

COURSE DATES

We have courses running throughout the year (although because this is a working farm, there won't be courses during April - we're too busy lambing). For a list of dates do call us on 01837 810569 or check out our website: www.southyeofarmwest.co.uk/CourseDates.html

WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT US

"Wonderful! I had an amazing time and now I can't wait to get on with our dream."

"We have been discussing our smallholding plans every moment that we can and each time we do, we realise how much we learnt on our weekend with you".

"Our weekend in Devon confirmed for us that we really want to pursue our smallholding/self-sufficiency dream."

"We were so enthused and inspired by our weekend with you both, that we have gone for an 11 acre smallholding!!"

"Brilliant. I love the farmhouse, the fact the food was home-made from produce, the training room was well equipped and as for the dogs...well, I love them!"

"Excellent location and lovely food".

"Really warm, friendly and welcoming, lovely hosts. It was very well run and very informative. Thank you."

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Smallholding & livestock courses for beginners

It's time to make your dream a
reality...

Come to Devon for an experience that
could change your life



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OUR COURSES

Are you thinking about taking on some livestock for the first time? Have you taken the smallholding plunge but feel a bit out of your depth? Are you uncertain which animal or breed is for you? Do you want to move beyond books and dreams and spend a day with experienced livestock keepers who can give you a real insight that will help you make some initial decisions? If so, one of our courses might just be one of the best days you've spent in a while...

We run a range of courses for budding smallholders, and are also happy to tailor-make a course (for a minimum of four participants). Our courses are designed to be lively, interactive sessions, with lots of time spent outside experiencing it for real on the farm (rain or no rain), so that we combine theory with practice and send you away with a genuine understanding of what you can do next.

INTRODUCTION TO SMALLHOLDING: TWO DAY COURSE

This two day course will give you a solid grounding for getting started in smallholding, covering the essential topics of legal and

statutory requirements, tools and equipment and basic livestock management. We allow time to answer all your questions and aim to leave you feeling confident in making those early smallholding decisions. You will spend time with our livestock (sheep, pigs, geese, ducks, llama and depending on the time of year, turkeys, guinea fowl and more), and have the opportunity to explore the realities of managing a smallholding.



LIVING WITH LIVESTOCK: AN INTRODUCTION TO SHEEP, PIGS & CATTLE

Having livestock is a big responsibility and ensuring sound animal welfare is a must for all smallholders. This one day course gives you the opportunity to consider what it really means to have sheep, pigs and cattle. You will spend time on two neighbouring farms, getting to grips with the pleasures and pains of all three species, so that you end the day with a clearer idea of what animal and breed might best suit you and your land. This course is run in partnership with

Locks Park Farm
(www.locksparkfarm.wordpress.com)

DIY WEBSITES

If you sell your own produce direct, have holiday cottages or B&B's to advertise, or just want to put your farm, smallholding or small business on the Internet map, a website is an absolute must-have. This course will teach you how to create and maintain your own website without the need for an expensive web designer or learning complicated programming languages. Following the course you will have all the skills and experience you need to build a website.

THE FOOD & THE VENUE

We provide all refreshments, a homemade lunch and a Devon cream tea, using our own produce wherever possible, seasons allowing. All our training takes place here on our 108 acre farm in the culm grasslands of Devon on the fringes of Dartmoor. We can also deliver the DIY website course for groups in other venues to suit your needs.

FURTHER DETAILS

For lots more details on course content, course costs, our farm and what you might expect from a day or two spent with us, please give us a call and check out our website: www.southyeofarmwest.co.uk

Our courses are run by
www.debbiekingsley.co.uk/smallholding.html