



Manor Farm

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EAQ Manor Farm opened at the beginning of October 2017, taking over the Manor Farm site from the charity Horseshoes & Handprints.

We have four members of staff; Ian & Kerry Roberts who are both Directors and joint owners of the company, Victoria Coombs and Tamara Faulkner.

Kerry, Victoria & Tamara take care of the day to day management of the horses and learners, whilst Ian is responsible for all the company administration and site maintenance.

We still use horses with our learners, although sessions offered at EAQ Manor Farm do not involve riding and all take part outside, in a natural environment, where the horses are the catalyst for learning and self-growth. As herd animals, horses respond instinctively to the behaviour and body language of those around them and their non-verbal and non-judgemental nature provides a safe place for participants to develop self confidence and learn about themselves.

Initially, we are working with local children who find mainstream education challenging, have additional educational needs, specific challenges or suffer from low self-esteem / confidence. Our horses are used to enable our learners to reach their own personal goals and personal development through a variety of different activities that are either learner led, horse led or facilitator led. The aims of each session are created with the learners needs and feelings playing a central role to our approach.

As we develop, we are planning to expand our services to be able to offer sessions to older children, young adults, parents, families and the elderly.

Through a series of specific sessions, if selected, our learners can also work towards a nationally-recognised qualification through EAQ's accreditation with OCN London. There are many units to choose from including maths, English, ICT, animal care, self-awareness, parenting, employability and team building.