

Duke of Edinburgh

Gold Award Residential

29th July to 2nd August or 5th to 9th August 2024

Nethercott House, Devon, EX19 8SN



Farms for City Children is a vibrant charity that welcomes children and young people from England and Wales to experience the adventure of working together on our farms in the heart of the British countryside. Visiting young people are immersed in the natural world of food, farming and countryside life where they participate in authentic seasonal farming tasks. Spending time working alongside real farmers fosters young people's independence and helps them to grow in confidence, develop their self-esteem, and encourages them to become more resilient.



Our fully accredited DofE Gold Award Residential Programme runs during weeks when we do not have a group in residence. In 2024 this will be during the summer holidays. Farming never stops though - our sites continue to work during these periods and there are always animals to feed, stables to muck out, harvesting to be done in our large productive gardens, produce to process and maintenance tasks around the farm. We use these weeks to do some of the bigger jobs that we can't always manage when we have primary aged children on site. Last year, (amongst other tasks) the groups worked hard to put up a large bee shed and create a teaching area for the visiting children to return to in September.

As we open Nethercott Farm to Duke of Edinburgh participants for 2024, we can offer you the experience of active engagement with nature and the countryside, cultivating transferable work and life skills whilst, collaborating with new people as you enjoy plenty of physical activity, good food and fresh air, helping us to maintain our livestock and gardens and keeping the site in good order ready for the return of our beneficiaries.

The Gold Award Residential will be an exclusive occupancy. No other group will be joining you that week so you really will have the place to yourselves to enjoy! All activities on the farm will be fully supervised by our well trained and experienced staff, and we will provide all training, tools, equipment, and PPE needed. You just need to bring a pair of wellies (and you're welcome to bring your own waterproof coat and waterproof trousers or cotton overalls should you prefer to use your own PPE). There will be two members of our team staying overnight in case of an out of hours' emergency, and during the day there will be a team of our staff around to support.



Nethercott is centred on a large Victorian manor house that will become your home for the week. We have a mix of accommodation, but typically this would be a small dormitory with its own bathroom. Enjoy a week with less screen time – no TV on site and no phones when out on the farm. There is a quiet space in the house available which could be used as a multi-faith/prayer space should one be needed. The residential is full board - we will provide all meals although the group will be involved in food preparation, cooking and other kitchen duties (washing up!). Please note transport is not provided, however we can arrange pick up and drop off from our local train station at Eggesford.

The Residential Fee is an All-inclusive charge of £399 per person

For an Application Form please contact us on bookings@farmsforcitychildren.org