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Stirley Community Farm is an inspirational place in West Yorkshire, which is bringing back wildlife to farming, and working with local people to achieve healthy living and a

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healthy environment in this corner of Huddersfield.

Stirley Community Farm covers 240 acres of land which was once intensively farmed. Having been abandoned around the start of the 21st Century, the land and farm buildings fell into disrepair. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust chose Stirley Community Farm as their gateway site for West Yorkshire as it is typical of the local countryside and is a great place to showcase how wildlife-friendly farming methods can benefit the landscape, involve the community and support a sustainable farm business.

Since taking on ownership in 2011, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has restored an old barn into an <u>excellent education</u> <u>facility</u>, developed a thriving food training garden, planted an orchard, established a beef shorthorn herd, introduced bee hives and provided agricultural and conservation training to a whole host of young people.

In the coming years we plan to do even more! We will continue with our successful events and education programme, reaching even more of the local community. We will continue to provide training to young adults and restore the old farmhouse to provide offices on the farm. We will increase the size of our herd of Beef Shorthorn cattle to provide delicious beef for local people, produced right on their doorstep. And of course, we will continue to bring wildlife back to the farm...

Looking after Stirley Community Farm

We are carrying out grassland restoration work across this urban fringe farm, which will increase the number and diversity of flowers, insects, birds and mammals.

To achieve this areas of the farm are grazed with a traditional breed of cattle and a hay cut is taken later in the season to help encourage more wildlife into the fields.

A fantastic bunch of volunteers help the Trust across the farm, whether it be helping to restore the farmland, tending the food training gardens, helping with building renovations, farm maintenance, educational activities, or cooking and supporting our events.

Find out more about the farm.

Get Involved

We run an exciting and varied events and education programme thoughout the year to inspire you to help wildlife on your doorstep and enjoy a healthy diet of locally produced food.

We have a range of volunteer roles on the farm, with opportunities to volunteer arising at different times throughout the year.

Find out more about our work with the local community.

Contact Us

If you have a question about Stirley Community Farm then please contact us by emailing <u>stirleyfarm@ywt.org.uk</u> or calling 01484 663185. You can also find us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter @YWTstirleyfarm</u>.

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