



**Accommodation,
meals &
lots of activities
learning about
shepherding**



Our Holiday Cottages

Hoggets (year old lambs) grazing
on turnips

**ALL included in
the price!**



LAMBING SCHOOL 2012

23rd—27th May

- 3 day school £690
- 4 nights accommodation in Kirkwood Holiday Cottages
- 3 square meals a day—including hearty packed lunch—home made, farm cooking too
- Taking an active part in lambing & shepherding
- Demonstrations on shearing & spinning/weaving fleeces
- Butchery presentation - learn how to cut the meat

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New born Lambs
with mums— top
and bottom

& heading through
the field on the
quads (above)



3 Day Lambing School

Over the course of the 3 days you will take part in:

Lambing

This will mainly be outside...& will take up 1 1/2 days - 8 to 10 hours total - but may be spread over the stay. We will walk around the lambing fields, see lambs being born & possibly even help with births if necessary/appropriate. See very young (days old) lambs being reared by their mothers. Bottle feed some orphan lambs. Understand shepherding. See the medicine/vet techniques we use eg. rubber ringing & why. Also see a small bit of inside lambing because we foster indoors but our lambing is mainly outdoors, not indoors & we will explain why.

NB: Death/blood is inevitable. Squeamish be warned.

Shearing

This will be undercover & will last around 2 hours. We arrange a shearing demo – two or three sheep – and participants may even try shearing themselves if appropriate.

Spinning/Weaving

This will be indoors & will last around 4 hours i.e one morning or afternoon. Sue MacNiven will demonstrate how to turn a fleece into a woollen product. There will be opportunities to purchase items.

Butchery (simple not advanced)

This will be indoors & will last around 3 hours i.e one morning or afternoon—probably at the end of the school. Basic carcass preparation: a whole carcass will be delivered to Kirkwood – one of our hoggets (lambs that are a year old). Demonstration of how to cut it up in different ways - e.g what is a gigot steak? Where does the fillet come from? The chops, rack of lamb?

Schedule:

Wed 23rd May Arrive at Kirkwood after 4pm

Settle in for Dinner at 7.30 pm

Thus Fri & Sat As detailed, with flexibility

Sun 27th May Depart around 10am



The final product (delicious lamb) is available to purchase



Typical day:

A lambing day starts at dawn which is 4am but that won't be compulsory for participants on school

8am - full cooked breakfast &/or cereals etc

8.30am - make your own packed lunch (rolls with cold meats, salads, pate etc, fruits, cakes, biscuits)

9am - Activities as detailed on left page

6pm - return to Kirkwood

7pm - evening meal e.g. cottage pie (using Kirkwood beef) followed by pudding

Possibly last check around lambing fields

Remember: Drinks are not included in the price (just about everything else is though!)

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Location:

Kirkwood is a mixed farm situated by the River Annan in the heart of the rolling hills of Dumfriesshire. It is located almost in the centre of the UK – only 10 minutes off the main M6/74 Glasgow-London motorway. London is 5 hrs away, Manchester 3 hrs, Carlisle 20 miles. There is a mainline train station at Lockerbie, just 4 miles away, but your own transport is recommended.



Dawn at Kirkwood....



More details:

Extras:

Purchases—Participants can buy our Real Farm Meat— lamb or beef—to take home after the school., & also woollen items from Sue MacNiven. *Quad Biking*—Half an hour biking for extra £20 (£35 for an hour)

Accommodation is in Kirkwood cottages, near Lockerbie. The cottages are VisitScotland graded (2 & 3 star), set in the tranquil surroundings of Kirkwood Estate.

You will have your own bedroom but will share the cottage with others on the school. Whilst normally self-catering, for the Lambing School **all meals** (full breakfasts, packed lunches, evening meals) **are included in the price.**

Sadly we must remind you that the weather can never be guaranteed & once booked/paid, no refunds are given under any circumstances and we recommend that you purchase a suitable holiday insurance policy to cover you for any unseen eventualities.