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Nature Recovery Residency

Frequently Asked Questions

International applicants

We happily accept international applications, however it is important to note that the yearlong residency does not provide visa sponsorship or immigration permission and cannot be used as a route to obtain a UK visa. If you are an international applicant, please check that you already have the appropriate UK immigration permission status before applying. **We will not be able to support visa applications via this opportunity.**

Where will I be staying?

Our residents have their own accommodation on the farm, separate from the traineeship bunkhouse, nestled against the forest. The rooms are individual, and there is a communal kitchen and living space which is shared with the trainees throughout the year. There is a bathroom adjacent to the utility area equipped with a shower for your use. There is a washing machine and tumble drier in the utility area that can be used.

If you'd like to get a feel for the communal areas, please visit our webpage at <https://www.ambios.net/venues-facilities/>.

Food

Meals are prepared communally alongside the trainees during traineeship periods. When there are no traineeships running, residents are still encouraged to share meals with one another. As often as is possible, produce from the farm is used for meals.

Special diets are taken into account (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free etc). However, it is worth noting that you'll be sharing a kitchen with other people who might be preparing meat, fish and allergens such as nuts and gluten.

Food provided will be sufficient for all key meals, but will not include items like alcohol, confectionary or expensive, out of season items.

We encourage everyone to respect each other's individual food choices, whatever they may be, and to ensure you come with an open mind to food.

Time away

If you have previous commitments throughout the year or would like to take some time off during the placement, please let us know at your earliest convenience so we can discuss this together. You will be entitled to holiday periods as part of the voluntary agreement.



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WiFi access

Please be aware that there is no WiFi in the accommodation. Internet access at Lower Sharpham Farm is limited due our location and the nature of the supply (4G Mobile WiFi Router). You are welcome to use our yurt training room to access free wi-fi. You will also be allowed to use the office for work related internet use.

How close is the nearest town?

Totnes is a 45 minute walk away, a 10 minute bike ride along the beautiful cycle path following the river Dart. Someone from the farm will often be driving that way, so there is regular transport to and from town – 10 minute drive.

The walk is picturesque, traffic-free and safe (but there are a couple of quite steep hills to walk up and down!) We have a few bikes to loan out, too, to speed up the trip.

In Totnes you'll find nice cafes, pubs and restaurants; independent shops; a supermarket; and a rail station. There are also the usual health services such as doctors, dentists, chemists, opticians, and a small hospital.

Do you need a driving license and access to a vehicle?

Due to the remote location of Lower Sharpham Farm, it is very helpful to have a full British Driving license. We have a company car that residents can be insured on to use throughout the time you join us, so access to your own vehicle isn't necessary, but can also be helpful.