

THE ELM FARM CONFERENCE VENUE

The Organic Research Centre

Hamstead Marshall, nr Newbury, Berkshire RG20 0HR

for your 'out of town' event - in the peaceful and rural setting of our events and conference barn



A Grade 2 listed 18th century building, set in a beautiful rural location close to the M4 and airports, the conference facility is able to accommodate different group sizes, from small intimate groups to larger meetings – with on-site parking.

The room offers flexible meeting areas and an integral kitchen external catering can be arranged

Elm Farm is also home to an organic farm trail

WHAT MAKES US 'GREEN'

Our 18th century listed barn and outbuildings were recently converted using energy efficient and sustainable methods into a flexible meeting area, as well as light and spacious modern offices. This **groundbreaking project** successfully demonstrates how state of the art environmental technologies can fit with traditional construction methods and materials, to not only preserve but also to breathe new life into once run-down historic buildings.

Just some of the environmentally friendly methods the conversion incorporated:

Re-used woodwork - solid oak wooden flooring - lights and occupant sensors - underfloor heating - re-using bricks and tiles - sheep's wool insulation - 'evacuated tube' type solar panels – reclaimed concrete flags and eco paints.

We also **harvest rainwater** via gutters which channel it via filters and stored in an underground tank and used for flushing toilets, and our resident bat population is protected with a special **Bat Attic** with the inclusion of designated roof spaces and entry/exit tiles.



The Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm, is a registered charity (281276) working to develop sustainable food systems based on organic and agro-ecological principles.

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CATERING GUIDE



The aim of the Organic Research Centre is to develop and support sustainable land-use, agriculture and food systems, primarily within local economies, which build on organic agri-ecological principles to ensure the health and wellbeing of soil, plant, animal, man and the environment. To this end, we operate an ethical food policy in our conference centre.

All tea, coffee, milk, sugar and fruit juice supplied by us is organic and where appropriate Fairtrade certified to ensure that farmers get a fair price for their produce.



We ask our caterers to use organic produce where possible and preferably locally grown.
Fresh seasonal organic fruit and vegetables - British and organically-reared meat – organic bread

We try to keep all packaging to a minimum and to use biodegradable / compostable or recycled material wherever possible

HIRE COSTS GUIDE

Commercial Rates:

Full-day from 9.00 – 5.00 pm	£280.00
Half-day Morning from 9.00 – 1.00 pm	£140.00
Half-Day Afternoon from 1 – 5 pm	£140.00
Hourly rate	£40.00

Please ask about discounts for meetings of less than 20 people

Prices include mid-morning and/or mid-afternoon refreshments (organic tea, coffee, and biscuits – and juice if lunch is required)

Community rate:

local villages, charities, individuals (no refreshments included in this rate)	£20/hour
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All rates charged plus VAT (at the going rate at time of booking, currently 20%)

Please note that out of office hours events (ie weekends) will incur a surcharge of £10/hour to cover our staffing costs.

We have all the IT facilities you might require - powerpoint projector, pull-down screen, laptops, slide projector, flipcharts, microphones, etc.

We can also supply all your stationery needs.

