



NEWLANDS
BISHOP FARM

POSITIVE HELP FOR PEOPLE



**“ Newlands Bishop Farm is
a great place to come to as
I get to make things and
work with my friends**

Project Worker

Newlands Bishop Farm



PERSON-CENTRED TRAINING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



Newlands Bishop Farm offers work-based experience to adults with learning disabilities and mental health problems.

The farm's focus is to provide individuals with opportunities to try out a wide range of activities in a supportive setting, allowing new knowledge and life skills to be gained which can lead to future employment.



The farm is often described as a hidden gem, minutes away from Solihull town centre, offering excellent links to public transport and motorways. All the activities at the farm are on a scheduled basis which changes twice per year, giving everyone the opportunity to try new things.

With the focus being on future employment and life skills individuals attending the farm are encouraged to look after their own uniform, arrive on time, book annual leave when needed and develop their skills working both in groups and on solo tasks within the group.

It also boasts its own three-hat tipi, which is used to host weddings during the summer – creating further opportunities to generate income whilst offering avenues for project workers to gain employment skills by helping on and before the wedding day.

OUR WORK ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

HORTICULTURE

The farm boasts a host of gardens which are tended to by the horticulture groups, project workers help to create baskets, grow plants and produce which are sold to generate an income. Seeing this process from start to finish provides valuable life skills and a responsibility of maintaining the plants.



COMMUNITY GARDENING SERVICES

Our project workers take part in a wide array of gardening jobs in and around the Solihull community. These include hedge cutting, slabbing, fencing, grass cutting, garden clearance and design. Working with our knowledgeable instructors these skills can then be transferred so project workers are able to help maintain their own gardens.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

The farm produces a lot of the vegetables used in the café. We also use the produce in jams, chutneys and juices which are then sold. Project workers help to maintain our orchard, poly tunnels and greenhouses.

HORSE AND LARGE ANIMAL CARE

The benefit of working with horses is well known for its calming properties. Project workers take part in all aspects of taking care of the farm's horses, from grooming, cleaning stables and vet/farrier visits. They also help to look after the flock of sheep and help with lambing during the spring.

SMALL ANIMAL CARE

Working with a variety of small animals such as rabbits, tortoises, hens, budgies and goats our small animal activities cover all aspects of caring for animals. Project workers learn about how to care for and enrich animals lives as well as how to handle animals correctly.





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SENSORY, CRAFTS & MUSIC

Our sensory and crafts group explore creativity through crafts, music, acting and dance. This allows individuals to build confidence around their peers and in themselves.

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

Our woodland team now get involved in a variety of tasks - log splitting for our wood fired burner in the café, bush craft, pruning, walkway maintenance and developing the sustainability of the area for wildlife and the trees.

SPORTS & RECREATION

We have a variety of sports groups which take place during the week offering individuals the opportunity to access sport they may not usually experience, including rock climbing, tennis and more.

WOODWORK

Our barn offers the opportunity to learn how to use drills, saws and how to finish woodwork items to a high standard. They create a variety of things to sell including benches, bird boxes, planters and more. They also help to maintain all areas around the farm.

BERRY'S CAFÉ

Our on site café prepares light lunches, cakes and coffee to the public 7 days per week (excluding when events are held). Berry's cafe provides valuable customer service and retail skills to those looking to enhance and develop their employment skills in this area.

TRAINING COURSES & WORK EMPLOYMENT SKILLS

We also offer a work scheme, aimed at vital skills which help transition into employment such as CV writing, interview role plays and work experience. We have a wide range of courses now held in The Roost.



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THE ROOST - TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTRE

Opened in October 2024 The Roost is a versatile facility offering both canteen and education facilities. It helps to blend our work-based learning and classroom education, focusing on hospitality, food preparation, drama and IT skills. These experiences foster independence and prepare individuals for future employment.



We also offer courses in IT, English, and Maths, along with vocational training in animal care and horticulture in collaboration with Solihull College. Tailored to individual needs, these programs equip participants with essential life and employment skills.

Home to our award-winning Minecraft Group, which received the Disability Smart 'Commended' Award in April 2024, the new IT suite provides a creative environment for participants to develop problem-solving skills, explore technology, and form social connections.

The Roost is committed to helping adults with learning disabilities grow, gain independence, and improve their quality of life through meaningful work experiences and education. We create a supportive, inclusive space where everyone is valued.

Family Care Trust is a registered charity working with adults with learning disabilities since 1995.

SERVICES WE OFFER:



Newlands Bishop Farm



Community Care Services



Blanning Dementia Day Centre



Weddings



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