

## Delivery of cows to community farm delayed due to petrol crisis

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*The Freightliners City Farm in Holloway. Photo Credit: Meike Eijsberg*

Country-wide petrol shortages are causing a delay in the delivery of two cows to the local community farm Freightliners in Holloway.

The team at Freightliners was expecting the two cows in the first week of October 2021. William, an employee at the farm, said the delivery of the pair was delayed by around two weeks because the person who had intended to bring them “feared that she might not have enough petrol for the journey.” They could potentially end up stranded in the countryside.

The fuel crisis did not affect the delivery of the animals’ food. “Luckily, we were just in between orders,” William explained. “Had we not been, that would have been potentially catastrophic.”

Such fears were present during the first lockdown as well, when the community farm was forced to close its doors. The team was split into separate groups to try and prevent infection. “It was quite worrying because what happens if we all get ill? There would be no one to take care of the animals,” William said.

Fortunately, that never happened, and the team was able to get a lot of work done during the lockdown, building new pens and a pond.

Despite the fuel shortages, the farm is getting back to normal and with the renovations and a new influx of visitors, the animals are “visibly becoming happier.” William said: “We often say to people that the animals are more interested in you than you are in them, they actually really enjoy human contact. Particularly the goats.”