entertained too."

Alpacas, which are smaller than llamas, are kept in herds in South America and highly valued for their wool.