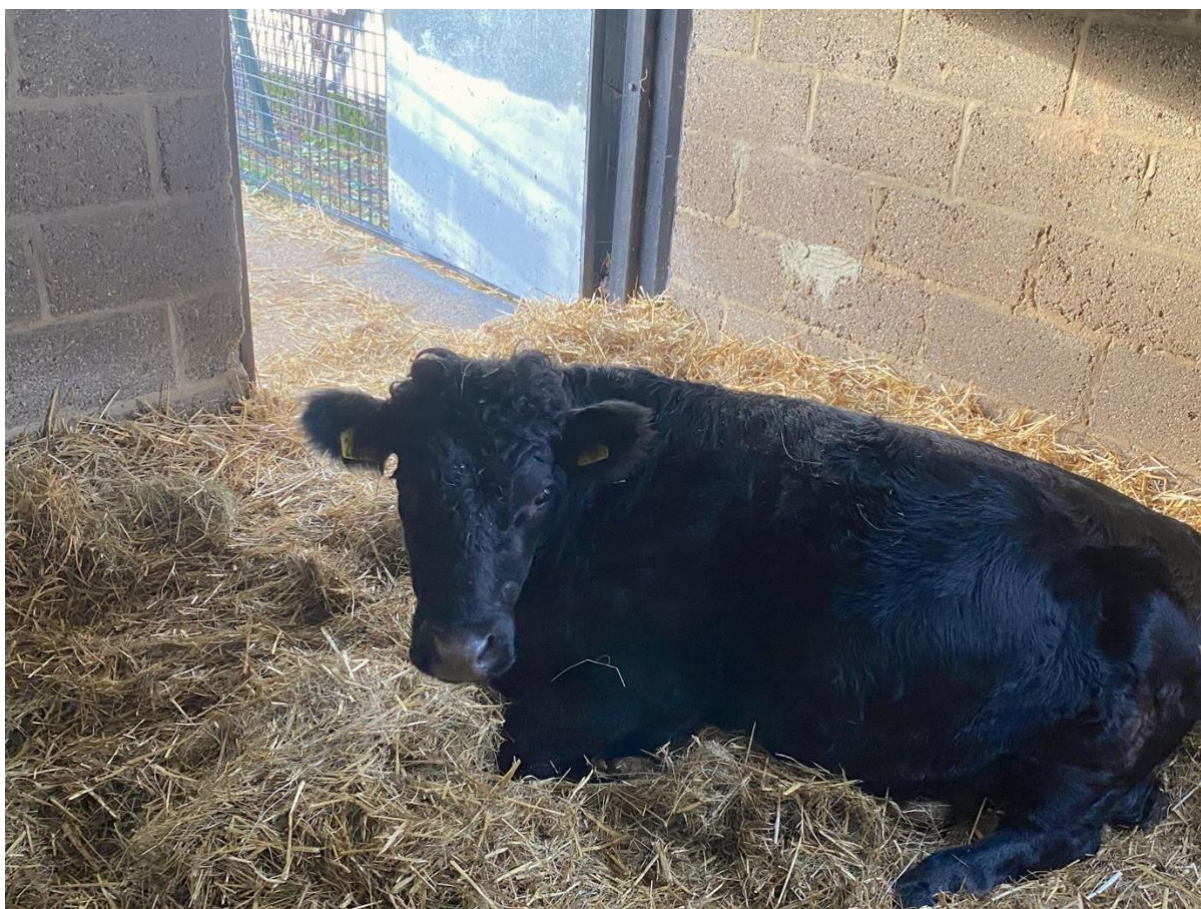


Delayed cows finally arrive at local community farm

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Steve, one of the two cows, at Freightliners City Farm. Photo Credit: Meike Eijsberg

Kiara and Steve, the two cows at Holloway's local community farm Freightliners, finally arrived in early November after three weeks of delay due to the UK petrol crisis.

According to Liz, one of the farm's managers, the pair was scheduled for arrival in the first week of October 2021. The driver was "supposed to deliver these two and then pick up some others on the way back but she got too worried about running out [of petrol]."

Before arriving at Freightliners City Farm, Kiara and Steve were trained by their breeder to get them used to a busier environment with more people. This helped, because according to Liz, they are settling in well and enjoying their new surroundings. "We had a whole field of grass that hadn't been grazed so they were quite excited about that," she said.

The farm's growing list of volunteers are "loving them", Liz said, but they still need to adjust a little bit. Prior to the arrival of Kiara and Steve, goats and sheep were the largest animals at the farm. "[So] I think everyone has forgotten what it's like to have big animals, *young* big animals," Liz explained. She added that "Steve is a bit of a teenager, so sometimes he can be a bit excited."

The local community is delighted about their arrival too and “people have been in specifically to see the cows,” according to Liz. She hopes they will stay open during the new wave of COVID-19 as the farm is an important green space in a ward that lacks it. “It’s really good for local people who haven’t got outdoor space, they can just pop past with the kids for five minutes on the way home from school,” she said. “Touch wood we’ll be able to keep going!”