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## **Royal Wedding fever takes over the farm**

Two inseparable pygmy goat kids have been named 'Kate' and 'William', in honour of the upcoming Royal Wedding on Friday 29 April, by a volunteer from the world leading farm animal welfare charity, **Compassion in World Farming**.

The two goats are the newest addition to Merrist Wood College in Guildford, Surrey, where Stephen Mason, a volunteer for Compassion in World Farming, is studying for the Animal Behaviour and Welfare Foundation Degree.

Kate and William are approximately the size of Yorkshire terrier dogs at the moment, and won't grow any bigger than 58cm in height. The two animals have been inseparable since they first met and Kate (the darker of the two pygmy goats) apparently loves to climb while William (the fairer of the two) is the inquisitive one.

Stephen says: "With wedding fever in full swing, and the two pygmy kids never wanting to be apart, it was hard to think of more suitable names!"

For more information, please visit [www.ciwf.org.uk](http://www.ciwf.org.uk)

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Spokespeople from Compassion in World Farming and Luke Gates, Farm Manager at Merrist Wood are available for interview.

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### **Notes to Editors**

**Compassion in World Farming** was founded over 40 years ago in 1967 by a British farmer who became horrified by the development of modern, intensive factory farming. Today the charity campaigns peacefully to end all cruel factory farming practices. Compassion believes that the biggest cause of animal cruelty on the planet deserves a focused, specialised approach – so only works on farm animal welfare. [www.ciwf.org.uk](http://www.ciwf.org.uk)

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