

Workplace visits



<u>Volunteering Days</u>	<p>Days spent supporting the Farm in our day-to-day activities, either as a Farmer or Wildlife Ranger.</p>
<u>Experience Days</u>	<p>Give staff the opportunity to try their hand at being a Chef or Organic Gardener or help them connect with nature on our beautiful patch of Earth.</p>
<u>Venue hire</u>	<p>Our beautiful facilities are available for you to use for your own team-building sessions</p>
<u>Workplace packages</u>	<p>Combine volunteering, experience days and venue hire. By buying a package from us you'll be making a real difference in your local community, plus you get access to everything the farm has to offer at a discounted rate.</p>

Volunteering Days

Volunteering at The Farm is a fantastic way to support us in providing organic produce into Bristol, Bath and the surrounding area, as well as helping us care for the wildlife on our land. It's also a great way for staff to learn more about food, farming and nature whilst playing an active role in the community. We normally suggest a maximum group size of 12, however we can increase this by arrangement.

1. Farmer for a Day

Our 'Farmer for a Day' package aims to give groups the opportunity to find out where their food comes from, learn about organic growing and take part in farming activities. Groups can have a go at being farmers for half a day, a full day or for several days during the growing season (April–October). We can also provide an organic lunch, which will include produce grown here on the farm.

2. Wildlife Ranger for a Day

Join our Wildlife Group to help us build new habitats and manage our land to create a biodiverse and nature-rich landscape. You could be helping us with bramble bashing, laying hedges, planting for pollinators, building bird and bat boxes, carrying out wildlife surveys and planting native trees. You'll learn how to identify native plants, insects and birds, why wildlife is important for farming and how to support biodiversity in a farmed landscape.

Experience Days

Add to your volunteering days by visiting The Farm with your staff for team-building and personal development in the fresh country air.

1. Organic Pizza Chef for a Day

With seasonal produce grown here on the farm, learn how to make delicious thin crust pizzas. You'll pick your own toppings and a salad from our field, learning a little about each crop you pick and how we grow it, then use our traditional cob-oven to cook a delicious lunch to share.

2. Organic Gardener for a Day

Learn from our experienced team on the farm how to plant, grow, care for and harvest your own plants at home. You'll have the opportunity to take part in some classroom lessons on garden design and organic growing that you can take away and put into practice! You'll also get the opportunity to go

from the classroom to our Social and Therapeutic Gardening area, where you can practice what you learn and help us to develop an educational resource for disadvantaged groups.

3. Nature Connection Day Course

Facilitated by our experienced partner EcoWild, we will provide your group with the opportunity to connect with the land and each other, learn new skills, release stress, get active and improve personal and group resilience. Your day will be a bespoke programme, and could include a guided foraging walk, learning bushcraft and forest skills, mindfulness practice, an eco-psychology workshop or making crafts from locally sourced natural materials. You will leave the farm with new skills to immerse yourself in nature, feeling grounded in yourself and with a connection to the others in your group.

Costs and booking

For a minimum group size of 7 people, our full-day experiences are charged at a nominal rate of £45 per head, excluding lunch (which can be provided at £6 per head).

If you would like to join us on the farm, please get in touch with volunteer@thecommunityfarm.co.uk. We'll be in touch with you to discuss your requirements and answer any questions you might have.

Venue hire

Access our venues and outdoor learning area, set amongst beautiful plantings and with a view over Chew Valley Lake: the perfect location to get away from the office into our stunning local countryside. We are able to provide teas, coffees and an organic lunch.

The Roundhouse (accommodates 20 people)

Our wooden Roundhouse is a beautifully-crafted community venue, overlooking Chew Valley Lake. Built by a local craftsman and team of volunteers, using traditional, green woodworking methods and natural materials, it sits alongside a pond within the wildlife area. This fabulous facility, complete with living roof, seats 20 people comfortably. It features a handmade, bespoke kitchen and a toasty wood burner. A uniquely special, social space in the great outdoors.

- Classroom facilities (including chairs, tables, flipchart)
- Cooking facilities (including double oven, gas hobs, wood burner and access to cob oven)
- Outdoor shelter

- Toilets
- Outdoor seating



The Yurt (accommodates 25 people)

The yurt is a wonderful, calm space set amongst wildflowers with outdoor seating areas and a cob oven right outside the entrance. Set back from The Farm, there's plenty of privacy for your activities.

- Classroom facilities (including chairs tables, flipchart)
- Cooking facilities (including gas hobs, wood burner and cob oven)
- Toilets
- Outdoor seating
- Outdoor shelter



Booking

For Venue Hire please contact news@thecommunityfarm.co.uk for further details and prices.

Workplace packages

Our workplace packages combine volunteering, experience days and venue hire. By buying a package from us, you'll be making a real difference in your local community; helping us to support underrepresented and disadvantaged groups in the area; and getting nutritious and environmentally-friendly food to as many people as possible. Plus you get access to everything the farm has to offer throughout the seasons, and at a discounted rate, it doesn't get more lush than that!

Please note: maximum group size is 12-15 and we have a limited number of volunteering days.

Bronze:

1 Volunteering Day, 1 Experience Day and 2 days venue hire with lunch included

TOTAL: £1,300

Silver:

1 Volunteering Day, 2 Experience Days and 3 days venue hire with lunch included

TOTAL: £2,000

Gold:

2 Volunteering Days, 3 Experience Days and 4 days venue hire with lunch included

TOTAL: £3,000



Bookings:

If you are interested in our packages, please contact volunteer@thecommunityfarm.co.uk

Further details

Example itinerary (Full Experience days)

10:00 – 10:30am: Teas and coffees (if possible) and an introduction to the farm's purpose, history and values. A tour and discussion into the farm's growing plan and methods.

10:30 – 12:30: Morning of activities, based on the package you have chosen.

12:30 – 1:30pm: Lunch in the yurt or roundhouse

1:30 – 2:45pm: Continuation of the day's activities.

2:45 – 3:00pm: Teas, coffees, and goodbyes!

Health & safety

All of our Experience Days have been risk assessed by members of staff. Any external facilitators on the farm have also completed their own risk assessments of activities.

We'll provide you with a Health and Safety induction and Risk Assessment. We also have public liability insurance in place.

While we do have accessible areas and facilities for wheelchair users and people with restricted mobility, much of the site is not accessible.

Covid-19: We have designed specific site-based practices to minimise the risk of Covid-19 transmission on the farm. You will be provided with these before your visit, and given an induction explaining these practices on your arrival.

Volunteer Farmer for a Day practicalities

Because of the unpredictable nature of farming, it can be hard to judge what we'll be doing in advance. We won't be able to provide an exact picture of what we'll be doing on the day – but can give you an outline based on time of year, how our crops are doing and the weather forecast.

While you will be supported and given guidance throughout the day, groups need to be supervised or self-directed enough to not need constant supervision by Community Farm staff.