

“BARROW LINTON” Clover Harvester - Perth

An Agricultural Machine from the 1950's, manufactured in Perth by 'Barrow Linton' and donated by Mr Vern Witney.

This is the *PTO Driven 'Clover Harvester'* (above), invented by Ronald Earnshaw and marketed as the best single operation machine that gives “Seed Bed to Bag” efficiency. The sub clover seed producers wrapped a sheep skin around a large barrel and rolled it across the field. The burrs would get caught in the wool of the sheep skin, which would then need to be brushed in order to remove the burrs for eventual threshing. (Since the nineteen sixties, the clover harvesters have been vacuum focused).

Sub-Clover is an “amazing plant – the only known legume that buries its burr underground so the seed is protected” from environmental and livestock damage. One year of seed can give seven years of feed, which means if you manage your pasture and allow it to set seed, it will come back and always provide valuable forage for the livestock.

