



Plumpton College

**Plumpton College at Netherfield
Centre for Sustainable Food & Farming
Course Information**

Course Name: Starting a Farm Shoot		Tutor: Neil Bianchi
Venue: Ivyland Farm Netherfield Nr. Battle East Sussex TN33 9QB	1 day course	
	Start Time: 9.00 am	
	Finish time: Approx. 4.00 pm depending on questions and end of course discussions.	
Designed for: Anyone interested in starting their own farm shoot. The course will cover gamebird rearing, the equipment required, utilising land for the benefit of game shooting and the growing of cover crops. Other topics will include pest and predator control, joining the poultry register and the financial implications to the farm business. The day will include a farm walk looking at suitable sites and habitats. No previous experience needed.		
Aims of the course: To introduce participants to the main points that need to be considered when starting a farm shoot.		
Typical number of delegates: 6 -10		Course runs approximately twice a year
Course Timetable		
9.00 am – 9.30 am:	Course administration/ tea or coffee/introductions	
9.30am – 12.30pm:	Classroom lecture Rearing and rearing equipment Diseases Shooting and the land Cover crops and ELS The game year Release pens and releasing game birds Feeding and Breeding Pest and predator control lethal and non lethal methods Outlets for farm shoots including the end product Record Keeping including the poultry register	
12.30pm – 1.30pm:	Lunch	
1.30pm – 3.00pm:	Visit to the farm to look at the shooting potential. Introduction to the use of traps,	
3.0 pm – 4.00 pm	Summary /Questions and Answers Tea / Coffee and Course Evaluations	
What you need to bring: Hot & cold drinks are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch. In the morning the course is classroom based. During the afternoon the course will be held on the farm. Please bring appropriate clothing and footwear for both venues.		
As an ongoing precautionary measure, please ensure that items of clothing and footwear used previously on another farm, have been thoroughly cleaned.		
Course Outcome:	College Certificate (on request)	
Follow on course suggestions: Poultry Processing, Game Meat Handling/Food Hygiene For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College at Netherfield		
To book this course, for further information, or in case of an emergency on the day of the course please contact:		
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