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Some thoughts from Liz Lloyd, Herefordshire Rural Hub Chair

'You'll be aware of the newish Countryside Code – it's summarised below and when you delve (weblink below) you will see that there are some additional recommendations affecting landowners. However, it was the 'be nice, say hello' bit that got me going. What a sad indictment that we have to be treated to this kindergarten language to get us to behave in a perfectly reasonable grown-up way.

As we all know Herefordshire is a most beautiful County. As we optimise incomes to include new revenue streams on farm, sharing tranquillity and knowledge is an attitude to develop. When Herefordshire is known as the best countryside to walk in, for well-maintained easy to walk paths, with carbon sequestering, sustainable and knowledgeable farmers, with signage explaining what is happening on the land and in the soil, there will be more customers choosing to buy British.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code-advice-for-countryside-visitors>

Respect everyone

- *be considerate to those living in, working in, and enjoying the countryside.*
- *leave gates and property as you find them.*
- *do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.*
- *be nice, say hello, share the space.*
- *follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.*

"In the meantime, I came across advice offering practical help to make the most of your website and email communications" :-

- *Subject lines should motivate recipients to open them. The old 'what's in it for me?' is a useful nudge.*
- *Check the contact forms work on your website – make sure they work the way you want them to*
- *Build business relationships so your clients don't think the only time they hear from you is when you're trying to sell something.*
- *Try and avoid being a reactive emailer. Spend some time each day writing proactively.*

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

www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/

Thorne Widgery Accountancy Ltd
Berrys --- DJM Consulting --- 7Y Training
CXCS --- Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors
Davis Meade Property Consultants
Hope to Achieve --- 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

Herefordshire Rural Hub website www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

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and on **Facebook**  - search *Herefordshire Rural Hub*

“Too good not to share”

– from Christine Hope (Hub Director & “Hope to Achieve”)

“After a recent Farm Resilience meeting with Heather Wildman via PCF, I came away armed with so much information and relieved it was not only me/us struggling with Farm Succession and the many different ways of approaching it”

“The top gem I wanted to share with every newsletter reader was, **when anyone close passes away, keep their mobile phone going!** Many will now have MFA (Multi Factor Authentication) - it is an electronic authentication method in which a user is granted access to a website or application only after presenting two or more pieces of evidence to an authentication mechanism i.e on your banking app) and the mobile phone is an obvious tool where the second authentication can be sent to, when accessing personal information of the deceased when changing over access to another person such as their executor”.

The Farmers Weekly Awards 2022

Entries are now open for the [2022 Farmers Weekly Awards](#)

The Farmers Weekly farming awards celebrate the very best of British agriculture by recognising hard-working and innovative farmers across the UK. Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their hard work? Give them the chance to shine at one of the best nights out in the farming calendar and they could walk away with the famous trophy and the title of award winner.

There are 15 different categories – [Click here](#) for details of the categories, and to enter or nominate.

Entries closing date: 31st March 2022.

Cross Compliance Guidance for England 2022

There are no changes to the rules, but the RPA have made some changes to the way they run Cross Compliance that you may benefit from, such as: -

- improvements in the way we communicate with farmers following some cross compliance visits by RPA field officers
- when assessing how severe a non-compliance is, where appropriate, we’ll take account of how you’ve engaged with the rules, any possible harm to the environment, or level of risk to public or animal health.

You can read more details about ‘What’s new in 2022’ in the [Cross Compliance Guide 2022 England](#)

The recording of Farming Advice Service webinar on Cross Compliance in England 2022 can be viewed [HERE](#)

Cross Compliance Guidance for Wales 2022

<https://gov.wales/cross-compliance-2022>

Some key dates

Basic Payment Scheme applications

- **15 March** – BPS applications open. [Guidance available on GOV.UK](#)
- **16 May** – last day to submit a BPS application without penalty. This is also the deadline to transfer BPS entitlements for 2022.
- **10 June** – last day to submit a late BPS application, with penalty. This is also the deadline for making certain changes without penalty to a BPS application that was submitted by 16 May.
- **Transfer land parcels and BPS entitlements** - You can transfer land parcels and BPS entitlements for 2022 until **16 May**, using the Rural Payments service. You can also [add land by email](#)

Countryside Stewardship [applications for 2023](#) are open

- **31 March** – last day to request a Higher Tier application pack (paper or online.)
- **29 April** – last day to submit a Higher Tier application.
- **27 May** – last day to request a paper application pack for Mid Tier or Wildlife Offers. There’s no need to request an application pack if you’re applying online.
- **29 July** – last day to apply for Mid Tier or Wildlife Offers.

Countryside Stewardship online information events

Applications for Countryside Stewardship (CS) Mid-Tier including Wildlife Offers are now open and close on 29 July 2022. Chris Seabridge & Associates, on behalf of Natural England, are offering two free online event webinars to help you understand more about the CS Mid-Tier scheme. This will include information about how to prepare a robust application for an agreement that will benefit your local environment and your farm business.

- **Tuesday 8 March -12.30pm – 2pm** [Click here to book online for this event](#)
- **Thursday 31 March - 6.30pm – 8pm** [Click here to book online for this event](#)
- **One-to-one advice Sessions** - Sign up for more detailed advice about your own farm. [Click here to book online](#)

Countryside Stewardship payment rate changes

- DEFRA are encouraging farmers and land managers to look again at Countryside Stewardship.
- Following a review, they will increase the majority of payment rates with effect from January 2022 and make improvements to how the scheme operates.
- They plan to open the 2023 offer in February 2022 (for agreements starting in 2023). Some payment rates have stayed the same and rates for a minority of options have reduced – because in these cases costs have gone down. For these options, they will apply the reduced rates to new agreements starting from 1 January 2023.
- Here is a [table of the full payment rate changes](#).

News from DEFRA on Lump Sum Exit Scheme and Delinked Payments in England

On 8 February, Defra released the [Government response](#) to the consultation on the Lump Sum Exit Scheme and delinked payments in England.

Lump Sum

The response sets out how the Lump Sum Exit Scheme will work. Defra will offer farmers who wish to exit the industry the option of taking a lump sum payment, enabling them to leave farming in a planned way. Once they have received a lump sum, they won't be eligible for any further Direct Payments.

Defra expect that farmers will be able to apply from April 2022 to the end of September 2022. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lump-sum-payments-for-farmers-who-leave-or-retire-from-farming-and-delinked-payments>.

As set out in the [Agricultural Transition Plan](#), alongside the Lump Sum Exit Scheme Defra will provide additional support for **new entrants**.

Delinked payments

Defra also intend to replace the Basic Payment Scheme in 2024 with 'delinked payments'. Once they have introduced delinked payments, recipients will no longer have to farm the land to receive the payments until they have been phased out by the end of 2027.

Replacing the Basic Payment Scheme with delinked payments will make things simpler for both farmers and the Rural Payments Agency. It will free up farmers to focus on running their business and delivering the public goods that can be rewarded under [the new schemes](#), including the environmental land management schemes.

Defra have planned supporting communications and engagement to make sure farmers and stakeholders are aware of and feel informed about the consultation. Read [Defra's blog post](#) about the consultation. You can also read the [press release](#) on GOV.UK.

Farming Transformation Fund Improving Farm Productivity Grant

Grant for innovative farming equipment that increases productivity and improves the environment.

You can apply if your:

- project is in England
- estimated project costs are over £87,500

The grant can pay up to 40% of costs, and is for

- Slurry treatment equipment
- Robotics & innovation equipment

**You have until 16th March 2022 to check if your project is eligible,
and then the deadline for submitting your full application is 14th September 2022.**

Full details [HERE](#)

Avian Flu

The **Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ)** including housing measures continues to be in force across the UK and good biosecurity remains essential.

For guidance and the latest situation click [HERE](#)

Find out what you can do to keep your birds free of avian influenza by registering for [Defra's 'stop the spread' webinars](#) – for the game bird sector on 7th March

Recordings of earlier Defra "stop the spread" webinars should be available soon – [check the website](#)

Livestock Information Service

The Livestock Information Service (LIS) is now nearing completion for sheep, deer and goats and is the first implementation on the new multi-species data platform.

For more information go to [LIS Sheep Goats and Deer](#)

or email info@livestockinformation.org.uk

See the latest Defra Future Farming blogs at <https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/>

Defra and EA Consultations

Defra consultation on [Biodiversity Net Gain Regulations and Implementation](#)

Defra want to know what you think about how biodiversity net gain will work in practice. This consultation sets out their proposals and asks questions about how biodiversity net gain will be applied to Town and Country Planning Act development, and, at a higher level, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. **Deadline 5th April 2022**

Environment Agency [River basin management plans & flood risk management plans consultations](#)

The EA is currently consulting on updating **river basin management plans (RBMPs)** for 2021 to 2027. The draft RBMPs are the strategic plans for protecting and improving the water environment as required under the Water Framework Directive (transposed into UK legislation post-Brexit). The EA has co-ordinated the preparation of the draft RBMPs and FRMPs to enable integrated outcomes and multiple benefits for both managing flood risk and the water environment. The NFU will be submitting responses to the plans. **Deadline 22nd April 2022**

AHDB "Shape the Future" – Have your say

In April this year AHDB levy payers will be able to have their say and influence the work AHDB does across the beef, lamb, dairy, pork and cereals and oilseed sectors. They will also be able to voice, what they think are the major challenges across the industry.

AHDB has looked at what they believe is important to levy payers and will be asking questions about whether this is the right focus.

You need to register to have your say and shape the future of AHDB at www.ahdb.org.uk/shape-the-future

Registration should take no more than five minutes and needs to be completed by 31 March. You will then be contacted to have your say from 11 April for four weeks.

Green Recovery Challenge Fund



Heritage Fund



LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES IN HEREFORDSHIRE



Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) are areas of land that are especially important for their wildlife. There are close to 750 LWS in Herefordshire and many have not been re-surveyed since their initial selection in 1990.

As part of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's (HWT) "A Wilder Herefordshire" project, we will be contributing to nature's recovery across the county, primarily through increased and improved surveying, monitoring and data collection. Additional information about the project is available at:

<https://www.herefordshirewt.org/projects-0/wilder-herefordshire>

If you have a LWS on your land, the HWT would like to meet you. We can offer a re-survey of your site, and provide management advice.

Some benefits of LWS for landowners are:

- They indicate the great value of biodiversity of the land and acknowledge the landowner's excellent management over the years.
- Botanical survey data will be given with habitat management plans and options, as well as signposting to grants and other support.
- Survey information can be used as a baseline for future agri-environment schemes such as ELMS.
- Evidence of sward diversity can be used to gauge likely carbon sequestration and potential soil health status.
- Selection can provide a route to the priority Habitats Inventory which gives access to higher agri-environmental scheme payments.
- Provides an element of protection (a general presumption against development).
- Selection does not grant any rights of access.
- They are non-statutory sites, thus do not impose any legal obligations or restrictions and do not lead to SSSI designation.
- They are local, and reflect what is important, valuable, and distinctive in Herefordshire.

If you do not know if there is a LWS on your land, a map of Herefordshire's LWS and additional information is available at: <https://www.herefordshirewt.org/wildlife/local-wildlife-sites>

Should you have any questions or wish to get in touch, please contact Sam Price at s.price@herefordshirewt.co.uk or 07535 655483.

The England Woodland Creation Offer

With the [England Woodland Creation Offer](#) from Defra and the Forestry Commission, you could receive over £10,000 for every hectare of woodland you create. This offer is only available in England.

From creating large mixed woodlands, to planting a strip of trees along a riverbank, you can apply for funding through the England Woodland Creation Offer with just one hectare of land. And that can be made up of smaller plots – from 10m wide and 0.1 hectares for some projects - so you can continue to produce food on your best agricultural land while also enjoying the benefits of woodland creation.

With the England Woodland Creation Offer you can:

- Cover the cost of planting and managing trees.
- Receive annual contributions of £300 per hectare towards maintenance costs for up to 10 years.
- Generate extra, long-term income through selling carbon credits.
- Access free expert guidance from the Forestry Commission every step of the way, to help you make the right choices for your business.

In the future, you could transfer to an environmental land management scheme. When you do, you won't need to repay the current funding.

Now is the time to put down roots and create a lasting legacy that benefits you and future generations.

Forestry Commission news and information on Woodland Creation

FC have a new blog - ["The top ten reasons why farmers should consider planting trees."](#)

They have also produced a [New woodland creation brochure](#) - this is to help tell farmers and landowners about the benefits of tree planting and to signpost them to the financial support and advice available.

FC recently ran a 'Woodland Creation' webinar with the ICF and a [recording](#) of this is now available.

Reminder re Hedge/Tree trimming from 1st March

You must not cut or trim hedges or trees from 1st March, but you can carry out hedge and tree coppicing and hedge laying from 1 March until 30 April.

Fruit and nut trees in orchards, or trees acting as windbreaks in orchards, vineyards, hop yards or hop gardens, are not included in the ban. (GAEC* 7a and GAEC 7c).

Reminder - [The Farming Rules for Water](#)

These rules were introduced in 2018 to help improve water quality by reducing water pollution from agriculture. The rules apply to all farmers in England and relate to good farming practices, which many farmers are already following, to prevent manure, fertiliser and soil from entering watercourses. The rules apply to many farming or horticultural practices (such as the use and storage of organic or manufactured fertiliser), planting and harvesting, soil management (such as ploughing or planting cover crops) and managing livestock. FAS have produced a [technical](#)

[article about the rules that you can read on the FAS website](#). The article includes information on the purpose of the rules, how to comply with them and how they are enforced.

Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil (SSAFO) Storage

If you are thinking of building a new silage clamp, slurry tank or lagoon, or substantially altering an existing store, you need to tell the Environment Agency at least two weeks before you start construction. You also need to provide information about the structure you are planning to build and where it will be located. [SSAFO Guidance on GOV.UK](#) sets out the information you will be asked to provide. Environment Agency staff will be happy to discuss your proposals at an early stage of planning and can give you advice about construction requirements and location if needed. Please also consult the Environment Agency if you are unsure how much storage you'll need.

Farming Advice Service Webinar recordings from January & February

In case you missed the FAS webinar sessions In January and February, you can watch the recordings by clicking on the links below:

- [Cross compliance update for 2022](#)
- [Future support schemes](#)
- [Steps to reduce ammonia emissions on farms](#)
- [Livestock movements and identification](#)



Are you a farming or rural business based in Herefordshire or Gloucestershire?

Free Faster Farmers workshop

Managing your Digital Farm Office

A practical workshop to enable you to manage the digital office safely,
gain confidence with online systems and protect your business

Wednesday 23rd March 10.30am – 3pm at HFYFC, Tillington Road, Beech Business Park, Hereford, HR4 9QJ
OR

Thursday 24th March 10.30am – 3pm at Waterend Farm, Coaley, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 5DR

A light lunch is included.

Full details on the hub website – click on [HEREFORDSHIRE 23rd March](#) or [GLOUCESTERHIRE 24th March](#)

Places are limited, so to book please

Email : - bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or tel 01432 353465



Sick and tired of the More-on approach to farming?
Seeing costs going up across the sector and profits squeezed?
Can the 5 principles of soil health make a business more profitable?
Can we farm better with less pressure on the environment?

Walk to be held at 10am – 2.30pm
On Monday 21st March at Townsend Farm,
Brampton Abbots, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7JE.
Lunch will be provided.

To book your place email
bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

A FREE farm walk for farmers, with Ben Taylor Davies, an innovative farmer and agronomist near Ross-on-Wye, to see what he is doing and discuss topics of soil health, accessing phosphorous reserves and the benefits this can have on water quality.



On-farm events, meetings & webinars coming up

More information on AHDB events at [Farm events and agricultural shows | AHDB](#). In case you missed any, recordings of previous AHDB webinars can be found on the AHDB [Online events and webinar archive](#)

Hereford Monitor Farm meeting (Cereals & Oilseeds) [“What lies beneath – digging up the dirt on soil health”](#)
Thursday 3rd March, 1pm – 4pm, lunch on arrival at Bodenham Parish Hall, Caldervale Close, Bodenham, HR1 3LJ
[Follow this link to book a space](#) or call **Richard Meredith on 07717 493015**

Join AHDB to hear the science behind the conversation in these important areas of soils with Prof. Karl Ritz, University of Nottingham and Liz Stockdale, NIAB who will offer scientific views alongside a practical approach.

This meeting will:

- Demonstrate where soil health levels are at on the [Herefordshire Monitor Farms](#) now.
- Quantify and demonstrate what is good or bad soil health for Herefordshire and surrounding areas.
- Look at how to assess your soils in a consistent manner.
- Offer a practical look at how to increase rooting in order to improve uptake from soils.
- Help us understand how we can we transfer energy to deliver for ecosystem services and overcome critical productivity bottlenecks such as the conversion of organic nitrogen through to nitrate.

Online webinar Monday 7th March, 12pm – 1pm – [Farm policy update – finding out about future schemes](#)

- Are you interested to hear about the changes to farm policy such as reducing BPS payments, SFI payments towards livestock disease management?
- The webinar will cover funding such as: Sustainable Farming Incentive; Local nature fund; Landscape recovery Animal health and welfare pathway.



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.**

Woodland Creation Support

We are able to offer advice and support for any landowners within the Wye Catchment wanting to do woodland creation through the England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO). The EWCO is a Government funded grant to plant woodland for the purposes of Water Quality, Flood Prevention, Riparian Buffers, Priority Habitat Creation and SSSI Protection from Ammonia. A minimum of 1ha needs to be applied for with a minimum of 0.1ha blocks. Standard costs for trees, tree guards, fencing and gates etc. are available, as well as a Maintenance Grant of £300 per ha for 10 years.

If this is something you are interested in then please contact one of the advisers below for more information.

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

Lucinda Lewis (07824 904 877); 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)



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, disposal options like biofilters or alternative management, there may be funding available to support this.

STEPS for Water Quality will re-open on the 1st of April 2022. Up to £10,000 is available to improve Pesticide Handling Facilities in the yard and for the placement of Arable Grassland Buffers to protect water courses. There are also options available for grassland farms such as Alternative Weed Management and Precision Application Technology for grassland.

STEPS can be run in conjunction with other schemes as long as an item is not being double funded.

If you would like more information about the funding Severn Trent has to offer then please contact one of the advisers below or visit

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/environment/catchment-management/severn-trent-environmental-protection-scheme/>

Catchment Advisers:

Abi Croshaw (Wye) 07990 068941 Claire Spicer (Lugg) 07741 856770 Ben Nott (Frome) 07539 902680

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF)



Free Specialist CSF Visits

CSF offer a number of free specialist visits to farmers within the Wye catchment. The following visits can offer support on tackling phosphate and sediment loss:

- Soil and Nutrient Management Planning
- Assessment of Soil Health
- Farm Machinery Management to improve soil condition and reduce Pollution

In addition, the following visits can help farmers to save nitrogen and reduce Pollution

- Conserving Nitrogen Through reducing Ammonia Emissions
- Woodlands for Water and Air

We will be launching some new specialist visits in the future including one on Phosphate Management Planning.

If you are interested in one of these or would like further information, please contact your local CSFO

River Wye Email CSF.Severn@naturalengland.org.uk Please mention "River Wye" in the subject heading

River Teme Email CSF.Severn@naturalengland.org.uk Please mention "River Teme" in the subject heading

Low Carbon Agriculture Show, at NAEC, Stoneleigh, 8th – 9th March

<https://lowcarbonagricultureshow.co.uk/visit/>

Dairy Tech UK, at Stoneleigh Park, 7th April 2022 (postponed from 2nd Feb)

<https://dairy-tech.uk/>

Countrytastic 2022 Three Counties Showground, 14th April

<https://www.countrytastic.co.uk/>

LEAF Open Farm Sunday 2022, Sunday 12th June

For the "Open your Farm" information pack Click [Here](#)

We Are Farming Minds



Have launched their new FREE 24-hour helpline.
Open 7 days a week.

For farmers and their families within Herefordshire who are feeling distressed and need someone to talk to anonymously.

Call the helpline: 0808 802 0070
Or text: 07786 203 130

Do you need some time off the farm, to break the isolation?

Then come and join We Are Farming Minds at their next FREE social event!
These social events are held to help break the isolation often associated with farming and gives farmers the chance to have a chat with like-minded folks.

On Friday 11th March...

We are Farming Minds will be hosting a tour of the Henry Westons Factory at Much Marcle, followed by a 2-course meal in the Scrumpy House.

The tour starts at 6pm.

Transport can be arranged if needed, just let WAFM know in advance.

Numbers are limited for this event so please confirm ASAP and give plenty of notice if you need to cancel for any reason.

If you are interested or know someone this would benefit please get in touch

By email wearefarmingminds@gmail.com

Or call: 07506 567500/ 07968 592475



Suicide Prevention in the Workplace – Awareness Session

Wednesday 23rd March 2022, 10:00am-11:30am

Delivered by Worcestershire County Council Public Health, Suicide Prevention Team find out how to:

- Reduce stigma around mental health in the workplace and promote help seeking behaviour
- Increase awareness of support available and embed suicide prevention within company culture
- Promote the use of tools and resources to help maintain good emotional wellbeing

To register your place please submit details [HERE](#)

More information about the programme can be found here:

[Herefordshire and Worcestershire suicide prevention programme | Worcestershire County Council](#)

New Courses 2022 - FREE for Herefordshire Mental Health First Aid (2-day) and Awareness Training (3 hours)

Herefordshire Council has funded this Talk Community programme of training courses (Mental Health First Aid and Mental Health Awareness) to help community organisations support the mental health and wellbeing of local residents as well as their volunteers and workers. [Full details](#) on the Hub website.

COVID-19 Coronavirus – some useful links

Herefordshire Council

[Covid-19 Farm Preventative Packs](#)

This pack is to help support local farms with resources such as training videos, signage, and links to the relevant guidance.

Gov.UK

[Current Guidance on GOV.UK](#)

[Guidance for employers and businesses on working safely during coronavirus](#)

Booking a Coronavirus vaccination/booster online.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>



THE PRINCE'S
COUNTRYSIDE
FUND

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

The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

The Jack Hughes Fund is available to farmers and farm staff aged over 40 years working on a **Herefordshire** farm. The amount of funding available is up to a maximum of 70% of the course cost to an overall maximum of £200.

The programme is available for farmers and farm staff aged over 40 (limited to one family member/employee per farming business per year).

It will specifically provide funds to support those who require:

- retraining or upskilling as they are leaving the industry.
- training to support a new farm diversification enterprise.
- training or business support for succession planning.

Funding will also be available for farm related training courses (examples below)

- Safe use of pesticides – PA1, PA2, PA6
- Rodent control on farms
- Emergency first aid
- Food safety (Basic Food Hygiene)
- Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30)

Other courses will be considered on application

The funding is easy to access, but please note that the project will not support training retrospectively & places will be limited.

Applicants need to be resident in Herefordshire.

For further details or an application form contact the **Herefordshire Community Foundation**

The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford, HR4 9HP. Email: administrator@herefordshirecf.org Phone: 01432 272550

Website: www.herefordshirefoundation.org

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

For more details or to book a place contact **Jo Baker** at Holme Lacy Campus

Tel: **01432 870035** Email: j.baker@hlnsc.ac.uk

All course details are on the College website: www.hlcollege.ac.uk

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

PA1 Foundation - Safe Use of Pesticides 1 day including assessment

27th April

8th June

PA6 Handheld Applicators 1 day + assessment

28th April

9th June

PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers 1 day + assessment	29 th April	10 th June
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance and Crosscutting 2 days + assessment	8 th – 10 th June	
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	29 th – 31 st March	18 th – 20 th May
CS30/31 Maintenance, Cross cutting & Felling Trees up to 380mm 5 days + assessment	2 nd – 6 th May	
CS38 Accessing a Tree Using Rope & Harness 5 days + assessment	9 th – 13 th May	
CS39 Aerial Cutting of Trees Using Free Fall Techniques 3 days + assess	23 rd – 25 th March	15 th – 17 th June
Tractor Driving 13 – 16 yr olds 2 days	30 th – 31 st May	
Courses run subject to demand		
<p>Ground based Chainsaw Refresher <> Safe Use of Brushcutters & Strimmers <> Maintain & Operate Chainsaw (Hobby user) Handheld applicator PA6 Refresher course <> Handheld applicator in or near water PA6AW <> Slug pellet application PA4 Safe use us vertebrate pest control – Rodents (Rats & Mice) <> Vertebrate pest control – safe use of Aluminium Phosphide ATV handling – Experienced <> Tractor driving and handling – Adults <> Safe use of manually fed Wood Chipper Forklift truck operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler)</p> <p>Some of these courses can be run off-site at your own venue, subject to numbers. Please contact Jo Baker for information and prices – Tel: 01432 870035 Email: j.baker@hlnsc.ac.uk</p>		

7Y Training Services

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

Contact: Paula Strangwood Email: paula@7ytraining.co.uk

First Aid Courses - We will operate a 1:1 candidate to manikin ratio for CPR practice and AED use. We maintain our rigorous manikin cleaning protocols after each course.

Please register your interest for any of the following courses:

Course	Dates (subject to change if numbers are low)	Venue
C & G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) <i>Max 6 candidates per course</i>	23 rd March 19 th May	Leominster
C & G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2) <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	Waiting list	T.B.C
C & G Ground Knapsack Sprayer (PA6) <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	24 th March 20 th May	Leominster
C & G Slug Pellets (PA4s) <i>limited spaces</i>	7 th March	Hereford
First Aid at Work 3 days	6 th – 8 th April 25 th – 27 th May 24 th – 26 th August	Leominster
First Aid at Work Refresher 2 days	10 th – 11 th May 17 th – 18 th May 21 st – 22 nd June	Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	20 th April 31 st May 23 rd June	Leominster
C & G Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross-Cutting	13 th – 14 th April	Leominster
Fire Awareness (half day) & Manual Handling (half day)	T.B.C	Leominster

The following Machinery and Equipment courses can be run for either Novice, Refresher or Experienced candidates, & under a variety of awarding bodies – Lantra, ITSSAR, BRITTop. Please contract Paula to register your interest.

Rough Terrain Telescopic <> Rough Terrain Telescopic over 9m <> Counterbalance FLT
 ITSSAR MEWP Scissor Lift <> ATV's Sit-Astride Quad Bikes <> 360 Excavator (below 5 tonnes)

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- 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 (AHPA)** enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 5pm
- **Natural England** 0300 060 1115 enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk
- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Mon, Tues, Weds) Tel: 02030 251692
Email: sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk
- **N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener Mob: 07771 626080 Email: Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk
- **C.L.A.** (Midlands) Helen Dale Tel: 01785 337010 Email: 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/>
- **"Farming Help"** (support for farmers affected by covid-19) 03000 111 999 website <http://www.farminghelp.co.uk>
- **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI)** 0800 188 4444 website: <http://www.rabi.org.uk/>
- **Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy** 07966 927404 website: www.borderchaplain.org
- **You Are Not Alone (YANA)** 0300 323 0400 website: www.yanahelp.org/
- **Farming Help** 0845 367 9990 website: www.farminghelp.org.uk/
- **Addington Fund** 01926 620 135 website: www.addingtonfund.org.uk/
- **Herefordshire Samaritans** website: www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans
- **Carerstrust 4 All – Hereford CarerLinks** 01432 663057 website: www.carerstrust4all.org.uk
- **ParkinsonsUK Hereford & District Branch** 01432 850330 website: www.herefordparkinsons.org.uk
- **We are Farming Minds** 07506 567500 Email Wearefarmingminds@gmail.com 24-hour helpline: 0808 802 0070
- **Dementia Matters Here (fordshire)** 01432 804480

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