



## AHDB funded training places available to first time Open Farm Sunday hosts

Available for beef, lamb and dairy levy payers



If you are looking to host Open Farm Sunday for the first time in 2026, below are details of funded training and support to help you open your farm with confidence.

**Application closing date: midnight, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.**

AHDB are funding places on a bespoke [CEVAS \(Countryside Educational Visit Accreditation Scheme\)](#) course with a specific public engagement focus, designed to support farmers to confidently host their first Open Farm Sunday event in June. The course is delivered by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) on behalf of the Access to Farms Partnership.

The course is offered fully funded with hotel accommodation (between the first and second training days) and transport costs for the training covered also.

### Eligible farmers must:

- Be an AHDB levy payer for either beef, lamb, or dairy
- Be planning to host an event for Open Farm Sunday on 7th June 2026 (or another Sunday in June) for the first time
- Not have previously completed a CEVAS course
- Be able to commit to all elements of the programme

### What's included in the support package:

#### 1. CEVAS training (3 days)

Either • 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am – 4:30pm, Leeds

Or • 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am - 4:30pm, Cambridge

We will support you to develop the skills and confidence to host safe, engaging farm visits for both public events and schools. You'll complete the CEVAS accreditation with support from your trainer, including a short evidence portfolio (typically around 20 hours). You will also receive a practical pack of ready-to-use on-farm activities.

#### 2. Online Open Farm Sunday workshop

- 21st April, 9:30am–12:30pm, online

Here you will learn from experienced hosts about event planning, visitor management, and the support available from LEAF and AHDB.

#### 3. Host Open Farm Sunday

- 7th June 2026, on your farm!

Join hundreds of farmers across the country opening their gates to the public and celebrating British farming as part of Farming's Annual Open Day!

**Why take part?** Read our [7 reasons to take part](#) in Open Farm Sunday leaflet.

**To apply:** Email [education@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:education@ahdb.org.uk) by **midnight, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, confirming:

- You are a beef, lamb, or dairy levy payer
- That farming is your primary business enterprise
- A brief overview of your farm enterprise
- Your interest in completing CEVAS and hosting Open Farm Sunday
- That you can attend all three CEVAS training days (Leeds or Cambridge), the online workshop, and host Open Farm Sunday 2026

Open Farm Sunday is managed by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) Charity no: 1045781.

