



## Don't miss it – The Shallowford Farmyard Nativity

This will take place on Sunday 9th December at the farm, among the animals. The gates open at 3pm with the story starting at 4pm. It will be outside in the fields and the courtyard so wrap up warm and stay on to enjoy festive food and drink afterwards. As always it is free but your donations are very welcome.

If you are able to come along on November 17th from 11am onwards to help us make the costumes and props then we would be glad to see you.

### *Dates for your diary*

#### **10th Nov**

Providence House Annual Fund Raising Dinner

#### **17th Nov**

Join the volunteers preparing for the nativity

#### **23rd-25th Nov**

Work Party

#### **7th-10th Dec**

Winter on Dartmoor, group from Providence House

#### **9th Dec**

Farmyard Nativity 3pm for 4pm start

## Johnny's amazing cycle ride

He rode the equivalent of: to the top of Snowdon, Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike – all on top of each other – and down again over 5 days. He raised over £1700 to bring a group of 10 young people from Battersea to the farm plus pay for extra youth leader support and an extra activity for them

Thank you Johnny and thank you to everyone who supported him.

<http://shallowfordfarm.co.uk/johnnys-cycle-challenge-diary/>

Watch this space for Johnny's next sponsored cycle adventure from Providence to East Shallowford.



## Achieving something big – together!

Having been granted planning permission last September The Shallowford Trust is now undertaking a big project to convert the granite barns to provide better residential facilities, disabled access and learning facilities. We have made good progress towards raising the funds needed but we still need to secure a few £100,000 more before we can begin. Therefore we would like to ask you, as one of our valued supporters, to consider if you can help us raise as much as possible to make this vision a reality. Your help would be very welcome and be a practical step to providing a life changing experience to young people.

*“I have not been so happy for a long, long time”, “This has been my best day ever”, “I have done so many things for the first time”, “I never thought that I would learn so much on a farm”*

Please consider this very carefully, maybe you are considering leaving a legacy that really Makes a Difference into the future; perhaps you could organise and run an event that raises funds towards this valuable work; maybe you could collect sponsors to support you and us as you strive to achieve a personal sporting goal; perhaps you could gather friends around you to make and sell



special goods; maybe you know someone who has a strong business that needs to support a very worthwhile charity; the possibilities are endless!

What we need are supporters willing to do the thinking, planning and organising needed.

Thank you for considering these options, and others, that could contribute to the funds needed.

Should you be able to make a donation then please check out our website page <http://shallowfordfarm.co.uk/get-involved/support-us/>

<https://www.give.net/20111993/oneoff>

If we need to talk further then please do call us on **01364 621392** or email **info@shallowfordfarm.co.uk** Thank you!

## St Budeaux Baptist church youth group

A great group stayed at the farm for a wonderful, if wet, weekend. On the Saturday they helped Will with the sheep, they were challenged with a trust trail and then we all built dens in the woods to try and keep out of the rain and get warm. The Sunday was a better day as we even managed a great walk to see the view that had been hidden from us the day before. They were a great bunch of youngsters who I hope will come again.







## Widicombe Fair

What an amazing day and a superb team.

There were 37 volunteers involved before, during and after the day making the Shallowford Café a great place at the fair to get quality food and drink. Thank you so much to all the volunteers that made this happen, it went like clockwork. There was even time for the chairman of the trustees and two other – animals? – to take time out to complete the Widecombe Fair Run. All the visitors to the café were happy and the team were happy, especially those that stayed on to enjoy the party afterwards! Job Done.

The final result – we raised £4,300 – all to go towards enabling more young people to enjoy Shallowford Farm.

## Changes at the Farm

After 5 years at the farm and 30 years in Outdoor Education, Debbie has decided to retire at the end of March 2019. “This has been the hardest decision I have ever made” as she will miss the amazing people that she serves and serves with, the groups, volunteers, staff and trustees.

This will mean that the trustees will be looking to secure a Trust Manager, residential or not, for the Shallowford Trust, to take the work forward into an exciting future. Please pray for this person, for their prompting, wisdom, courage and passion.

Should you know anyone who may be interested then please ask them to contact Robert Musgrave [robert.providence@outlook.com](mailto:robert.providence@outlook.com)



## The Providence House Junior youth group



What an amazing time they had over half term. They worked with the sheep, walked on the open moor, hunted for crabs at the beach and ate for England! They met with Ben Holt of the Rock Pool Project at Saltern Cove where he and his team shared his enthusiasm and knowledge

of the rocky shore with them. The challenge was to find and then pick up a crab – but beware the red-eyed velvet swimmer, they're mean!!!!

So many great memories have been made, friendships formed and so much stuff learnt.