

# LAND BASED STUDIES at The West Somerset Community College.

## APPRENTICESHIPS

A new and exciting opportunity has arisen to train the next generation of young people and ensure they have the right skills, qualities and understanding of the work that is needed to produce the food of the future, manage the land and ensure that Exmoor and West Somerset remain a beautiful place to live, work and enjoy.

**PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF... EXTRA SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR MOORLAND APPRENTICESHIPS.**

The West Somerset Community College in partnership with Bridgewater College is offering Level 3 Apprenticeships in AGRICULTURE (Livestock Production) and ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION. The courses start in September 2011, but places are being filled now. **Apply now to be part of it!**

Agriculture students who took a *Level 2* BTEC course in Year 11 (16-year-olds) will take their next step by moving on to our Apprenticeship courses, to begin a career in the Land Based Sector.

### The Apprenticeship format

1. The Apprenticeship lasts 22 months.
2. Apprentices are paid a minimum apprenticeship wage by the employer.
3. Apprentices will spend 1 day per week in College. This will be based at the College Farm, where trainees will gain the underpinning knowledge required for the programme.
4. The remaining 4 days of the week will be spent on placement with an employer.
5. LANTRA ([www.lantra.co.uk](http://www.lantra.co.uk)) is the *Sector Skills Council* that provides the training frameworks.
6. City and Guilds/NPTC ( [www.cityandguilds.com](http://www.cityandguilds.com)) is the *Awarding Body*.
7. The Apprenticeship comprises a range of *Knowledge* and *Competence* based units.
8. Apprentices will also complete work on *Employer Rights and Responsibilities*.
9. Entry requirements for the Apprenticeship are:
  - i. Level 2 BTEC in Agriculture (or similar Vocational qualification)
  - ii. Level 2 in English (grade C or above)
  - iii. Level 2 in Maths (grade C or above)
10. The total Guided Learning Hours is 718. (603 hrs in the workplace, 215 hrs in college.)

A dedicated person from the college will visit the Employer and Apprentice to monitor progress and assess competencies, as and when appropriate.

### Find out more

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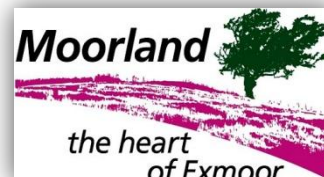
# Apprenticeships for Young Farmers



## We want to hear from you!

- Young people in North Devon who would like to take a farming apprenticeship.
- Farmers and other land managers in [Exmoor National Park](#) keen to show young trainees the skills they need to manage moorland.

Exmoor Moorland Landscape Partnership is running a new project with farmers who wish to be 'Moorland Tutors' and uniquely to Exmoor, we also have funds to help to pay the wages of 3 Exmoor Moorland Apprentices.



## Find out more

All enquiries welcome. Young people interested in being an apprentice should contact Charlie Olive at [West Somerset Community College](#) on 01643 706061.

If you would like to help to train an Exmoor Moorland Apprentice, or to help us to run moorland farming workshops, please contact us for an informal chat. Please call Jason Ball on 01398 322164, Dave Gurnett on 07970 099117, or Charlie Olive on 01643 706061. Or email [JPBall@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](mailto:JPBall@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk)

### Exmoor Moorland Landscape Partnership.

Exmoor National Park Centre, 7 – 9 Fore Street, Dulverton. TA22 9EX. [www.heartofexmoor.org.uk](http://www.heartofexmoor.org.uk)



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