

# Deer Park Farm EDUCATION CENTRE

## Elephant Grass (*Miscanthus*)

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On Deer Park Farm, we grow *Miscanthus*, which is commonly known as “Elephant Grass” because it is so tall.

- This is a renewable energy crop which can be used instead of fossil fuels in suitable power plants.
- Its fields also provide a good habitat for rabbits, deer, other mammals and a wide range of insects, which are a food source for birds.
- Unlike bamboo, the stems of *Miscanthus* are solid rather than hollow.
- The canes are harvested each spring when they have dried.

