

COUNTRYSIDE LIVE ORGANISERS

Countryside Live at the Ledston Estate is run by The Countryside Foundation for Education

The Countryside Foundation for Education (CFE) is an independent educational charity, established in 1986. Since that time it has become a leading national force in promoting awareness and understanding of the countryside as a living, working environment. This national organisation is based in Mytholmroyd, West Yorkshire.



Educational Resources

CFE produces educational resource packs for both primary and secondary schools, targeted at teachers, to help them bring the countryside into the classroom for a wide range of pupils.

The CFE aims to increase awareness and understanding of the countryside as a living, working environment and has, to-date, produced two resource packs for schools. "The Lychford File" is the primary school pack and "A Case for the Countryside" is the secondary school pack. Both resources are available to download, free of charge, from the CFE website www.countrysidefoundation.org.uk under the Resources button.



Estate Open Days

We run "Estate Open Days", enabling thousands of school children to visit estates and learn more about countryside issues "first hand". This year, we will run 50 open days at 43 different estates around the UK during the months of May, June, early July and September. For further details visit the CFE website under the 'Events' button.

Farms for Schools



“The National Association of Farms for Schools” (FFS) is a CFE programme. FFS is made up of farm members and aims to ensure that school trips to farms are safe, enjoyable and educationally worthwhile. We produce marketing materials, newsletters and training for members, and generally keep them informed of the Association’s activities and educational developments. Visit their website www.farmsforschools.org.uk

Field to Fork



The Field to Fork website has been developed by the CFE under the Going for Green initiative Green Code Programme for Schools. The website features the Green Family, who form the link between all the Going for Green teaching materials. The Green Family is taken out of its home town and into the countryside. The family stays on a farm and learns about the origins of their food.

The site has three distinct but overlapping sections, there are teachers' notes explaining how the particular activities might be used, interactive activities, and worksheets that can be printed off for use in the classroom. Many are ideal to be used as preparation for a farm visit. The notes also indicate activities that are complementary to each other.

The site looks at a whole range of fun activities covering the whole of The National Curriculum. It is easy and attractive to use and should give confidence to any teacher to introduce food and farming into their classroom. The Field to Fork website can be found under the “Resources” Button on The CFE website: www.countrysidefoundation.org.uk

Teaching Trees

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The Teaching Trees website has been developed by the CFE on behalf of the Royal Forestry Society, Yorkshire Division. Teaching Trees is a project which encourages the educational use of woodlands. It contains downloadable teacher resources and interactive children’s activities. Visit the website – www.teachingtrees.org.uk

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The Ledston Estate

The Ledston Estate is a traditional rural estate which was privately owned by the same family for many generations until the death of Mr Wheler in 2004. It has now passed into a Charity with its sister Estate in Kent.

The new charity is called The Wheler Foundation and its objective is to promote the countryside and in particular understanding and knowledge of the countryside.

The Estate at Ledston is made up primarily of let farms and houses. It also has a large area of woodland which is managed in hand and a pub and equestrian centre.

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In particular, we would like to thank the Trustees of the Wheler Foundation for opening up the estate so that 4000 children could experience its beauty.