

# Sponsor the Farm

Stepney City Farm is a working farm and rural arts centre in London's East end. It faced near-closure three years ago but, with the help of a dedicated team of hard-working volunteers the farm is still open today for the public. The Farm offers people the chance to learn about all aspects of countryside life including gardening, growing your own food and rearing animals. It runs almost entirely on donations and we want to be able to continue to expand and offer more opportunities to people in the surrounding areas. For this, we need to continue receiving donations. If you would like to support Stepney City Farm why not sponsor a field, flower bed or even the barn! In return for a year's sponsorship we will install a plaque with your name on it and keep you updated with the Farm's progress.

Sponsoring:

## Sponsor a Field

In total there are thirteen fields. At the moment there are nine animal fields, two gardening field, a forest garden and a bog which all need your sponsorship! The animal fields rotate in their use, and all the fields vary in size and sponsorship price.

## Sponsor an Animal Shelter

The farm has two animal shelters for rabbits, guinea pigs and ferrets which need sponsoring. Also a large barn where the larger stock will sleep during the winter. Stepney City Farm is also home to a bee sanctuary. All the animal shelters are in need of sponsoring!

## Sponsor a Garden

There is a poly tunnel that is responsible for a large section of the Farms produce. We also have a medicinal herbs bed and five flowerbeds around the farm.

## **The Fields:**

They rotate between housing our pigs, sheep, lambs, goats, kids, donkeys and cows. Some of the animals are for educational purposes, others are being reared for meat and the cows produce plenty of manure!

## **Large animal fields (2)**

£500 each for one year's sponsorship





**Medium animal fields (5)**  
£400 each for one year's sponsorship







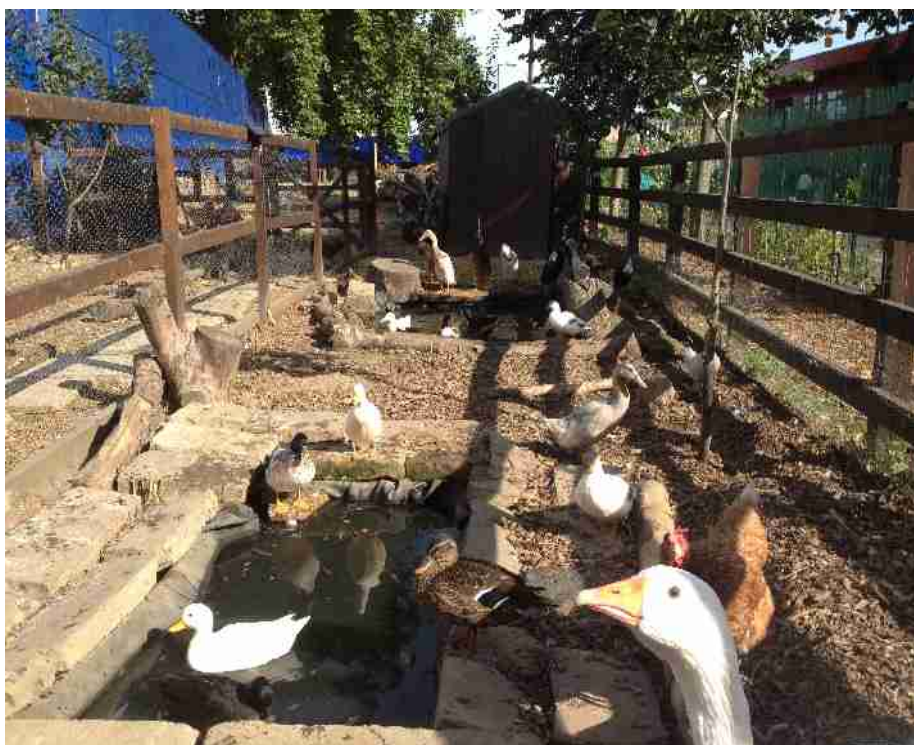




### **Small Animal Fields (2)**

£250 each for one year's sponsorship

Our small animal fields hold a variety of chicken and duck species as well as a few geese. The eggs layed are sold in the farm house.





**Animal Shelters (4):  
The Barn**

This is a new addition to the farm. It is the overnight home for our animals.

£1500 for one year's sponsorship





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The shelters house our guinea pigs, rabbits and ferrets.



Here is a female ferret who is one of Stepney City Farm's residents.



### **Bee Sanctuary**

This is a city haven for bees as they are currently under threat and in recent years numbers have been in serious decline. The farm is home to five hives which need your support! 70% of the world's food crops rely on bee pollination so it is vital we protect the bees. £150 for one year's sponsorship







## **Gardening Fields:**

### **The Bog - Pond and Edible Garden**

£200 for one year's sponsorship

This is a new development on the farm. Surrounding the pond is a variety of berries including cranberries, strawberries and blueberries. Currently in the water is only oxygenating plants, but there are future plants to grow edible water plants.







## **Forest Garden**

£200 for one year's sponsorship

This is a permaculture area used for educational purposes.





## **Gardening Field**

£400 for one year's sponsorship



## **Poly Tunnel**

£300 for one year's sponsorship

Grown inside the poly tunnel is variety of plants, fruit and vegetables. These are either sold on the farm or used to feed our hungry volunteers.



### **Community Growing Bed (5)**

£75 each for one year's sponsorship

Each community growing bed is loaned to a group for a period of a year to garden and grow what they like!



### **Medium Growing Field**

£400 for a years sponsorship

Currently growing here are pumpkins and beans. This field is a part of the rotation circuit, so could also be home to our animals in the future.





## **Medicinal Herbs Bed**

£75 for one year's sponsorship

The farm is hoping to revamp our medicinal herbs bed. Currently we are growing agrimony and skull cap which is used to support the immune system.



## **Waste (1):**

### **Compost Bins**

£100 for one year's sponsorship



## **Where will the money go?**

Money is always needed for the core cost of a charity so the sponsorship money that Stepney City Farm receives from the 'Sponsor a Field' project will be used to continue to fund the farm. This means keeping our doors open, for free, six days a week. There is vast range of ways that the farm can spend the sponsorship money and here are some examples:

- £100 is able to pay for a teacher to run a 'life cycle of chicken course' for children.
- £1000 is enough to feed all the animals on the farm for an entire month.
- £5000 would pay for a free environmental management course for 10 people over a period of six months.