



Dear Shareholder and Friend,

At this difficult and uncertain time, I felt it was important for me to get in touch with you. Your support for our work here at Fordhall Farm is always appreciated so much, and in these turbulent times more so than ever.

As a shareholder, your contribution forms the foundation of our financial stability. Put simply, without people like you, we wouldn't be able to survive. When you chose to buy a community share in Fordhall Farm, you gave us the means to carry out our vision – to create a vibrant organic farm that is also a thriving, welcoming place for the whole community. Thanks to you, we've been able to take our small, family farm from the brink of collapse and make it into an inspiring place where farming works in harmony with nature and people can learn about sustainable living and real food.

Today, we need to ask you again to take action to ensure Fordhall Farm can be enjoyed and safeguarded for many generations to come. An important part of our future is your shareholding - and what happens to it when your body returns to the land.

Often, because they are a financial asset, Fordhall Farm community shares are cashed in as part of a family estate when a Will is executed. However, if the person dealing with the Will wants to, or even better, if it is noted in a Will, your shares can be donated back to Fordhall or passed onto someone else to enable us to continue our work.

By choosing to donate your shares back to Fordhall, or pass them onto someone else in your family who wants to support our work, you'll be making sure this special place can live on after you're gone.

You can do this by adding a note into your Will about your wishes (usually this is done as a signed and witnessed Codicil). Alternatively, you can complete our Expression of Wishes form online at fordhallfarm.com/sharewishes or fill in the enclosed form and return it to us at: Fordhall Organic Farm, Tern Hill Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PS.

We hope you choose to take this small action, that for us, will have a big impact on our future.

With my very warmest wishes,
Charlotte x



The Important Bits about community shares in the Fordhall Community Land Initiative Ltd.:

- Our community shares are life-long. Once purchased they are yours until you tell us otherwise.
- The Fordhall Community Land Initiative Ltd is legally constituted as a Society for Community Benefit with Charitable Status. Our community shares are 100% non-profit making and will never return a financial dividend.
- Fordhall's community shares cannot be traded on the stock market like conventional business shares.
- Our Society incorporation number is: IP30030R
- Our Exempt Charity Reference number (for the purposes of gift aid or for us to receive tax free gifts) is: XR91116.
- Each community share has a value of £50 and this never changes.
- As a community shareholder you are entitled to **one** vote at our AGM (regardless of the number of shares held). This ensures our organisation remains 100% democratic.
- Being a shareholder provides you with the option of being elected onto our Board of Directors at the AGM should you wish.
- When you pass on, your shares will automatically form part of your estate, like any other financial asset, and they need to be considered within your instructions for your estate.
- In this instance you have a number of options
 - Your shares can be donated to the Fordhall Community Land Initiative Ltd. as a gift (tax free)
 - You can choose to pass on your shares to another member of your family, or someone who you believe would support the aims of the Fordhall Community Land Initiative.
 - You can choose to have them reimbursed to your estate for the same value that was paid for them.
- Please follow this link to inform us of your wishes, but most importantly, please add your shares to your Will when you next update it, or append a Letter of Wishes and store it with your Will (whilst the latter is not legally binding it does at least express a wish to your family/friends that will hopefully guide them to follow your wishes).

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