

# Herefordshire Rural Hub

## Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

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



NFU Mutual  
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*We would like to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy & Peaceful Christmas and New Year. Please take care and stay safe!*

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**

**Stop That Thief --- Fisher German LLP**

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

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or contact Frances for more information

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## Government sets out its plan for agricultural transition in England

The Government has published "The Path to Sustainable Farming: An Agricultural Transition Plan 2021 to 2024" which can be accessed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agricultural-transition-plan-2021-to-2024>

This sets out the changes that Defra will make to English agricultural policy over the 7-year agricultural transition period and explains what those changes will mean for farmers and land managers in practice.

**The Basic Payment Scheme is being gradually phased out, between 2021 and 2027**, and the intention is that it will become delinked from land in 2024. **The money released from the BPS Direct Payments will be re-invested into delivering new agricultural schemes in this parliament. These schemes and proposed times for rolling them out are outlined in the ATP document (link above).**

### BPS Direct Payments planned reduction percentages from 2021 – 2024

BPS payment band	2021 scheme year	2022 scheme year	2023 scheme year	2024 scheme year
First £30,000 of claim will be reduced at	5%	20%	35%	50%
Next £30,000 to £50,000 will be reduced at	10%	25%	40%	55%
Next £50,000 to £150,000 will be reduced at	20%	35%	50%	65%
Rest of claim over £150,000	25%	40%	55%	70%

**e.g. for a claim worth £40,000 in 2021 – a 5% reduction would be applied to the first £30,000 (£1,500) and a 10% reduction to the next £10,000 (£1,000) - so the revised payment would be £40,000 minus £2,500 = £37,500**

### Basic Payment Scheme 2021

- In 2021, the three 'greening' requirements previously attached to 30% of a farmer's Basic Payment Scheme payment will come to an end. Although the greening requirements will be removed farmers **will** still have to meet the minimum standards on the environment, animal and plant health, and animal welfare. This includes meeting the rules on hedges and buffer strips.
- Please note, the 2020 greening requirements remain in place until the end of the 2020 BPS scheme year, **with the exception of the EFA cover crop requirement**. This will extend into early 2021 as cover crops have to be maintained between 1 October 2020 and until at least 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- The land used to claim BPS payments will need to meet the rules that apply in the part of the UK where the land is located.
- **These changes will not affect the overall payment received by each farmer as the money will instead be added to farmers' entitlements under the Basic Payment Scheme.**
- Inspections will still be carried out to check land eligibility and to make sure that the cross compliance rules are being met.
- There will still be non-BPS-related rules that will apply to permanent grassland going forward, such as those covered under Environmental Impact Assessment criteria.
- **Although actions under greening will not be tied to the BPS payment, it could be very important to retain your former greening options, EFA options in particular, because of the environmental and business benefits they can offer, and especially when planning for the forthcoming ELMs schemes, which will help to mitigate the loss of the BPS Payments.**

### Guide to Cross Compliance in England 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guide-to-cross-compliance-in-england-2021>

Farmers and landowners must follow these Cross Compliance rules if they claim for the Basic Payment Scheme, a Stewardship Scheme or the English Woodland Grant Scheme in 2021.

### Countryside Stewardship Scheme

- CSS will be open for new applications in 2021, 2022 and 2023. Extensions will also be available to those already in Countryside Stewardship and Environmental Stewardship who wish to continue their agreement.
- For 2021, the limit on capital-only Water Capital and Hedgerows & Boundaries Grants will be increased from £10k to £20k.
- Defra has also reiterated its policy that it will be possible to move from a CS agreement to an ELM Scheme without penalty, so all farmers not in a Scheme should consider applying for CS in the coming years to help them prepare for the transition in agriculture.

### Woodland Grants: Countryside Stewardship

You can now submit grant applications for the following schemes under the **domestic regulations**. New manuals (covering domestic regulations) are available. If successful, your agreement will start on or after 1 January 2021 and will fall under domestic regulations and funding. **Click on the links below for full details and guidance.**

- [Woodland creation](#)
- [Woodland management plan](#)
- [Woodland tree health](#)

## EU EXIT: Changes ahead, act now

**Do you export or import goods/livestock to/from the EU? Do you employ labour from the EU?**

You can visit <http://www.gov.uk/transition> to see what steps you might need to take, and use the **business checker** which will give you a personalised list of actions to prepare your business.

You can also visit the Marches Growth Hub's [EU Exit resource page](#) for more information on all of the above.

## Annual Sheep and Goat inventory for England

The annual sheep and goat inventory for farmers in **England** should be completed for **1<sup>st</sup> December** and returned to Defra by **31<sup>st</sup> December**. You should receive your forms in the post or a link via email from DEFRA.

**In addition, you should include your annual inventory total as at 1st December in your holding register.**

**You can complete your form [online](#) or by post – before 31<sup>st</sup> December.**

The holding register document should be retained on your holding and will be reviewed at an inspection.

## Avian Influenza Prevention Zone in [England](#), [Wales](#) and [Scotland](#).

### **New housing rules for ALL poultry keepers in England, Wales & Scotland from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

The new rules mean that it is currently a legal requirement for all bird keepers to keep their birds housed or otherwise separate from wild birds and follow strict biosecurity measures to combat the spread of Avian Influenza.



To assist you to comply with this requirement or perhaps to assist a poultry keeping neighbour, please find below a link to a wealth of support information from the NFU, which is being made available to all poultry keepers.

All poultry keepers can access this Avian Influenza information without the requirement for a membership number or password. [Biosecurity resources for poultry keepers \(nfuonline.com\)](#)

## Grassland Derogations in 2021

Defra has confirmed that grassland derogations for livestock manure in Nitrate Vulnerable Zones will be offered in England in 2021. **The statutory deadline for applications is 31 December 2020. However, the Environment Agency recognises that this is a short application window and will use its best efforts to process applications received between 1 January and 31 January 2021.** It should be noted that these late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis and there may be delays or difficulty contacting the Environment Agency during this period. **Therefore, farmers are urged to contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) as soon as possible prior to the 31 December to guarantee that their derogation application will be processed.**

## *Still places available ...*



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### **Are you worried about the future of your farm?**

The Defra Future Farming Resilience Fund is providing support to farmers and land managers Herefordshire. You are invited to join the programme.

The challenges caused by Coronavirus, extreme weather and the forthcoming changes to agricultural support as a result of leaving the EU may put significant stress on our businesses. This could leave many farmers and land managers in England needing to adapt their business model and carefully considering options for the future. This programme will provide information, tools, advice and support to farmers through this period of change.

**The full programme includes:**

**Resilience planning – introduction to tools and policy changes.**

Join a session led by The Anderson Centre who will introduce some tools and tips on reviewing business performance. You will also receive insight on the future changes to agricultural policy and the opportunities and threats these may bring.

**One-to-one farm resilience reviews.** A specialist business adviser from The Anderson Centre will support you in identifying the potential risks and opportunities for your business.

**Your own business plan.** A personalised plan identifying actions to help mitigate the risks your business faces and to support you in its implementation.

**Group Workshops.** Bringing together local farmers to talk about the risks & opportunities, to share ideas & learn from each other.

**All the advice provided will be completely free of charge**, but you will be required to complete an agreement letter, plus a survey at the start and the end of the programme. Places are limited so booking is essential and unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that everyone who registers will be offered a place.

**\*\*Coronavirus\*\***

During Coronavirus restrictions we will be able to deliver some services remotely using telephone and other electronic methods. While the future of the social distancing restrictions is still uncertain, we do expect to be able to provide face to face support on-farm as the programme progresses.

**How can you get involved? .... To register your interest click [HERE](#)**

**If you require help with the registration or have any questions, please contact the Ricardo Future Farming Resilience Project team: Tel 01235 753530 or email [FFRF@ricardo.com](mailto:FFRF@ricardo.com)**

## Complete this survey to enter a prize draw to win £200

ADAS is conducting a survey of farmers on behalf of The Prince's Countryside Fund. This is to understand the impact of The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme (PFRP) on farm businesses in terms of economic performance and wider social and environmental outcomes.

**As part of assessing the impact of the programme we need to survey a control group of similar farms who have not at any point taken part in The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme (PFRP).**

The survey will be conducted in line with the Market Research Society Code of Conduct and all answers you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and any views will remain anonymous. The findings of this survey will help inform how the programme can improve and develop to help farm businesses more effectively in the future.

The survey is voluntary and should take no more than 20 minutes.

Full completion of the survey offers you the chance to enter a prize draw to win £200 (Full T&Cs can be found on the survey).

**To complete the survey and enter the £200 prize draw please follow the link below:**

<https://adas-survey.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/pfrp-non-beneficiary-survey-v2>

## Herefordshire Climate Change and Net Zero Survey

The Herefordshire Climate Change and Environmental Emergency Group have launched an [online survey](#) aimed at finding out more about how farmers in the county are engaging with climate change. Please could you respond to the survey as it is a valuable opportunity to demonstrate what our sector can deliver to achieve net zero. The survey asks a range of questions including the drivers, barriers, and opportunities to integrate net zero into farming businesses.

IT'S FREE AND FRIENDLY



Still places available for ....

### WHAT IS IT?

- **Free, easy to use**, online tool by AHDB to help you to interpret your enterprise data:
  - Help identify **business strengths and weaknesses**
  - Anonymously **compare data** with other similar farm businesses
- Group reports and feedback/discussion breakfast groups hosted by **DJMC**

### HOW WILL IT HELP YOUR BUSINESS?

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

The service predominantly covering the five counties of the West Midlands has a limited budget for the 2020 harvest year– so register now to secure your place!

For further information, and to **REGISTER** please contact

Marie Charles at DJM Consulting

01746 785121 [marie@theruralbusiness.co.uk](mailto:marie@theruralbusiness.co.uk)



*\*To be eligible you must grow at least 1ha of a combinable crop in 2020 and must **not** have entered or submitted for validation, data for harvest 2019*

**HELP from DJM Consulting to get you set up on the FREE Farmbench programme!\***



Free Webinars for you to view  
on the Herefordshire Rural Hub website



**2 FREE mini masterclass online videos (20-30 mins each) with Tara Punter PR**

**1 - How to create a marketing strategy**

**2 - How to use video as part of your social media campaign**

Click [HERE](#) to view the videos



### Lots of free webinars for farmers

This winter the normal programme of Monitor Farm and Strategic Farm meetings will be online. AHDB have planned a programme of "Monitor Farm Mondays" webinars and other digital Strategic Farm and Agronomy events.

Where appropriate, BASIS and NROSO points are available for attending these webinars and information is available on the webinar events pages.

Click on the link below, which takes you direct to the events page of the AHDB website where all of the events are listed.

[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" at <https://ahdb.org.uk/webinars>



## Farming Advice Service webinar programme for farmers

The Farming Advice Service (FAS) invites you to attend a series of FREE webinars.

If you are unable to attend any of the live broadcasts, a recording of each one will be made available on the FAS website. For more information on the webinars go to <http://farmingadvice.org.uk/events/events/>

To book for January webinars, click on the links below

- [Cross compliance and greening update – what's new for 2021?](#) Tuesday 19 January, 15:30 to 16:30
- [Heading towards net zero emissions in agriculture.](#) Tuesday 26 January, 10:00 to 11:00



Virtual Workshops with CFE are available to view at <https://www.cfeonline.org.uk/guidance-and-resources/webinars/>



## 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 Safeguarding 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 is from **1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

### The Severn Trent Pesticide Amnesty is running again for 2021 as part of their Farming for Water Programme.

The scheme is completely confidential, free, and based on a first come first serve basis. It is available to anyone in the Drinking Water Safeguard Zone. **You need to register your details between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

Please either Email [amnesty@chemtastic.com](mailto:amnesty@chemtastic.com) or telephone **01287 213155**.

More information can be found at [www.stwater.co.uk/pesticide-amnesty](http://www.stwater.co.uk/pesticide-amnesty)

### Boost for Biodiversity

Boost for Biodiversity is available for all NGOs, community groups, local authorities, schools, farmers and landowners who work within the Severn Trent region, this includes the River Wye catchment in Herefordshire. All projects need to be aimed to help improve or create habitats within the catchment, for example, meadow creation, river restoration, woodland planting, and pond creation. The application window is open from the **11<sup>th</sup> January until the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact one of the advisers below for more information or visit <https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/environment/catchment-management/severn-trent-environmental-protection-scheme/>

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

## Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF)



CSF are pleased to be offering **site visits** to advise farmers on ways that they can address issues with **water and air quality** in the Wye and Teme catchments. If you would like to find out whether your farm is eligible for this free advice, please get in touch with us via the contact details below so that we can confirm whether your farm is on our priority list.

### Some of the advice that we can offer includes:

- Making your **farm infrastructure** less risky to water and air quality.
- Reducing **run-off and compaction** around the farm.
- Methods to improve **soil husbandry and soil health**.
- Addressing **nutrient management and pesticide handling**.

If your farm is on our priority list and you would like to consider getting grant funding from the **Countryside Stewardship Scheme** in 2021 to tackle issues associated with water/air quality, please get in touch with us. We have already had a lot of interest in the scheme and experience has shown that starting discussions with us early is likely to result in better applications.

### River Wye Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers

**Rachel Bosanquet** tel: **07770 331 669** email: [rachel.bosanquet@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:rachel.bosanquet@naturalengland.org.uk)  
**Sue Buckingham** tel: **07833 095 708** email: [sue.buckingham@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:sue.buckingham@naturalengland.org.uk)  
**Ollie Cooke** tel: **07884 996 938** email: [oliver.cook@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:oliver.cook@naturalengland.org.uk)

### River Teme Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers

**Wayne Davies** tel: **01588 640 980** email: [wayne.davies@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:wayne.davies@naturalengland.org.uk)  
**Sally Powell** tel: **07770 645 037** email: [sally.powell@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:sally.powell@naturalengland.org.uk)  
**James Griffiths** tel: **07812 240 896** email: [james.griffiths@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:james.griffiths@naturalengland.org.uk)

## DEFRA consultation on the use of Urea - reducing Ammonia emissions from Urea fertilisers

The government has launched a **consultation on reducing ammonia emissions from urea fertilisers**.

**The consultation is open until 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021** and sets out three policy options for reducing ammonia emissions by regulating the use or sale of solid urea – liquid urea would be excluded from any new rules.

The three options being consulted on are:

- A ban on solid urea fertilisers
- A requirement to stabilise solid urea fertilisers with the addition of a urease inhibitor
- A requirement to restrict the spreading of solid urea fertilisers, allowable only from 15 January to 31 March

To have your say click [HERE](#)

## COVID-19 Coronavirus – some useful links

### Herefordshire Council

[Covid-19 support for farms](#)

### Herefordshire COVID-19 Engagement Working Group

[Key Messages and FAQ's](#)

### 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](#)

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

### Marches Growth Hub

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

**APHA** [TBHub](#)

### Gov.UK

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

[Covid-19 Symptoms](#)

[Getting tested for Coronavirus](#)

[Local restrictions: areas with an outbreak of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

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

- for all types of businesses. Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure

### AHDB

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

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

## Update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the extended [Self-employed Income Support Scheme](#)

The third grant will cover the 3-month period from November 2020 - January 2021. To make a claim for the third grant your business must have had a new or continuing impact from coronavirus between 1 November 2020 and 29 January 2021.

**If you are eligible you can make a claim between 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

## Update on the [Bounce Back Loan](#)

There is still time to apply for the Bounce Back Loan. If you already have a Bounce Back Loan but borrowed less than you were entitled to, you can top up your existing loan to your maximum amount. **You must request the top-up by 31 January 2021.**

**The scheme is open to applications until 31 January 2021.**

**The [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#) (furlough scheme) has been extended until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**



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## 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)

## 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](mailto:administrator@herefordshirecf.org) Phone: 01432 272550

Website: [www.herefordshirefoundation.org](http://www.herefordshirefoundation.org)

## 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 in 2021</u>	
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting 2 days + assessment	20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> January	10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> February
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> February	
CS30/31 Maintenance, Cross-cutting & Felling Trees up to 380mm 5 days + assessment	8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> March	
CS32 Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm 3 days + assessment	27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> January	
CS38 Accessing a Tree Using a Rope and Harness 5 days + assessment	15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> February	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> April
CS39 Aerial cutting of trees using free fall technique 3 days + assessment	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> April	
Safe Use of Pesticides – Foundation Module PA1	12 <sup>th</sup> January	23 <sup>rd</sup> March

Safe Use of Pesticides – Ground Crop Sprayers PA2	8 <sup>th</sup> April
Safe Use of Pesticides – Handheld Applicators PA6	13 <sup>th</sup> January      19 <sup>th</sup> January      24 <sup>th</sup> March
Tractor Driving 13 – 16 year olds	tbc
<p><b>Courses run subject to demand</b>  <i>(some courses can be run off-site at your own venue subject to numbers – please contact the college for information and prices).</i></p> <p>Ground based Chainsaw Refresher &lt;&gt; Maintain &amp; Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User)  Safe Use of Brushcutters &amp; Strimmers &lt;&gt; PA6 Handheld Applicators Refresher  PA6AW Handheld Applicator in or near Water &lt;&gt; PA4 Slug Pellet Applicator  Safe use of Vertebrate Pest Control – Rodents (Rats &amp; Mice). &lt;&gt; Safe use of Vertebrate Pest Control – Aluminium Phosphide  ATV Handling (Experienced Operators). &lt;&gt; Tractor Driving &amp; Handling (Adults)  Rough Terrain Telehandler &lt;&gt; Safe use of Manually Fed Wood-Chipper</p>	

## 7Y Training Services

7Y Training Centre, Wharton Farms, Wharton, Leominster, HR6 0NX  
**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>	January dates available	Leominster
<b>C &amp; G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)</b> <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>		T.B.C
<b>C &amp; G Ground Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)</b> <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>		Leominster
<b>First Aid at Work (3 days)</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Leominster
<b>First Aid at Work Refresher (2 days)</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Leominster
<b>Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> January      27 <sup>th</sup> January	Leominster
<b>Chainsaw Maintenance &amp; Cross-Cutting</b>	Email Paula for dates/costs	Leominster

**The following Machinery and Equipment courses can be run for either Novice, Refresher or Experienced candidates  
Please contract Paula to register your interest.**

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

## Wyvern Training Services Ltd

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

We are now delighted to be able to offer a small number of open courses in addition to the in-house training that we have been able to deliver.

All training offered is thoroughly COVID risk assessed to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

This does mean that the number of people able to attend has been reduced and that venues and facilities meet all necessary safety, COVID and personal social distancing requirements.

We are now able to offer places in January and February for the following:	We are currently building the programme for March and April including:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PA1 – Safe use of Pesticides.</li><li>• PA6 – Handheld applicators.</li><li>• Abrasive Wheels</li><li>• Chainsaw Maintenance and cross cutting</li><li>• Emergency First Aid</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PA2 – Hydraulic Nozzle Boom Sprayers</li><li>• PA3 – Air assisted blast and variable Geometry Sprayers</li><li>• PA4 – Slug Pellet applicators</li><li>• Level 2 Food Safety</li><li>• Rough Terrain and Counterbalance Lift Trucks</li></ul>

After what has been a very strange and challenging 2020 for everyone, we would like to wish all readers of the Hub Newsletter a COVID free, safe and prosperous 2021.

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

- 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

### “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. 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.

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

### 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)

**Copy deadline for the next newsletter is 15<sup>th</sup> January**

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