

Firm of M. C. Henderson, Ring Farm
The Rings
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Ideas for Activities and Games to fill your free time here in Bissett's Barn

We are a small family farm, and during your visit our team will support your learners both in the sheep shed and throughout the learning session in Bissett's Barn.

You will also have dedicated time in Bissett's Barn to use in whatever way best suits your learners' needs. Below are some ideas and suggested activities you may wish to use to engage them — or you are very welcome to simply allow free play and let them explore the space as they wish.

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Resources

Within the MultiPurpose space in Bissett's Barn we have a huge number of resources, including:

Always available

• Comfy seating*
• Space to run around or "let off steam"
• Toys including duplo, wooden blocks and tractors/cars
• Books for babies, children and teens
• Board games and jigsaws

• Ride on toys such as scooters and toy cars
• Table tennis
• Table football
• Air hockey table
• Pool table
• Basketball hoop

* in the winter time this space can be very cold. If you are moving around a lot it will be fine, but if you plan to sit for long periods of time, please wrap up warm. You can always warm up in the kitchen space if you need to!

Additional items – available on request

🤸 **Movement & Physical Play Equipment**

- Pop-up tunnel
- Child-sized play tent
- Balance beam
- Plan Toys balance board
- Gymnastics mat
- Inflatable hoppers
- Giant ball / giant football
- Parachutes (multiple available)
- Roller blades (various sizes — please advise size needed)
- Scooters (with helmets & knee pads)



- Tandem trikes (Taxi Trike & Pedal Tandem Trike)
- Twin Walker
- Toddler bouncy castle (small children only)
- Sacks for sack racing
- Sports day equipment (cones, markers, sack race items, games)
- Various bats and balls (tennis, table tennis, foam baseball bat, etc.)
- Rugby ball, football, basketball
- Frisbees
- Quoits
- Beanbags
- Tin can alley
- Ten-pin bowling skittles & plastic ball
- Velcro catch-and-throw pads
- Floor curling set

⚽ **Sports & Games Tables**

- Football & folding goals
- Basketball net
- Table football
- Pool table (cues & balls)
- Table tennis (bats, balls & net)
- Air hockey table (with accessories)
- Jumbo noughts and crosses
- Giant dominoes



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🎭 Role Play, Dressing Up & Imaginative Play

- Dressing-up costumes (child & adult sizes)
- Lamb ears headband
- Collie sheepdog ears headband
- Farmer flat cap
- Barbie dolls house (with furniture)
- Toy kitchen
- Wooden pirate boat
- Farm & construction toy vehicles
- Children's workbench

🧱 Construction & Small World

- Duplo
- Wooden building blocks

📢 Audio, Tech & Sensory

- Microphone
- Speaker system
- Bluetooth speakers (including Anker sound bar)
- Aroma diffuser (bring your own essential oils)

⚠️ Special Equipment

- Hoverboards (electric charged)
- Nerf guns & darts



- Beanbag lap trays ×2
- Chairs
- Tables

🧩 Jigsaws & Early Learning Games

- Orchard Toys *Farmyard* 2-piece puzzles
- Usborne *Farm Animals* — 8× 2-piece puzzles & book
- Orchard Toys *Farmyard* 3-in-a-box
- Usborne *Bugs Matching Games*
- Wooden lift-out farm animal shape puzzle
- Orchard Toys *Who's on the Farm?* Talkabout first puzzles

📚 Books & Story Resources

Tractor Ted Collection

- *In Summertime*
- *In Autumntime*
- *Meets Baby Animals*
- *Let's Look at Big Machines*
- *Big Machines*
- *Massive Machines*
- *Tractor Time*

Little Red Tractor

- *Circles in the Corn*
- *The Detectives*

Farm-themed Picture Books & Stories



- Usborne *Farmyard Tales*
- *Goodnight Tractor*
- *Farmer John's Tractor*
- Ladybird *Busy Farm* (lift the flap)
- Usborne *Peep Inside the Farm*
- *Tractor Trouble*
- Touch-and-feel *Farm* board books
- *The Trouble with Tractors*
- *Animals in the Field* series:
    - *Rats, Mice & Moles*
    - *Sheep*
    - *Cows*
- *Produce from the Farm* series:
    - *Eggs*
    - *Grain & Cereals*
- *Adventures on the Farm: Wool & Cotton*
- *Marvin Wanted More*
- *Farmer Duck*
- *The Little Red Hen*
- *When Sheep Cannot Sleep*
- *Hens' Feathers*



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Partner Providers

Make a booking with an organisation of your choice to join you in the barn, here are some we know of:

Fife Ranger Service Education - Fife Coast & Countryside Trust

Music with Jen Fife Making Music accessible for all - sessions for all ages and abilities

Tinie Treasure Ceramics Pottery painting, ceramic art, clay hand building, candle painting!

Pony axes Pony and wheelchair suitable trailer rides – Speak to Simon

Bowbridge Alpacas Alpaca Experiences

Bouncy Castle hire and other inflatables and fun activities

Haud Yer Wheesht Silent Disco – A disco with no amplified music, everyone has a set of headphones and dances to one of the broadcast channels.

Line Dancing – Lorraine Brown from Ranch Dance Fife has been to the barn before.

The Scottish Countryman – Archery and falconry – Steve will come to the Rings if you pre- book with him on 07801 544 124

Mini Highland Games – Recommended by one of our guests, Claire says: “They were very good, such lovely men and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. They usually separate groups into clans and have a competition but the come and try worked better for us. They were from Mackenzie Sports in Edinburgh, Stewart is the owner- macksports@blueyonder.com”



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Additional suggested Station-Style Activities

Children can rotate through a mixture of activity stations, spending 10–15 minutes at each, some are quiet and others are movement based.

All of these are flexible, easy to supervise, and require no extra staff from us. Any additional items needed for you to set out for example cones or balls, we're happy to provide these at no extra cost.

These activities are based on First level (CfE) learners; however, differentiation options are suggested for each on request.

Indoor – movement

Detailed instructions, aim, resources and rules of play available on request.

- **Lamb Obstacle Life Cycle Course** - Learners travel through a movement course representing the lamb's life cycle
- **Sheepdog Tunnels & Herding Challenge** - The "sheepdog" must guide the sheep around markers (herding), encouraging, not touching.
- **Escape the Predator! Parachute & Tag Game** - Sheep must run back under the parachute (the flock shelter) before the frisbee lands.
- **Shelter Builders & Weather Challenge** - Learners work in teams to build a shelter for pregnant ewes or newborn lambs. Design and construct a "lambing shed" using blocks or Duplo.
- **Feed the Flock Target Throw** - Players "deliver feed" by throwing beanbags/balls into buckets placed at different distances. Each bucket represents a nutritional element for pregnant ewes or lambs.
- **Farm to Fork food journey challenge** Relay-Style Game where players use a scooter or ride on toy
- **Ewe, Ewe, Tup** variation on "Duck Duck Goose" to reinforce the vocabulary

Indoor - quiet

- **Story Corner** – an adult reads a farm- or food-themed book from our library.
- **Board-Game Station** – cooperative or turn-taking games from our library

Worksheets / Table crafts

(please request these in advance giving an idea of how many are needed)



- **Visit "Spotting" sheet** – one with tick boxes and pictures, one with questions and space to write answers – these identify things which can be seen/learned on the visit.
- **Sheep themed colouring sheets**: repeating pattern, Minecraft, Multi-Sheep (colour the background sheep are white)
- Lost sheep Maze
- This is a drawing of me feeding a lamb at Ring Farm
- **Simple sheep craft**: Glue and stick on cotton wool
- **Sheep visit themed wordsearches**: 2 levels, easier and harder

Outdoor

- **Nature walk** - Self-guided nature walk around one of our fields, make a list of items you'll see before you go and tick them off as you walk (e.g. fence post, gate, tree)
- **Scavenger hunt** – walk along the farm road and find simple items such as leaf, blade of grass, stone…
- **Pilgrim Way** – we are quite close to part of the Fife Pilgrim way. The stretch between Kennoway and Ceres. However, as yet we haven't made an access path from the farm to the Pilgrim way, so you'd need to walk over fields to reach it.