

## In developing our social enterprise, we aim to:

- Provide an environment that enables the development of vocational, employability, and personal skills
- Aid personal development by encouraging people to use their initiative
- Support people to make the right life choices
- Promote a sense of responsibility and pride in what is achieved
- Enable people we support to play an active role in the communities in which they live and work

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# Elm Tree Farm



## A social enterprise enabling people with learning disabilities and autism to gain work skills and build confidence



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A Brandon Trust enterprise



## Elm Tree Farm

Elm Tree Farm is a 47-acre site in Stapleton, Bristol, which provides vocational training through a wide range of activities and services.

These include breeding livestock, growing fruit and vegetables using organic methods, growing plants and flowers, making jams and preserves, and producing a range of handcrafted goods.

We are members of Care Farming UK and follow their quality assurance code of practice scheme.

### At the farm we provide funded placements to:

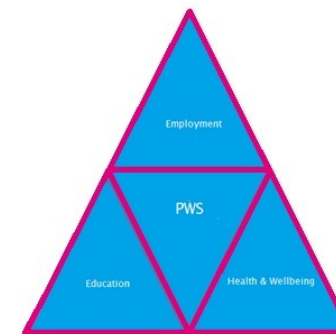
- Equip people with transferable skills, provide vocational training, and support them in working towards employment through in house training
- Help people feel part of the team by developing their responsibilities for the animals, gardens and workshop
- Provide opportunities to develop customer service skills at local farmers markets and on-site shop
- Recognise and respect people as individuals with diverse interests, cultures, and ambitions
- Provide an environment that promotes confidence and self-esteem
- Encourage people to become active in the local community.



## Outcomes for the people we support

We hope that people who join us at Elm Tree Farm will work towards achieving the following outcomes:

- An understanding of a work environment
- Willingness to work towards employment
- Increased independence and life skills
- Accredited qualifications (where applicable)
- Skills in animal husbandry, horticulture, and woodwork
- Use of tools and equipment
- Personal skills such as confidence and communication
- Self-awareness and understanding of their own skills, strengths, and weaknesses
- Skills in team work, time management, following instructions, and reporting problems
- Customer service and numeracy skills through participation at the Farmers' Market
- Rights and responsibilities at work including Health and Safety



PWS = People we support



## Animal Husbandry

The Farm has a variety of livestock including hens, ducks, pigs, lambs, cows, horses, rabbits, and guinea pigs. The livestock require essential daily care such as feeding, watering, mucking out, and health checks.



The hens and ducks produce free-range eggs which we sell from the Farm shop and at the Farmers' Market. We also carry out regular site maintenance works such as repairing stock fencing and checking farm vehicles.

## Farm Shop

Elm Tree Farm has an onsite Farm shop, stocking a range of seasonal fruit and vegetables, free-range eggs, high welfare meat, ornamental plants, herbs, craft items, kindling, and logs for the fire. We can provide non-funded supported volunteer opportunities in the shop. For more information contact [gaby.oliva@brandontrust.org](mailto:gaby.oliva@brandontrust.org)



## Support at Elm Tree Farm

Our staff work with groups of trainees of up to 6:1 but are happy for trainees who require a higher staffing ratio to come with their own 1:1 support.

In addition, we also run holiday clubs over the summer breaks for children aged 11 – 18 with mild to moderate learning disabilities. We provide a safe space for young people to enjoy activities such as animal care, cookery, natural arts and crafts as well as making friend and building confidence. For more information please contact [gaby.oliva@brandontrust.org](mailto:gaby.oliva@brandontrust.org)

We also provide support through the Bristol Hate Crime Service for those who need it. For more information contact [sarah.howard@brandontrust.org](mailto:sarah.howard@brandontrust.org)





## Projects at Elm Tree Farm

### Market Garden

In our market garden we use organic methods to grow a wide range of seasonal fruit and vegetables, which we sell to the local community through our Farm shop and the weekly Farmers' Market in Corn Street, Bristol.



We're keen to promote and establish links locally, enabling the people we support to access the community and to raise the awareness of how we contribute to the local food economy.

### Plant Nursery

The nursery grows a range of popular ornamental, herb, and seasonal vegetable potted plants which are raised from seed in our greenhouses throughout the year.



We also grow cut flowers throughout the summer, and in the autumn produce our very popular apple juice from the apples grown in our orchard.

### Splinters

Our woodwork shop is equipped with modern tools and machinery. We produce a range of wood-based products including items for the home and garden, kindling, and fire blocks.



We also upcycle furniture and take on small repairs and restoration projects. Our aim is to use as much recycled timber as possible.

### Grounds and Gardens

Our grounds maintenance and gardening team has a range of contracts to fulfil, including school grounds, communal areas, and private gardens.



The project offers supported employment where individuals can learn new skills whilst being supported to maintain a paid position within the team. For further information visit, [www.groundsandgardens.org](http://www.groundsandgardens.org).

