



Harvest 2018

Dear Friends

This year has gone by so quickly and there is a distinct Autumnal feel in the air here at The Jonas Centre. The leaves on the trees near our fields are beautiful shades of brown, red and gold, and it will soon be Harvest Festival time.

It was a lovely summer and our guests were able to see Wensleydale at its most glorious. In August we hosted a large group of children who stayed with us for the whole month. They came from all over the world, from as far away as Japan and the USA. We animals really enjoyed meeting them, and they visited us regularly during their stay. Prudence the Pig was especially happy as they often brought her potato peelings, which are her absolute favourite treat.

Speaking of food, it was a hard summer for me, Sally the Shetland pony. Because of the long, wet winter which rapidly turned into the long, dry summer, the grass was not in a **good condition which meant I couldn't graze all day, which is something I really need to do.** I lost a lot of weight, but luckily for me, my carer put me on weight gain food twice a day, plus haylage, and I am happy to report that I am now back to my normal weight. Plus the grass has started to grow again.

We have had quite a few new chickens join us over the summer. I **don't know all of their names yet**, apart from a cheeky one called Henrietta who has made herself right at home. We also have a very young duck who has joined us in the last week. She is called Sadie and can be seen waddling along behind Vince and the girls. **It's nice to see her settling in.**

Happy Harvest Festival nibbling

## *Sally the Shetland Pony.*

P.S. The ducks and chickens all say "Hi!"

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