



Saturday Farm Volunteer

Department: Farm Reference: Saturday Farm

Our Organisation

Ferring Country Centre is a charity providing support to people with learning disabilities. Having started in 1986 with 12 beneficiaries we have expanded over the years and now provide services to around 130 beneficiaries each week.

Our organisational mission is:

“To support people with learning disabilities to grow their independence, connect with others and create a good life.”

In addition to our Day Service our Garden Centre, Ranger’s Café, Gift Shop, Dales Farm, and Riding School are open to the general public, seven days per week. This allows everyone to share our beautiful site and excellent facilities and allow those we support the opportunity to develop social and customer service skills in a safe and supported environment.

Line Management

Learning, Development and Volunteering Manager and Farm Manager.

Purpose of Role

Our farm is home to a variety of animals and is open to the public 7 days a week.

During the week we also have our day service customers who are supported to help with general duties on the farm.

We are looking for volunteers over the age of 16 years old to help us on Saturdays with the daily husbandry care of our animals and the upkeep of the farm.

Key Responsibilities

- Mucking out large animal enclosures and relaying of shelters
- Carrying out cleans of small animal enclosures and aviaries
- Assist with preparation and feeding out of animal feeds
- Sweeping of pathways
- Maintaining standards of the farm

Key Information

Hours: 7.5 hours per week
Shifts: Saturday 09:00am-17:00pm
DBS: Subject to an enhanced DBS

Contact Information

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Person Specification

Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
Relevant qualification (NVQ Animal Care or equivalent)		Y
Good general level of education, including basic reading and writing skills	Y	
Commitment to undertake further training as required	Y	

Experience	Essential	Desirable
Experience of working with people with learning disabilities		Y
Experience of working/helping in a small/large animal environment		Y

Knowledge and Skills	Essential	Desirable
Basic animal care skills		Y
Excellent time management, ability to prioritise tasks	Y	
Reasonable level of physical fitness needed	Y	

Personal Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Flexible, enthusiastic and committed	Y	
Self-motivated and resourceful	Y	
Respectful and understanding of diversity	Y	
Calm and resilient	Y	