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## **Updates from the farm**

### **Farm Sessions**

**We currently have some group and one to one space available!**

If you are supporting a young person that you feel would benefit from accessing the farm please do complete a referral form [Refer - Dedham Therapy Farm](#) and send it to us at [hello@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk](mailto:hello@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk)

### **New Staff Members**

Max Clapson will be joining us on 10 March. Max has experience working with other alternative provision settings. He has craftsmanship skills which he is keen to begin sharing with farm assistants.

### **New Services**

Dedham Therapy Farm now offers ASDAN short courses to young people between the ages of 11 – 18. The Courses are flexible, portfolio-based programmes designed to accredit up to 60 hours of activity and skills development across a range of topics and curriculum areas. We are starting with animal care but will soon also be offering gardening and PSHE. Because they are multi-level, the focus is on completing challenges and skills development according to individual ability.

ASDAN short courses are a stepping stone for the young person to progress onto other learning such as further ASDAN courses or college. ASDAN's courses have a proven track record in developing character traits in young people. Resilience, self-regulation, and emotional and social skills can play an important role in enabling young people to achieve positive health, education, employment, and other outcomes.

Farm Assistants can access short course on a one to one or group basis.

You can register your interest in the animal care and gardening short course by emailing us at [hello@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk](mailto:hello@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk) and letting us know that you have a current or potential Farm Assistants that may be interested in accessing these short courses.



## **Occupational Therapy Assessments**

Would you like to understand where your young persons strengths and difficulties are? Would you benefit from having a full OT report to understand how to support your young person, but worry they might not engage in a clinical assessment?

Please watch our video on our OT assessments available. <https://youtu.be/-4HRnA9bQ7U>

**You can access the farm weekly & and have a full OT assessment!**

## **Safeguarding visits**

If you would like to make a visit to the farm for safeguarding purposes, please make an appointment for either the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March or the week beginning or 24 March 2025.

## **Documents**

The following documents are available on our website please see link below:

- Staff DBS log
- Risk Assessment Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Letter of Assurance
- Insurance Policy

## **2025 Timetable**

Our timetable for this year is available to view on our website. Please see link below:

[2025 Timetable](#)

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## **Staff contact details**

### **Directors**

Amy Boyce DSL- Lead OT - [amy.boyce@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk](mailto:amy.boyce@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk) (on maternity leave)

Megan Dack DSL - Business Manager - [megan.dack@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk](mailto:megan.dack@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk)

Sara Marshall – Animal Care & Finance Manager [sara.marshall@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk](mailto:sara.marshall@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk)

### **Operation Co-Ordinator**

Tom Clapson- DDSL [tom.clapson@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk](mailto:tom.clapson@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk)

### **Administration**

Angela Baker - Administrator - [admin@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk)

### **Occupational Therapists**

Fleur Parks - [fleur.parks@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk](mailto:fleur.parks@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk)

Penny Gibbons – [penny.gibbons@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk](mailto:penny.gibbons@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk)

### **Occupational Therapy Assistants**

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Max Clapson – contact details coming soon!

Jodie Boots – Bank Staff member

### **Animal Care**

Tristan Barker - Weekend Animal Care Assistant

Marnie Carr – Animal Care Assistant

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Toby Marshall – Weekend Animal Care Assistant

Mitchell Towler – Animal Care Assistant