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Plan Your Team Volunteering Day



at Elm Tree Farm

Elm Tree Farm, a little bit of history...

Elm Tree Farm has a historic place in the Stapleton landscape, having its roots as a working farm in the 18th century and then as part of the hospital complex that covered much of the local area throughout the 20th century. We are now a thriving care farm, tucked away between Park Road and the M32 motorway, supporting adults with learning disabilities and autism.



We work hard to create an environment that is beautiful and therapeutic, as well as educational and productive, and corporate volunteer groups such as yourselves are a vital part of that. We have a great variety of tasks available throughout the season in our four projects based on the farm, no matter when you volunteer there will always be something interesting and fun to get involved with.

Plant Nursery

Our plant and cut flower nursery are the first thing visitors to the farm see, providing a burst of colour throughout the summer which can be seen over the laid hedge. This is a small area specialising in seasonal cut flowers, unusual houseplants, and some of the more painstaking aspects of horticulture.





Market Garden

This area is the oldest part of the care farm, having been started in 1982 as a form of occupational therapy for hospital residents. Everything here is grown from seed and the team supply our farm shop, local cafes, and their own veg box scheme in the summer months.

Animal Care

We pride ourselves on still being a working farm in the heart of the city and our livestock is perhaps the most visible part of that. Specialising in rare breeds, we produce slow-growing pedigree meat and also show our Dexter cattle across the Southwest – the team are very proud of their extensive haul of trophies and rosettes!



Splinters Woodwork

The craftspeople in our wood workshop produce a wide range of items, from bird and bug houses for the garden made with recycled pallet wood to stunning upcycled furniture and bespoke commissions. They are also often to be found acting as our onsite handy-crew, always ready with hammer and nails for those running repairs!



Your day on the farm...

At Elm Tree Farm, we offer Team Volunteering Days from March through to November.

To help us cover the costs of the day, our team days are charged at **£30 per head**.

Group size - minimum of 5 and maximum of 20. If you have a larger group, please enquire and we will determine if we can accommodate your team.

What's included?

- Use of our garden room on site
- Tea, coffee and biscuits throughout the day
- Equipment needed to complete the tasks
- Allocated member of the staff team on the day
- Public liability Insurance and relevant risk assessments
- Welcome meet and end of day de-brief
- Farm tour if desired
- Parking for up to 5 cars



What you will need to bring?

- Gardening/work **gloves** and **suitable footwear**, we recommend walking boots, wellies or steel toe cap boots
- **Lunch**. We have an onsite farm shop where you will be able to buy snacks and drinks. We can also put you in touch with our cafes, The Barn Café and The Hatch both who can offer buffet lunches based out of Grimsbury Farm in Kingswood.
- **Suitable clothing** for the weather, waterproofs if it's forecast to rain, you will be working outside. Remember you are on a farm, don't wear your best clothes.
- Plenty of **water**, it's thirsty work!!
- Summer months - **suncream**, **hats**, long sleeves to protect from nettles and brambles as well as the sun.

What tasks to expect?

At the Farm we offer teams the opportunity to spend time completing physical tasks in the great outdoors, away from the office. Tasks really vary depending on group size, time of year and interest. In warmer months there is always lots of weeding and watering to do on the farm. There may be the opportunity to get involved in a bigger project like fencing if required.

What your day will typically look like...

Example schedule.

Time	Activity
10:00	Arrival at the farm
10:00 - 10:30	Welcome drinks
10:30	Welcome introductions and Team Photo
10:30 - 12:30	Work time...
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch break
13:15 - 13:45	Farm Tour
13:45 - 15:45	Afternoon work slot
15:45 - 16:00	Prepare to leave
16:00	Team Volunteering Day Finish



If after reading through what we can offer at Elm Tree Farm you would like to volunteer, please complete our registration form and send it back to lisa.allen@brandontrust.org and we'll be in touch to confirm your day.

Terms & Conditions of your team volunteering day

To book your team volunteering day, we require at least 1 months' notice before your desired date to plan your team day.

- Payment

We will invoice the organisation and we require payment in full 14 days prior the booked team day

- Cancellation

If you need to cancel your booking, ideally, we would re-book you onto an alternative date, if this isn't an option, we will give 50% refund if given 1 month's notice, less than 1 months notice and no refund offered.

- Parking

We have a very small car park so would encourage lift-sharing and cycling wherever possible. The nearest buses stop are by Eastville Park or Blackberry Hill, both just a short walk away (10-15minutes).

- Group size

Group size, minimum of 5 and maximum of 20. If you have a larger group, please enquire and we will determine if we can accommodate your team.

- Dates

Our Team Volunteering Days are seasonal and run from March through to November. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred date, but we will have to work around what else is going on at the farm at the time.