

# People & Animals

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WISBECH COMMUNITY FARM

## Welcome to our Spring 2024 Newsletter

As ever there is lots going on! It has been great to see the longer days here and some warmer weather which has been a motivation to get busy with lots of clearing, sorting and skip filling.

We have had so much water lying on the ground in the farm this spring, it has been a bit of a mud challenge but new drainage channels have now been put into the ground. The visiting children and young people developed their skills and received their certificates for hard work and Easter eggs at the end of term. Thank you to everyone for all your help and support and as always, we welcome your feedback and ideas. Katie and the team



### People News

On 15th March at the Fenland Business Awards, People & Animals UK CIC were unanimously awarded by the panel of judges the 'prestige award' at a celebratory dinner.

Katie and the team were so happy, they did a conga to accept! Minny the pony had a good sniff of the trophy the next day! Our wonderful volunteers also received an award.



### Special Thanks

A big thank you to our neighbours at Build A Brand who have kindly offered to help us rejuvenate our website so watch this space, later this year.

Major gratitude also goes to Equans for donating 400 paving slabs to the farm, being reused from a Canary Wharf roof, which we will find many applications for.

Thanks also to local residents from Emneth, Mr/s Martin who donated a toy ride on tractor and trailer for the visiting primary children to play with.

A plea for donation of lego resulted in Christopher Baxter donating his son Cameron's lego to the farm. Cameron died suddenly a year ago from epilepsy aged 21. Christopher said Cameron was very community-minded and his work raising funds for Epilepsy UK continues on, with the help of the local pub in Gorefield raising over £4000 to date for the charity.

Last but definitely not least, Wisbech Lions have pledged to help with some of our 'wish list' equipment to the value of £1400, which we are really grateful for.





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## Animal News this Spring

The ponies were so happy with our award that they wanted to join in the conga too!

Even one of the pigs was fed up with the mud and sought higher ground!

The rabbits and guinea pigs are enjoying their new dry space in their new accommodation.

Our new hens made themselves at home at the farm and even practised some 'agility training'.

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



## Forthcoming Dates

### Gardening Naturally with Cambs. Skills

24th April to 17th July on Wednesdays, 10am-2pm

### Taster Days 1st May and 8th May 10.30-2.30pm

In partnership with Clarion Futures and with thanks also to The Nature Conservancy funding, including nature and animal-based activities.

### Animal Behaviour Training with Katie Bristow

1st May 10.30-12pm

### Pet Care Course with Runway Training

8th May 9am-3pm

### Animal Care ASDAN Award

22nd May to 10th July, 10.30am-2.30pm.

### Community led steering group 24th July 10am

### Weekly Woodworking Workshop

Free session for veterans and others welcome, every Friday 10am to 12. Come and meet friends around the fire pit and in the barn for a fresh farm cooked breakfast.

### Weekly Community Craft Sessions

Free every Wednesday 1pm to 2.45pm. Come for a cuppa and cake, stay for the crafts and laughs!

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