



SHERRATTS WOOD

a place for discovery

Sherratts Wood represents an exciting new approach to delivering educational outcomes in Staffordshire.

Being a Day-farmer at Sherratts Wood provides a supportive environment to encourage everyone, regardless of ability and academic attainment, to challenge themselves and achieve things that they may not achieve in a traditional educational environment.

Following successful careers in regeneration, social housing and the private sector, Louise and Brendon Fletcher-Chard have transformed their North Staffordshire Farm into a place for discovery. Sherratts Wood offers individuals and groups the opportunity to achieve educational and social outcomes in a non-traditional setting whilst also discovering improved wellbeing through inspirational rural activities delivered on a working farm.

The Concept

Sherratts Wood is a not for profit Community Interest Company working with a broad range of people to achieve positive educational, social and economic outcomes, delivered through rural activities such as growing and cooking healthy food, horticulture, animal husbandry and rural crafts.

Our vision is to create a social and practical environment that stimulates intergenerational learning and helps young people to achieve their potential both educationally and socially. Our CRB checked, CEVAS and PTTLS trained staff will ensure that every aspect of their visit is outcome-focussed and transferable, both socially and curriculum based.

What makes Sherratts Wood Different is that we work in partnership with a range of educationalists including the Children's University based at Staffordshire University, to develop programmes of activity and provide a credit based framework that enables young people to learn in a practical way whilst maintaining their ability to demonstrate learning and go on to successful careers in the future. Our work is focussed on supporting young Day-farmers to become rounded individuals with transferable skills that enhance their career options. To this end we work closely with local businesses to connect young people with enterprise through a programme of mentoring.

Sherratts Wood is an inspirational environment where everyone is treated as an equal regardless of their background and is supported as an individual to discover their true potential whether that is learning a new skill, achieving a qualification, interacting with people & animals or increasing their career aspirations and ultimately their employability.

The Benefits

- Improved educational outcomes for specific educational groups
- Improved cardio vascular health through physical activity
- Enhanced team working skills
- Enhanced creative thinking skills
- Improved communication skills
- Improved confidence and self esteem
- Respect, responsibility and improved wellbeing
- Connecting young people with local employers through enterprise mentors
- Connecting young people with the countryside and their food