Growing Care Farming

Social Farms & Gardens

Grow. Using gardening to change lives

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The Ongo Journey to Work

First steps
- Job search
- Sign up to Crook Employment
- Interviews
- Long-term employment

Practical activities
- Work placements
- Qualifications
- Hands-on skills
- References

Plan of action
- Action plan
- Training
- Basic skills
- Job skills

Ongo Journey to Work

Barriers to success
- Lack of basic skills
- Health issues
- Offending history
- Substance abuse issues
- Limited life skills
- No self-belief
- Lack of self-esteem
- No qualifications
- Money problems
- Childcare issues

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Hall Farm

- Monthly Visits planned until Autumn
- Budgeted for the whole year
- Design as we go
- Review
Client Feedback

‘It was great to be in the outdoors all day’ – **Stephen**

‘What a great day – and I was able to mend the rotavator!’ - **Andrew**

‘I loved the animals. It helps you realise the benefits of contact with other living things’ – **David**
Staff Feedback

‘My client was able to be his true version of himself, by immersing himself in the farm activities he was given space to try new activities and remember skills he had forgotten. The farm is truly a special place which allows clients to flourish and grow as individuals.’ - Fran
Staff Feedback

‘I think giving people different areas of the farm to work on and allowing the clients to decide what they would like to do in the afternoon is great. The flexibility on how the farm works was great for clients to find out what areas they enjoyed and were good at. It gave clients a real sense of empowerment once they found out that they were good at something’ - Clare
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