



GOODWOOD EDUCATION TRUST



WELCOME TO THE GOODWOOD EDUCATION TRUST

We are an independent environmental education charity, operating on the Goodwood Estate.
We've been connecting children with food and nature for 50 years.

Our year round programmes are:

Farm Visits for Schools, including free visits for disadvantaged schools.

Woodland learning, including weekly Forest Schools for vulnerable students in Alternative Provision or Special Schools.

Children in the Community, including partnerships with local charities and Forest Adventures through school holidays, particularly for those on low incomes.

You can contact us at get@goodwood.com.



FARM VISITS

We host primary and secondary schools all year round to Goodwood's Home Farm, one of the largest mixed organic farms in the country. Visits are tailored to your curriculum area or careers-related learning. We offer free visits to schools with high numbers of children eligible for means-tested Free School meals, or those with Special Educational Needs.

We know coach travel is a significant barrier, and we will offer support with transport where possible. We had over 20 farm visits in the summer term, with more than 500 children experiencing life on the farm. And we've taken our first bookings for 2027 already!

Contact us now to book your Farm trips for this term or secure your 2027 date.

Feedback from a Year 4 teacher:

“An excellent educational visit with real expertise delivered in an age appropriate way. A fantastic trip and farm experience.”

Feedback from a Reception class teacher:

“What a wonderful, informative trip led by two incredible leaders, we had the most fantastic day, thank you.”



OPEN FARM

Together with the farm team we hosted the ever-popular Open Farm event in June. Visitors from the wider community enjoyed a day learning about farming and food, and were able to meet the animals, sample the produce, enjoy a tractor ride and try woodland activities with us.

One family commented:

“A wonderful way to introduce children who may not have any connection with the countryside to understand and experience where food comes from and how farms work. Every person working there was helpful, friendly and clearly passionate about what they do.”

CLASSICS ON THE TRACK

We were privileged to benefit from the Duchess of Richmond's annual 'Classics on the Track' day at the Goodwood Motor Circuit in the summer. The Track Day supports three children's charities who benefit young people in West Sussex - The Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Child Bereavement UK and us.

GATHERING OUR HISTORY

We've been welcoming schools to the woods since 1976, and this activity has been co-ordinated by a series of Education Officers (now Trust Managers).

To mark our 50th anniversary, we gathered as many former Education Officers as we could – all the way back to 1979!

It was a wonderful trip down memory lane, as we shared stories, reminisced, observed how connecting children with food and farming and nature is even more important than ever and raised a glass to the future.

Former staff were joined by those from the West Sussex County Council Records Office and the Weald and Downland Living Museum, as they had been instrumental partners in the formation of the charity.



GOLDEN JUBILEE RECEPTION

We formally marked our 50th anniversary with a reception hosted by the Duke of Richmond in September. We were joined by friends and supporters, including the High Sheriff, the Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor of Chichester, the Chair of Chichester District Council, Trustees of local charities, charitable partners and education leaders.

His Grace spoke, reflecting on the importance of his father's work, and how supportive the family continue to be of our determination to connect children and young people with food and farming. Dr Nick Taylor, Head at Chichester High School, spoke on how transformative weekly Forest School has been for their students. And Matthew Baker, Trustee and Partner at NFU Mutual, spoke about why NFU Mutual supported the charity, to raise aspiration and opportunity around farming and agriculture in young people.

We've created a short film, showcasing our work, where His Grace explains why the charity was so important to his father, our Founder – to watch, click [here](#).

BOOK NOW

We're hosting two events this autumn and you're invited.

In partnership with Chichester Cinema at New Park, during their Greener Screening series, we are screening 'Derek vs Derek' on Monday 12th October. Click [here](#) for more information and to book. All ticket costs will support our work.

Led by Danyah Miller, storyteller and performer, we are running a CPD Storytelling session in the woods, around a campfire, for primary school educators. On Wednesday 11th November, from 4pm – 6pm, it's free to attend, with hot chocolate and biscuits. Book [here](#).



IN CONVERSATION WITH TRISTAN GOOLEY

As part of our Golden Jubilee anniversary, we were joined by Tristan Gooley, the Natural Navigator. In the perfectly suitable location of Seeley Copse, amongst 20 acres of semi-ancient woodland, he took us on a journey across the globe, sharing highlights and learning of his explorations and landing closer to home in West Sussex, and reflecting on why it's such a special place.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL TEA PARTY

St Anthony's Special School has been bringing primary children to the woods for over 10 years. Due to the development of their own Forest School space on their expanded school site, this will be the last summer with us. To mark the occasion, the children welcomed senior leaders for a tea party in the woods, complete with bunting and scones with cream and jam.

Feedback from school staff:

“It has been delightful to hear to different groups coming back, over the years and hearing their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the activities.”

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