

People & Animals

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Welcome to our Summer 2024 Newsletter

We've had an enjoyable summer term with activities that work for the animals as well as the people in this hot weather! Please can we make sure the children come prepared with suncream applied and hats in the sunny weather, as it really helps them enjoy sessions.

This year we have supported 70+ children and young people and 57 people will have gained ASDAN certificates by the end of term (w/c 8th July), when we will have a week of celebrations to present certificates, rosettes and medals to mark a fantastic year.

Hopefully everyone has already confirmed their places for the new autumn term, when we start on September 5th, or if on to new horizons, good luck from us all.

Thanks to everyone for all your help and support and as always, we welcome your feedback and ideas. Katie and the P&A team

People News

In May, we celebrated the end of our Platinum Jubilee Lottery Funding Project with a wonderful Tea Party, which was well attended - the ponies and goats and sheep came into the barn to say hello too!

Plans for our new, warm building are moving ahead with the help of Princebuild, Anglia Water @oneAlliance and partners. Building work is planned in August with risk assessments ready for the autumn term. Now we have been at Wisbech Community Farm for 5 years, we are striving to make the farm sustainable for our community. With that in mind we have now gained a 99 year lease, to help future proof our community farm for all!

An exciting step towards preparing the site has already begun in June, thanks to the transformation of our car park by National Groundworks Ltd.



On Sunday 9/6, we held an Open Day, where we had over 100 visitors to celebrate green space with us, many new friends of the Community Farm. We had a lovely bbq and some fun family activities. The day was shared with CP Learning Trust & Fenland Orchards Project.

Huge thanks to Tesco Wisbech for the kind donation of cakes and to The National Lottery Community Fund for funding our community projects.

Special thanks to our Community Police for visiting the farm, talking with the young people and being great sports with the agility course.



Rose Fair -Wisbech 29/6 was hot, colourful and full of smiles. Thanks to all who helped. We raised £120 from our talented crafters.

LOTC Quality Badge



Brilliant news this summer is we have met the Quality Standards for both Council for Learning Outside the Classroom and Social Farms and Gardens Green Care Quality Mark.



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Animal News this Summer

Visiting lambs loved being bottle fed by some of the children and then our resident sheep felt cooler and lighter when they were shorn.

We were visited by Gorefield alpacas to enhance the young people's animal interactions as they led them on a walk around the farm.

Fens Falconry brought peregrine falcons, short eared owls and hawks to the farm, where young people had the chance to learn about these magnificent birds.



Our new donkey friends, Ellie and Lillie arrived a few weeks ago.



Forthcoming Dates

Fenland Pride 6/7 12-6pm,
Queen Mary Centre, Wisbech

Community led steering group 24/7 10am

Creative Workshops:

Jewellery Making 17/7 & 14/8 1-2.30pm

Playing with Watercolours 24/7 1-2.30pm

Animal Care -Dog Agility & Training 12/8 2-3pm

ASDAN Construction Course 31/7 10.15-2.15pm, every Weds for 4 weeks til 21/8.

Child and Family Centre visit 6/8 10-11.30am and 12-2pm

Research Project Update - Prof Jones 28/8

Woodworking Workshop
Every Friday 10am to 12.

Weekly Community Craft Sessions
Free every Wednesday 1pm to 2.45pm. Come for cuppas and cake, stay for the crafts and laughs!

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