

Accommodation in Kirkwood Holiday Cottages
 Get involved in the day-to-day lambing and shepherding on a farm
 Dinner on evening of arrival
 Three meals a day including breakfast, packed lunch and dinner
 Home cooked food incorporating Real Farm meat and produce.

All inclusive cost of £490 per person.



Real Farm Holidays



Location & Directions

Kirkwood is a mixed farm situated by the River Annan in the heart of the rolling hills of Dumfriesshire. It is located in the centre of the UK, just 10 minutes from the main M6/M74.

TRAVEL TIMES
 London: 5 hours' drive (4 hours by train)
 Manchester: 3 hours' drive
 Carlisle: 20 miles

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
 The main West Coast main line station at Lockerbie is only 4 miles away although your own transport is recommended.

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

Our own Real Farm beef or lamb to take home after the school. Quad biking may be included if deemed necessary. Sessions are normally charged at £35 per hour/per person.

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LAMBING EXPERIENCE

26-29 May 2016



REAL FARM RESIDENTIAL



Hands-on Lambing

The Lambing School at Real Farm Holidays is designed to allow participants to experience a real lambing involving the day-to-day running of a commercial ewe flock and their lambs.

We usually work outdoors checking the lambing ewes in the fields, seeing lambs being born and helping with the welfare of the ewes and their lambs and possibly assist with a birth should the necessity arise.



What You Can Expect

The chance to experience the highs and lows of lambing on a real farm on a country estate in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Kirkwood is well known for its wildlife, particularly the red squirrel population which inhabits the estate. There are also deer, otters and many wild birds to see.

It also has several self-catering holiday cottages which form a central courtyard as well as the usual facilities, including a laundry and a large games room.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is in the cottages. The cottages are VisitScotland graded 3 star and set in the tranquil surroundings of the estate. You will have your own bedroom and will share accommodation with others on the school. The cottages are normally self-catering but for the Lambing School all meals are included in the price.

Indoor work involves fostering lambs, feeding orphaned lambs and any veterinary work. A shearing demonstration may be held indoors and participants will be invited to try shearing for themselves.

Don't forget your wellingtons and waterproofs. Whilst we can guarantee most things we can't guarantee the weather - but lambing doesn't stop if it rains!

Lambing Schedule

Wednesday ~ Arrive at Kirkwood at 7.30pm

Thursday, Friday & Saturday ~

Each day will be fairly flexible depending on lambing, weather and demonstrations. The typical day starts at dawn (which is 4am) although it won't be compulsory for participants to start that early!

DAILY ROUTINE

- 8.00am Full cooked or continental breakfast
- 8.30am Make your own packed lunch (rolls, cold meats, salad, pate, fruit, cakes and biscuits provided).
- 9.00am Activities as detailed
- 6.00pm Return to Kirkwood
- 7.00pm Dinner eg Cottage pie made from our own beef, followed by homemade pudding.
- Evening Last check around the lambing field

All meals are included in the price, however, drinks are not included and quad bikes will only be used under supervision at the farmer's discretion.