



***Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.” Psalm 100:3***

The Boaz Project charity provides a therapeutic work environment for adults with learning difficulties and is based at Hill Farm, Sutton Scotney. The Project's motto is 'learning and working together'. It aims to foster a sense of family and its Christian ethos seeks to address the whole person in mind, body and spirit.

Clients (or members, as Boaz calls them) come to engage with a range of activities including horticulture, cooking, woodwork, feeding chickens and collecting eggs. There is lots of socialising during the breaks, including an afternoon walk around the farm. The Project is based on the principle that every person is made in the image of God and has an innate desire for work. It aims to release every individual's full potential; the character and needs of each member are respected and nurtured.

Boaz relies on sponsorship and volunteers' contributions of time and skills. Galina, a recent volunteer, said she decided to join Boaz after being made redundant from her job as project manager at a large bank. Before returning to employment, she wanted *'to help the community and do something useful that would not actually require 24/7 involvement.'*

*She said, 'to an unexpected extent, this experience changed everything- my ability to assess what people can do, and I learned from the members the passion they had for their work and their great resilience towards problems in life. It was a breath of fresh air after my previous job which could require traveling around Europe for 20 hours a day. Boaz was so welcoming, and its country setting made me feel very peaceful and calm'.*



One of our other Boaz volunteers, Carolyn, recently had a Godly dream, in which she saw everyone connected to the organisation getting marching through March. All shapes and sizes, doing what they could to limber up and get some fitness back. She saw fundraising happening- **enabling people to attend** Boaz who otherwise might not be able to afford it, **keeping plants growing** using homemade fertiliser from newly built compost bins, and **giving good homes to our poultry**, refurbishing rotten runs and chicken houses.

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