

ALL ABOUT ME - DEBBIE



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My name is Debbie and I am the owner of The Orchard.

I moved to rural Devon just over 4 years ago with my husband, son and daughter, our dog Wilf and my daughters cat Wish.

Since then our family has grown by another cat (Echo), another dog (Bear) several chickens, a pony (Marley) and a donkey (Sylvester)!

I like to be busy and always have a project (or two) on the go. My husband and son can quite often be seen rolling their eyes at me when I present them with my latest ideas.

I am an avid up-cycler and love to reuse objects and materials imaginatively to create amazing things.

I look forward to finding out more about you.

Debbie

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

I am passionate about being outside and the benefits that can be found in nature.

I love gardening, or chilling with our animal family and can often be found with a book in the seating area with a chicken on my lap.

I have always been creative and have a desire to learn as many crafts and new techniques as I can.

I spent 10 years carving rocking horses for a living, alongside my son Robbie, and as Jolly Rockers we had many amazing successes, including being flown out to China as the featured artist in the Dalian Times Square Christmas exhibition.

In recent years I have experienced first hand the difficulties faced by SEN parents and families, particularly around schooling. In order to try and improve our situation I gained a level 2 qualification in Understanding Autism and diplomas in both Managing anxiety and Mindfulness

I am a firm believer that one size does not fit all and children will thrive in the correct environment, with the correct support. I'm also passionate about providing support for the whole family, in whatever way they need it.

Here at The Orchard we strive to provide a safe, calming environment where children can learn and parents can breathe.

And there will always be cake!