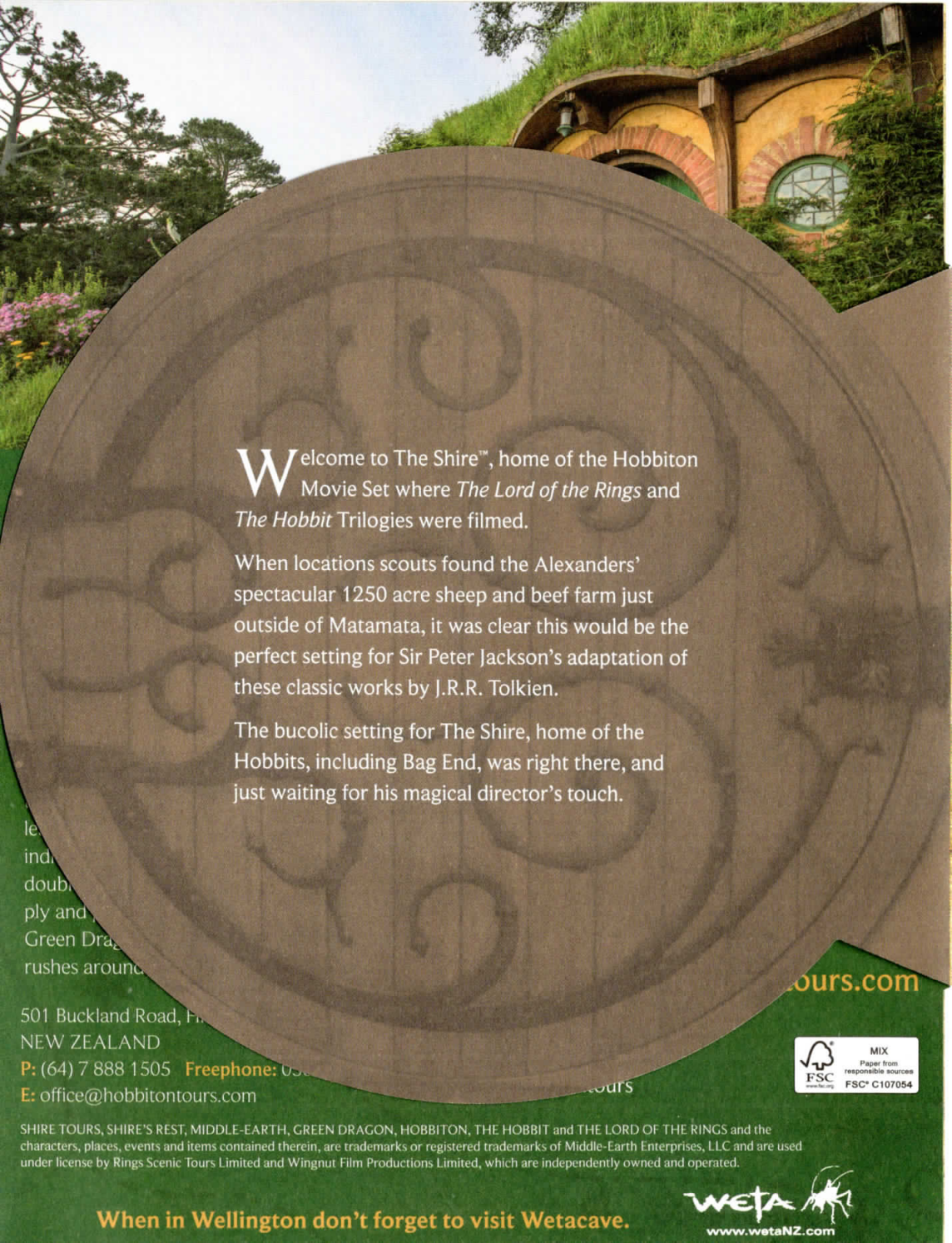




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Welcome to The Shire™, home of the Hobbiton
Movie Set where *The Lord of the Rings* and
The Hobbit Trilogies were filmed.

When locations scouts found the Alexanders' spectacular 1250 acre sheep and beef farm just outside of Matamata, it was clear this would be the perfect setting for Sir Peter Jackson's adaptation of these classic works by J.R.R. Tolkien.

The bucolic setting for The Shire, home of the Hobbits, including Bag End, was right there, and just waiting for his magical director's touch.

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In September 1998, Sir Peter Jackson and New Line Cinema 'discovered' the Alexander farm during an aerial search for suitable film sites. Site construction started in March 1999. Initially this involved heavy earthmoving machinery provided by the New Zealand Army who built a 1.5km road into the site and undertook initial set development.

Thirty-nine Hobbit Holes were created with untreated timber, ply and polystyrene. The oak tree that overlooks Bag End was cut down and transported in from near Matamata. Artificial leaves were brought in from Taiwan and individually wired onto the tree. The Mill and double arch bridge were built out of scaffolding, ply and polystyrene. Thatch for the roofs of The Green Dragon Inn and The Mill were cut from rushes around the Alexander farm.

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When they were rebuilt for *The Hobbit Trilogy* in 2009, these structures were built out of permanent materials including an artificial tree which was made out of steel and silicon. This entire reconstruction process took two years. Today the set is maintained to keep the magic of The Shire alive.

Filming for *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* commenced in December 1999 and continued for three months. Filming for *The Hobbit Trilogy* began in October 2011 and took only 12 days. At its peak 400 people were on site, including at various times Sir Peter Jackson, Sir Ian McKellen (Gandalf), Elijah Wood (Frodo), Sean Astin (Sam), Ian Holm (Bilbo Baggins) and Martin Freeman (young Bilbo Baggins).

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westwood

overhill

māgpie stand

krāmbelwich common

northmārch

Bāg End

high road

merry meānder

brāgshot row

(shortcut to mushrooms)

low road

ferry's fen

gully & gārdens

sāckville's āpple orchārd

sāckville

the frog pond

great north road

old stump

watermill

The Water

the pārtly tree

the gārden

pine grove

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The Green Dragon

east fārhing

gāndālg's cutting

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