

# ONE WEEK LIVING AND WORKING AS A VOLUNTEER AT CHURCH FARM

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First of all I came to Church Farm because in France I work with farmers and I am always looking for new ideas to produce organic food, to manage a farm and to make more interactions between citizens and the agricultural world.

Secondly, I was able to come here because I had some free time in England. I also wanted to speak and improve my English and I was lucky because one of my friends used to buy products from the farm and he

told me that it could be a good idea to come and offer my help.

I was very impressed when I arrived to the farm because a lot of people are working, you can see a lot of activities everywhere and I am not use to that kind of farm. Then, I met the workers and I was very welcomed.

First, I will remember my work as a volunteer in the farm. I did things I had never done before like horticulture. I also liked to share this experience and live

with the other workers. Indeed, I think it is very important when you arrive somewhere you don't know to have nice people who take time to explain you things.

To finish I would say that I really liked to participate on the first night of "Camping Under The Stars" for the year. It was a good opportunity for the families, the customers and the workers to spend some time together and to have fun.

Yes, I learnt many different things (horticulture, work at the cafe, feeding the lambs, collecting eggs). I came back to France with new ideas about the activities we can develop in or around a farm. And I am less shy to speak in English now!

Would I come again? Of course yes! I only spent one week in the farm but if I have the opportunity to come back I would stay at least one month!

