

# Farm shop opening 'better than expectations'

More than 600 people turned out to a two-day event to mark the opening of a formerly dilapidated town farm.

With the help of WiRE (Women in Rural Enterprise) Fordhall Farm recently flung open its doors for a Christmas food and gift fair. There were more than 20 stands ranging from nutroasts, to jewellery,

cushions to fish. And a visit from Father Christmas raised £350 for Children In Need.

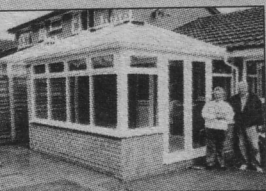
Market Drayton Mayor, Councillor Nigel Woods opened the new farm shop.

With the help of volunteers the ramshackled old building has been revamped and converted into a farmshop. It also now houses a small exhibition of the Fordhall project.

Spokesman Charlotte Hollins said: "We at Fordhall are eternally grateful for all the hard work and effort everyone put in to make the weekend the success it was. It was better than all expectations, and even though the weather was cold it was heart-warming to see all the support around for the farm and the project."

She went on to thank WiRE, Market Drayton Taste of the Town and Leaside Wood Recycling Project.

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