We Are Avon are offering community shares in the Avon Food & Land Hub at Castle Farm, Midford. They are aiming to bring the 44-acres of land at Castle Farm land into community ownership and steward it into a new chapter as the Avon Food and Land Hub - a response to the multiple crisis around water, river health and local food production. Community ownership will enable We Are Avon to:

1. **Protect the farm.** The farm has been managed organically for over 40 years. Community ownership will keep this beloved and diverse land safe from private development, and provide a secure long-term home for the popular Castle Farm restaurant.
2. **Create a demonstration site** for farming, food, woodland, water and river management, and a place for people to connect with the land.
3. **Create a (bio)regional food hub** that gathers and distributes food grown across the region, so more people can get good local food. We'll work with partners to reach customers from all backgrounds and walks of life.

The community shares offer will launch in early December. The minimum investment is £50 and maximum £100,000. The shares offer targets a 5% return for community shareholders as well as co-ownership and a stake in future plans via voting rights and engagement. A full shares offer document, produced in partnership with Triodos bank, will be made public in the next few weeks. For more information now see https://weareavon.org/community-shares/ and sign-up to the Expression of Interest to receive updates. Any questions, please email Christine at foodandland@weareavon.org.

Best wishes,
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