

# Herefordshire Rural Hub

## Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

### September 2020 Newsletter

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THE PRINCE'S  
COUNTRYSIDE  
FUND

Herefordshire Rural Hub has recently  
been awarded a grant by  
**The Prince's Countryside Fund,**  
supported by the  
**NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.**



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Charitable Trust

#### *The Samaritans*

Every six seconds somebody in the UK contacts Samaritans for help. Whether it's by phone, email or letter, Samaritan volunteers are available to support anyone struggling to cope, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

In May 2020 Samaritans also launched a free Self-Help app to encourage people to be kind to themselves and look after their emotional wellbeing. The app aims to provide a means of accessing support for people who may struggle to use Samaritans' listening service, or who may find it difficult to express how they are feeling when talking to someone. Visit <https://selfhelp.samaritans.org/> to find out more / try out or download the new web-based app.

Samaritans Herefordshire branch would like to raise awareness of its 24/7 emotional support service to as many people as possible in the local area during this difficult time.

Suicide is not inevitable, it is preventable. Many people struggle to cope at one point or another, and we know that suicidal thoughts are often temporary and can be interrupted, so finding our contact details could make all the difference.

If you might be able to lend a hand by displaying posters or contact cards please get in touch with **Meg Hughes Pearce**, Outreach Director,  
Herefordshire Samaritans 44a Berrington Street, Hereford, HR4 0BJ  
Email: [outreach.director@herefordshire-samaritans.org](mailto:outreach.director@herefordshire-samaritans.org)

Anyone can call Samaritans for free on **116 123** or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org).

*If you would prefer to send a letter, please post it to the address below:*

Freepost RSRB-KKBY-CYJK  
Chris, PO Box 9090  
Stirling FK8 2SA

**Thank you to our "Go To Businesses"  
who can be found on our website at**

[www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/](http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/)

**Berrys --- DJM Consulting --- Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors**

**Hope to Achieve --- 7Y Training --- Moule & Co**

**CXCS --- Davis Meade Property Consultants**

**Mortimer Rose Wealth Management --- Fisher German LLP**

*If you would like to be a "Go to Business" go to:-*

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/apply-become-go-business/>

or contact Frances for more information

Email [admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)

Herefordshire Rural Hub website  
[www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)

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*Herefordshire Rural Hub*

## COVID-19 Coronavirus – some useful links

### Herefordshire Council

[Coronavirus testing in Herefordshire](#) if you have symptoms

[The latest news](#) on how Coronavirus is affecting residents and services across Herefordshire

If you need any help with collecting shopping or medication, or just want someone to talk to at this difficult time, please contact the **Herefordshire Council Talk Community team** using the details below.

Tel: **01432 260 027** or Email:

[talkcommunitycovidresponse@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:talkcommunitycovidresponse@herefordshire.gov.uk)

### Marches Growth Hub

Information on the advice and support being offered for [businesses, employers, self-employed](#).

### Gov.UK

[Guidance on working safely during coronavirus](#)  
- for all types of businesses. Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure

[COVID-19 Guidance, Support & Advice](#)

[Guidance for employers and businesses](#)

[Getting tested for Coronavirus](#)

### AHDB

[Up to date coronavirus-related information & advice](#)  
for Farmers and Growers

**Red Tractor** [COVID-19 Hub](#)

Herefordshire COVID-19 Engagement Working Group  
[Key Messages and FAQ's](#)

**APHA** [TBHub](#)

### Covid-19 Farm Preventative Packs

Following on from their webinars for farmers, Herefordshire Council have created an online Farm Preventative Pack. This pack is to help support local farms with resources such as training videos, signage and links to the relevant guidance. You can access the pack from the Council website [CLICK HERE](#)

### Self-Employment Income Support Scheme Grant

The scheme has been extended. If you were eligible for the first grant and can confirm to HMRC that your business has been adversely affected on or after 14 July 2020, you are now able to make a claim for a second and final grant. If you are eligible, and your business has been adversely affected on or after 14 July 2020, you must make your claim for the second grant **on or before 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

### Don't forget to keep records to back up your claim.

While you may have successfully claimed a Self-Employment Income Support Scheme grant, HMRC will be checking claims further down the line. Please see below for information on how to ensure you can back up your claim:

- HMRC says you must keep a copy of 'all records in line with normal self-employment record keeping requirements including how much you have claimed from SEISS and your claim reference number'.
- The records must be kept for at least five years after the 31<sup>st</sup> January tax return deadline or, if later, four years after you send your tax return.
- **Remember to record the SEISS grant as part of your business income. Keep a copy of the SEISS calculation. This can be a screenshot or printout of your online claim.**
- HMRC also requires you to keep records of how your business was adversely affected. Simply saying 'we had less income' won't be enough. E.g. you should list cancelled contracts and orders as well as indefinitely delayed work for regular customers / self-isolating etc. Make records now while the details are still fresh.

**For full guidance / check your eligibility / how your business could be adversely affected and to apply for the grant [CLICK HERE](#)**

## Coronavirus Bounce Back Loan Scheme

- You can apply for a loan of between £2,000 and £50,000 - up to 25% of your turnover.
- The government guarantees 100% of the loan and there won't be any fees or interest to pay for the first 12 months. After 12 months the interest rate will be 2.5% a year.
- The length of the loan is 6 years, but you can repay early without paying a fee.
- No repayments will be due during the first 12 months.

[Check if you are eligible, and find out how to apply](#)

Please note that you cannot apply if you are already claiming under any of the following schemes:

[Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme \(CBILS\)](#)

[Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme \(CLBILS\)](#)

[COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility](#)

## Defra consultation on “Contractual Relationships in the UK Dairy Industry”

This consultation is in response to concerns raised that primary producers, including dairy farmers, tend to occupy positions of relative market weakness in the food supply chain. Consensus among agricultural producers in the UK is that unequal bargaining power with processors and retailers can expose farmers to unfair treatment, with the potential to undermine equitable price transmission along the chain. **For more information about the consultation, and to have your say, click [HERE](#).**

The consultation is open until **15<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

## Dairy Response Fund

The application deadline has been extended to **midnight on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dairy-response-fund-2020>

## Countryside Productivity Small Grant Scheme (Round 3) is coming soon

Defra is planning a further round of this popular scheme.

Currently this is understood to be open for new applications in autumn 2020. It is expected to follow a similar approach and associated eligible items to those set out in the Round 2 handbook, **but this cannot be confirmed until the scheme is launched.** If you would like to look at the **Round 2 Handbook**, for information, this can be found [HERE](#)



## Lots of free webinars for farmers

Details of all AHDB webinars/events can be found and booked at: <https://ahdb.org.uk/events>

## Ancients of the Future:

### Best practice approach to cross-taxa management

**Wednesday 9th September, 9:45 am – 12:45 pm**

Where: **Zoom**    Locality: Moccas Park, Herefordshire

**This workshop is designed for landowners and managers, farmers, arborists, and other contractors who work on these valuable habitats within the locality of Moccas, Herefordshire. It will also be of interest to local authorities, ecologists, wildlife groups and natural historians.**

The workshop will cover: -

- An introduction into priority habitats such as wood pasture and parkland and the important roles trees play within these habitats for biodiversity.
- The importance and benefits of fungi.
- The ecology and requirements of lichen, invertebrates, bats and the key role niche micro-habitats play in supporting these species.
- Examples of integrated approaches to cross-taxa management.

**Booking is essential:** please email [hayley.herridge@buglife.org.uk](mailto:hayley.herridge@buglife.org.uk)

Booking requirements: **Please statement profession and location of work in booking request.**

Full details can also be found on the hub website [HERE](#)

## Another LEAF “Online Farm Sunday” on 20<sup>th</sup> September

This will be an exciting opportunity to showcase the tail end of harvest, drilling, and autumn calving alongside many other aspects of farm life which the public may never get the chance to see.

If you would like to promote your farm with a virtual farm tour during the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> September 2020, you might find our Faster Farmers webinar useful –

### “MAINTAINING YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE” – A FREE WEBINAR WITH TARA PUNTER

Which can be accessed on the Hub website [HERE](#)

## Next year’s LEAF Open Farm Sunday 2021 will be held on 13th June

If you would like to find out more, get involved on 20<sup>th</sup> September, or be part of Open Farm Sunday 2021, visit <https://farmsunday.org/>

## Storing fertilisers safely on your farm

The recent explosion in Beirut has focussed attention on ammonium nitrate and the need to store it properly.

The ‘5-point plan’ should always be followed for storage of **Ammonium Nitrate** (and all **Oxidising Agents** – any fertiliser with a **yellow diamond** marked ‘oxidising agent’ and ‘5.1’ on the bag): -

- Wherever possible use a Fertiliser Industry Assurance Scheme (FIAS) approved supplier.
- Wherever possible keep in a secure area such as a building or sheeted away from public view.
- Carry out regular stock checks and report any loss to the Police immediately (call 101).
- Avoid leaving fertiliser in a field overnight – never leave fertiliser in the field for a long period of time.
- Remember it is illegal to sell ammonium nitrate without the correct documentation

**Government advice on storage is available [HERE](#)**

## Support for Office 2010 is ending soon

With Office 2010 end of support, security updates will stop. Office apps will work, but you may be exposed to security risks. End of support, which is sometimes referred to as “end of life,” means Microsoft will no longer provide technical support or software and security updates for Office 2010 on 13th October, 2020. Click [Here](#) for more information on Microsoft Office.

*To find out which version of “Office” you are currently running - If you have Windows, open a Word document, choose File from the top left corner, and then click either Account or Help on the left navigation bar. You'll see your Office version and information under Product information, on the right side of the window.*



## Free Faster Farmers online videos – How to use “Zoom”



**Session 1 - New to Zoom? / Participating in a Zoom Meeting?** – a free online video with tips on how to connect, join an online meeting, and use your computer/tablet/mobile phone’s video and sound to participate.

Available on the Hub website [HERE](#)

**Session 2 – Setting up and hosting a Zoom meeting?** – Our free Faster Farmers online video will take you through the different account options, how to set-up a Zoom meeting and invite participants, as well as showing you how to share screens, set-up a ‘waiting room’. Available on the Hub website [HERE](#)

## Removal of Greening Rules

Farmers will no longer be required to comply with complex rules around crop diversification, Ecological Focus Areas and greening permanent grassland, following the government announcement of the removal of greening rules from the direct payments regime for 2021. The change means 30% of the current overall BPS payment associated with these conditions will be reallocated to the BPS entitlements. Further details on Gov.UK [HERE](#)

**Countryside Stewardship 2021** – Due to the ending of the BPS greening obligation from 2021 onwards, the risk that an activity could be double-funded under both Countryside Stewardship and BPS is removed. RPA will be pro-actively contacting all CS 2021 Mid-Tier and Higher Tier applicants with a history of declaring greening features on their BPS applications to alert them to this opportunity.

## Three Counties Farming Awards

The **"Three Counties Farmer"** is running its farming awards for a second year. Nominations are now open for the 2020 awards, with a special online ceremony to be held in November.

**Entries are open until 18<sup>th</sup> September** and can be made online at [HERE](#)

The objective of the awards is to raise the profile of the farming communities in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire by recognising those professionals who are so integral to feeding the nation.

## Farm Worker Welfare App

Designed to eradicate labour exploitation, the app will allow both farmers and workers to flag up concerns about labour exploitation or modern slavery and seek help, with the information processed by the Modern Slavery Helpline.

**You can find out more information and download the [App HERE](#)**



## Advice & Support Available Across Herefordshire from the Wye & Usk Foundation

**We are still working to support farmers during these strange times**

**– if you need any advice please contact one of our Catchment Advisers as usual.**



**Natural Flood Management Grants:** There are still grants available to support delivery of action that helps increase water retention in the landscape - so far this has funded grassland aeration, subsoiling, cover cropping, attenuation ponds, hedge planting and leaky dams. The target catchments are the Dulas,

Bodenham, Pentaloe, Tedstone, Cheaton, Ridgemore, Yazor and Red/Twyford Brook. If you farm in one of the target catchments and would like to find out more please click [HERE](#) or call one of our advisers. The NFM grant is funded through DEFRA and administered by Herefordshire Council.

**Water Quality:** The levels of phosphate in the rivers and streams is still higher than it should be and we are working hard to support local farmers to reduce losses from agricultural sources – which still contributes 50% of the P in our rivers. We are able to provide free confidential farm advice for any yard or land management challenges you may be facing. We can provide soil structure assessments, OM testing, yard advice, stewardship advice... the list goes on!

**For more information or to request a visit please contact one of the WUF advisers:**

**Lucinda Lewis (07824 904 877); Mike Williams (07920 441 215); Tom Jolley (07545 253 155); Jonny Pugh (07825 743 447)  
Abi Croshaw (07990 068 941); Claire Spicer (07741 856 770); Ben Nott (07539 902 680); Rebecca Meredith (07539 902 681)**



## Support Available from Severn Trent in the Wye Catchment



Severn Trent Water are working with the Wye & Usk Foundation to fund advice and grant schemes in the Wye on an annual basis.

It is restricted to the Drinking Water Safe Guarding Zone which follows the main rivers, so if you farm on the main stem of the Wye, Lugg or Frome and would like to improve a pesticide handling area or disposal options like biobeds or biofilters there may be funding available to support this. Contact one of the advisers below to check whether you are in the eligible area and would like more information. STEPS is a competitive scheme and the application window reopens in **November 2020**. The scheme can also support biodiversity options like buffer strips, winter bird food and pollen mixes.

In addition to the STEPS programme Severn Trent have funding for PA training for farmers in the Drinking Water Safeguard Zone (PA1 Excluded). If you are interested, then please contact one of the advisors below.

**Catchment Advisers: Abi Croshaw (07990 068941) or Mike Williams (07920 441215)**

## Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF)



### Countryside Stewardship

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the farmers and agents who worked with us using the Covid 'remote visit' programme for this year's Mid-Tier application window. We had a very busy application period with a large number of applications in the Teme and Wye catchments, offering significant benefits to water quality. We received an increased number of applications for 5 year Mid-Tier agreements, with a good balance of land based options and capital items to address water quality and other key priorities, alongside a large number of applications for 2 year water capital grants. Popular options included legume and herb rich swards; grass / flower rich margins; arable reversion and water course management, in addition to capital works to separate clean and dirty water; manage pesticides; reduce ammonia and slow the flow of water. Overall we have seen that farmers are moving towards future-proofing their farm businesses in preparation for the forthcoming changes in subsidies.

In line with CSF guidelines, a number of applications have been deferred until the 2021 application window. Where this is the case CSFOs will be in touch with applicants in the autumn to gather relevant information and /or provide specialist advice visits to support a 2021 application.

CSF's approach in Herefordshire is to continue to address water and air quality and we will be developing a new strategy to help us to focus our resources at working with the highest priority farms over the next few months. We are delighted to be joined by two new colleagues, Kate Gamez and Ollie Cook, who look forward to meeting and working with you.

### **Events and Advice.**

We are in the process of developing our CSF events programme in line with Covid 19 guidelines and will keep you up to date with this through the Hub newsletter.

The free, confidential specialist advice programme offered through CSF is restarting in August. Sought after visits include Farm Infrastructure Audits, Soil Husbandry, Nutrient Management, Soil Health, Water Holding Design and Management, Water Pathway Management, Pesticide Wash-down Facilities and Conserving Nitrogen through Reducing Ammonia Emissions. Please talk to your local CSFO if you would like to know more about the visits that are available.

#### **CSFO Contacts: River Wye**

Rachel Bosanquet; tel: 07770 331 669

Sue Buckingham; tel: 07833 095 708

Kate Gamez; tel: 07747 485 136

Ollie Cooke; tel: 07884 996938

#### **River Teme**

Wayne Davies; tel: 01588 640 980

Sally Powell; tel: 07770 645 037

## **“Farming Help” providing support for farmers affected by Covid-19**

**The Farming Help Charities – Addington Fund, Farming Community Network (FCN), Forage Aid, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I), and RSABI, supported by The Prince's Countryside Fund - are working together to support the Farming Community during the current Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak.**

We recognise that this could be an anxious time for many farmers and farming families and periods of poor health or self-isolation may result in temporary practical difficulties on farm.

This initiative is in conjunction with The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, The National Farmers' Union, and the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.

**Utilising our Farming Help helpline (operated by FCN) and respective organisations/volunteer networks, we can offer the following local support. Get in touch on 03000 111 999 if you:**

- Feel concerned or anxious and would like to talk to someone who understands farming, will listen to you and help you think through your options
- Would like help to draft a contingency plan to ensure you and your farm are prepared, should you be unable to work for a time.
- If you or people you rely on become ill or are self-isolating and you need to find help locally- we will endeavour to find support for you in your local area. We will source contact details of local organisations and groups who may be able to assist you in finding help to feed livestock, collect shopping or collect prescriptions if you are unable to do so. This directory will be revised and updated in the coming weeks and months.

Call **03000 111 999** or visit <http://www.farminghelp.co.uk>



## **The Prince's Countryside Fund/HFYFC Training Grants**

As some social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions are being eased, a limited amount of training is starting to be offered, so if you are able to get something booked up, and are eligible to apply for this funding, please contact **Frances** at **Herefordshire Rural Hub** to request an application form.

The funding is easy to access. All you need to do is select which course you would like to go on and complete the application form. If your application is approved you will be able to reclaim **70%** of your training and test costs, up to a maximum of **£250**.

**Applicants must be a current member of HFYFC or a past HFYFC member (up to 40 yrs old).**

The fund will support training that will; **improve your employability, increase or improve your skill set, improve your safety or allow you to undertake extra responsibility in your current job.**

**Whatever training you are applying for, please ensure that you submit your application form in good time before your course is due to take place, as training cannot be funded retrospectively.**

For any queries or to request an application form, please email Frances at [admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)

## **St Michael's Hospice**

**St Michael's Hospice Lottery** - Each Friday the St Michael's Hospice Lottery Manager, Michelle, phones one lucky player to tell them they're £1,000 richer. To ensure you're in with a chance of a grand this Friday, or one of 23 other cash prizes, visit [www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/lottery](http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/lottery) or call 01432 851 000.

**St Michael's Hospice Tour de Hereford** - Make the most of early Autumn by heading out on your bike. With the St Michael's Hospice Tour de Hereford, you can cycle as far as you like as often as you want. For the 22 days between 29<sup>th</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> September, your Hospice is asking cyclists of all ages and abilities to challenge themselves and get sponsored.

Register at [www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk) then gear up, get sponsored and help your Hospice continue caring to make a difference.

**St Michael's Hospice COVID 19 Bereavement Support** - The Counselling and Bereavement Team at St Michael's Hospice recognise the difficulties faced by the community within the current Coronavirus pandemic. We are offering telephone listening support to any family, friend or carer who has been bereaved after losing someone from Covid 19. To find out more contact:

**Sarah Jenkins** tel: **01432 852627** email: [sjenkins@smhospicehereford.org](mailto:sjenkins@smhospicehereford.org)

**Karen Evans** tel: **01432 852649** email: [kevans@smhospicehereford.org](mailto:kevans@smhospicehereford.org)

### Wyvern Training Services Ltd

We have resumed some onsite practical training activity for clients whilst continuing to carefully monitor and comply with all COVID-19 requirements.

We are able to offer single site/in-house training for limited range of courses including Lift Trucks and ATV's. Other topics are also available so if you have any current training needs, whatever they may be, please call to discuss if and how we may be able to help.

All training delivered is being thoroughly risk assessed to ensure the safety of everyone involved and that current COVID-19 guidelines and social distancing rules are fully implemented and met. This does mean that the number of people able to attend courses may be reduced and that venues and facilities used need to meet all necessary safety, COVID and personal social distancing requirements.

We are currently not able to offer open courses.

Should you have any future training needs or requirements, please let us know as we are now taking provisional bookings and building courses through late Summer and Autumn

We look forward to returning to more normal business, including reinstating our open course programme once the guidance and advice allows.

**EMAIL: [enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com](mailto:enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com) TEL: 07468 465 303**

### 7Y Training Services

**7Y Training Centre, Wharton Farms, Wharton, Leominster, HR6 ONX**

**Contact: Paula Strangwood Email: [paula@7ytraining.co.uk](mailto:paula@7ytraining.co.uk)**

#### Covid-19 Safe Practise Instruction for 7Y Training Centre Courses

How we are making training safe for you and your candidates

We will be implementing the following measures to keep your candidates and our employees safe:

1. If a candidate has any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g. new persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change to sense of smell or taste) they must not attend training. We will provide a free transfer to a future course
2. We will implement social distancing measures between everyone at all times during the course and request the same of candidates during refreshment and toilets breaks. To do this we have reduced class sizes.
3. Each candidate will receive a welfare pack on arrival which consists of personal hand-sanitiser, gloves, tissues, face mask and a pen. These packs (as with all course paperwork) have been quarantined for 7 days.
4. We have changed our training rooms around to ensure that trainers and candidates do not touch and can remain socially distanced during practical sessions
5. We will operate a 1:1 candidate to manikin ratio for First Aid courses for CPR practice and will maintain our rigorous manikin cleaning protocols

**Please register your interest for any of the following courses:**

Course	Dates <i>(subject to change if numbers are low)</i>	Venue
<b>C &amp; G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)</b> <i>Max 6 candidates per course</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> September	Leominster
<b>C &amp; G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)</b> <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> September	T.B.C
<b>C &amp; G Ground Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)</b> <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> September	Leominster
<b>Emergency First Aid at Work</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> September	Leominster

**Please email Paula if you have any training requirements and register your interest for the following courses.**

C & G Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting <> Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic Refresher <> ITSSAR MEWP Scissor Lift  
360 Excavator below 5 tonnes <> Rough Terrain Telescopic over 9m <> ITSSAR Counterbalance refresher  
ATV's Sit-astride Quad bikes <> First Aid at Work <> First Aid at Work refresher  
Level 2 H&S in the workplace <> Manual Handling (am) & Fire Awareness (pm) <> Confined Spaces  
Working at Heights (Tower Scaffold & Ladders) <> Driver Certificate of Professional Competence

## Herefordshire & Ludlow College

Tel: 0800 032 1986 Email: [enquiries@hlcollege.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@hlcollege.ac.uk) Website: [www.hlcollege.ac.uk](http://www.hlcollege.ac.uk)

All courses are held at Holme Lacy Campus, Holme Lacy, HR2 6LL

<u>Course</u>	<u>Course dates</u>	
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting 2 days + assessment	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> November	
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> December	
CS39 Aerial cutting of trees using free fall technique 3 days + assessment	12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> October	16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Tractor Driving for 13 – 16 year olds 2 days	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October 21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> October
L2 Safe use of MEWP 1 day	11 <sup>th</sup> September	2 <sup>nd</sup> November
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module 1 day	13 <sup>th</sup> October	
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayer 1 day + assessment	15 <sup>th</sup> October	

### Are you unsure about details of rules or regulations? Need help with understanding record keeping?

- **Farming Advice Service** Email: [advice@farmingadvice.org.uk](mailto:advice@farmingadvice.org.uk) website: [www.farmingadvice.org.uk](http://www.farmingadvice.org.uk)  
The Rural Services Helpline 03000 200 301 provides a single number for all Farming Advice Service, Rural Payments Agency or Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 5pm.
- **Natural England** 0300 060 1115 [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)
- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Mon, Tues, Weds) Tel: 02030 251692  
Email: [sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener Mob: 07771 626080 Email: [Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk](mailto:Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk)
- **C.L.A.** (Midlands) Helen Dale Tel: 01785 337010 Email: [helen.dale@cla.org.uk](mailto:helen.dale@cla.org.uk)
- **Animal Health & Trading Standards** (Herefordshire) Tim Barber Tel: 01432 383145 Fax: 01432 383169

### Could you or someone you know benefit from support:-

- **Farming Community Network** 03000 111 999 website: <http://www.fcn.org.uk/>
- **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI)** 0808 2819490 website: <http://www.rabi.org.uk/>
- **Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy** 07966 927404 website: [www.borderchaplain.org](http://www.borderchaplain.org)
- **You Are Not Alone (YANA)** 0300 323 0400 website: [www.yanahelp.org/](http://www.yanahelp.org/)
- **Farming Help** 0845 367 9990 website: [www.farminghelp.org.uk/](http://www.farminghelp.org.uk/)
- **Addington Fund** 01926 620 135 website: [www.addingtonfund.org.uk/](http://www.addingtonfund.org.uk/)
- **Herefordshire Samaritans** website: [www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans](http://www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans)
- **Carerstrust 4 All – Hereford CarerLinks** 01432 663057 website: [www.carerstrust4all.org.uk](http://www.carerstrust4all.org.uk)

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