



## **MVF SUPPORTS LAWRENCE WESTON COMMUNITY FARM**

**“Mole Valley Farmers ([www.molevalleyfarmers.com](http://www.molevalleyfarmers.com)) is pleased to support the great work done by the Lawrence Weston Community Farm in inner city Bristol”, says Julie Edwards, Head of Agricultural Affairs and Corporate Communications for the company.**

“It’s an fantastic experience to be one minute driving through the heart of the city and the next travelling down a lane into an oasis of calm, complete with trees and birdsong, which feels a million miles away the bustle of everyday life.”

Mole Valley Farmers have an ongoing relationship with the Farm, supporting them with animal feeds. Their Bridgewater store also recently donated 18 pairs of wellies, in various sizes for the convenience of the farm’s visitors. These will certainly be well worn, as last year the centre received nearly 22,000 people! Some of these visitors are referred by agencies while other just choose to come and have a great time. There is certainly something for everyone - June saw Den Building; wildlife in the Severn and bike workshops; a Farm Hands session for 8 – 11 olds; plus Lunch, Tots and Gardening clubs.

Amazingly the Lawrence Weston Community Farm is a seven acre council farm built on a defunct rubbish tip, which has been transformed into a well-used and loved resource. Complete with pigs, duck, chickens, sheep and goats, the farm aims to improve the quality of life for local people and visitors alike.

However, this is only possible with the help of a massive team of nearly 4000 volunteers who’s ages range from 5 – 92!

..... From Lawrence Weston Community Farm says:

“We’re very grateful for the support of Mole Valley Farmers. We’re proud of our facilities which include an outdoor soft play area for the summer months, wildlife garden, a picnic area, animal pens, raised beds for vegetables, a community orchard, compost heaps, and three large paddocks for the sheep and goats. We even have our own Water Vole Woodland.

However, to meet the costs of providing free access and keeping the farm open all year round we are dependent on our funders and supporters and of course all of our dedicated, hardworking volunteers.”

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“Admission is free, and we are open all year round, so please come and visit us soon!”

### **Notes to Editors**

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Mole Valley Farmers: Mole Valley Farmers was started in 1960 by a small group of farmers in South Molton, North Devon. Today, there are over 8,000 Farmer Shareholders and 20,000 Country Members. It is a significant employer particularly in South West England, with a turnover in excess of £422 million.

Mole Valley Farmers trades as a cooperative, it has strong values in respect of the farming community and derives a meaningful income from rural retailing. Over the years the company has grown and developed its businesses and now consist of:

- 10 Mole Valley Farmers retail locations in the South West
- Mole Valley Forage Services
- Mole Energy
- MoleCare Veterinary Services
- Mole Valley Farmers Online
- Mole Valley Feed Solutions which includes –
  - 6 Ruminant feed mills
  - A network of feed blending facilities
- A mineral and supplement plant
- 38 Mole Country Stores
- Farm buildings and fabrication
- Bridgman’s agricultural supplies
- Cox & Robinson agricultural supplies
- Grain store
- Cereal seed dressing and processing plant

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