



# March 2020 Newsletter

Registered Charity Number: 1183223

In the last few months there have been great changes at Susan's Farm. Rest assured we are still producing our delicious mutton, lamb, beef and geese.

Last May the farm became a **registered charity**; this has made it possible to access funds from charitable foundations. Our trustees are Fiona Merritt (chair), Julie Aglionby, Joe McGarry, Judy Morris and Lindsey Slater.

In July, we became accredited with the **Pasture for Life Association (PLFA)**. All our cattle and sheep are fed entirely on grass, on our own organic hay and haylage in the winter. This is much better for the planet and much healthier for us. Have a look at the PLFA website.

Susan's Farm is now the proud possessor of a **9-seater minibus** thanks to the G K Boyes Charitable Trust. Emma Hughes started as our part time Administrator in early February thanks to a grant from the Cumberland Building Society via Cumbria Community Foundation. 13 employees from the **Cumberland Building Society** head office spent two days in early March redecorating our education room and rebuilding a very dilapidated fence around the veg patch. We are extremely grateful to all those who have and are supporting the work of Susan's Farm whether it be financially or in kind.

With the **appointment of Emma**, working on Monday and Friday mornings, all day on Wednesday and flexibly at the weekend, the great migration of paperwork is taking place from Susan's kitchen table in the Croft to Susan's Mess, the farm office in our education building. With more staffing in Susan's Mess we are now able to direct phone calls to the office on 02228 548336. Staff are also beginning to use @susansfarm.co.uk email addresses as below:

[emma@susansfarm.co.uk](mailto:emma@susansfarm.co.uk)  
[danella@susansfarm.co.uk](mailto:danella@susansfarm.co.uk)  
[david@susansfarm.co.uk](mailto:david@susansfarm.co.uk)

[martin@susansfarm.co.uk](mailto:martin@susansfarm.co.uk)  
[ruthalcroft@susansfarm.co.uk](mailto:ruthalcroft@susansfarm.co.uk)  
[susan@susansfarm.co.uk](mailto:susan@susansfarm.co.uk)

As well as being open for sales Monday and Friday evenings 5.30 – 7.30, we will be open on Wednesdays from 9.30 – 5.00. You'll find Emma in our education building, ring her if necessary, on 01228 548336.

The **education visits** to the farm are getting into full swing after a very wet winter. The diary is extremely full for the three weeks during lambing. We are very fortunate to once again have had a grant from the Moorhouse Fund allowing us to offer free visits to schools from inner city wards to the wetlands at Aglionby. This is a very special location within sight of the motorway not normally open to the public. An area of ponds and wetland with a purpose-built education cabin and our longhorn cattle grazing over the fence. Those who would like to visit with a group should contact our education officer Ruth Alcroft at [ruthalcroft@susansfarm.co.uk](mailto:ruthalcroft@susansfarm.co.uk).

Our next community event is the **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 3 – 6 pm. Entrance free, cream teas on sale.



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