NORTH EAST

City Farm Byker

* A reminder to City Farmers that a meeting is to be held at Byker on the 31st January, 1981. If people wishing to attend and require accommoddation could please contact us as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Anyone arriving earlier on 30 January can also be accommodated.

This summer with extra fenced grazing and better funding we have bought two cows, one is a Dexter, which has produced a bull calf, the other a Jersey is calf heifer.

We have also increased our goat herd. Poultry has been increased and replaces old stock. A Newcastle West End school has incubated some ducklings for us to increase our stock.

During the winter months we are hoping to fence extra grazing subject to planning approval and a lease being obtained from the City Council. Two areas that are present under negotiation are in need of only slight fencing repairs.

On the animal side we are starting an immunisation programme, and have produced for ourselves a calendar/year planner which might be of some use to other City Farmers.

Some of the vaccines are in quite large quantitites, others have only a limited shelf-life, some are even compulsory.

Due to the factors mentioned perhaps a bulk purchasing scheme might be operated between various farms?

We have a new worker, Mike McConway, our education advisor.

See you in January, I hope, Joseph Waddell, Richard Healy, and Mike MConway.

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