

for younger visitors

Did you find these wild flowers on the farm trail?



Buttercup



Dandelion



Speedwell



Cuckoo Flower



Cow parsley



Purple Vetch



Yarrow



Birds-foot trefoil



Woundwort



The Organic Farm Trail at Elm Farm

The Farm Trail Explorer

The Answers



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These are answers to the questions on the explorer leaflet that you have completed about Elm Farm and the wildlife on the farm.

for visitors aged 10 to 15

The Farm Explorer Questions

Question 1 We wrap the silage bags in airtight plastic wrapper so that the silage does not decay and go rotten.

Question 2 We spread slurry onto the fields because it contains plant nutrients that make the crops grow better.

Question 3 Clover is a very important plant on organic farms because it puts natural fertility into the soil, so that we do not need to buy manufactured fertilisers. Clover is also a nutritious plant for the grazing farm animals.

Question 4 Insects such as bees and butterflies feed on nectar from the flowers. The nuts and berries are eaten by small mammals such as field mice or voles, and by many different birds such as thrushes, finches and jays

Question 5 The mounds of soil in Donkey Field are anthills, and the ants are small and yellow, so quite different to the black ones that you see in the garden.

Question 6 The tree near the roadside gate into Sheepfield is a willow that was pollarded so that cattle could not eat the juicy new twigs that grow where it was cut.

Question 7 Three examples of things made of clay fired in kilns are pots, roof tiles and building bricks. There are remains of a Roman pottery kiln in Craven Park so the Romans probably started to dig out the clay.

Wildlife Ecology

Here are some examples of the habitats and wildlife on Elm Farm.

Most of the wildlife can be found in more than one habitat

Habitat	Plants or animals in this habitat
Woodland	Trees: oak, ash, silver birch, beech, Animals: fox, badger, pigeon, woodpecker
Pond	Trees and plants: oak, ash, silver birch, beech, Animals: frog, newt, fish, duck, heron, dragonfly
Bushes	what wildlife did you see?
Stream or ditch	what wildlife did you see?
Hedgerow	what wildlife did you see?
Tree in a hedgerow	what wildlife did you see?
Tree in a field	what wildlife did you see?
Old grassland	what wildlife did you see?
Grass field with grazing animals	what wildlife did you see?
Field with a cereal crop	what wildlife did you see?

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These are answers to
Which tree or bush do they grow on?

Berries, Fruits and Nuts

Acorns	grow on	Oak trees
Cob nuts	grow on	Hazel bushes
Blackberries	grow on	Brambles
Sloes	grow on	Blackthorn
Hips	grow on	Dog rose
Haws	grow on	Hawthorn

