

Countryside Education Project 2019

FREE VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to the continued support of the Romsey Show.

Countryside Day for Schools at the Matterley Estate, Alresford, SO24 0HY Tuesday 1st May



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 rest 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.

Countryside Day for Schools at the Bereleigh Estate, East Meon, GU32 1PH Wednesday 8th May



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 to see what has been growing for tea.

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.

The Countryside Adventure Experience for Special Schools Wintershill Estate, Durley, SO32 2AH

A popular event designed to specifically meet the needs of local special schools. All activities are easily accessible and clearly differentiated to meet a range of needs. The farm yard is wheelchair friendly and additional toilets are made available to ensure that every child's needs can be catered for. Now its 10th year the annual event has moved to a different part of the farm yet still promises a fun packed day. Students meet cattle, shear a sheep, hunt for bugs, handle pheasant chicks, grind wheat, groom ponies, learn about keeping bees and all at their own speed! There is now a lake too.....

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.

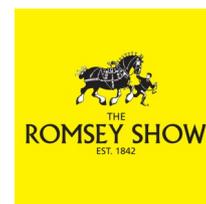
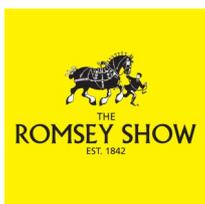
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Romsey Show's Countryside Education Competition 2019



FREE to enter
As many FREE farm visits as you would like
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 Romsey area 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 to the showground at Broadlands Park during Friday 13th September 2019.
- Taking part in the prize giving in the main ring during the show on Saturday 14th 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.

This is just a small selection of the farmers in the Romsey area keen to host visits from local schools. There are many, many, many more

Heathlands Farm, Ower, Romsey, SO51 6AN



As well as a wide range of poultry at Blackwater Traditional Rare Breed Poultry (www.blackwater-trad-rare-breeds.co.uk), the farm also has the increasingly popular alpaca, along with ferrets, goats, tortoises and pigs. There is also a small orchard and easily accessible allotment to explore. The farm is a great opportunity for children to experience a thriving New Forest smallholding which operates successfully within a global market.

The Holt Farm, Upham, SO32 1HR



A beautiful 780 acre private estate with extensive historic parkland, pasture land, arable and woodland. Pupils can meet the Red Ruby Devon Cattle, the flock of sheep, and explore the traditional farm buildings. With excellent bug hunting sites and active conservation schemes there are many bees, invertebrates and birds to identify. There is also a brand new classroom with kitchen on

Aubrey Farm, near Keyhaven, Milford on Sea SO41 0TH



Aubrey Farm has a variety of different crops and extensive farm machinery for pupils to enjoy. They can first hand explore the field to fork story, as they grind their own wheat and match the farms arable crops to the products in the farm shop. Aubrey Farm also has a growing flock of Zwartbles sheep and a lot of lambs in the spring, providing the perfect opportunity for children to learn about the care of a range of different farm animals and their uses, within a friendly working farm environment.

Park Farm, Thorns Beech Road, Beaulieu. SO42 7XL



A dairy farm with historical and religious connections, once run by monks it is reputed to be the true resting place of King Rufus (William II). Children will have the opportunity to handle the calves and make butter. With arable operations nearby, children can explore the large grain store as they learn about the different crops and how they become everyday foods, grind wheat and follow the field to fork story. Whilst the neighbouring beach provides a contrasting habitat for pupils to enjoy.