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Herefordshire Rural Hub is inviting applications for the voluntary post of Hub Chairman.

Do you want to make a difference to Herefordshire?
Do you have a range of skills and experiences to offer for the
benefit of enterprises in rural Herefordshire?

Full details are on our website at:-

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/herefordshire-rural-hub-chairman/>

Herefordshire Rural Hub website.

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*

***In order to help us reduce our costs, if you still receive this
newsletter by POST, but are able to receive it by EMAIL
(every month, plus other occasional updates)
then please contact Frances by phone or email
01432 268 428 admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk***

Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-
15th July 2017



THE PRINCE'S
COUNTRYSIDE
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Achieving the 2020 Vision for Herefordshire's Family Farms

The Herefordshire Rural Hub has launched this project, with support
from The Prince's Countryside Fund.

It will provide a unique package of business support for farming
families in Herefordshire.

We are actively seeking farm businesses to take part in this 3-year
project with the aim of helping 12 farming families achieve long term
viability in these challenging times.

A bespoke plan will be put together for each farm, to include free
mentoring and business support.

If you are interested in being one of the chosen farms, or would just
like further information about the project please contact the Project
Facilitator, **Sarah Starkey**

email: farming2020@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

or telephone: 07974 438 517.

Don't delay – register your interest as soon as possible!

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

FREE advice is available from the Green Futures team:- **Environment Agency, Farming Advice Service, Natural England, CLA, NFU** Getting advice and assistance from those that know the details of the rules will help ensure your business stays compliant. 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 (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 (Tues, Weds, Thurs) 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

Catchment Sensitive Farming - Water Grant and Mid-Tier Scheme

The Water Grant and Mid-Tier schemes are both part of Countryside Stewardship and are now open for this year. There are a large range of options and capital items through the scheme that can benefit both your business and the environment, many of which offer fairly generous payments. **Some options such as concreting, roofing and tracks are only available to priority holdings within the Wye and Teme catchments with approval from a Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO), but many of the options are available to all applicants.**

A number of the capital items require a certain amount of evidence (such as planning permission etc.) to be submitted with the application. This can take a while to sort out, so if you're interested its best to get started as soon as possible.

The last date to request an application form is **30th July 2017**, and the deadline for applications is **30th September 2017**, with successful agreements due to start on 1st January 2018. If you are applying for items requiring CSFO approval you need to contact your CSFO by **15th August** to book up an appointment.

To discuss the scheme and to find out if you are a priority holding please contact your CSFO on the details below.

Catchment Sensitive Farming Advice Visits

CSF offers a number of free farm advice visits to Priority Holdings in the Wye and Teme catchments. The visits are completely confidential and designed to help farmers with various issues around soil and water health on their farms. Some of the most popular visits last year were:

Farm Infrastructure Audits - A detailed look into your farmyard, buildings, silage/slurry stores etc with practical advice on current regulations and potential improvements that could be made.

Biobed and Sprayer washdown area Design Visit – Gives practical advice for farmers considering installing a sprayer washdown area with biobed or bio filter, including siting and size considerations as well as management and current regulations.

Nutrient Management Plan – Intended for farmers not currently testing soil nutrient levels. The adviser will sample up to five fields, and then give recommendations based on the findings.

Soil Husbandry Visit – Practical soil management advice including digging a number of soil pits and discussing positive soil management for increased productivity and soil and water health.

These visits can help support a Mid Tier or Water Grant application and there are some other topics available. If you are interested in receiving any of the CSF free advice please contact your local CSFO to discuss – contact details below

Wye (including Lugg) West Herefordshire – Wayne Davies – 01588 640 980 – wayne.davies@naturalengland.org.uk
East Herefordshire – James Griffiths – 01746 718 032 – james.griffiths@naturalengland.org.uk
South Herefordshire – Rachel Bosanquet – 07770 331 669 - rachel.bosanquet@naturalengland.org.uk

Teme Sally Powell - 07770 645037 – sally.powell@naturalengland.org.uk

Countryside Stewardship 2018 Mid-Tier Application packs must be requested by 31st July

Contact Natural England for an Application Pack - Countryside Stewardship (Technical services), Natural England, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP Email: enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk Telephone: 0208 026 1089

Download the Mid Tier manual:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/countryside-stewardship-mid-tier-including-water-quality-capital-items-manual>

Hutchinsons Regional Technology Centres Summer Demonstration Event

Weds 5th July 3pm to last tour 5.30pm, at Quarry Farm, Middleton, Ludlow SY8 2DZ

This is an opportunity for you to discuss crop husbandry and soil management with our agronomists. On show will be varieties of winter wheat and winter oilseed rape from the AHDB Recommended Lists, with techniques to improve both yield & quality.

To book your tour complete the online booking form at: http://www.hlhltcd.co.uk/forthcoming-events_220850.html

Alternatively, you can email: bookings@hlhltcd.co.uk Details of other events on website at www.hlhltcd.co.uk

Duchy Herefordshire WiRE (Women in Rural Enterprise)

Thursday 6th July, 12noon for a 12.30pm start till 2.30pm

A light luncheon will be provided.

Paul Crumpton from West Mercia Police will be joining us for this meeting. Paul has worked for communities in West Mercia Police for over 32yrs and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his role of Rural Business & Cyber Crime Reduction Officer. Come along and pick up some brilliant practical tips.

Please book your place using the Eventbrite link below:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/duchy-wire-herefordshire-meeting-july-2017-tickets-35246295619>

You are welcome to come along to your first WiRE meeting completely free - to try before you buy.

Each meeting is £15 for non-members and £7 for WiRE members. WiRE Membership is £50 per year.

Herefordshire NFU County Ball

Saturday 8th July, 7.30pm

Lower House Farm, Tillington, HR4 8LQ *By kind permission of Mr & Mrs David Bishop*

Three course dinner, Charity Auction, Live Band / Disco

Drinks reception, Dinner with wine, Charitable auction and Dancing. The dress code for the evening will be Black Tie

Tickets £55 per person. For table (10 people) and individual bookings please request a booking form

from Sarah Curtis-Wynne – email sarah_wynne@nfumutual.co.uk

Supporting R.A.B.I and West Midlands Air Ambulance



Farm
Herefordshire



Cover Crops and Conservation Seed Mixtures

11th July 2017, 11.15 am – 1.30 pm

at Wistaston Farm, Kings Pyon, HR4 8PZ *Courtesy of Garnstone Farms*

With host Steve Klenk, and Neil Harris of Kings

A chance to hear how cover crops are playing an important part in the rotation. See how different cover crops have fared in the field overwinter. View demonstration plots of cover crop and conservation seed mixtures.

Short on farm practical discussion to:

- Discover the benefits of using cover crops for soil and crop health
- Discuss the pros and cons of using different seed mixtures
- Find out which mixtures work as EFAs or in Countryside Stewardship Mid and Higher Tier schemes
- See cover crops growing and hear about the effects on other crops in the rotation and on the farm business

Refreshments provided afterwards

Please book through Herefordshire Rural Hub Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: 01432 353465



Business Benefits of Pollinators

Friday 14th July

at the Rural Innovation Centre, Manor Farm, Harnhill, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 5PU

Please arrive at 9.30 for a 10am start, to finish by 1.30pm. Lunch will be provided.

Hear from experts Dr Jonathan Storkey (Rothamsted) and CFE, Kings and Syngenta representatives. The event will include a site walk where you will have opportunity to see and discuss how farm management for pollinators works in practice on the host farms. The focus will be on integrated pest management and supporting pollinations through making the best use of least productive areas and ecological focus areas, and outside or alongside paid stewardship schemes.

Both events are open to all. Farmers, growers, land managers, farm advisers and agronomists are all very welcome.

Basis points have been applied for.

Booking is essential:- Email cfe@nfu.org.uk or leave a voicemail on the CFE national event booking line on 02476 858 897

For directions, see <https://www.rau.ac.uk/study/short-courses/rural-skills/directions-centre>

Herefordshire Meadows - Monday 17th July, 4.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Practical Meadow Restoration at Moseley Common SSSI

at The Leen, Pembridge, HR6 9HN, *courtesy of the Norman family.*

Tours of Moseley Common SSSI depart at 4.00pm and 5.30 pm.

Moseley Common (now enclosed) is an SSSI on the Norman family farm. It is a 12 acre area of wet meadow and bog that has been known to naturalists since the nineteenth century. Although under-drained during WW2 it has never really been reclaimed for farming. During the last 3 years more than 250 species of plant have been identified, many rare in Herefordshire. A license has been obtained from Natural England to mow part of it (and collect seeds) to spread (strew) on an adjacent small field to attempt to expand the area. Come and see the SSSI, collect some seed and help to spread in the 'new field'. Also hear about a parallel Facilitation Fund project running on the Curl Brook that runs through the SSSI.

- **Meet and park on the old railway line reached by following signs through the Leen Farm yard and along farm tracks past the caravan site and along the railway line.**
- **Light refreshments provided at car parking area.**
- **Stout footwear required.**

To book your place please email bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or tel: 01432 353465
Everyone welcome. Please state your preference for the 4.00pm or 5.30pm tour when booking.

Business Futures Forum - Renewable technologies in the agricultural sector

Thursday 20th July 2017, 4.30pm (for 5pm start) – 6.30pm

at FM Green, Ditton Farm, St Owen's Cross, Herefordshire, HR2 8LL

The focus of the visit will be on the use of biomass boilers for heating and drying, solar PV and the anaerobic digestion plant that produces electricity by digesting waste and crops with the waste heat being used for drying a variety of materials. FM Green has a chicken site that has also won awards for sustainability.

For full details, and to reserve your free place at this event please book via Eventbrite using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/business-futures-forum-event-renewable-technologies-in-the-agricultural-sector-tickets-35206116442?aff=es2>

If you have any queries please contact the Energy and Environmental Management Team, Herefordshire Council

Email: eem@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 383262

Nuffield Farming Scholarships

If you are between 25 and 45 working in or involved in agriculture, the land based industries or the food chain, have you thought about applying a Nuffield Farming Scholarship? Please note it is not necessary for applicants to have any formal further education since leaving school, you just need to be really keen about what you do.

What does a scholarship do? Every year it enables some twenty people to visit other countries.

A 'Nuffield' provides funding, opens doors and creates global opportunities to meet people from across the whole sphere of agriculture, leading farmers, farming entrepreneurs and innovators, agricultural leaders and decision makers, people at all levels of research and development and people in the allied and food industries. Many countries have a similar scheme and their scholars are very willing to assist visiting scholars from the UK.

More than twenty Herefordshire people have had a Nuffield Farming Scholarship, so it is very likely you probably already know one or more of them, it's a unique opportunity not to be missed, so why not apply to join them.

To find out more about the Nuffield Farming Scholarships, open up the website, just enter Nuffield Farming in your search engine, where you will be able to find out more about it, look at what is involved in applying and be able to gauge the benefits of becoming a Nuffield farming Scholar.

It's a case of once a scholar always a scholar as the organisation is not just about scholarships, it's about a life-long association with like minds. The trust holds an annual conference where scholars give a short presentation of their travels and what they have discovered and there are various groups of previous scholars who keep in contact and meet to keep abreast of what is going on in their specific area or sector of the industry. **Applications are due in by 31st July. So start giving it some thought.**

If you are interested and want to talk to someone about the scheme, please contact **Ian Howie**

Tel: 01981 570251 or Email: ianhowie1@btinternet.com

The Wye & Usk Foundation - How can we help?

- **Free farm visits** across Herefordshire to advise on water & soil health, metaldehyde use, yard infrastructure or any other issues you would like to discuss confidentially.
- **Three free soil tests**, including organic matter levels.
- **Free erosion risk maps** of your farm.
- **Stewardship applications** can be made by our experienced advisers for Mid-Tier & Capital Grants. We are getting booked up fast though so make enquiries early!
- Grants towards cost of **Under-sowing Maize**

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); Liz Price (07776 197 740)

The Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans

The Garden will be open at Lower Hope, Ullingswick, Hereford HR1 3JF
on Sunday 13th August, 2-5pm

By kind permission of Mr C. Richards OBE DL, & Mrs S. Richards

Featuring the Bargoed Male Voice Choir Signposted Lower Hope & Pencombe off the A417

Admission: £6, Children under 12 - £1 // Teas // Sorry no dogs

For further information please contact Mrs Rae Jones, Chair of Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans
on 01432 274800 or rae1946@icloud.com

Tea on the Terrace

at St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, HR1 4HA, on Sunday 20th August, 1-5pm

Gentle jazz music. A selection of sandwiches, Fresh cream scones, Freshly-baked cakes and pastries, Teas, infusions or coffee.

Please note; a contingency plan will be in operation in the event of adverse weather.

£20 per person, Advance bookings only

Full details and booking at <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event/tea-on-the-terrace-2/>

Or call Community Events on 01432 851 000

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The Laskett Gardens

Laskett Lane, Much Birch, Herefordshire, HR2 8HZ

Sunday 27th August, 11am – 5pm

This intriguing garden, boasting more than 20 unique features, has been painstakingly created over the past 40 years. The Laskett Gardens are the creation of Sir Roy Strong, the former director of the V&A Museum and the National Portrait Gallery and his late wife, the acclaimed theatre and film designer, Julia Trevelyan Oman. The gardens offer a unique portrait of its makers with the story of their marriage and their extraordinary lives woven into its very fabric.

Tickets £9 pre-booked, £10 on the day. Parking available

For more information, please contact the Community Fundraising Team at St Michael's Hospice on
01432 851000 or visit www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk

News from the Blues – West Mercia Police

Message from Paul Crumpton - The shocking terrorist events in Manchester & London over the last few weeks reinforce to me how crucial any concerns or suspicions that we may have about anyone or anything, no matter how trivial they may seem, should be reported to 101 for non-emergency or 999 for emergency calls.

So in a similar vein, and in relation to **a number of Rural Thefts** across the County I'm going to ask for just one thing this month. We would be very interested to locate the following vehicle and its occupants. If it's seen acting suspiciously report sightings to 101 or if a crime in progress dial 99 - **GREY FORD TRANSIT VAN VRM: NJ61JGV**

Please beware of this telephone scam

WM Police are receiving a number of calls from concerned residents reporting multiple calls from persons purporting to be from the HMRC. The general theme is that answerphone messages are left asking the resident to phone a number back immediately or be threatened with legal action. If the number is phoned, someone tells the resident that they have defaulted on their tax and asks them to pay a (large) sum of money, threatening the resident that they will have their possessions removed and face arrest. The conversations are a more in depth than the above wording and can be very convincing, enough to cause alarm and concern.

Please be advised this is another scam along the HMRC theme. The perpetrators continually tweak the theme, enough to scare and frighten some people. If you receive such phone calls delete the message, do not phone the number given; if you answer such a call hang up, do not divulge personal information. Please be vigilant to this, keep an eye on anyone who may perhaps be convinced by this as the callers persist by leaving multiple messages.

Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce

Hereford Women's Business Forum in association with Thorne Widgery Accountancy

Tuesday 4 July, 9.30 - 11.30am at Thorne Widgery, 2 Wyevale Business Park, Kings Acre, Hereford HR4 7BS

What can Breast Cancer Haven do for you? **£10.00+VAT Members and £20.00+VAT Non-members**

Chamber Golf Day sponsored by Harrison Clark Rickerbys & Acre Accountancy

Friday 14 July, 12.00pm Shotgun start, at Herefordshire Golf Club, Ravens Causeway, Wormsley, HR4 8LY

Individual tickets- £70+VAT Members/£75+VAT Non-members Team of 4 - £275+VAT Members/£300+VAT Non-members

Charity – Megan Baker House To book please email sales@amrosgolf.co.uk or visit www.amrosgolf.co.uk

Hereford Networking Breakfast, Wednesday 19 July, 7.30 - 9.30am, at Burghill Valley Golf, Tillington Road, Burghill, HR4 7RW

£17.50+VAT Members and £35.00+VAT Non-members

Contact: Yasmin Bent Tel: 01905 673 600 Email: yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk

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.**

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**



Herefordshire LEADER programme 2015 – 2020

Contact the team on **01432 383023/39** or email leader@herefordshire.gov.uk
Full details are on the website at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leader

What will the LEADER Programme do?

The main objective is to create jobs and economic growth by supporting rural businesses.

The programme themes are:

- Support for micro and small enterprises, including farm diversification
- Support for rural tourism
- Support for increasing farm productivity
- Support for increasing forestry provision
- Provision of rural services
- Support for cultural and heritage activities

Who can apply?

Project applications will be eligible from:

- Micro businesses (0-9 employees) and small businesses (10-49 employees)
- Qualifying micro and small farming and forestry businesses
- Social enterprises
- Voluntary organisations
- Community groups
- Parish councils based in rural Herefordshire

How will I know if our project is eligible?

LEADER funding contributes to around 40% of total project costs. Cash match funding will be needed for around 60% of each project. This is a predominantly capital grant programme. Training, skills and running costs are not eligible for funding. Business addresses must be registered in the Herefordshire LEADER area.

Each project should read the Herefordshire LEADER Handbook please follow link to our webpage for further details of eligible and ineligible costs: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leader

What outputs could my project achieve?

An output is a measurable assessment of performance and success.

The main outputs for the programme are: a) Jobs created & b) Businesses or holdings benefitting

How much can we apply for? Projects may be eligible for a grant of £2,500 up to a maximum of normally £35,000 to fund specific activities. Higher grants may be awarded to projects demonstrating exceptional output levels.

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 new 2017 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 and 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
Details are on the hub website at under Grants & Funding at <http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/useful-links-information/>

**The RDPE Growth Programme administered by DEFRA has launched calls for applications for:-
Capital Grants to support tourism projects and food & drink processing activities in the Marches LEP area**

Two major strands include funding for food and drink businesses that process agricultural and horticultural products, and a rural tourism grant for small businesses and farmers who want to diversify. Grants will usually be in excess of £35,000

- £1m is available to develop visitor attractions, tourist information, and recreational and small scale infrastructure projects including holiday accommodation.
- £2.5m has been allocated to grow and enhance the food and drink sector by supporting micro, small and medium-sized food producers and processors looking to expand and create jobs.

Grants funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), part of the European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF).

Further information about making an application, forms and guidance, can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme>

The Marches Growth Hub Tel: 0345 6000 727 Email: enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk

can provide advice & support to businesses wishing to apply for this and other funding.

Visit their website at:- www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk

Marches Building Investment Grant Scheme

For details go to the "Grants & Funding" section in "Useful Links" on the Herefordshire Rural Hub website at

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/useful-links-information/>

Or visit the website: <https://www.gov.uk/european-growth-funding>

For updates on other funding opportunities in the County, please visit <http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/> or contact the dedicated business support hotline on 0345 6000727.

Sastak 7Y

Please contact Paula Strangwood Tel: 07717 895 009 Email: paula@sastak7y.com

Course	Dates	Venue
Emergency First Aid at Work	11 th July 1 st September	Wharton Court, Leominster
Lantra Health & Safety (construction)	12 th July	Wharton Court, Leominster
Manual Handling (a.m) & Fire Safety (p.m)	30 th August	Wharton Court, Leominster
Lantra Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm	t.b.c	Wharton Court, Leominster
PA1 Safe handling and application of Pesticides	19 th July	Newport, Shropshire
Ground Crop Sprayers 0216-11 PA2	20 th July	Newport, Shropshire
Handheld Applicators PA6	21 st July	Newport, Shropshire
City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Chainsaw & Felling	7 th – 11 th August	Newport, Shropshire

Please contact Paula to register your interest for the following courses for September

City & Guilds Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	City & Guilds Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)
City & Guilds Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	City & Guilds Air Assisted Sprayer (PA3a)

July & August dates available for full or refresher courses in:-

Plant Equipment – Dumper, Mini Digger, Excavator

Lifting Equipment such as Telescopic, Fork lift trucks

ITSSAR or IPAF MEWP – Cherry picker and scissors

Health & Safety courses such as First Aid, AED, Manual Handling and Fire

For further information, please contact Paula Strangwood on 07717 895 009 or email on paula@sastak7y.com

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

Courses for JULY & AUGUST 2017 are all now fully booked. Further dates for the autumn will be available soon.

Do check the website for details of part-time courses at Holme Lacy Campus coming soon

in Chainsaw use, Pesticide Application, Brushcutters, ATVs, Tractor Driving etc.

<http://www.hcollege.ac.uk/courses/57e38a0165d76/PartTime-Courses>

Wyvern Training Services

Email: enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com Telephone: 07468 465 303

We offer a comprehensive range of courses covering all aspects of agricultural, production horticulture and rural based training across the West Midlands including: Health and Safety; Vehicles; Environment; Ground Care; Quality Assurance; Pesticides; Estate Management; First Aid; Forestry and Arboriculture; Management; Packhouse Management; Computers

For some useful website links/contacts/information

Visit the "Useful Links" page on the Herefordshire Rural Hub Website
<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/useful-links-information/>

Herefordshire Rural Hub – Classified Page

Please mention Herefordshire Rural Hub when responding to an advertisement on our Classified page.



Maize Under-Sowing Service

Maize Under-Sowing Service Available Locally

In 2016, Field Options and the Wye & Usk Foundation have collaborated to design and build a drill specifically for under sowing cover crops in maize. The results were impressive and bookings for the drill have increased already this year – but it's not too late if you want to have a go!

Special Offer for 2017: WUF are still offering to contribute £5/ac. **With this special offer the average cost will be approx. £25-£30/ac** depending on seed variety chosen, distance to travel and acreage drilled.

What are the benefits?

- Winter-Spring grazing (>2t DM/ha)
- Cross compliance for GAEC 4 & 5
- Qualifies for Ecological Focus Area
- Enhances soil structure with active root mass
- Retains soil nutrients (± 40 kg/ha N + K)
- Reduces soil erosion
- Builds fertility
- Builds organic matter



Want to know more about timing, what to sow, utilising the crop cover & who is operating the drill?

Full details are available on the Field Options website: www.field-options.co.uk

Reserve your drilling slot now:

	Who	Phone	Email	
Field Options Ltd	Francis Dunne Adam Glyn-Jones	01544 262 500	info@field-options.co.uk	
Wye & Usk Foundation	Kate Adams	07766 330 959	kate@wyeuskfoundation.org	

Sheep Grazing

Sheep Grazing Licence available on approximately 10 acres of pasture and orchard.

Belmont area.

For further information please

e-mail apastroud@aol.com

or telephone (01432) 370470

Grounds maintenance

One day per week minimum

All-rounder required:

Use and care of lawnmowers/compact tractor, fencing, spraying, logging, general grounds maintenance.

Belmont area.

Hours variable by agreement.

Write to apastroud@aol.com

with experience and contact information.

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