



FUTURE ROOTS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024



Welcome to our latest newsletter. It's been a busy few months and time has flown by very fast and already we find ourselves well into spring and heading into summer. Although the weather has not been quite what we expected, we have managed to overcome the challenges that the elements have sent our way! We think it maybe safe to say the happiest animals of all were the ducks, they thoroughly enjoyed the temporary extension to their pond mansion!

Short Breaks Holiday Club

Run during the school holidays on our farm site providing activities for young people who live in Dorset and have a diagnosis or recognised social and emotional needs. Activities include countryside walks, outdoor games & animal care.

Sessions run from either 10am – 2pm or 10am – 3pm and the fee is £10 per session. If you would like more information.

Please call: 01963 210703 or

Email: suzanne@futereroots.net

Summer Holidays 2024

Week 1: 24th July & 25th July – 2 days only

Week 2: 29th July – 2nd August

Week 3: 5th August – 9th August

Week 4: 12th August – 16th August

Week 5: 19th August - 23rd August

Week 6: 27th August – 30th August

We have new funding available for those living in Somerset 10am – 2pm

Week 1: Wednesday 24th July

Week 2: Wednesday 31st July

Week 3: Wednesday 7th August

Week 4: Wednesday 14th August

Week 5: Wednesday 21st August

Week 6: Wednesday 28th August

Welcome

A huge welcome from all of the team to Jo our new Deputy Director, Jo started in February and we all wish her the best of luck in her role here

THANK YOU

Clothmakers: For funding some of the snug improvements, thank you

Hunts Food Group: We are extremely grateful for the continued funding to support our Countrymen UK club, thank you.

Dorset Community Foundation: We are very grateful for the funding from the Community Well Being & Mental Health Fund.

Holy Rood Church, Buckland Newton: Thank you for raising such a wonderful amount of money for Future Roots.

Sky - A Future Roots Young person: Organised a charity bingo evening and raised an amazing £2480.00, Thank you so very much, we are very grateful to you and your family for all of the hard work in making this event such a success.

Celebrating a successful start to our Internship 2024

Lewis used to attend Future Roots whilst he was still at school and he started his internship in September. We are really proud of his hard work so far, he is learning lots of new skills that will enhance his farming knowledge for the years ahead. Lewis has also secured a part time job after completing his work experience and is also doing his functional skills exams all alongside his internship

Lewis said, 'My favourite job was digging the ditches on the farm the most, my worst job has been laying patio slabs!'





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POTTERS GARDEN - 'Going for Growth Project'

Work is well underway for our new Potters Garden Project. We have now had the stone pathways laid, and work is well underway on building the raised beds, we hope to start running the project in September 2024. Sessions will be for young adults from the age of 18 years and upwards, each session will cost £40. If you know of someone who would benefit from support, working outside in a wellbeing garden, please get in touch by calling: 01963 210703



Solar Far – Solar Good!

Our solar panels were installed towards the end of March 2023. We wanted to reduce our energy costs and run with the resources available from nature. We have already seen huge savings in the first year, it's working well even without the sunshine!!



Dates for your Diary 2024

Saturday 10th August

Future Roots & Countrymen UK Charity Auction

Sunday 11th August

Future Roots & Countrymen UK Tractor Road Run

Educational Farm Tour

If you are a small group of people (minimum of 2 and max of 8) and would be interested in an educational farm tour, please contact our office on 01963 210703 or email office@futereroots.net to make an enquiry and we will advise you if you meet the criteria for our tour (we are sorry, but this is not open to youth or toddler groups).

We very much look forward to hearing from you



Future Roots Youth Ambassadors

Our Ambassador's, over 16's group, latest session was held on the 8th May, this was the first evening in a long while that the weather was welcoming and fine. The group, including Lucy, Abi, Ollie, Liam, Emily, Iona and Jack made a super presentation to the Future Roots Board Members about their personal memories of their time here at the farm and shared how the British Value Standards went hand in hand with Future Roots values. Their heart felt opinions resonated so well with their own reflective journeys and were amazingly received by the Board members. The Ambassadors also had time for a 'catch up' with their favourite animals on the farm which of course brought a smile to their faces. The group enjoyed chicken fajitas together. They also made plans for their next meeting in July, which is going to be our celebratory evening, sharing food and playing games together. Our videographer Mark from Lightshed Productions will be there to capture the fun on film.





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Volunteering

Can your organization spare some volunteering hours? There is always an opportunity to spruce up something here on the farm and we would be really grateful to any business that could provide a team to come and help.

Please contact us on 01963 210703



Welcome to our new baby lambs

We have welcomed 5 new additions to the farm, all are doing well and enjoying their cuddles daily



End of year celebrations, dates for your diary

Ambassadors Celebration Day

Wednesday 3rd July 5pm - & 7.30pm

Rural Remedies Family Evening

Wednesday 3rd July 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Future Roots Leaver & Awards Evening

Thursday 4th July 5pm – 7pm

Initiations will be sent out shortly

Futures Plus Programme



Our Futures Plus programme is funded by The John Lewis Foundation. The project is set up to work with young people aged 16 to 20 who have missed out on their education, and have been a part of Future Roots previously.

We are currently helping 7 young people transition into college or work by helping and preparing for interviews, identifying work experience placements and potential employers, helping to write a C.V, improving knowledge and skills by competing short Course qualifications and training. The main part of our work is to engage and support young people into further education and employment, with a focus on agriculture care and catering and other rural employment.

Snug Update

The snug is now watertight and had a lick of paint, this new relaxing space is available for those that need some quiet time or extra support. New paving has been laid and the cart port to the side has been erected with some hanging baskets being added to improve the look of the area. The cart is currently undergoing a refurbishment and will take pride of place when all the painting has been finished.

We wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers and young people for all of their hard work, we really do appreciate everything you have done to create this amazing space



We are really grateful for every donation we receive, if you would like to make a donation to help our work with young people

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