

Herefordshire Rural Hub

Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

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This monthly feature is being introduced into the Hub newsletter to provide insight into some of the local funding initiatives. Many have an interesting history that goes back over many years and these funds have supported farming and rural businesses for training and development.

Herefordshire Corn Exchange Fund has supported agriculture in the County for the last 160 years.

The actual beginnings of the Herefordshire Corn Exchange charitable trust were recorded in 1859 and this year sees the 160th annual general meeting of the trustees and committee members. The current trust fund was set up from the proceeds of the sale of the Kemble Theatre in Broad Street, Hereford in 1954 for the sum of £12,000 and it is the income from this investment that is annually handed out in grants. The Trust has one key objective in the distribution of the funds and that is for the money to be used for the "encouragement and advancement of agriculture in the city and county of Hereford" and to this end has helped hundreds of local people and organisations over the years.

There is a varied list of beneficiaries ranging from Herefordshire farm employees nominated for their Three Counties Show Long Service Awards, support for local ploughing societies and funding for individual applicants who are developing and furthering their careers in agriculture.

Two recent recipients from the Herefordshire Corn Exchange Fund are:

Fergus Hawkins, who used the funding to support his travels in Australia and New Zealand and says "I used the funds to pursue small research projects and upon returning I believe this was a contributing factor in my successful application to agronomy graduate schemes. Now I have established myself as an agronomist in Herefordshire I look back on this as having added huge value to my career and my future."

Beth Hanson, whilst a student at Harper Adams University, used the grant to assist in gathering data for her dissertation. She says "the grant was very generous from the Hereford Corn Exchange and greatly helped me in being able to undertake my dissertation survey to the extent required. Without the Herefordshire Corn Exchange support I would have had to limit my research which would have limited results and not provided a true representation. The books which I bought with the remaining funds were of great help during my final year at university, helping to achieve my 1st class honours degree in Rural Enterprise and Land Management, and continue to assist me in my career as a Rural Chartered Surveyor. I would thoroughly recommend anyone to apply to the HCE for financial support".

Applications for funding are always welcome and should be made in the first instance to Tom Nellist. Email: tomnellist@btconnect.com

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 --- CXCS
Davis Meade Property Consultants

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

Lyme disease is becoming an increasing health problem in the UK
There is a petition circulating to try to get a “Lyme Centre of Excellence” set up

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/245716>

NICE guidelines (2018) suggest referring complicated Lyme Disease sufferers to a Specialist. A referral is often made to other specialities who do not have the knowledge or experience to manage this debilitating disease of multi-systemic symptoms. Endemic in the UK, with an est. 3,000 new cases a year, Lyme disease can cause tremendous suffering to some patients, each requiring an individualised holistic plan of care which no other speciality can give.

Sufferers with ongoing symptoms see multiple, inexperienced Doctors, costing the NHS thousands in various wasted appointments/investigations. Many are unable to work full-time.

Referral to a Specialist in the Centre, experienced and trained in Lyme disease would have the ability to manage all aspects of the disease effectively and efficiently.

Three Counties Agricultural Society Bursary in memory of Joe Henson MBE

Applications for the TCAS bursary in memory of former president Joe Henson MBE are now open.

The Joe Henson Bursary sees grants of up to £3,000 donated to two students of the three counties of Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire, studying Agriculture or related subjects.

Applications close on 1st July 2019

Find out more and download an application form [HERE](#)

Nuffield Scholarships 2020 – still open for applications!

Applications must be in by 31st July. No academic qualifications are required, just enthusiasm and an enquiring mind.

All the details are on the Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust website [HERE](#)

Or why not chat to one of the many Herefordshire Scholars, such as Louise Manning, Clare Greener or Ian Howie to find out more about the scholarships. Email ianhowie1@btinternet.com

AHDB Potato Planting returns

The statutory planting returns to AHDB Potatoes **must be made** via the online portal this year.

The portal is now open at <https://levyportal.ahdb.org.uk>

It allows you to add information, stop, save and pick-up later where you left off.

The levy team at AHDB will offer support to all growers who need it, by phone, or face to face in your own farm office.

If you have any questions about this, please contact **Jack Atkins (AHDB)** on: **02476 478 602**

Applications for Countryside Stewardship Schemes

Handbooks and further information [HERE](#)

Mid-Tier - Application deadline 31st July

Online Wildlife Offers (Arable, Mixed farming, Upland, Lowland) - Application deadline 31st July

The Health and Safety toolbox - How to control risks at work

This is a free-to-download, web-friendly version of HSG268 (published 2014).

You can order a printed version at www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg268.htm or visit the website at www.hse.gov.uk/toolbox.

Packed with sound advice to put you on the right track, “The health and safety toolbox: How to control risks at work” covers the most common workplace hazards. It shows how most small to medium-sized businesses can put measures into place to control the risks.

HSE inspections

The Health & Safety Executive has announced it will be carrying out **livestock inspections** around the country as part of a 12-month program to help farmers achieve compliance with the law, and to help reduce deaths and serious injury to their workers and the public from the risks connected with livestock.

The HSE has recently published a guide called ‘What a good farm looks like’

This sets out the common risks it has identified to health and safety on farm.

The guide summarises its expectations for control measures for cattle. Click [HERE](#) for the guide

LEAF Open Farm Sunday - 9th June 2019 - Be part of it!

On 9th June 2019, hundreds of farms all over the country will open their gates to the public

Are you thinking of taking part and opening your farm? Find out how to do it [HERE](#) – lots of help and ideas

Find out what farms are open to visit on 9th June in your area [HERE](#)

ADAS and AHDB Arable Open Day

**Tuesday 18th June, 12noon till 4pm
at Tump Farm, Fownhope, Herefordshire, HR1 4PJ**

The day will feature trials and advice relevant to the West and Wales region. Experts will be on hand to advise on:

- Variety choice in the West
- Effective weed management
- Designing a robust fungicide strategy
- Managing BYDV
- Optimum nitrogen usage in wheat
- Barley management
- Oats nutrition

BASIS & NRoSO points have been applied for. There will be a field walk so please bring suitable footwear.
Book on: Richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk or **07717 493015**

Agri Advisor Solicitors

Invite you to an informative evening at Almeley Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd July

To celebrate the opening of their new office in Eardisley.

Their legal experts will cover

succession planning and other topical rural issues in what is sure to be a highly informative evening.

The event is free of charge and open to all.

Arrival:- 7pm for 7.30pm, food will be served from 7.30pm and the talk will begin at 8pm.

Enhancing Ecosystems at Any Scale

Join us to hear from three land managers who represent a range of farming scales and systems, each making efforts to deliver for wildlife and water within their farm boundaries but utilising very different approaches.

- **Charlie Burrell** owns Knepp Estate in Sussex, famous for its wilding approach.
- **Steve Klenk** is farm manager at Garnstone Farms where efforts to improve conditions underground are reaping significant rewards above the ground too.
- **Rob Havard** from Phepson Farm in Worcestershire where rotational grazing techniques maximise species diversity in pasture.

Thursday 4th July, 6.30pm

Caradoc, Sellack, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6LS

Kindly hosted by Major & Mrs Patrick Darling

Full details on the attached flyer

Book your place now via Herefordshire Rural Hub: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

Duchy Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE) Herefordshire

Meets every month on the second Thursday, at Dewall Court HR2 8DA from 12pm – 2pm.

Come and join a varied, talented group of women from across Herefordshire and share experiences, pick up useful tips and discover what being a WiRE member could mean to you. For more information find us on Facebook @herefordshire wire or email ali@crescendum.co.uk. Details of the next 3 meetings:-

- 13th June - Sharon Pocock (Kinder Pocock) on "Tax"
- 11th July - Jo Clarke (Mustard Media Solutions) on "19 Social Media changes in 2019"
- 12th September - Ali Sherlock (Crescendum Ltd) on "Managing your emails"

Royal Three Counties Show

14th – 16th June www.royalthreecounties.co.uk

Bromyard Gala

29th – 30th June <https://www.bromyardgala.org.uk/>

Monmouthshire Show

6th July <https://monmouthshow.co.uk/>

Royal Welsh Show

22nd – 25th July www.rwas.wales/royal-welsh-show/

Burwarton Show

1st August <https://www.burwartonshow.co.uk/>

Herefordshire Country Fair

4th August <https://www.herefordshirecountryfair.co.uk/>

Kington Show

14th September <https://kingtonshow.co.uk/>

Usk Show

14th September <http://www.uskshow.co.uk/>

Save the date – Herefordshire Samaritans Christmas Fair

Wednesday 6th November 2019, 10am – 3.30pm

At Lyde Arundel, Hereford, HR4 7SN

Over 30 stalls, with great ideas for Christmas.



A FREE SERVICE

How well do you know your Farm Business Costs? DJM Consulting are here to help!

Farmbench is a benchmarking tool by AHDB to help interpret enterprise data* featuring:

- A free, easy to use and online tool that will
 - Help identify **business strengths and weaknesses**
 - Anonymously **compare** with other similar farm businesses
- Group reports and feedback/discussion groups hosted by **DJM Consulting**

How will it help your business?

- Make **evidence-based informed** decisions to:
 - Improve **business performance** and **profitability**
 - Inform **succession** planning
 - Protect your business against **market volatility**
- Create a plan to **future proof** your business

The free service covering Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire has a limited budget for the 2017/18 harvest year **so register now to secure your place!**

**To be eligible you must grow at least 1ha of a combinable crop and must not have submitted data for the 2016/17 harvest year.*



For further information, please contact Helen at DJM Consulting
(Tel: **01746 785121** / Email: helen@theruralbusiness.co.uk)



St Michael's Hospice

St Michael's Hospice has a Mobile Hospice Support Vehicle which is visiting all four corners of Herefordshire and beyond – and we'd like your community to get involved too.

The idea of the vehicle is to spread the word about all the various services offered by St Michael's.

If your parish has a forthcoming fete or event you think might suit the vehicle's presence, please contact Michelle Havard at St Michael's for more information on 01432 852 621 or email mhavard@smhospicehereford.org

The Wye & Usk Foundation – Here to Help

Natural Flood Management: Our advisers are working with landowners in target catchments to help deliver Natural Flood Management interventions through a DEFRA funded project. The target catchments are the Dulas, Bodenham, Pentalo, Tedstone, Cheaton, Ridgemoor and Red/Twyford Brook. The project is run in partnership with Herefordshire Council and we can offer soil structure assessments, infiltration rate tests, worm counts and organic matter testing. If you farm in one of the target catchment and would like to find out more please call one of our advisers or visit:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/345/flooding/6>

Metaldehyde: It was recently announced that Metaldehyde will be banned from 2020. It has been a concern in the Wye for many years due to its impact on Drinking Water abstractions belonging to Severn Trent lower down the catchment. We are asking users to continue to follow safe spreading and handling procedures with any Metaldehyde based slug pellets they have left to use up during this transition period. Alternative products which use ferric phosphate as the active ingredient are just as effective for slug control thankfully!

Stewardship Schemes: Agreement offers are slowly trickling out for the schemes applied for last summer, if we assisted with your application and you would like us to check your agreement document please contact your adviser. We are also already getting requests for 2019 scheme applications – start thinking about it now and give us a call if you'd like us to help!

Our Advisers: Our team has expanded again, and we are now a team of 8 – Kate, Mike, Lucinda, Tom and Jonny are all working across Herefordshire – we have now been joined by Abi Croshaw who was previously with CSF. Liz Price currently delivers farm advice in the Welsh Wye and has now been joined by Bridie Whittle.

For more information or to request a visit please contact one of the WUF advisers: Kate Adams (07766 330 959) Lucinda Lewis (07824 904 877); Mike Williams (07920 441 215); Tom Jolley (07545 253 155); Jonny Pugh (07825 743 447) Liz Price (07776 197740); Abi Croshaw (07990 068941); Bridie Whittle (07799 049373)



FREE Monthly Computer and Internet Workshops for Beginners at Herefordshire Libraries



**** Booking is essential for these FREE Fastershire workshops ****

How to use your Smartphone - Learn the basics of how to use your smartphone, including learning about apps, picking up emails on your smartphone, using the internet and how to connect to our Library Wi-Fi. **Bring your own smartphone.**

Kington Library, Tues 18th June, 10am to 12pm book at Kington Library or on 01432 260600 or kingtonlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

Leominster Library, Thurs 20th June, 10am to 12pm book at Library or on 01432 383290 or leominsterlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

How to use your Tablet Computer - Learn the basics of how to use your tablet, from learning about apps, picking-up emails, using the internet and how to connect to free Wi-Fi at the Library. **Bring your own tablet.**

Ledbury Library, Tues 18th June, 4pm to 6pm, book at Ledbury Library or on 01432 383499 or ledburylibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

Hereford Library, Mon 24th June, 11am to 1pm book at Hfd Library or on 01432 383600 or herefordlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

Introduction to Emails - Learn how to set-up an email account, send and receive emails and attachments. Laptops will be provided for the workshop.

Ross-on-Wye Library, Tues 25th June, 5pm to 7pm Book at Ross Library or on 01432 383280 or rosslibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

These free monthly workshops are provided by Fastershire – the partnership between Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire County Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties. www.fastershire.com

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.



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

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.org.uk website: 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 (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 Tel: 01432 807464 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/>
- **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

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

Course	Dates in 2019
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting <i>2 days + assessment</i>	17 th – 18 th June 1 st – 2 nd July
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <i>3 days + assessment</i>	15 th – 17 th July
CS39 Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques <i>3 days + assessment</i>	8 th – 10 th July
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User) <i>2 days</i>	29 th – 30 th June
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module	25 th June
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers <i>1 day + assessment</i>	27 th June
PA6 Handheld Applicators <i>1 day + assessment</i>	26 th June
Pet First Aid	29 th June
Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper	21 st June
Tractor Driving 13-16 year olds	29 th – 30 th July

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

See our range of courses at <http://www.wyvernts-ltd.co.uk/wts-courses.html>

Please contact us by phone or email to request a course,
or to find out what courses are on offer over the next few months.

7Y Training Services

7Y Training Centre, Wharton Farms, Wharton, Leominster, HR6 ONX
Contact: Paula Strangwood paula@7ytraining.co.uk 07808 670110

Dates are subject to change if candidate numbers are low

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Venue</u>
C&G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	5th June	Harper Adams
	June dates to be confirmed	Leominster
C&G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	6 th June	Harper Adams
C&G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	June dates to be confirmed	Leominster
	10 th June	Harper Adams
C&G Air-Assisted Sprayer (PA3a & PA3b)	Dates to be confirmed	On site
C&G PA4 S & G	17 th July	Harper Adams
C&G Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance	June dates to be confirmed	Leominster
C & G Chainsaw CS30 & CS31 5 days	8 th – 12 th July	Harper Adams
ITSSAR Rough Terrain Telescopic refresher ITSSAR Rough Terrain Telescopic ITSSAR Counterbalance refresher ITSSAR Counterbalance	June dates to be confirmed	Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	8th August 27th September	Leominster
First Aid at Work	3 rd – 5 th June	Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	13 th & 14 th June	Leominster
Working at Heights (Tower scaffold, Ladders, Harness)	7 th June	Leominster
Manual Handling (a.m)	3 rd September	Leominster
Fire Awareness (p.m)	3 rd September	Leominster

Contact Paula (details above) to register your interest, and find out more about the following courses:-

C&G Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <> Brushcutters & Strimmers <> ATV Sit-astride Quad Bikes
 ITSSAAR MEWP Cherry Pickers <> Working in Confined Spaces <> Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC)

From Paul Crumpton - West Mercia Police



Having delivered a couple of presentations on how to stay safe online, cybercrime & fraud to farmers at events hosted by the Herefordshire Rural Hub recently, and from conversations with some of those who attended, I thought I would let you know a bit about what I can do for you.

Starting with a little bit of background, I joined West Mercia Constabulary (as it was in those days!) in 1985 and have worked in various roles, predominantly in rural areas, for most of my career.

I am Paul Crumpton a Rural Business Crime Officer which in old money means I give crime reduction advice/guidance, hopefully, before someone becomes a victim of crime, but if not, to reduce the likelihood of it happening again, and on anything to do with people, places or property.

How do I do that? – Through talks, presentations, events, shows or by visits to you at your home, farm, business etc where I will conduct a bespoke crime reduction survey with youand anywhere in Herefordshire.

I bring 34yrs experience of what works and what does not as well as being trained in crime reduction methods.

There is NO COST to you, and I follow up every crime reduction survey with an assessment in writing for you to consider in your own time.

If this is of interest to you, I can be contacted on **07773 044781** or **01432 347408** or **paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk**

See separate attachment for our “Classified” page

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 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 June 2019

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