

## Kath White

### *FineOaks Alpacas*



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**K**ath White is the passionate owner of FineOaks Alpacas, nestled on a charming five-and-a-half-acre smallholding near Millstreet, Co Cork. Originally from London, Kath's love lies in breeding top-quality alpacas and training them to provide wonderful experiences for people.

These experiences include therapeutic and well-being services to nursing homes and community hospitals, educational visits to schools, alpaca appearances at weddings and parties, and even well-being visits within the corporate world, including family days. Kath firmly believes in the power of animal-assisted therapy and has seen firsthand the profound benefits alpacas bring to people's lives. She's particularly keen to share these advantages and makes her alpacas available for therapeutic services, especially for children with additional needs like autism, ADHD, and related conditions, whether on or off the farm.

FineOaks Alpacas began in 2021 when Kath and her family acquired their first three pregnant female alpacas. Excited for her new cria to arrive and her business to thrive, Kath's dream materialised in May 2022 with the birth of three healthy cria, two of which were male – the perfect fit for human-animal interactions.

After careful weaning, Kath diligently trained her two young males, ensuring they were well-socialised with various people and animals. With their training complete, she started hosting events at the farm and arranging off-site visits, steadily growing bookings since her first successful event during Easter.

Currently, the herd comprises nine alpacas, including a new cria born in 2023. Kath's ambition is to continue expanding her herd, providing exceptional experiences to various individuals and settings and offering top stud services using her quality sires. Ultimately, she aims to establish a strong reputation for her business throughout the Munster region.

Kath credits much of her confidence to the ACORNS programme, stating that it provided her with invaluable structure, guidance, and unwavering support on her entrepreneurial journey.

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