

Alresford Show's Countryside Education Project 2019

FREE COUNTRYSIDE DAYS FOR SCHOOLS

Wednesday 24th April 2019

Countryside Day for Schools at the Manydown Estate, Basingstoke - RG23 8PE



An incredibly busy day for all, as there are sheep that need shearing, lots of large tractors to enjoy and a weighbridge to discover. The local bee keeping society join us with their observation hive and the farm's traditional woodland provides plenty of bug hunting opportunities, whilst the tractor and trailer ride to the beef unit helps pupils to understand where their burgers come from.

Tuesday 1st May 2019

Countryside Day for Schools at Matterley Estate, Alresford, SO24 0HY



Half of the day is spent at the dairy learning how to care for cows and their calves, including the value of good cow manure, with a tour of the parlour and a chance to make butter and taste cheese. Whilst the other half of the day is spent learning about the conservation schemes which operate on the estate, meeting the Game Keeper and his chicks before learning about arable food production and how to make bread.

Wednesday 8th May 2019

Countryside Day for Schools at the Bereleigh Estate, East Meon, Petersfield, GU32 1PH



Well known for its game, the Bereleigh Estate has plenty of pheasant chicks and working dogs for pupils to meet as they learn how food production and conservation work together. At the neighbouring farm pupils spend time learning about beef cows and sheep, and have fun finding invertebrates in the stream, before visiting the traditional walled vegetable garden at Bereleigh House.

Wednesday 15th June 2019

Countryside Day for Schools at Rotherfield Estate, East Tisted, GU34 3QN



This beautiful and very private estate is the perfect setting for pupils to learn about a traditional rural enterprise. With ancient woodland, a busy dairy a large arable enterprise and a colourful walled vegetable garden there will be lots for the children to remember. During the day they will meet many of the staff, the Dairy Man, the Game Keeper, the Foresters, and the Gardener, as they discover the real working countryside and its hidden gems.

We also work with many more farmers throughout Hampshire and the surrounding counties who are keen to host visits from school children across the seasons. All key stages and additional needs can be catered for....

All farm visits are fully supported by Country Trust Hampshire, and help with risk assessments and planning is freely available. On-site teacher planning meetings are required before each visit.

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Why take pupils to a working farm?

The Alresford Agricultural Show Society are hosting a CPD event for local teachers (who have never been to a working farm) to answer this very question.

9am - 11.30am on Wednesday 27th February 2019

This event is FREE to attend

£50 per school to help with supply costs

Two representatives from your school are invited to come and enjoy a locally sourced brunch at Holden Farm, Cheriton, SO24 0NX. Come and discover how the working farm can be a safe and memorable learning environment for your pupils. Discover how to achieve all your learning outcomes from a single visit. Please get in touch to confirm your places as space around the kitchen table will be limited!

Countryside Education Competition 2019

Now entering its eleventh year the Alresford Agricultural Show's Countryside Education Competition continues to be a popular with schools across the Alresford area.

FREE to enter

As many FREE farm visits as you would like

Transport bursaries available for qualifying schools

Infant, Junior and 'Out of the ordinary' classes to suit everyone

Large impressive silverware to win

The project runs throughout the spring and summer terms of 2019, culminating in the judging of project work at the end of the summer term. All local schools are welcome to take part. The project aims to enable schools within the Alresford and North East Hampshire areas to have access to a real local working farm to use as a teaching resource to enhance pupils' understanding of the countryside.

Schools involved in the project must be able to commit to:

- Visiting a farm (preferably at least twice) in the year to witness the seasonal changes on the farm.
- Develop project work with pupils in the classroom using the farm visits that the pupils attended.
- Hosting a visit from the Show's Competition Judges in school to observe the project work and talk with some pupils during the first week of July. The exact date and time will be agreed upon nearer the time.
- Moving the display of project work to the showground at Tichborne Park during the afternoon of Friday 6th September 2019.
- Taking part in the prize giving in the education marquee during the afternoon of the show on Saturday 7th September. (This is only for those schools which have been awarded prizes).
- Leave the project work within the education marquee for the whole of the show and then remove it once the show has finished.

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