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*Cathy, Frances, and the
Herefordshire Rural
Hub Directors would
like to wish you all a
very Happy, Healthy
and Peaceful Christmas
and New Year*

Please note that Cathy and Frances will
be taking a break from the Hub office
from Friday 21st December until Thursday
3rd January, and will have limited access
to emails over the holiday period.



HAVE YOU VISITED THE

Herefordshire Rural Hub website

**Lots of useful contacts and links to
information, funding etc.**

Details of forthcoming events in and around the County.

News items of interest. Past Newsletters.

Go To Businesses.

**Find out about Herefordshire Rural Hub
& who we work with.**

Check it out at:- www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

*If you have your own website please add a link to our website,
and also share it via social media. Thank you.*

You can also follow us on  **[twitter@Hfds_RuralHub](https://twitter.com/Hfds_RuralHub)**

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

**Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-
15th January 2019**

The Guide Cross Compliance in England 2019 is now available to view/download on GOV.UK

Click [HERE](#)

Sheep & Goat keepers in Wales – Don't forget to record and submit your Annual Inventory

- You need to update your holding register with the number of sheep and goats that are on your land on **1st January 2019**.
- You also need to complete the Annual Inventory, which is a legal requirement to record the total number of sheep and goats you own as at 1st January 2019. You must also record the CPH number the animal is held at.
- You can complete the Annual Inventory on the paper form, or online by logging on to www.eidcymru.org
- The inventory must be submitted by **1st February 2019**.



Livestock Information Service Briefin

Three briefings have been arranged on **Tuesday 8th January**

Please attend the one that is closest to you. **Meetings open to all.**

10.30am – 1.00pm The Green Man, Fownhope, HR1 4PE

1.30pm - 4.00pm White Heywood Farm, Craswall, HR2 0PH

6.30pm – 8.30pm Norton Canon Village Hall, HR4 7BL

Tom Dracup, NFU Livestock Adviser, will give an update on:-

- Defra's proposed new livestock information service (the new livestock movement record)
- The dead weight market transparency project.

This briefing is an opportunity to hear about Defra's detailed plans, the timetable for introduction, and to feedback any comments to Tom so that they can be fed back to those that are developing the new system.

For more information please contact **Clare Greener**, Herefordshire NFU Adviser on **07771 626080** or email clare.greener@nfu.org.uk

Or to book a place, please contact the Herefordshire Rural Hub on 01432 353465 or email bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk



Social Media and Public Communications Workshop

for farming and rural businesses



15th January 2019, 1pm – 5pm (starting with a light lunch)

at Stretton Sugwas Village Hall, Stretton Sugwas, Hereford HR4 7PT

Engaging with the public to tell the story of farming and food has never been more important. With help from the NFU Countryside magazine and social media experts the "dark art" will be explained.

Please bring your smart phones or tablet computer to this event – you will be going live!

To book your place please contact the Rural Hub: Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or telephone **01432 353465**

Hereford Grassland Society Meeting

Tuesday 15th January 2019, at 7.30pm

"Soil Health & Fertility in Grassland; An Essential Component in Improving Upland Beef & Sheep Productivity & Sustainability"

With guest speaker - Richard Tudor

At Hereford Livestock Market, Roman Road, Hereford HR4 7AN

Tea and coffee served before the meeting, and light refreshments following.

Meeting sponsored by **Kiwikit** www.kiwiKit.co.uk Tel: 01584 879 959

Meetings open to all. Annual membership of HGS only £10

HGS Secretary Andrew Edwards Tel: 07825 066859 / 01432 356161 Email: a.edwards@sunderlands.co.uk

Maximising opportunities for Anaerobic Digesters

Wednesday 16 January, 10.00am – 5.00pm

at DWF LLP, One Snowhill, Queensway, Birmingham B4 6GA.

The event will focus on how industry can improve existing plants, derive more value from existing assets and maximise commercial returns from them. For full details, cost, booking etc go to

<https://www.r-e-a.net/events/rea-event-maximising-opportunities-for-ad-assets>

AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds – Hereford Monitor Farm Meeting

16th January 2019, starting at 1.00pm (Food included)

At Woolhope Village Hall, Woolhope, Hereford HR1 4QS

Speakers: **John Pelham** (Andersons) & **Christine Watts** (AHDB)

Profitability – or lack of – is sometimes seen as the “elephant in the room” for UK agriculture. John Pelham will explain how understanding profit and loss can improve the profitability of your arable enterprise.

We will also be joined by Christine Watts, AHDB who will be helping local cereals farmers to gain understanding of what value they receive from their levy. This first instalment will explore how AHDB is developing export markets overseas during the transition to a post-Brexit trading environment.

Book on: **07717 493015** or Richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk

Herefordshire Green Futures 2019

You are invited to attend the seminar on Tuesday 5th February 2019

2-4pm or 7-9pm

At the New Cattle Market Canteen, The Livestock Market, Roman Road, Hereford, HR4 7AN

See the attached flyer and booking form for full details

Big Farmland Bird Count 2019

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust Big Farmland Bird Count runs from **February 8th–17th 2019**.

It takes just 30 minutes out on the farm from a vantage point of your choice.

You can do the short 30 minute count yourself or team up with a more experienced birder near you. It's a great way to see how birds are doing on your land in the middle of the winter and to demonstrate the benefits of the work you're doing to provide year round food and habitat for birds. Over 50 Herefordshire farmers took part last year and we hope to increase the number in 2019.

You can find out more about the Big Farmland Bird Count, register your interest in taking part, download or order recording forms at www.gwct.org.uk/farming/big-farmland-bird-count/

For any queries contact:-

Tony Norman tony@theleen.co.uk or **Caroline Hanks** caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk

LAMMA 2019

8th – 9th January, at the NEC Birmingham www.lammashow.com

Dairy-Tech 2019

6th February, at Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, Warwickshire <https://dairy-tech.uk/>

Energy & Rural Business Show 2019

6th – 7th February, at the Telford International Centre, Shropshire

<http://www.energyandruralbusiness.co.uk/>

Beware of BPS Fraudsters who target farmers

Scammers approach farmers at this time of the year more than any other period because December is when a range of EU subsidies are paid. They have been known to make calls or send texts or emails posing as banks and other authorities, such as the police, and request money to be moved or personal details and passwords to be shared.

Please be vigilant and take note of the following advice to avoid being scammed:-

- Your bank, the police or the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) will never ask you to reveal your online password, PIN or bank account details or ask you to make a payment over the telephone.
- Never discuss your bank account details with someone you don't know, or open unknown or unexpected computer links or emails.
- If in doubt, call the organisation back, ideally on a different telephone, using a number you know to be official. You can usually find this on the organisation's website.
- Be cautious about what you share externally. Fraudsters use information such as social media posts to gain knowledge of a person's circumstances that will help them to scam victims.

If you suspect an attempted fraud or feel you have been the subject of fraud, you can contact:

- RPA's fraud referral team on 0800 347 347 or FraudInConfidence@rpa.gov.uk
- Action Fraud (the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime) on 0300 123 2040

Herefordshire Soils - farmers needed to participate in arts project

My name is Marie-Pierre and I am making a documentary about soils in Herefordshire as part of my Master's Degree at Hereford College of Art. I want to document the transformations that soils in Herefordshire have undergone, and their possible futures. I would be grateful for your participation and I would like to briefly hear the story of your soils, take some samples and listen to your views about issues such as natural flood management. In return for your participation I will send you the collated and anonymised results from all of the farms and give you access to the documentary film.

My advisory group includes members of Farm Herefordshire, Perry Walker (a quantitative analyst) and my degree is being supervised by Dr D Pryde-Jarman.

I can meet you when it suits until my deadline of April 2019. Please e-mail mp95leroux@hotmail.com

Update from the Wye & Usk Foundation

Pesticide Project:

We are still out and about visiting fields identified by Severn Trent as high risk for metaldehyde use and providing advice on pesticide handling and disposal. If you would like help to improve your pesticide handling area please get in contact.

New Natural Flood Management Project:

Funded by the Environment Agency & Herefordshire Council we will be providing advice and support to farms in target catchments that could help to reduce flooding of properties downstream. This could involve addressing compaction issues in your soil, using cover crops to protect bare ground, holding back water in streams, tree planting – all sorts of options. We will be working in the following streams over the coming months: Cheaton, Ridgemore, Bodenham, Pentoloe, Red, Twyford, Tedstone, Dulas and Yazor. If you farm in one of these catchments and would like to know more please get in touch.

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

Mike Williams (07920 441 215); **Lucinda Lewis** (07824 904 877); **Tom Jolley** (07545 253 155); **Jonny Pugh** (07825 743 447)
Kate Adams (07766 330 959)

The Prince's Countryside Fund

The Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) working in partnership with Herefordshire Rural Hub have secured funding to provide support for training in a **rurally based career** to the end of December 2019. 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.*

Some examples of training that has been funded so far:-

B+E Trailer, Chainsaw Certification, Pesticide Applications, Shearing, Artificial Insemination, Tractor Driving, Forklift Truck Driving

You could even apply for funding towards a **Rodent Control** course

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

Please note, the appraisal panel meets on the first Monday of the month.



THE PRINCE'S
COUNTRYSIDE
FUND

For further details and an application form please contact: **Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC**,
Agriculture House, Beech Business Park, Tillington Road, Hereford, HR4 9QJ

Email: admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: **01432 268 428**

The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

The Jack Hughes Fund will fund up to a maximum of 70% of the cost of training or costs up to a maximum of £150.

Funding will be limited to one family member/employee per annum

The programme will be available for farmers aged over 40

and 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 the following courses:

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

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:-

Herefordshire Community Foundation

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

St Michael's Hospice Big Tea

One of our favourite past times is enjoying tea and cake - and that doesn't have to stop just because it's winter. A St Michael's Hospice Big Tea can be held any time of the year, and is the ideal chance to get together with colleagues, friends, family or neighbours.

If you would like to organise a Big Tea, contact Gaynor on 01432 852 630 or email gwarren@smhospicehereford.org and she will help you plan your event.

Date for your diary:-

St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair, Friday 3rd May and Saturday 4th May 2019, 10.30am-4pm. St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree

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

You may be cautious about asking for help from a regulatory body such as the Environment Agency, but they are always willing to advise and help you. Herefordshire Rural Hub can help signpost which organisation can help you.

Don't hold back from asking for help. It's free and could save your Basic Payment.

- **Farming Advice Service** Email: advice@farmingadvice.service.org.uk website: www.farmingadvice.service.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
- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Mon, Tues, Weds) Tel: 02030 251692
Email: sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk
- **N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener Tel: 01432 807464 Mob: 07771 626080 Email: Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk
- **C.L.A.** Richard Goodwin 01785 337010 richard.goodwin@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** 07958 591 646 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

7Y Training Services

Wharton Court, Leominster, HR6 0NX Contact: Paula Strangwood paula@7Ytraining.co.uk 07808 670110

Course	Dates	Venue
C&G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	22 nd January	Leominster
	16 th January 13 th February	Harper Adams
C&G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	17 th January 14 th February	Harper Adams
C&G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	23 rd January	Leominster
	18 th January 15 th February	Harper Adams
C & G Chainsaw CS30 & CS31	14 th – 18 th January 4 th – 8 th February	Harper Adams
Brushcutter/Trimmers	25 th January	Harper Adams
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic	18 th – 19 th February	Harper Adams
Tractor Driving	25 th – 26 th February	Harper Adams
360 Excavator (below 5 tonnes)	20 th – 21 st May	Harper Adams
Emergency First Aid	21 st January 22 nd March	Leominster
First Aid at Work	18 th – 20 th February	Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	21 st - 22 nd February 2 nd - 3 rd May	Leominster
Manual Handling (a.m) & Fire Awareness (p.m)	4 th January	Leominster
Working at Heights (Tower scaffold, Ladders & Harness)	1 st February	Leominster

Please contact Paula to register your interest for the following courses & for costs & dates
Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <> ATVs Sit- astride Quad Bikes <> Lantra Counterbalance
Level 2 H & S in the workplace <> Confined Spaces

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

Tel: **0800 032 1986** Email: enquiries@hlcollege.ac.uk Website: www.hlcollege.ac.uk

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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates in 2019</u>
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting <i>2 days + assessment</i>	4 th – 5 th March
Chainsaw Maintenance & Operations – occasional user	24 th – 25 th January 28 th – 29 th March
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <i>3 days + assessment</i>	18 th – 20 th March
CS30/31 CM & CC, Felling up to 380mm <i>5 days + assessment</i>	11 th – 15 th February
CS38 Accessing a tree using a rope and harness <i>5 days + assessment</i>	3 rd – 7 th June
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User) <i>2 days</i>	2 nd – 3 rd March
Safe Use of Brushcutters & Strimmers <i>2 days</i>	7 th – 8 th March
Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper	22 nd March
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module	22 nd January
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers <i>1 day + assessment</i>	31 st January
PA6 Handheld Applicators <i>1 day + assessment</i>	23 rd January
PA4s Slug Pellet Applicator <i>1 day + assessment</i>	29 th March
Introduction to Dog Grooming	2 nd February 2 nd March
Pet First Aid	2 nd February
All Terrain Vehicle Handling (Experienced)	1 st March
Tractor Driving 16+	1 st – 2 nd June
Tractor Driving 13-16 year olds	18 th – 19 th February 30 th – 31 st May

Courses arranged on demand

Ground based chainsaw refresher <> CS32 Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm <> PA Boom Sprayer Air Assisted
PA6 refresher <> PA6AW Handheld Applicators in or near Water <> FLT Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler)

Wyvern Training Ltd

Email: enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com Tel: **07468 465 303** Website: www.wyvernts-ltd.co.uk

Basic Tractor Driving	8 th January
Scaffold Towers – Safe Assembly, Use & Dismantling	8 th January
MEWP/Scissor Lift – safe use and operation	9 th January
Rough Terrain Telescopic Refresher	9 th January
Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)	11 th January 24 th January 28 th February
Industrial Counterbalance Masted FLT 1 day refresher	14 th January
Rough Terrain Tele-handler 2 day course	15 th – 16 th January 29 th – 30 th January
Rodent Control on farms	16 th January 6 th February
C&G PA2 Field crop/Fixed boom sprayers	16 th January
Manual Handling Awareness – ½ day afternoon session	18 th January
C&G PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides	31 st January 18 th February
Abrasive Wheels	1 st February
First Aid at Work 3 day course	11 th – 13 th February
C&G Knapsack/Handheld Applicators	19 th February
Lantra Sit-Astride ATVs	20 th February

Further courses planned for 2019

PA3 Air Assisted Sprayers <> PA4s Slug Pellet Applicators <> Level 2 Food Safety <> Basic Principles of HACCP's
..... and many more

North Shropshire College

Contact: Sue Martyn s.a.martyn@nsc.ac.uk 01939 262102

CS38 Accessing a Tree Using a Rope & Harness 5 days + assessment	4 th – 8 th March 2019
CS39 Aerial Cutting of Trees using Free Fall Techniques 3 days + assessment	14 th – 17 th April 2019
Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper	29 th March 2019
NPTC Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide for Vertebrate Pest Control	16 th April
NPTC Level 2 Vertebrate Pest Control	19 th February 2019

From West Mercia Police - Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year TOP 10 TIPS for a Fraud and Cybercrime free Christmas and beyond !

1. Do not give any personal information (name, address, bank details, email or phone number) to organisations or people before verifying their credentials.
2. Make sure your computer has up-to-date anti-virus software and a firewall installed.
3. Many frauds start with a phishing email.
4. Sign-up to [Verified by Visa](#) or [MasterCard Secure Code](#) whenever you are given the option while shopping online.
5. You should regularly get a copy of your credit file and check it for entries you don't recognise.
6. Destroy and preferably shred receipts with your card details on and post with your name and address on.
7. If you receive bills, invoices or receipts for things that you haven't bought, or financial institutions you don't normally deal with or contact you about outstanding debts, take action.
8. Be extremely wary of post, phone calls or emails offering you business deals out of the blue.
9. If you have been a victim of fraud, be aware of [fraud recovery fraud](#).
10. If you need advice about fraud or cyber crime get in [contact with Actionfraud](#) or your Rural & Business Officer in Herefordshire - Paul Crumpton at paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Click [HERE](#) for full details on each of the above tips

Herefordshire Rural Hub – Classified Page

Self Employed AAT Qualified Bookkeeper/farm secretary

Required for part time work on a mixed farm & contracting business in Monkland, Herefordshire.

Experience within the farming sector and Sage accounts/VAT would be an advantage.

Position to start January 2019.

Please send CV/application to **Anthony Marfell** at marfellus@hotmail.com or tel: **07812 670 575**

Would you like to place an Advert, for e.g. Services / Job Vacancy / Items for sale looking for work??

Then please contact **Frances** for full details of the advertising packages on our

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admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

01432 268428

www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advertise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/

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

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

Berrys <> DJM Consulting <> Moule & Co <> Hope to Achieve

Okells Francis Law <> 7Y Training <> Achieve-Ability Plus

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 – admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

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