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## About The Story Community Farm

We are a not for profit project all about the environment, food and most importantly, you and the local community. Together we are going to create a unique model of how food is grown, distributed and even eaten.

Whilst food, and by implication farming, is so clearly a part of everyone's lives and is something that should be celebrated and enjoyed, many of us have lost touch with it's importance and less still are involved in producing it. The world is changing and changing fast. If you are concerned about the future of the planet, the use of finite resources or just more interested in growing your own food - The Story Community Farm is for you.

## Our Background



The Story Community Farm was started by Luke Hasell, Phil Haughton and Jim Twine. Luke and Jim run a business called The Story Group selling organic beef and lamb to local citizens (through a meat box), restaurants like Bordeaux Quay and Schools like St Christophers.

Phil runs The Better Food Company in Bristol. A company fully committed to organic food and farming, Phil has been growing vegetables for his business for the last 7 years.

Through working together Luke, Phil and Jim realised they had a shared vision - to work with people from Bristol and the surrounding area to help play a small part in reshaping the way food is grown, sold and consumed through reconnecting the local community with agriculture.

Stage one of the The Community Farm project will concentrate on growing vegetables on some fantastic grade one land just off Denny Lane at the heart of the Chew Valley, overlooking the lake. But in time will expand to other enterprises including pigs and poultry.

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### Citizen membership

£25p.a

Not got too much time but love good food, and would like to know more about how it is grown?

- Given priority for signing up to a weekly box of seasonal organic vegetables.
- 5% discount on the cost of the vegetable box.
- Free use of The Community Farm recreational area.
- Encouraged to spend a minimum of one day a year helping to grow your food.
- Reduced rate for entry of annual Harvest Festival.

### Apprentice membership

£300p.a

If you want to get your hands dirty.

- This is perfect for people who really want to learn more about growing their own food or are considering a career in horticulture/agriculture. You will be expected to work a minimum of 15 days per year.
- As a Community Farm apprentice you will be able to 'pick your own box' free of charge each time you come to work - worth over £8 each.
- You will be given priority for signing up to a weekly box of seasonal organic vegetables.
- Receive a 10% discount on the cost of the vegetable box.
- Reduced rate for entry of annual Harvest Festival.

### Organisational membership

£750p.a

If you want to get your workplace involved.

- Your staff will be given priority for signing up to a weekly box of seasonal organic vegetables.
- All your staff will receive a 10% discount when they buy a box.
- Encourage your staff to come and work at The Story CSA for one day a year and "pick their own" box free of charge - worth over £8 each.
- You will be able to hold one staff social event at The Community Farm each year, cooking food you have played a part in producing.
- Reduced rates for entry at the annual Harvest Festival.

### Team building days

from £500

Plus £25 per person

These can be tailored to meet your needs and will normally involve; getting your hands dirty helping grow vegetables, picking and eating your own lunch and other team activities.

#### Charities and social enterprise groups

Tailored to meet the needs of your organisation, we will agree costs on an individual basis; we do not want to price anyone out of The Community Farm. Trips will be aimed at education, training, participation and rehabilitation.

Overall by becoming a member of The Community Farm you will be able to really engage with food and food production and learn new skills at a level that is right for you, engaging with your local community and having a really good time.

**Other benefits of getting involved in The Community Farm include:** Cooking demonstrations from local chefs. Socialising and meeting people from all walks of life. Sustainability workshops - enhancing your food security. Annual festival to celebrate the harvest and the year's achievements - with food, drink and music. It's The Community Farm - so you decide!





## Our vision



“The Community Farm will be a place where you will have the chance to work as a team, meet new people, gain skills and share experiences. All in a safe learning environment - no one is going to laugh at you if you do not know one end of a folk from the other or aren't sure what Kohlrabi is.... we still cant cook it!

Working on the land can be meditative and nourishes the soul in a way few other activities do.

By joining The Community Farm you will be playing a part in producing fresh seasonal organic food that is grown in harmony with nature and leaves the land in good heart.

You should also get the chance to cook some great tasting food that you have played a real part in growing.

The long term plan is to turn food production and distribution on its head and sell more and more organic food to local citizens. That is good for you, the local environment and ultimately the planet.

We would love you to get involved.”

## Who owns the The Community Farm project?

The short answer is you - if you become a member. Currently the land is being farmed by Phil under a tenancy agreement, with the vegetables mainly supplying The Better Food Company.

As soon as a committee is established (we hope this will be by early Summer 2009) The Story Community Farm Trust will be set up. This will be a not for profit company that is a legal entity in its own right, owned by the members, with a committee voted in by its members. If the project makes a profit this will be ploughed back into the land and taking The Community Farm to the next level. No dividends will be paid to private share holders.

## Who owns the land ?

Luke and Marcus Hasell. The Community Farm will rent the land at a rate that is fair for both parties.

