

## NCFI - E-Bulletin – March 2010



Dear Supporter

Welcome to the March 2010 E-Bulletin

Do you have any news items you would like to be considered for inclusion in our next E-Bulletin? If so please email them in to Debbie and Linda at : [enquiries@ncfi.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ncfi.org.uk) before the 10th of the month.

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We are soon going to be re-vamping the **NCFI website** at: [www.ncfi.org.uk](http://www.ncfi.org.uk).

What do you currently like / dislike about it? Your constructive comments would be welcome! E-mail to: [enquiries@ncfi.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ncfi.org.uk) or Tweet us - go to: <http://twitter.com/NCFI>

We can't promise to accommodate all suggestions... but we will do our best!

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**NCFI co-facilitated a workshop** at the National Rural Network conference which took place in Belfast on the 10th and 11th March 2010. The workshop was well received and there was a lot of interest from people in Northern Ireland who attended. The sharp-eyed among you will have noticed that the Northern Ireland page of the NCFI website: <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/nireland/> is very under populated at the moment. We're very keen to hear from anyone who can help take the next step to get a care farming group get off the ground. Do contact us on: [enquiries@ncfi.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ncfi.org.uk) if you can rise to the challenge of developing Care Farming Northern Ireland.

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**New Case Study Uploaded** - Follow this link :

<http://www.ncfi.org.uk/uploads/Case%20Studies/Butterfly%20Lodge%20Case%20Study.pdf> to find out more about Ellie Goff's work at Butterfly Lodge Care Farm in Essex and her ethos : 'Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand.'

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**Care Farming West Midlands (CFWM)** have developed a DVD in conjunction with Top Barn Training. Take a look at the YouTube video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnuviCZ8sGA> to see this inspiring film which really sums up what care farming is all about.

To find out more about CFWM please visit their site via: <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/westmidlands/newspage.aspx> and to see a case study on Top Barn please go to:

<http://www.ncfi.org.uk/case-studies.aspx>

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**Various Events & Courses/Workshops** - To find out about forthcoming events that may be of interest- eg: BSL courses in Wales, Skills for Care Farming workshops - please check out our web-page at: <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/events.aspx> to find out more. If you have any events you would like us to post up - please do contact us via: [enquiries@ncfi.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ncfi.org.uk) and we will do our best to include as many as we can.

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**Growing Well Care Farm Project's MARCH NEWSLETTER 2010** can be found at:

<http://growingwell.createsend4.com/t/r/e/oftuj/tklrhyuik/>

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**FUNDING ALERT: Woodward Charitable Trust - 2010 Grant Programme Open to Applications** -The Woodward Charitable Trust awards grant funding to organisations in the UK working in the following areas: Small grants of between £100 and £5,000 and large grants of over £5,000 are available to UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £250,000. For more information please visit the website : <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.html>

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**CULTIVATIONS** Working in the Field of Social and Therapeutic Horticulture - will be holding twelve focus meetings across England and Wales in 2010. Aiming to raise awareness about the health, social, environmental, educational and economic benefits of encouraging people to become involved in any form of horticultural, environmental or conservation activity.

To book a place please contact Lynda 01766 590388 or visit [www.cultivations.co.uk](http://www.cultivations.co.uk) and book on line

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**Occupational Therapy - work experience** - Zoe Douglas writes about her experiences as an Occupational Therapy student at Butterfly Lodge, Colchester, Essex.

To obtain a copy of what Zoe has written - please contact Ellie Goff via: <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/showfarm.aspx?farm=901>

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