

THE LATEST NEWS FROM Shallowford Farm

making the difference



Dear Friends

Dartmoor is looking wonderful in the warm spring sun, but the nights are still cold, so many of the buds are only just straining at their sepals.

The farm has been busy and the herds are being replenished with new arrivals keeping Paul working flat out. The groups have been a sheer pleasure to host with many enjoying their first visit to the farm. We have so many wonderful stories to tell so do please read on.

Tasting the difference

We have been well served by 'Matthews' who have upgraded our water storage system to make it more efficient and less labour intensive. Following water tests by the TDC we have installed a neutralising tank to help increase the pH of the water.

All is now up and running and the water will be kinder to our pipes both external and internal!

The A - Z of Dartmoor

The wonderful group that joined us at the beginning of the Easter break had such good fun. They began their visit by collecting a visual A-Z of Dartmoor, from Ash buds to Zigzag patterns of the feldspar crystals. They then added to this an A-Z of Easter. Try this for yourself, it is challenging and creates some excellent conversations.

They had some fun meeting the team tasks set them. The gifts of listening, sharing,

cooperation and caring were all tested and I think we all learnt a lot that day!



The Shallowford Trust

The board of Trustees continues to develop and grow. David Ursell has stood down as our chairman, a role that has been taken up by Robert Musgrave. Our thanks to both of them.

The two new trustees, John Dracup and David Davies have brought significant new skills to the team that are being well tested already.

All of the trustees are giving much time and energy to the trust during this period of development. We are very grateful to them all.



Planning for the Country Fair

The first gathering of enthusiasts has taken place - thank you to all of them. So they will be knocking on your door, sending emails and generally trying to encourage you to be involved in some way to raise money for the young people who visit Shallowford.

Please put the date - **Saturday 25th July** - in your diary and then:



- offer to plan/run/organise something on the day
- make something - crafty or yummy
- donate to the bottle stall or silent auction
- help organise before hand - publicity, signs, clearing and cleaning

Please contact us and offer what you can. We can then add you to the big planning spreadsheet as you become part of the great team to make the event a great day.

The next planning meeting is on Thurs. 4th June at 7pm here at the farm.

