
Harwes Farm Community Interest Company

“Making Magical Habitats - A Heritage Lottery Project

Information for schools and community groups

Oct 2015- Jun 2016

Harwes Farm CIC is committed to the health & safety of it's visitors.

The company carries £5,000,000 Public Liability Cover and full employer liability insurance.

All staff carry current DBS checks and are experienced in working with children and young people of all ages and all abilities.

All staff hold first aid qualifications Level 2 and above.

All Health & Safety Policies and Procedures, risk assessments and insurances are available to view and are in compliance with standard education expectations.

We expect that visiting group leaders will be fully and legally responsible for their children or young people whilst on site. As hosts, staff at Harwes Farm will be involved in the activity at all times and on hand to support staff, partners, service providers and children alike.

It is a requirement of the company's PLI insurance that we see and take copy of visiting groups' PLI.

Partner services delivering workshops and sessions are fully qualified and insured to do so; their policies match our own requirements. Volunteer workers will be accompanied and supported by Harwes Farm staff at all times.

There is a toilet accessible for use during the day, and several additional hand washing facilities outside.

You may wish to make your own risk assessments and we welcome you to visit the site. Please just ring to arrange.

“Making Magical Habitats” is sponsored by The Heritage Lottery Young Roots programme and so is free of charge to you.

Transport to and from site is the school's or community group's responsibility, directions are to be found with the online booking form.

Practical information

All of the projects at Harwes Farm are geared to work with small groups only: up to a maximum 15 participants, plus staff. Smaller groups are also welcome. This way we welcome everyone personally, operate to a high ratio of staff to children/young people, retain the peaceful and remote vibe of the site and transport is made more convenient by minibus or even cars in the case of smaller groups.

Advised clothing:

Waterproof outer wear, warm jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, wellington boots.

We will provide working gloves and tools and equipment necessary. This is not a hard hat activity.

Packed lunches and snacks.

We will provide drinks and shelter for eating and drinking.

It is hoped that as participants will be planting trees for the future, they will revisit the site to see how their own trees are progressing and thereafter to take part in other Harwes Farm activities and projects, some related to the hedgerows and some not directly related.

We attach our business plan for your further information about our aims, objectives and vision.

We hope you enjoy your time with us and if there is any further information you require, please do not hesitate to contact.