

College Taster Pack

**Countryside and Environment
Level 2**



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Welcome

Welcome to your Countryside and Environment course, we hope that this booklet will answer some of the questions you might have about your course as well as ensure you are fully prepared to start your study programme with us in September. Please complete the tasks in this booklet as they will ensure you have some foundation knowledge that will help you with your first lessons and give your lecturers a good idea of your starting point.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the email at the bottom of the page.

The team are looking forward to greeting you at the Common Leys Farm campus on your first day of term.

Key information:

Your level 2 countryside course is a very practical hands-on course. You will need to be prepared to be working outdoors most days of the week.

What you need to bring to college:

- College logo overalls
- Suitable farm footwear
- Waterproofs
- Work gloves (A pair of gardening or safety gloves)
- Safety glasses
- Pen and paper
- Your college ID

Please remember no jewellery is allowed when working on the college farm and grounds.

You can get a locker at the farm to store your outside gear for a £10 deposit on your first few days.

The level 2 course is four days a week 9:30am to 4:30pm.

Your course will include:

- Your vocational topic- Countryside and Environment
- Maths and English
- A tutorial programme
- Work experience; internal on the college farm and external at a land-based business.
- The head start programme



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Remember the free shuttle bus is provided by the College from Witney to Common Leys.

At enrolment you will receive your college ID please ensure you always have this with you. If you do not have it for any reason, please ensure you sign in at reception on arrival.

Pre-Enrolment Tasks

Task 1: Identify these animals and plants

Picture	Species	Picture	Species
			
			
			
			
			



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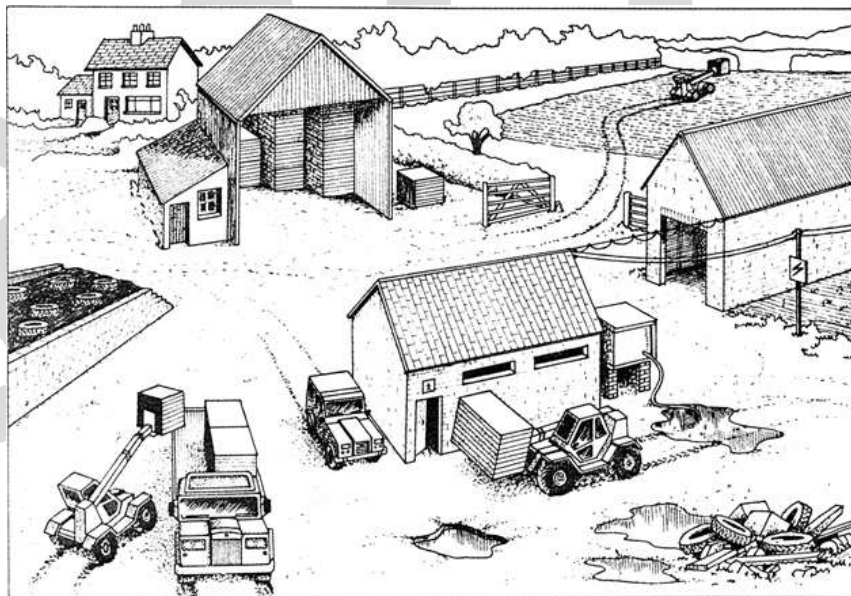
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Task 2: Health and Safety

Working in the countryside and with machinery is a dangerous job. During your course you will learn how to keep yourselves and others safe. It is important that you can spot a potential hazard.

Circle all the hazards in these pictures:



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Task 3: Work Experience

List five jobs you would consider in the Countryside sector once you finish this course:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Task 4: Name these pieces of equipment:

Equipment	Name	Equipment	Name
			
			
			
			



Task 5: Suggest why you might use these surveying techniques:

Survey	Reason for using	Survey	Reason for using
	Quadrats -		Pond dipping -
	Line transects -		Camera traps -

Further reading

- <https://www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/hsagriculture.htm>
- <https://basc.org.uk/projects/>
- <http://greatbustard.org/the-project/>
- <https://www.hedgelaying.org.uk/>
- <http://www.wychwoodproject.org/cms/>
- <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/identify-a-bird/>
- <https://www.arc-trust.org/>
- [Ecological sampling contents \(countrysideinfo.co.uk\)](https://www.countrysideinfo.co.uk/)



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