

**COUNTRYSIDERS ANNUAL
CONSERVATION CAMPOUT AT STARSTON**



Countrysiders



Welcome to

WELCOME TO COUNTRYSIDERS



YOUTH FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE

All about Countrysiders

There are currently fourteen Countrysider Clubs around Norfolk. They are the junior branch of The Young Farmers Clubs. Each Countrysider Club is run independently of its Senior Club but they do meet together several times during the year.

Countrysiders is for children aged 10 – 16 years. They can stay at Countrysiders until they feel ready to move on to their senior Club or reach 17. Which ever comes first!

Countrysiders meet once a fortnight and is run by volunteers. The Clubs are overseen by a Countrysiders Development Officer who is employed by the YFC County Office based at Easton Campus.

Countrysiders meet on a fortnightly basis and the meetings start at 7pm and finish at 8.30pm. If there is an outside meeting planned, the transport may leave at an earlier pre-arranged time. An approximate return time will usually be given in advance. If you are unsure about any of the meetings, do phone the Club Leader to check details. Where possible the Club will notify its members in advance of any extra costs or changes in meetings etc.

Countrysider meetings are designed to be fun, practical and informative. There are a wide variety of meetings to suit everyone.

Please find on the website the current club programme. There are contact numbers on the back of the programme should you require any further information.

For new members the first two meetings are free. There is then a membership fee of £30 and a meeting fee of just £3.00 per meeting attended.

Extra cost is incurred when the minibus has to be hired to take the Countrysiders to an outside meeting. This is usually an extra £1.50 to £2.50 on top of the meeting fee. Where possible we try to organise local outside meetings so parents can take and collect their children from the arranged venue. We may organise for the children to travel in the Leader or Helpers cars, but only if parental consent has been granted on the registration form.

Safety is paramount at all times and every care is taken to ensure the happiness and well being of the Countrysider members.

Inter-Club competitions are a part of Countrysiders. They are held throughout the year and cover a broad spectrum, from letter writing to public speaking, stockjudging to face painting. In fact something for everyone. We do encourage the children to take part and we do realise this may involve the parents Taxi service! Where possible we try and arrange for children to travel together to save the parents making individual journeys.

Parents are *always* Welcome! If there's a meeting that you would like to join in with – come along! We always appreciate any offers of help. Maybe you know of someone who would give an interesting talk or share a skill. Tell us! We are here! And we look forward to meeting you.

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