

WSSSEN

Social Enterprise of the Month

Ferring Country Centre

Local independent charity that provides meaningful training and work experience for people with learning difficulties. Our Clients develop work and social skills by assisting us with operating the Riding Therapy Unit, our Garden Centre, Café and Small Animals Farm. Clients are also able to participate in a number of community projects, including newspaper collection and gardening services. Our desire is that the work ethos applied at the Centre will enable our clients to move on to work in the community, voluntary or possibly paid employment.

The Centre was established in 1986 by a small group of parents who saw the need for an active workplace setting. We are strongly committed to these vulnerable adults gaining social inclusion within the community and to enable them to play a valued role in society.

The atmosphere at Ferring Country Centre is stimulating and empowers those that attend.

We offer a work training environment that enables the following:

- People are able to learn work skills in their chosen choice of setting
- Communication, social and life skills are improved and developed
- The foundations are laid to build confidence and self esteem
- People realise their full potential and feel a real sense of achievement
- A place where everyone that attends benefits from the therapeutic value of animal interventions and horticultural activities
- An environment that is safe and supportive yet focused on a workplace model.

Volunteers play a pivotal role. We rely on their skill and commitment; they promote our Centre and raise funds for us. We are also happy to form corporate partnerships with the business community and see that building links by working in conjunction will not only raise awareness of our charity but also create invaluable CSR & PR opportunities for those companies involved.

Recent Achievements:

Our Small Animal Farm is now open to visitors thanks to our loyal supporters who helped us win £50,000 from the Big Lottery People's Millions to set up the farm. The farm has opened up new animal care training opportunities for clients whose disabilities make caring for horses difficult or for those clients who would rather receive training in farm animal care. We are strongly committed to enhancing the lives of vulnerable adults, providing work training through our "Work Counts" scheme. This scheme aims to assist these adults to gain employment in the community, either paid or voluntary, and to play a valued role in society through social inclusion.

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