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School children farming in their classroom

The Countryside Restoration Trust has launched a new educational venture to encourage school children to plant crops which they will nurture and then harvest in the summer. The project is called 'Sustainable farming, food and environment project for primary schools' and is designed to show how food is produced and to encourage children to find out more about farming and wildlife. The CRT believes that a 'getting your hands dirty' approach makes this topic (part of the National Curriculum) fun and far more appealing to a young audience.

The project has attracted the interest of Sue Rapley, a resident of Barton and supporter of the CRT, who wants to get involved and help to make a difference. Sue says: "I welcome the opportunity to get involved with the school children and this project, as I think we are all learning more together about sustainable farming, to produce quality seasonal food, and preserve the wildlife and countryside."

Sue will be taking part in a visit to Barton Primary School and Meridian School in Comberton along with her husband David, who is generously sponsoring the project through his new company, Rheebridge Ltd. Rheebridge is a vibrant and socially aware company dealing with angel investment, property development and social enterprise at the forefront of environmental and sustainability issues.

Asked why he decided to sponsor the project, David says: "I love the hands on approach of this project, which engages each child in a fun way on how the food they eat is actually grown, where it comes from and relating it directly to sustainable farming practices."

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For further information, please contact The Countryside Restoration Trust office on 01223 262999 or email info@livingcountryside.org.uk.

The Countryside Restoration Trust is a farming and conservation charity which aims to protect and restore Britain's countryside with wildlife-friendly and commercially-viable agriculture. The Trust is committed to promoting the importance of a living and working countryside through education, demonstration and community involvement.

The Trust is establishing a network of demonstration farms across Britain which, using sensitive farming methods, will show how to protect wildlife, produce quality, seasonal food and preserve our countryside for future generations.

The Trust is also using living, working farms as educational centres of expertise to inspire farmers, land managers, the general public and politicians.