

Get Down on the Farm!

THIS years local CSV **Make a Difference Day** event will take place at Bill Quay Community Farm on Saturday, 27th October. As usual there are a range of fun and challenging tasks for volunteers to get involved in, such as raking the hay meadow and cleaning up the woodland.

We strongly recommend volunteers wear old clothes and sturdy footwear. Lunch and travel expenses will be provided.

The farm is on Hainingwood Terrace, Bill Quay, Gateshead. It is within easy reach of public transport and is only 5mins walk from Pelaw Metro (see below).

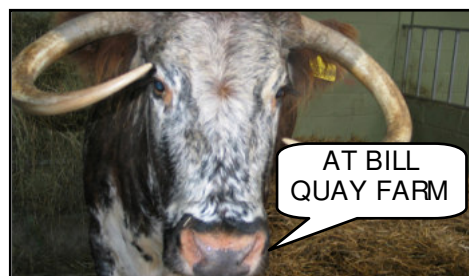
For more information contact Tom Browne 0191 232 6616 or just turn up on the day.



CSV MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY **VOLUNTEERS**

“BILL QUAY FARM NEEDS EWE”

JOIN US FOR CSV MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 10AM - 3PM SATURDAY, 27TH OCTOBER



Down on the Farm

BILL QUAY Farm was established in 1986 as part of an urban renewal programme. It is a partnership between Bill Quay Community Farm Association and Gateshead Council.

The farm's core activity is the conservation of rare breeds of livestock. It is an RBST (Royal Breed Survival Trust) Approved Conservation Centre. The animals compete at the best national shows and in 2005 took first place at the Royal with Ruby the Tamworth pig.

The farm includes woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and hedgerows. As the site has matured, estate management has focussed on the use of traditional crafts and skills to create a spectacular urban green space, which received the Civic Trust's Green Pennant this year.

The farm is a leisure facility, a magnet for schools, a model of best practice in conservation, a provider of artistic inspiration, a venue for celebratory events and an a huge asset to the north east, Gateshead and Bill Quay itself.

So come along on Saturday 27th October at 10am and have a great day volunteering and experience this unique rural oasis in the midst of our urban Tyneside life.

You can send any contributions to the next edition of Volunteer Voice to:

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Your comments and views
would be most welcome.

International Ground Force



ATEAM of budding landscape gardeners from Community Connection enjoyed the late summer sunshine and showed their green fingers and carpentry skills at the Scotswood Community Garden on the 4th of September.

The team, from as far as Uzbekistan, Iraq and China, are all asylum seekers and refugees who each volunteer in the Newcastle community. Together they built and painted perimeter fences, cut hedges, dug beds, planted and picked fruit.

The team was supported by

volunteer support workers Ben Hanratty, Caroline Bower and Iain Watson who help the project Manager, Ciara Van Vogt.

Hewa, a carpenter from Iraq, who now lives with his wife and family in Newcastle said, "Its good to volunteer and help people, and to practise my English when I volunteer. Its good to be busy and I like to use my skills again and meet new people".

To find out more about Community Connection contact Ciara Van Vogt on 0191 232 6616.

Virtual Volunteering: the next generation

PUPILS at Burnside Business and Enterprise College have been using their IT skills to help a local community centre, The Vine, to develop a website. Adam O'Hare, Philip Marshall and Steven Ward began work on the project when they were in Year 10. So far they have produced logo designs and working prototypes of the website using a range of programming methods.

The idea of linking up with a local community group was the brain child of their technology teacher, Joanne Garbutt, who is herself a longstanding virtual volunteer who has helped local charities Launchpad and the



Adam O'Hare, Steven Ward and Philip Marshall (left to right)

People's Kitchen develop an online presence.

Inspired by the efforts of Adam, Philip and Steven other pupils are looking to get involved in similar projects.

To find out more about Virtual Volunteering contact Paul Whitlock on 0191 232 6616 or email: pwhitlock@csv.org.uk