



50 years of making the difference



A Foundation for the Future:
The Shallowford Trust and The Worshipful Company of Butchers
6 month report

Summary of our Plans of Partnership with WCB

- Sharing our 50th year celebrations with WCB and developing opportunities for Liverymen to visit, volunteer and mentor
- Working in Partnership with the WCB to strengthen our team, and delivery in critical point of growth v delivery to expand our programme of residential and Special Educational Needs day visits by funding a new role in our delivery team.
- Our new role, part funded by the WCB, will enable our capacity for delivery to grow sustainably and to grow our curriculum-based programme to help children to further understand farming, food production and conservation and the potential careers stemming from that.
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Shallowford in 2026

Young People on the Farm

- 438 young people have stayed overnight at Shallowford Farm from schools and youth groups in in Plymouth, Torquay, London, Hampshire, Bristol, and Exeter. Many of these groups have been primary school age children in the upper 2 years of primary school, with other groups from Year 7 and 8 pupils identified by their school as most likely to benefit from a farm visit, an included a group of SEN students completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Residential,
- 2 Special Education Schools from Exeter have brought up groups of up to 6 pupils for weekly day visits, enabling a longer lasting impact on these young people as they become familiar with the farming routines and farming in different seasons
- We have had over 500 children from Youth groups, and local schools for one off day visits to the farm, which have included a farm cooked lunch, well earnt after a morning of mucking out our pigs, moving sheep and feeding chickens, and in winter, a silage race to feed the cows.



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Community and Partner Organisations

- 3 residential stays Community groups, including a Waste Prevention Group from London,
- 2 residential cooking stays for Plymouth Families on low incomes to talk about nutrition and cook food grown on the farm to take back home
- day visits from our partner organisations including Dartmoor National Park, Butterfly Conservation, Buglife,
- Continuing to work closely with the Central Dartmoor Landscape Recovery Project,
- worked with Dartmoor Farmers Association to deliver our Farm to Fork Project, with 25 school class visits to other Dartmoor Farms

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Community Events and Fundraising

- Summer Fete in July
- Widecombe Fair Café in September
- A stand at 3 Agricultural Fairs and 3 local community days
- A cycling fundraising challenge, with 50 cyclists, 210 miles and 24,000 feet of of cycling over 4 days



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Plans for our Next 6 months of partnership with WCB

- Further recruitment round for our new role, anticipated start date January 2027
- WCB are invited to our 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on 17 October 2026, in Widecombe, Devon
- Our trust manager, farm manager and long term volunteer to join WCB to walk, as Devon famers, at the Lord Mayors Show on 14 November
- Attendance at the Livery Lunch in January 27
- An event to be planned at the farm, with WCB, to launch the new programme headed up by our new Programme Manager
- Ongoing engagement with our visiting young people in relation to learning about where our food comes from and the importance of farming
- Engaging with our partners to develop strong networks



Longer term partnership with WCB

- Enabling Shallowford Farm to continue to become financially sustainable and expanding our programme to young people
- Exploring avenues for apprenticeships for young people on Dartmoor and opportunities for Liverymen to network and offer advice on farming, business, and meat industry careers
- Developing a partnership with WCB and our London partner Charity and other London youth groups
- Delivering our Farm to City project and working with WCB on a corporate event at our London partner charity, Providence House
- Ongoing projects with young people, linking with WCB, about food production
- Hosting events for Liverymen, corporate partners at Shallowford Farm





Shallowford Farm
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Thank you for this opportunity for our partnership, and we are excited to be working with WCB.

Worshipful Company of Butchers Objective	Shallowford Farm Delivers
Charity	Residential stays for urban, disadvantaged youth (high social need).
Education	Hands-on curriculum in animal welfare, provenance, and the food chain.
Fellowship	Opportunities for Liverymen to visit, volunteer, and mentor.

Thank you for Listening and Questions

