

The Farmers Club Charitable Trust

NEWSLETTER

Summer - 2026



Here's what has happened
in the last few months and
what's to come!

Welcome to the Summer 2026 Newsletter

As we celebrate 45 years of supporting learning and leadership across the food, farming and associated industries, it is inspiring to see the lasting impact of the Trust's work.

This edition highlights the passion, innovation and commitment of our award recipients, whose projects continue to strengthen our industry and inspire future generations. One particularly inspiring example is Emma Chapelhow's Snapshot Study, Soil Science for All, which demonstrates how Trust funding can turn innovative ideas into practical projects with real impact.

By developing accessible soil science resources for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Emma has shown how agriculture can become more inclusive while inspiring the next generation to engage with our industry.

As we look ahead, I encourage anyone with an idea to develop their knowledge or leadership skills to explore the opportunities the Trust offers.

Thank you to our supporters, Trustees and volunteers for your continued commitment. I hope you enjoy this edition and feel inspired by the stories it contains.

In this newsletter
you will find...

Celebrating 45
years of the
Trust

How you could
get involved ?

Soil Science for
All

Agricultural
Educators
Award

Nick Green
Chairperson



Celebrating 45 years





**THE FARMERS CLUB
CHARITABLE TRUST**

*Supporting Learning and Leadership within
the Food, Farming and Associated Industries*



£800,000+

**INVESTED IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION,
LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION**

Supporting individuals, educators, researchers and future leaders
across the United Kingdom since 1981.



OUR MISSION

To inspire and support excellence across the food, farming and associated industries by investing in **learning, leadership and innovation** that delivers lasting benefit to British agriculture.

OUR PROGRAMMES



**AGRICULTURAL
EDUCATOR AWARDS**

International professional development for educators, bringing world-leading knowledge and best practice back to UK agriculture.



**SNAPSHOT
STUDIES**

Funding practical research and innovative ideas that address emerging agricultural challenges and deliver immediate value to the sector.



**NUFFIELD FARMING
LEADERSHIP**

Supporting leadership development through international scholarship and the Frank Arden Leadership Award.



**WINDSOR LEADERSHIP
TRUST BURSARIES**

Enabling agricultural professionals to attend the prestigious Windsor Leadership programmes held at Windsor Castle.

45 YEARS OF IMPACT



1981

The Farmers Club Charitable Trust established.



Supporting agricultural education across the UK.



Leadership bursaries introduced.



Snapshot Studies launched to encourage innovation.



Partnership with Nuffield Farming Scholarships.



Agricultural Educator Awards expanded.



2026

Over £800,000 invested in British Agriculture.



RECENT IMPACT

Recent awards and studies have supported learning and innovation in:

- ✓ Sustainable livestock farming
- ✓ Regenerative agriculture
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence and precision farming
- ✓ Food security and resilient supply chains
- ✓ International agricultural education
- ✓ Leadership development for future industry leaders
- ✓ Environmental stewardship
- ✓ Skills and knowledge exchange



LOOKING FORWARD

As we celebrate our 45th Anniversary, The Farmers Club Charitable Trust remains committed to investing in the people, ideas and leadership that will shape the future of British agriculture.

Together, we can build a resilient, sustainable and prosperous future for generations to come.



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How you could get involved?

Support the Farmers Club Charitable Trust

🌱 Help us support the next generation of agriculturalists.

The Farmers Club Charitable Trust relies on the generosity of its supporters to continue providing bursaries and scholarships to students and young people pursuing careers in agriculture and related industries.

If you would like to support the work of the Farmers Club Charitable Trust with a donation, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please get in touch for more information.

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SNAPSHOT STUDY PROJECT

SOIL SCIENCE FOR ALL

EMMA CHAPELHOW

Snapshot Study Grant Inspires Inclusive Soil Science Project for Young Learners

A Farmers Club Charitable Trust Snapshot Study Grant has helped transform an innovative idea into a practical educational resource that is making soil science more accessible for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Emma Chapelhow's project, "Soil Science for All," was inspired by two recurring themes she encountered across the agricultural industry: the need to attract new entrants into farming and the importance of creating a more inclusive sector. Recognising that soil science is a highly sensory subject, Emma set out to develop accessible learning resources that would enable more young people to engage with agriculture from an early age.

Supported by the Farmers Club Charitable Trust, Emma explored how soil education could be adapted for SEND learners. During her research she connected with the British Society of Soil Science, which had already developed soil loan boxes for schools. Working collaboratively, Emma redesigned activities to improve accessibility while maintaining the scientific learning outcomes.

The project involved close collaboration with local SEND schools, where activities were tested and refined with invaluable feedback from pupils and teachers. New resources included sensory-friendly soil exploration activities using artificial soil substrates and hidden creatures to introduce children to soil biodiversity without overwhelming those with sensory sensitivities.

To further improve accessibility, every activity was professionally recorded as an audio guide, allowing children to complete the exercises independently through step-by-step instructions.

The project culminated in the launch of "Farms Without Fences", an inclusive on-farm experience day hosted by FarmEco Community Care Farm. More than 30 children attended the event, supported by over 15 volunteers, where they took part in guided farm walks, lamb feeding, careers activities and the first public use of the SEND soil boxes. The initiative also contributed to ongoing research through Nottingham Trent University, with the completed soil boxes donated to the British Society of Soil Science for future educational use.

EXPLORE MORE VIDEOS



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Reflecting on the project, Emma said:

"I truly believe this project demonstrates the real impact these grants can have—bringing people together, opening doors and strengthening the future of our industry. I'd strongly encourage others to apply for a Snapshot Study Grant. Choose something you're passionate about, because with the right support, your ideas have the potential to grow far beyond what you first imagined."



Lisa, Trust Ambassador and Secretary of The Farmers Club Charitable Trust, attended the launch of Farms Without Fences, an inspiring initiative developed through Emma Chapelhow's Snapshot Study. The event showcased how farming and soil science can be made accessible and engaging for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Reflecting on the day, Lisa said:

"It was a privilege to see first-hand the impact of this project. Watching children and their families immerse themselves in the activities, getting their hands dirty, discovering the biodiversity beneath their feet and exploring the farm environment with such enthusiasm was truly inspiring. The atmosphere was one of curiosity, inclusion and learning, demonstrating exactly how agriculture can be opened up to everyone."

The project demonstrates how the Farmers Club Charitable Trust's Snapshot Study Grants empower individuals to explore innovative ideas that deliver tangible benefits for agriculture, education and society. By supporting practical research and encouraging collaboration across the sector, the Trust continues to invest in projects that inspire future generations and promote a more inclusive and resilient agricultural industry.



Agricultural Educator Awards

With Autumn fast approaching, look out for the Agricultural Educator Awards 2027

These awards offer a valuable opportunity for individuals employed in the land-based education sector to undertake a study tour, update their professional skills and share insights with others.

Education plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of agriculture. By supporting these studies, the Trust is investing in educators who will bring back the latest global innovations and practical knowledge to inspire agriculturalists.

Explore past projects and start brainstorming your project.

Look out for the applications opening in October



Agricultural Educator Awards

Bursary Funding

ARE YOU AN EDUCATIONALIST WITHIN THE FOOD, FARMING OR ASSOCIATED INDUSTRY ?

Unlock your potential with the Agricultural Educator Award

These awards give opportunities for those employed in the land based education sector to develop their technical expertise through study activity either in the UK or abroad. The awards give CPD opportunities to develop your knowledge of a specific food, farming or associated industry topic that will enable you to disseminate this information to others.

Overview

Applications Open: Annually in October
Interviews: Conducted at The Farmers Club in London every March

The programme provides funding to support professional development for those working in land-based education. The programme enables educators to undertake study visits or research in the UK or overseas, enhancing their knowledge and technical expertise to enable dissemination to colleagues, students and the wider sector.

Key Features

- **Inspire:** Gain new insights and ideas to inspire your peers, students and wider sector.
- **Discover:** Unlock your potential and discover new approaches to inspire learners and advance your expertise.
- **Transform:** Implement changes that will turn knowledge into lasting impact and innovative educational practice.

How to Apply

Further details and the Application Form are available from The Farmers Club Charitable Trust website - www.tfcct.co.uk. Interviews are held in March at The Farmers Club in London, where you will have the chance to showcase your passion and potential for agricultural education.

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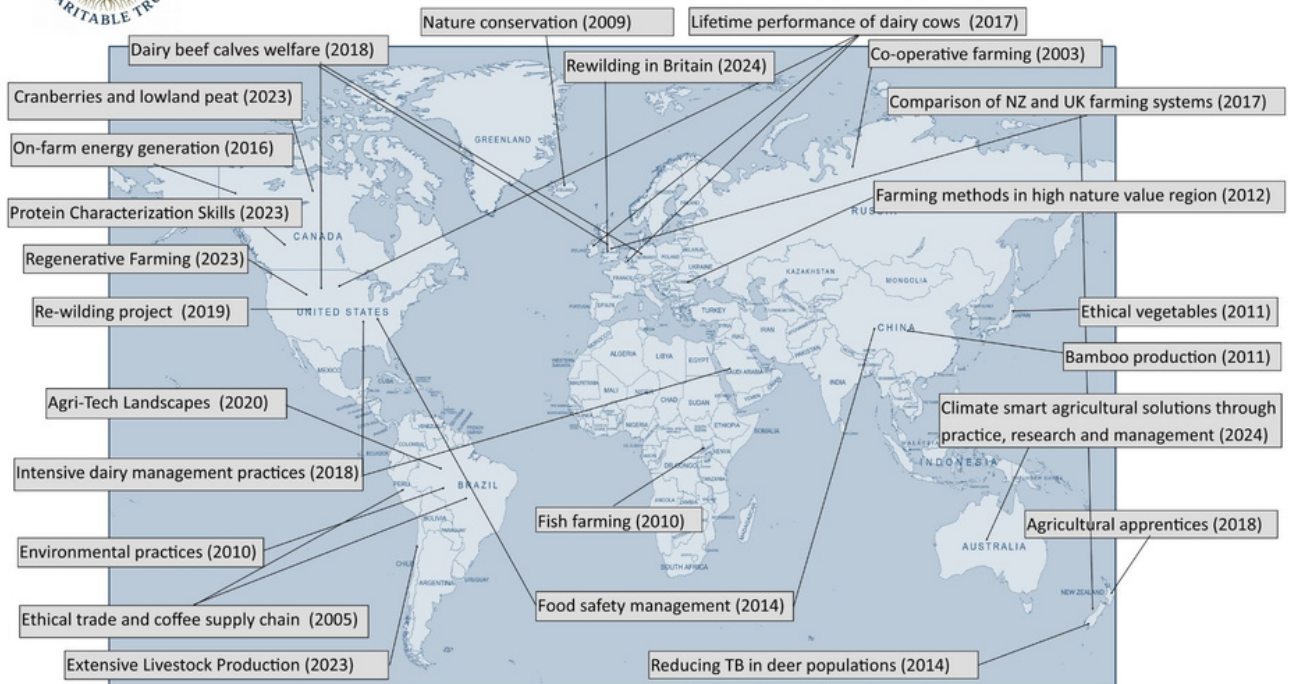




Where an award may take you...



The Farmers Club Charitable Trust



EXAMPLES OF FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR STUDY TRIPS FOR THOSE IN LAND-BASED UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

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