

NCFI - E-Bulletin – May 2010



Dear Supporter

Welcome to the May 2010 E-Bulletin

You may well be asking: What happened to the E-Bulletin for April?

Please accept our apologies for not e-mailing you with an April E-Bulletin.... unfortunately we were out of the office far more than we were in it during April.....volcanic ash cloud was a contributing factor, see below for others!

Norwegian Study Tour - 4th - 7th May 2010 - a delegation of 22 Norwegians enjoyed a three day study tour around care farms in Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk to get a taste of how care farming works in the UK. Organised by the National Care Farming Initiative and Care Farming East Anglia, the Norwegians visited a range of care farms, including Church Farm, Ardeley, Butterfly Lodge in Essex, Clinks Care Farm and the Sotterley Care Farm Project on the Norfolk/Suffolk border and Lambourne End in Essex.

Bjørn Berg Steiner and Kari Christensen the Norwegian organisers, were delighted with the study tour and feedback from the delegates was very positive. Kari said, "We really enjoyed seeing the farms and were so impressed with the level of commitment and hard work undertaken by everyone involved. While the farms and countryside are obviously very different to Norway, the passion that the care farmers have for their work and for the groups attending the farms is similar to that demonstrated by our own care farmers.

We really hope that a reciprocal visit can be arranged to enable East of England care farmers to find out more about how we are supported to deliver care farming services in Norway".

Church Farm, Ardeley: <http://www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk/> ; Butterfly Lodge, Colchester: <http://www.wellieson.com/>; Clinks Farm & Sotterley in Beccles, Norfolk - website under construction - contact: Doeke.Dobma@clinkscarefarm.org; Lambourne End near Chigwell, Essex: <http://www.lambourne-end.org.uk/>

A small sample of photos taken will soon be available on Flickr.

New Case Study Uploaded - Follow this link to find out more about the Tickwood Project : <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/uploads/Case%20Studies/Tickwood%20Case%20Study.pdf>

Various Events & Courses/Workshops - To find out about forthcoming events that may be of interest please check out our web-page at: <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/events.aspx>.

If you have any events you would like us to post up - please do contact us via: enquiries@ncfi.org.uk and we will do our best to include as many as we can.

NCFI gets a mention in The Ecologist : How a stay on a farm opens the minds of disruptive kids - http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.theecologist.org/how_to_make_a_difference/schools/473427/how_a_stay_on_a_farm_opens_the_minds_of_disruptive_kids.html&ct=ga&cad=:s7:f2:v0:i0:lt:e0:p0:t1272636454:&cd=9EJ6Ku9MZQk&usg=AFQjCNG7Yr4zZgFlgNOvj4rfD7XvmlHLIA>

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Sarah Vaughan - Survey results - read Sarah's report at: <http://www.ncfi.org.uk/News.aspx>

On 26th April, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales welcomed more than 100 care farmers and their supporters to Highgrove for a lunch reception marking the National Care Farming Initiative's five-year anniversary. The reception was a wonderful opportunity for all the hard work that care farmers do around the country to be recognised and appreciated. Acknowledgement by HRH the Prince of Wales of the inspiring work that is undertaken on care farms and his heartfelt speech to those present was a great boost for the care farmers, as was the opportunity to meet others from around the UK involved in similar work.

Individual Budgets - to read the summary of the Seminar held at Heely City Farm, Sheffield on 9th February 2010 please see our News section at:
<http://www.ncfi.org.uk/News17-05-10.aspx>

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>

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 before the 10th of the month.

We are soon going to be re-vamping the NCFI website at: 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 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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