



Jamie's Farm Recruitment pack

Job title

Food & Garden Specialist

Salary

Pay band: £25,200 - £30,200

Location

Jamie's Farm Bath, near Box

Reports to

Team Leader

Application deadline

9am 17 Feb 2025

Direct reports

None

Interview dates

7 Mar 25 (online) 20 Mar 25 (in person)

Start date

2 Sept 2025, but potential for earlier start

Full Time

45 hours a week, Monday – Friday

1 evening per week



**We're a charity
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[▼]

Only 43%

of disadvantaged pupils reach the 'expected standard' in reading, writing and maths[✱]

1.6 million

pupils were persistently absent during the 2021/22 academic year[■]

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

-  [jamies_farm](#)
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-  [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.



Jamie's Farm Bath

Two farms, one hub

Located close to Bath, Hill House Farm and the soon-to-open Lower Shockerwick form a cohesive hub for Jamie's Farm, offering two distinctive yet complementary environments that inspire, nurture, and enrich young people.

Just minutes apart, these farms will operate within a 'hub model,' enabling shared resources and team collaboration while ensuring that weekly visits at each location remain independent.

At Hill House Farm, young people engage in hands-on activities like nurturing livestock, lambing, chopping wood, and harvesting vegetables, with adventures enhanced by hikes in the local countryside and paddling in the neighbouring By Brook.

Lower Shockerwick Estate offers another exciting setting for these activities, blending historic features with reflective spaces in its woodlands and parkland.

Together, these settings balance purposeful work with reflective restoration, embodying the Jamie's Farm's mission to foster growth through farm life.

As part of this hub model, this role may be based at either farm, which are just a short drive from one another.



Head of Hub

Jess Callen



Meet the Bath team



Where this role is:

Lower Shockerwick Farm
BA1 7LL
OR
Hill House Farm
SN13 8QA

(both a few mins drive apart)



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

This full-time position combines cooking, gardening, and working with young people in a dynamic farm setting. As Food and Garden Specialist at Jamie's Farm, Bath, you'll help transform lives by leading meaningful activities, nurturing a productive kitchen garden, and crafting delicious, nutritious meals.

This role



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.

Other teams across the organisation



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.

Role Overview

You will be joining a team that encourages and supports employee empowerment, fostering a culture where individuals are motivated to take initiative and contribute meaningfully

The Kitchen

The kitchen is the heart of the farm, and a place where young people have an opportunity to express themselves and their culture, learn new skills and enjoy working alongside others as part of a team. High-quality, delicious and healthy food is central to the experience of visiting Jamie's Farm, both as fuel for farming adventures and as a time to eat and live as part of a 'family'. Young people are involved in preparing three meals a day plus snacks, with a menu catering for a wide variety of tastes and dietary requirements, using meat from the farm and produce from the on-site garden.

The Garden

The garden is another vibrant and bountiful area on the farm where the young people participate in a range of activities and jobs aimed to support the upkeep of the garden as well as furthering their knowledge on how and where some of their food is grown. A variety of seasonal produce is grown throughout the year which contributes to a substantial part of the meals throughout the week.

Main responsibilities

Programme Delivery

- Lead cooking and gardening sessions, daily walks, and evening activities for visiting young people.
- Contribute to team meetings and cross-organisational initiatives.
- Occasionally work at other Jamie's Farm sites and support weekend activities (TOIL provided for weekend work).

Food and Garden Coordination

- Plan and deliver engaging kitchen and garden sessions, ensuring young people feel a sense of achievement.
- Manage and develop the kitchen garden to produce seasonal food for meals and learning opportunities.
- Create weekly meal plans that accommodate dietary and cultural needs.
- Order high-quality, local ingredients while managing food and garden budgets effectively.
- Prepare meals for large events such as open days and corporate visits.
- Oversee kitchen and garden volunteers, fostering a supportive and positive environment.
- Maintain food hygiene standards and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Overseeing the food and garden volunteers.

Experience and skills

- Extensive experience of cooking, with demonstrable ability to share this experience with young people (**Essential**)
- Experience and passion for gardening (**Essential**)
- Practical knowledge of gardening and/or professional garden maintenance (**Desirable**)
- Strong organisational skills for meal planning, budgeting, and stock management
- Creativity and enthusiasm for cooking, gardening, and inspiring others
- Excellent communication and relationship-building skills
- Ability to work both collaboratively in a team and independently when needed
- Open-mindedness and a commitment to supporting the unique needs of vulnerable young people
- Passion for Jamie's Farm's mission and values



What we offer

- Competitive salary, dependent on experience
- All meals during working hours
- Use of company mobile phone and laptop
- 31 days of annual leave plus Bank Holidays
- Generous Pension Contribution
- Opportunity to be part of a dynamic and supportive team culture
- Regular therapeutic supervision
- Regular CPD and specialist training

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**.

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

Timeline

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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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