



## Introduction to Bosavern Community Farm

Located in West Cornwall near St Just-in-Penwith and overlooking the sea towards the Isles of Scilly, Bosavern Community Farm is run by Bosavern Community Enterprises Ltd, a not-for-profit social enterprise (Community Benefit Society). We grow fresh vegetables using organic principles according to the Wholesome Food Association guidelines and we also raise free-range chickens (for the sale of eggs).

Bosavern Community Farm comprises 36 acres of land (4.5 acres rented), with 7 acres under cultivation and some for hay. We have over 300 chickens as well as a fruit cage, 6 polytunnels, a 4-bedroom farmhouse and several outbuildings. We also have 28 allotment plots on site for locals to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

Working in partnership with a local beekeeper (who specialises in raising rare Cornish Black Bees) and successfully obtaining grants, we have been able to set up a Bee Education Centre to enable people to learn about bees and their importance. As well as several outdoor hives, this includes a Bee Observation Hive inside our Bee Education Shed.

We have various income streams - through our Farm Shop, farmers' markets, veg boxes, wholesale sales to cafés, pubs and restaurants, sales of hay and camping. Our turnover has been increasing year on year, including this year, 2020, even with the Covid19 pandemic.

The farmhouse is currently used as accommodation for our volunteer hosts and visiting volunteers (wwoofers) who live on the Farm for short periods. In the Farm outbuildings we have our office, our shop, and a meeting room. Everyone working on the farm has access to the Farm kitchen.

We presently have a core team of one full-time and two part-time paid posts. The Head Grower and our Assistant Grower manage all aspects of production of vegetables and care of the chickens, as well as sales through the weekly veg box scheme, the Farm Shop and regular farmers' markets. Our part-time Finance Officer manages all aspects of our accounts. The farm has volunteer Directors making up a Management Board who oversee the running of the farm and lead on its long-term development. The Directors are appointed by the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting.

Our aim is to establish a self-financing, community-led food growing initiative/food hub with training, events and educational facilities focusing around the Farm and the wider area.

Our vision is:

- To produce, promote and distribute local food for local people, in an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable way
- To provide community access to land and its produce
- To educate the local community about and involve them in growing food, horticulture and sustainable living
- To provide both products and services for the local community