

Newsletter

September – December 2023



Hello everyone, greetings from Farm Life West Cumbria!

Welcome to our first seasonal newsletter. This has been our first term welcoming students at Farm Life, and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with groups young people and staff members from St Benedict's Catholic High School and West Cumbria Learning Centre so a huge thank you to both schools for supporting us this academic year.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to grant funding from Copeland Local Committee and Spark we have been able to purchase a fantastic garden room from local company, Synergy to use as a base. Hot drinks and biscuits are essential to keep us farmers going!



Sox inspecting the new garden room.

And a huge thank you to Copeland Community Foundation who have supported us in getting our Community Interest Company up and running this academic year via a project grant. We aim to be using our fantastic new resource for the start of the new term, plus Portalooos from Cumbria Loos.

SERVICE UPDATES



We have groups of young people, plus staff members, joining us each week from St Benedict's Catholic High School and West Cumbria Learning Centre and they have been fantastic, even in the worse of weather.



We were also delighted to be nominated and short listed for two awards as a new social enterprise at Cumbria Social Enterprise Annual Awards in Millom on 1st November 2023.

SPRING OPEN DAY



One of most exciting bits of news is our plan to offer an open farm day on Saturday 30th March 2024 when all members of the public and service users are welcome to join us and meet the animals and farmers between 10am and 3pm. Just drop us a text message or email to let us know that you are visiting. Refreshments available.

ANIMAL UPDATE



The horses came in for the autumn and winter in September. They have daily turnout but are not allowed in the fields! Mabel the foal, born at the beginning of July, is now the size of pony and is very lively indeed! Mallo is still on maternity leave. Brooky is still living his best life of retirement.

Sox is currently our only working horse, hacking out, flatwork lessons, jumping and online dressage, busy boy!

Our three beloved alpacas from Beck Brow Alpacas are also inside for the winter. Two of our alpaca friends have new names. Thanks for all the super suggested names from our social media followers. Reiver is still Reiver; we also have Chico and Pedro.



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