



# Jamie's Farm Recruitment pack

**Job title**

Therapeutic Coordinator (0.8FTE.  
36 hours per week)

**Salary**

Pay band: £27,300 - £31,500

**Location**

Lower Wernddu Farm, Rowlestone,  
Longtown, HR2 0ED

**Reports to**

Senior Therapy Coordinator

**Application deadline**

9am Monday 2nd December

**Direct reports**

None

**Interview dates**

Online: w/b 2nd December  
In-person: w/b 9th December

**Start date**

Monday 6th January or soon after



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equipping  
young people  
to thrive**

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**A single opportunity,**

**belief and support...**

**that's all it took**

**to change**

**my life**



## About Jamie's Farm

### Our vision

**Vulnerable children nationwide will be better equipped to thrive during their secondary school years and beyond.**

**5 children**

in a classroom of

**30**

are likely to have a mental health problem<sup>▼</sup>

**Only 43%**

of disadvantaged pupils reach the 'expected standard' in reading, writing and maths<sup>✱</sup>

**1.6 million**

pupils were persistently absent during the 2021/22 academic year<sup>■</sup>

### Our mission

**We exist to transform the lives of young people who aren't thriving at school or home, through our unique residential programme built around our core elements of Farming, Family, Therapy and Legacy.**

We also aim to influence the education system by enabling systemic change through spreading our approach. We do this by training teachers and other professionals in multiple sectors to engage more effectively with young people in their care, as well as informing and supporting parents and society at large to enable all young people to thrive.



## Charity overview

At Jamie's Farm we believe in the innate potential and good in every young person, no matter their background or life experiences. Our programme offers a preventative solution to empower young people to change course. Small groups of young people are immersed into farm life during a 5-day residential, or series of day visits, tackling real jobs with tangible outcomes, within a supportive family environment; this encourages cooperation, boosts self-esteem and builds positive relationships. A visit to Jamie's Farm does not end when young people leave; our legacy strand ensures we work in partnership with all our schools to ensure impact lasts.

Since our inception in 2009 we have experienced significant growth, expanding from one Farm to five and supporting more than 13,000 young people across England and Wales. We have an ambitious strategic plan over the coming years, including opening two more residential Farms in the next two years, improving the practice of education professionals and becoming a leading voice in advocating for the needs of young people which are ever-growing in the face of today's societal challenges.



### Discover more on our socials

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-  [Jamie's Farm](#)
-  [JamiesFarm](#)
-  [cultivatingchangeuk](#)

## Our values

Our values guide everything we do at Jamie's Farm. We seek to ensure that even as the charity grows, we are able to maintain the unique culture that we have established across our farms – a culture that is based on an optimistic can-do spirit, and which supports and challenges us to be the best of ourselves.



## Farm overview

### Jamie's Farm Hereford

Our second farm, opened in 2016, is found on the English – Welsh border in beautiful Herefordshire. The team has built strong links with local farmers and organisations to offer visiting young people a rich and varied programme, whether on or off the farm.

Situated in the Golden Valley, within easy reach of the Black Mountains and the Brecon Beacons, visiting young people benefit from wonderful walks in the wilds of the countryside. Sleeping accommodation overlooks the beautiful courtyard and traditional stone barns. There is a terrific manège on site for our unique therapeutic work with horses. Every week our young farmers can be found hand carving locally felled wood to create beautiful serving bowls, coat hooks and spoons.



### Head of Farm

#### Dave Pearson-Smith



#### Meet the Hereford team



#### Where this role is:

Lower Wernddu Farm  
Rowlestone  
Longtown  
HR2 0ED





## Our community

At the heart of our charity lies a vibrant community spirit, embodied by our dedicated team. We take immense pride in fostering a strong sense of camaraderie that transcends the seven locations we operate in England and Wales. Despite geographical spread, we remain steadfast in our commitment to unity, coming together as one cohesive team throughout the year. The celebrations at our staff parties and annual away days to the Brecon Beacons stand out as cherished highlights on our calendar, illustrating the bonds that make our charity a thriving community.



## Training and development

We aspire to be a catalyst for personal and professional growth. Central to this is our commitment to the continuous training and development of all our team members. We proactively evaluate and refine our initiatives. Our annual performance reviews play a pivotal role in identifying areas where team members may seek development opportunities. We actively encourage our staff to take ownership of their roles, enabling a culture of creativity that empowers both individual progression and collective advancement.



## Pay and progression

Jamie's Farm maintains a transparent pay banding structure that ensures payment is aligned with the responsibilities outlined in each role. Progression within these bands is determined by factors such as tenure, assumption of additional responsibilities, outstanding performance, and the attainment of additional qualifications. Furthermore, our salary band structures undergo an annual review through market benchmarking and inflation, allowing us to stay responsive to industry standards and adjust as needed.

## DEI

At Jamie's Farm, our commitment is for everyone to thrive, irrespective of their background. The cornerstone of this commitment is our dedicated work on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). In line with this commitment, we have recently established a DEI committee and forged a partnership with a DEI consultant. Together, we are diligently working to fortify our practices in this area, ensuring Jamie's Farm is not only a welcoming space but an inclusive environment where everyone can contribute, work and find enjoyment without barriers.

## Sustainability

Jamie's Farm understands the interconnectedness of climate change and environmental crises. With this awareness, we acknowledge our responsibility to diminish our carbon and environmental footprints, positioning ourselves as a conscientious and responsible charity. Following a comprehensive carbon audit, we are actively implementing measures to mitigate the impact of our operations. In the coming years, we are committed to the installation of energy-saving technologies across our farms, exemplifying our dedication to sustainability.

We are passionate about embracing regenerative farming methods and employing a diverse range of sustainable agriculture techniques. These practices not only contribute to reducing our ecological impact but also create environments where wildlife can flourish. Through these initiatives, we strive to be an example for positive environmental change within our community and beyond.





# About the role

The Therapeutic Coordinator facilitates one-to-one and group sessions with visiting young people, alongside supporting with the administrative and logistical requirements of the visits based at Jamie's Farm in Rowlestone, Hereford. It is an exciting and varied role at the heart of our programme delivery.

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### Delivery

Our Delivery teams are made up of people with a wealth of experience from a variety of backgrounds. We have ex-teachers, carpenters, farmers, therapists and social workers...the list goes on! Every week they welcome our visiting young people, working alongside them, modelling relationships and supporting them in the daily tasks whilst enabling them to see themselves differently. Labels and preconceptions are left at the farm gates. The farm is a fresh start and our delivery teams are paramount in making the experience a transformative one.



### Farming

Farming is at the heart of all we do. The purposeful nature of our farming activities in the beauty of these rural environments is the catalyst for the transformation we see in the young people that visit. We pride ourselves on the stewardship of our land, in the careful nurturing of our animals, in seeing the sense of purpose and satisfaction our visitors get from hard work, and in ensuring our farming enterprises are good for business. Our Farm Managers drive this crucial strand of our work forward.



### Operations

Our programme wouldn't be possible without a hive of hidden activity. Our Operations team look after our fundraising, communications, IT, finance, Impact measurement, house lets and business development. They ensure the smooth running of the charity, securing our future financially and spreading our message. Although not directly working with young people, there are opportunities to support out on delivery when we have larger groups staying. All staff are encouraged to spend a week immersed in the programme at the start of their employment too.



### Housekeeping

Our farmhouses and indoor spaces are purposely homely, cosy and inviting. We stray away from the institutional décor and set-up of schools and other residential trips. We have bedrooms instead of dormitories, large tables to sit together for all meals, comfy sofas and toasty fires. Ensuring our spaces are looked after and a welcoming space is made possible by our dedicated team of housekeepers. Not only is this critical for the day-to-day running of our programme, but this team is also essential for our house lets business – securing significant funds to support the charity.

## Main responsibilities

### **Coordinating the therapeutic input of our teams for up to four visits a month, including:**

- Holding personalised therapeutic conversations with up to 12 young people each week, having a flexible approach to location, task and situation according to needs of individual children;
- Communicating with visiting staff throughout each visit about the well-being of young people and ways to support them after Jamie's Farm;
- Facilitating therapeutic group meetings and discussions;
- Writing a personalised report for each visiting young person;
- Participation in, and leading of, Jamie's Farm group meetings;
- Contribution to farm life including daily walks and meal preparation;
- Leading evening activity sessions and running bedtimes up to twice a week.

This role is 0.8FTE, which entails working 36 hours per week including one evening. Applicants must be prepared for this significant commitment.

### **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead at Jamie's Farm, Hereford:**

- Writing reports (when required) relating to safeguarding issues and following up with the safeguarding leads in each organisation;
- Training staff and volunteers at JF Hereford ensuring they follow Safeguarding Policy;
- Communicating effectively with the whole-organisation Designated Safeguarding Lead to ensure we are as transparent and open in safeguarding issues as possible.

### **Other major responsibilities include:**

- Leading meetings and training of Jamie's Farm staff around approaches to working with specific young people or groups;
- Occasional writing of blogs and other JF material to disseminate our approach;
- Occasional attendance at Jamie's Farm events (including very occasional weekend work), including Open Days;
- Keeping up to date with relevant research and publications related to our therapeutic work with young people.

## Experience and skills

- Professional experience working with young people in challenging circumstances, including in groups (required);
- Previous experience counselling, mentoring or supporting young people (desired);
- Ability to exemplify Jamie's Farm core values and behaviours;
- Strong work ethic and ability to share this with children;
- Exceptional communication, listening, teamwork and organisational skills;



- Ability to develop strong relationships with diverse individuals and organisations, and to influence and motivate others;
- Interest and enthusiasm for working in a rural setting;
- Interest in the benefits of education beyond the classroom, especially for vulnerable groups;
- Ability to contribute to wider vision, strategy and goals of an ambitious, professional and unique charity.

## What we offer

- Work mobile phone;
- Laptop computer;
- Free, delicious lunch when working on site;
- 39 days annual leave (pro rata);
- Monthly professional therapeutic supervision plus regular informal supervision sessions;
- Welcoming, vibrant team environment within a dynamic organisation.
- Potential for accommodation on-site

## To apply

At Jamie's Farm, we recognise the importance of diversity and representation in our workforce, and as such are eager to encourage applications from candidates who are currently underrepresented in our organisation.

Please complete the Application and Equal Opportunities Form via our **website and send to [recruitment@jamiesfarm.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@jamiesfarm.org.uk)**.

Instead of the supporting statement, if you would prefer to submit a video application, please send a link to this to [recruitment@jamiesfarm.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@jamiesfarm.org.uk)

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Due to the nature of our work with young people, on acceptance of offer all Jamie's Farm employees are subject to an enhanced DBS check in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy. We will carry out an online search as part of our due diligence on all shortlisted candidates to identify any publicly available incidents and instances that we may wish to explore further at the interview. It is an offence to apply for this role if the applicant is barred from engaging in a regulated activity relevant to children.



**“I love the variety of working at Jamie's Farm. I work with animals, young people from all walks of life, visiting staff and my fantastic team, and all of them bring something uniquely rich to my working day.”**



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