

# ABOUT US...



## Bayer CropScience

Bayer CropScience is one of the world's leading crop science companies. With an expertise and experience in providing high-quality innovative solutions to the UK agricultural, garden and amenity market, Bayer CropScience is setting the standard in areas of product and environmental stewardship.

Bayer CropScience in the UK, has been working closely with different organisations on projects highlighting the importance of reconnecting farmers and communities and in turn, educating "our future crop" about the farming industry, as part of its Sustainable Development programme:

- FACE – a long distance learning tool for CEVAS, seed sticks
- Farmers Weekly – Kids Connect to promote the Year of Food and Farming
- Bayer CropScience Biodiversity Centres – highlighting topical subjects, holding workshops for the industry and providing its own educational experience

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FACE (Farming and Countryside Education) is a registered charity which is independent of any political party or movement.

Our aim is to educate children and young people about food and farming in a sustainable countryside.

FACE has over 80 member organisations. All have a commitment to educational work associated with food, farming and the countryside. We are always keen to recruit more members, from any part of the sector, who share our aims and objectives and would like to work in partnership.

FACE's activities aim to:

- stimulate interest and excitement
- link to all aspects and stages of the school curriculum
- allow pupils to see rural activities such as food production first-hand
- introduce pupils to a host of leisure activities in the countryside
- introduce pupils to rural career opportunities and the world of work

### FACE

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## The BAYER / FACE Awards 2008

# The Winners



# THE WINNERS...



## Access Award

**RYLANDS FARM**  
*Sherbourne, Dorset*

Julie Plumley has been hosting visits for disaffected students for nearly 2 years. The young people that come to Rylands take part in all aspects of animal care and welfare, learning skills and trades, whilst developing personal qualities through working in small groups and teams. Providing students with life skills to gain employment and encouraging them to look at careers in agriculture. Rylands Farm aspire to have farming as an integral part of our curriculum, so that students that struggle in the mainstream school system have the opportunity to learn in a more flexible environment.



# THE WINNERS...

## Farm to the Classroom Award & OVERALL WINNER

**HIGHFIELD FARM**  
*Topsham, Devon*

Ian Shears and his family believe in 'hands on' learning and have been taking their 'Seed to Loaf Roadshow' out to a number of different schools. They host an interactive workshop, where young people can see and feel wheat plants and grain, grind the wheat in a hand powered stone mill, then make their own design bread roll, which are baked in the wood fired oven. Ian is a strong advocate that children should be aware "food does not just appear on the supermarket shelf!" Highfield Farm demonstrate the efforts of farmers to put all their care and dedication into raising healthy animals and crops and want to teach young people that it's farmers who shape the countryside we live in. Looking to the future, Highfield Farm would like to create an on-farm educational centre, with wood-fired ovens and a kitchen garden, so that children can establish how food is grown and where it comes from by picking, then cooking, their own food.



## Biodiversity Award

**DORRINGTON HALL**  
*Woore, Cheshire*

Steve and Jane Ellsmoor have been hosting farm visits for 6 years now, with 1,000 visitors in the last 2 years, alone. They offer a very varied and flexible approach, which enables different groups to take in the abundant and diverse wildlife of the county. Demonstrating high welfare agricultural systems that work in harmony with biodiversity, they show 6 metre field margins where barn owls can hunt, field management to attract Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species and they work with their students on pond projects - proving daily that wildlife conservation can be integrated with modern farming systems. Dorrington Hall hope to diversify further by creating a classroom on farm.



## Innovative Learning Award

**WESTMORLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
*Milnthorpe, Cumbria*

Westmorland County Agricultural Society, under the guidance of Christine Knipe, has been hosting visits at Heaves Farm since 1995, where young people are given a true insight into life on a traditional working farm. There are 'stations' located around the farm, where experts are positioned to talk through such subjects as; sheep shearing and sheep dogs, poultry rearing and egg grading, milk parlour and pig keeping. The experience doesn't end there, as guests leave with 'goodie bags' and suggested lesson plans. Westmorland are keen to ensure that children know the link between food production, farming and the environment and have the experience of learning outside of the classroom. They also want to build on their success and reach out to even more schools in the future, especially in urban areas.



## Countryside Careers Award

**THE CROFT**  
*Houghton, Carlisle*

Susan Aglionby has been hosting educational visits on her organic livestock farm for over 10 years, to a wide variety of visitors. Working alongside her guests, Susan demonstrates the importance of a range of agricultural vocations, providing the opportunity to undertake a number of tasks on the farm, including animal husbandry. The Croft aspires to give as many teenagers as possible, especially those from urban areas, the chance to have residential work experience on a farm.

