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Dear Susie

We farm in the High Peak area of Derbyshire, a family run hill farm. The flock of 450 ewe and small herd of pedigree belted Galloway cattle are managed commercially with a considerable emphasis on environmental sustainability. The farm is within a number of environmental schemes. Such farms are particularly important for managing the land and maintaining the landscape that is enjoyed by so many people using the foot paths and bridleways of the area, these visitors are vital to the local community and sustain many businesses. The age of many farmers on such hill farms is of concern for the future as are employment opportunities for young people.

We support the City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agriculture and feel that it is suitable for someone aged 16 years or over who might progress to an apprenticeship, a job or to further learning. It would be a positive route to address issues indicated in paragraph one.

The skills and knowledge that would give a young person an advantage when applying for a job, progressing to an apprenticeship, or undertaking further learning and training are included within this qualification:

- Health and safety
- Working in the agricultural industry
- Estate skills
- Work experience
- Agricultural machinery operation

Farm animal production

This qualification could potentially lead to the following job roles:

General farm worker, tractor operator or trainee stockperson, estate warden, reserve support worker for conservation grazing projects.

We confirm that we are happy for our company name and logo to be made available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely

*S.E. Helliwell*

Business Owner