
Harwes Farm Community Interest Company

“Making Magical Habitats” A Heritage Lottery project

Information for parents & carers

Oct 2015 - Jun 2016

Making Magical Habitats is a hedgerow planting activity sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Young Roots programme. The project is being led by Gill Taylor, Project Co Ordinator at Harwes Farm CIC and the Young lead Team from Broadfield Specialist School in Oswaldtwistle. We also have the expert guidance of Mr Dave Brackley Woodland Management Consultant and good friend, and support from community champions with The Woodland Trust.

The ground has been prepared to receive some 200 participants to be involved in planting some 1600 young trees! Anyone aged between 8 years and upward - Harwes Farm believes in being inclusive and all of our projects are open to everyone regardless of experience, ability or status.

Each group will spend the day with us at the farm from around 10am until 2pm. The idea is you bring packed lunches and snacks with you, and drinks will be laid on during the day.

We are looking for small groups, between 10 and 15 participants to join us per session.

Harwes Farm offers access to the countryside for activities like this one. This is a safe environment to learn and have fun in the outdoors with all insurances, health & safety policies, and DBS checks in place. All staff are skilled at and love working with young people. All hold current first aid qualifications, but hopefully it won't come to that - welcoming small groups means not only great opportunities to build relationships, it ensures a lot of hands on support too.



What will you need to bring?



Hedgerows - a natural heritage of the countryside

Clothing:

Warm waterproof coats, waterproof over trousers if possible, hats and scarves, wellies are ideal. If you need to borrow anything from us, please ask.

We will provide working gloves and all the tools; you just provide the “have a go” attitude” and together we can plant a heritage that will feature on the landscape for years and years to come! Each participant will be invited to revisit their “own” trees, see how they are coming along, and take part in future projects.

You will also have chance to meet the Harwes sheep - yes we have pet sheep here who love to be fussed over; the farm’s free range chickens will be around and our cats are always eager to help!

Rain will not cause a cancellation, sessions will only be postponed due to adverse weather conditions ie. snow and rearranged for another day.
