

There have been outbreaks of Cryptosporidium across Cornwall and unfortunately, we had a case linked to our farm probably due to the lambs we had here during February.

This prompted a visit from Cornwall Council Environmental Health and Safety on Thursday 3rd April who thought it better for us to stop our sessions from the Friday, until we changed the way we run them, to further reduce the risk of this happening again.

Cryptosporidium is linked to young lambs among other animals, with the feeding and holding of lambs being the highest risk therefore we will not be including lamb feeding in future experiences.

Since then, we have been extremely busy implementing these changes which, along with the paperwork, include us creating an animal contact area on concrete away from where the animals live and to double fence the other animals in their paddocks so they can't be touched – they can only be touched if we have a warm water hand-wash facility adjacent to the paddock. We are devising different ways of feeding these animals without being able to have contact!

Our new website will be updated too to reflect the changes in our experiences so please do message us if you are wanting to book and we can discuss what you are to expect during your visit.

This Code of Practice, will be rolled out across Cornwall to other farms like ours in due course.

This has left us very emotionally drained as we feel we have let so many people down, including everyone who booked in for Easter, when it is not in our nature to do so.

I have put my heart and soul into this little business, it nourishes my soul seeing the effect animals have on people of all abilities. I am not a qualified therapist but my animals naturally are and I believe it is extremely important to be able to offer this animal holistic therapy for the mental and spiritual well-being of all.

We are working extremely hard to pull this all together to enable us to open as soon as possible with enhanced safety measures.

Thank you all so very much for your continued support, you are helping to spur us on so we can welcome you back to the farm.

Tanya, Roger and Auntie Laura & Honey x