

BACKGROUND AND MISSION STATEMENT

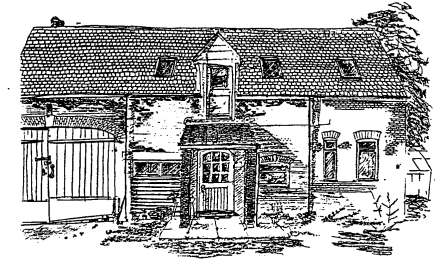
The Stables Christian Centre was founded in 1984 and later registered as a Charity.

Our aims are to promote and witness to the Christian faith and way of life, particularly in relation to social issues, and to offer practical help and friendship to those on the margins of society.

Projects in the past and present have offered work experience and support particularly to ex-offenders, those with a mental illness, those with a learning disability and others with social needs.

The grounds are managed to encourage a wide variety of wild plants and natural habitats. We also grow herbs and fruit - without chemicals whenever possible. Apart from plant sales, our own herbs and fruit are used in the products for sale in the craft shop.

Trustees are from a number of local families, and are members of churches of different denominations. Staff and volunteers are either members of local churches, or in sympathy with the aims of the Centre.



Bolnhurst Stables Trust
Working with Vulnerable Adults

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INTRODUCTION**

*An Interdenominational Christian
Charity*

THE BUILDING

The Centre has been created from the garage and outbuildings of the Old Rectory, which a century ago housed the horses and carriage for the Rectory.

The Old Rectory itself is a Victorian rectory built on the site of an older farmhouse. In the past it was encircled by a moat, significant parts of which remain.

ROOM HIRE

The Centre is used by the Stables' projects on some weekdays, but it is also available to be used by community groups and churches. The Centre has a conference room which can comfortably seat groups of up to 30, a foyer area, kitchen and toilets. Upstairs we have a small meeting room.

The conference room or upstairs meeting room can be hired at a very reasonable cost. Please see the separate leaflet or telephone for details.

The Centre is sited in 6 acres of peaceful woodland 6 miles north of Bedford on the B660 Kimbolton Road, within easy reach of the A1 (7 miles) and the M1 (20 miles). There is on-site parking.

FOR SALE

Herbs and Wild Flowers

We are herb specialists and grow over 140 varieties of herbs and wild flowers. These are on sale every day (find them behind the Centre and by the door).

Preserves and Crafts

We make our own preserves, usually from fruit grown in the grounds or locally. We create herb products, crafts and home-made greetings cards.

THE SHOP

The shop is open whenever the Centre is open, which is most Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9.30 – 3.30 but please if coming from a distance or to arrange another time.

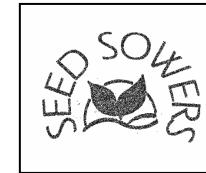
COFFEE SHOP

Open on 1st Saturday of the month from 2.00pm to 4.30pm from May to December and occasional specials. See website or phone for details.

WOODLAND WALK

The Woodland Walk takes you through the 6 acres of peaceful grounds with an abundant variety of trees and wild flowers. See our green leaflet for a map and details.

SEED SOWERS PROJECT



The Seed Sowers Training Project has been running for more than 20 years, offering work based experience in small friendly caring groups to adults with various needs who find an ordinary workplace too difficult.

Those taking part in the Project assist, under supervision, with the gardening and growing of herbs; also with the making of preserves and craftwork.

In September 2007 we launched our 'Step to Work' programme, which provides a structured progress towards independence and for employability, with personal portfolios and individual assessed training schedules.

Please see the separate leaflet for further details.