



## Riverford Organic Farm and Field Kitchen

### How it all began



Riverford has been the Watson family farm since 1951 and son Guy Watson began growing organic veg in 1986. After being inspired by walking the fields and picking supper for family and friends, Guy began the vegbox scheme in 1993, delivering to just 20 households. Today the Devon farm grows and delivers vegboxes to around 30,000 customers each week! Guy has always believed in making a strong connection between the farm and its customers, and became one of the first farmers to invite the public onto his farm for guided tours.

### Tours, events and education



As well as being open to the public all year round for tours, we have a busy programme of events where visitors can learn about organic food and farming. We also hold an annual Easter egg hunt, organic funday and pumpkin day. Our team at the farm also provides organic dinners for the local school, cooking from scratch with fresh ingredients.

## Your time with us at Riverford



Riverford is a family farm; we manage over 1000 acres of land. On this land we have dairy cows and nearly 200 acres of vegetables. Guy's brother Oliver manages the dairy herd with help from his sister Louise. Ben, Guy's other brother has three farm shops, serving Totnes, Kitley near Plymouth and the original farm shop at Riverford. You will be staying with Guy and his sister Rachel. Both live very near to the farm. The farm is near to the towns of Totnes and Buckfastleigh. Our nearest cities are Plymouth and Exeter. We are also very close to Dartmoor, a national park of around 360 square miles.

When you help with the school visits at the farm you will be working with Darran Mclane, who undertakes the majority of the farm walks. He will look after you whilst you're at Riverford; if you need to travel, visit places or need anything Darran will sort this out for you. We have over 300 people working on the farm in the summer months and it is a hive of activity. We are sure you will have an enjoyable stay with us. Should you have the opportunity to visit our website [www.riverford.co.uk](http://www.riverford.co.uk) or if you have any questions email Darran [darranmclane@riverford.co.uk](mailto:darranmclane@riverford.co.uk) who will be very happy to assist.

Looking forward to working with you.

Darran Mclane

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## The Field Kitchen



In 2005, Guy opened the Field Kitchen restaurant on the farm. His dream was to offer people the chance to eat seasonal organic vegetables direct from the fields. Regular guided tours run on the farm, which include a meal in the Field Kitchen, so visitors (which often include vegbox customers) can taste the produce they have just seen growing.