

NCFI E-Bulletin - February 2010

Dear Supporter

Hopefully we are coming out on the other side of a long cold winter. The first lambs have been spotted and snowdrops are starting to appear. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a mild spring and plenty of daffodils!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

National Care Farming Conference 2010 - we are currently starting to plan this event. Provisionally booked for 16th September at Harper Adams University College in Shropshire, further details will be posted on the web-site over the coming months.

Care farming in Wales - Those of you in Wales may already be aware of Marianne Hall who is hoping to set up a Welsh NCFI group - but for those of you who don't yet know and want to find out more.... please go to our web page at: <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/wales/> and look at the section: Important Message for NCFI Supporters in Wales.

Care farming in Dorset - A group of Dorset care farmers held a meeting at Longmead Community Farm, Milborne St Andrew, to discuss the development of a Care Farming Dorset support group, on Saturday 30th January. Anyone interested in attending? The next one is to be held on Wednesday 14th April at 6.30 pm at Ryelands Farm, Holnest. Please contact Sarah Dyke sarah@sowing-seeds.org

New Case Study Uploaded - Follow this link <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/uploads/Case%20Studies/Ballilcherry%20Case%20Study.pdf> to find out more about Caroline Matheson's work with the long-term unemployed on her 400 acre farm in Ross-Shire, Scotland.

For more information on care farming in Scotland, visit www.ncfi.org.uk/Scotland

Top Barn Farm - Holt Heath, Worcestershire - film highlighting Care Farming and personalisation is now on YouTube : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnuviCZ8sGA>

Hadleigh Farm in Essex is a care farm registered with the NCFI and has been given a prestigious boost after being chosen as the venue for the 2012 Olympics mountain biking event! . The salvation army Hadleigh Farm website can be found via our NCFI website page at: <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/allcarefarms.aspx> - choose the E of England region and Essex as the county.

Impetus Trust - Check out this link to an organisation that may be of interest to our care farms. The Trust works to break the cycle of poverty by investing in ambitious charities and social enterprises that fight economic disadvantage. Find out more at: <http://www.impetus.org.uk/>

Wanted: Occupational Therapist & Specialist in Autism Spectrum/Manager(s)/Entrepreneur(s) - Woodside Rural Care and Co-Farming, Abington, Cambridge - please go to our East of England web page for further details and also check out : www.woodsideruralcare.org.uk

Social Enterprise Health and Social Care Conference, March 16th 2010 - This one day conference will explore the opportunities and challenges the current climate presents. It will provide overviews of this Government's and the other parties' visions for health and social care, while providing a range of very practical workshops for those interested in either establishing or expanding a social enterprise, or commissioning services from them. <http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/pages/health-conference.html>



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