

Herefordshire Rural Hub

Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

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***Thank you to everyone who supported the
2017 Rural Business Advice Day
from Cathy and Frances
and the Herefordshire Rural Hub Directors***

We had a continuous flow of people through the Three Counties Hotel on 22nd November. The buzz and chatter in the Hereford Suite suggested lots of useful advice and information was imparted, as well as networking, and catching up with friends. Hopefully those who came along found the event useful, informative and enjoyable.

We are very grateful to everyone manning the stands, advice clinics, and giving the presentations, especially those who had to travel long distances (and several hours) to be there.

As well as our regular stands and organisations, we were very pleased to welcome some new faces representing:- Moule & Co and The Business Barn, Pryor & Rickett Silviculture, Folk2Folk, Hoople Training and Education, Practical Farm Ideas Magazine, Thomas Studio Architects, Wyevale Nurseries, and the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service.

Thanks to the Three Counties Hotel, for the run of all their conference rooms, allowing so much to go on at the same time.

And finally special thanks to the RBA Day 2017 sponsors – Herefordshire Council (gold sponsor), Berrys (silver sponsor), and Thorne Widgery, Wyvern Training Services Ltd, & Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors (bronze sponsors).

***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:-
10th December 2017

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

Did you know?

At the RBA Day, £60 was raised for R.A.B.I, by the girls from the Herefordshire branch of IAgSA (Institute of Agricultural Secretaries and Administrators) with their home-made cup-cakes, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of IAgSA.

Annual Inventory of Sheep and Goats

England – you need to carry out and record your inventory on 1st December 2017

Wales – you need to carry out and record your inventory on 1st January 2018

Basic Payment Scheme 2017 key dates

The BPS 2017 payment window opens on Friday 1st December.

The official end of the BPS 2017 scheme year is 31st December.

Grassland derogations for livestock manure in nitrate vulnerable zones

You need to apply for your 2018 grassland derogation **before 29 December 2017**.

If you have a current derogation, this will finish at the end of December 2017 and you must reapply for 2018.

You can apply by phoning the Environment Agency on **03708 506 506** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm).

Guidance is on the website: www.gov.uk/guidance/grassland-derogations-for-livestock-manure-in-nitrate-vulnerable-zones

Undersowing Maize Event

Friday 1st December, 11am-1pm

at Tredustan Court ground, LD3 0PY *By kind permission of the Giles family*

The Wye and Usk Foundation have conducted trials effectively establishing grass without significant effect on the performance of the maize crop. They have also proved reduction in soil losses and creating winter cover producing up to three tonnes of dry matter/hectare for incorporating as green manure or to provide useful early spring grazing.

Our maize event gives you the opportunity to see the results for yourselves!

Join us on the day, or for further details call Liz Price on Tel: 0777 619 77 40 or Email: liz@wyeuskfoundation.org

Faster Farmers IT courses – limited number of places still available so please book as soon as possible

Courses are free to members of farming businesses in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire

To book email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or ring 01432 353465

A few places still available on the: Intermediate EXCEL Spreadsheet course in Herefordshire

Monday 4th December, 10am – 3pm

At Herefordshire YFC, Beech Business Park, Tillington Rd, Hereford, HR4 9QJ

www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/whats-on/intermediate-excel-spreadsheet-course/

Herefordshire Grassland Society – December meeting

“Micro nutrient status of the UK population, current issues and influence of animal derived foods”

Speaker: Professor Ian Givens

Tuesday 12th December, starting at 7.30pm

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

Tea and coffee are served before meetings and light refreshments following.

Open to all. Annual membership of HGS only £10

Secretary: Andrew Edwards MRICS (Sunderlands LLP) 07825 066 859 or 01432 356 161 d.griffiths@sunderlands.co.uk

This meeting is sponsored by Field Options www.field-options.co.uk Tel 01544 262500

The January meeting is on Tuesday 9th January 2018

AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds

Hereford Monitor Farm meeting: Vision 2020 - “Using waste products to improve productivity” 13th December, 1pm – 4pm (Lunch included) at The Green Man, Fownhope, Herefordshire, HR1 4PE

Herefordshire plays hosts to a wide variety of farming activities. This gives local farmers access to an array of waste products on their doorstep. At this meeting of the Hereford Monitor Farm we will investigate which products have the greatest impact on farm productivity and profitability.

To book please email: richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk or tel: 07717 493015



**A clear solution
for farmers**
CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING

The Science behind Healthy Soils

25th January 2018, 10am – 2pm (light lunch provided)

At Holme Lacy Campus, Holme Lacy HR2 6LL

(by kind permission of Daniel Seaborne, Herefordshire & Ludlow College)

**Farm
Herefordshire**

Come along to this free event for farmers to find out how to increase productivity on your farm by looking after and expanding the life in your soils.

Soil Scientist Matthew Shepherd will explain the importance of good soil biology and how this can be maintained and improved in arable and grassland systems for optimum production.

For more information please call Wayne Davies (01588 640 980), Rachel Bosanquet (07770 331 669) or James Griffiths (01746 718 032)

Further details / how to book etc will follow in the next newsletter...!

Heads up for 2018 Big Farm Bird Count

The 2018 Big Farmland Bird Count will take place from **Friday 9th to Sunday 18th February 2018**

and is organised by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust

Be part of a growing group of farmers recording the benefits of conservation work on their farms.

Over 50 Herefordshire farmers took part last year; some teaming up with local birders for support.

All that's required is half an hour of your time

Go to the GWCT website at <https://www.gwct.org.uk/farming/big-farmland-bird-count/> if you would like to:-

- **register your interest in taking part in the count, receive recording forms etc**
- **be notified when booking opens for the optional local Bird ID Training Day on 23rd January 2018** courtesy of JPF Clay Farms, with Matt Willmott and Neil Harris **NB. Booking for this event is through GWCT only**

For further information about the count please contact **Tony Norman** tony@theleen.co.uk 01544 388510 or **Caroline Hanks** caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk 01981 251016

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. It's never too early to think about next year's schemes!
- **Under-sowing Maize service** with inter-row precision drill

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)

Herefordshire Meadows

Herefordshire Meadows is an informal group of meadow owners managing and conserving flower rich grassland from tiny meadows to large arable reversion fields. We meet on each other's land to discuss all aspects of meadow management, restoration and creation. We are grappling with the challenges of machinery and grazing livestock for small meadows as well as the exchange of local green hay and wildflower seed to support those who are looking for local seed sources.

Please contact **Caroline Hanks** for more information if you'd like to be part of Herefordshire Meadows indicating if your main interest is

- To share skills with meadow owners in your part of Herefordshire
- To find out about Herefordshire Hay Exchange
- To improve your knowledge about meadows
- To join our mailing list to be invited to events

Email: caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk Tel: 01981 251016 Mob: 07779 080940 www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk

Herefordshire Meadows is supported by Natural England's Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund

Dilwyn YFC's

Christmas Shopping Evening

Wednesday 6th December, 6.30pm – 9.30pm

at Upperton Farm, Yazor, HR4 7BB *by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Alan Powell*

Lots of stalls, Holly & Mistletoe, Cakes and Produce, Raffle for Christmas Hamper, Mince pies & Mulled wine
...and much more

Proceeds to Air Ambulance and Dilwyn YFC (Charity No. 505160)

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/whats-on/dilwyn-yfcs-christmas-shopping-evening/>

Agri-tech Growth and Resources for Innovation

The AGRI project is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund and is being run in partnership between Aston University and Harper Adams University. The project provides a free innovation support service to eligible SMEs within the Marches region who want to become more innovative or active within the agri-tech, food & drink manufacture or logistics & supply chain sectors. Eligible businesses can be from inside or outside of the agri-tech sector but must have the goal of wanting to develop within the sector through innovation, technology development or application. Innovation specialists from the partner universities will work with eligible businesses in the followings areas of expertise:

- ❖ Sensing with light
- ❖ Logistics and supply chain management
- ❖ Data analytics
- ❖ Wireless Networks
- ❖ Geographical Info systems
- ❖ Waste valorisation and reduction
- ❖ Expertise in proposal writing
- ❖ Agricultural engineering
- ❖ Precision agriculture
- ❖ Sensing
- ❖ Robotics and Automation
- ❖ New product development / processing (food)
- ❖ IP management
- ❖ Innovation funding knowledge

To find out more about the project go to: www.agri.org.uk or email info@agri.org.uk

To book onto our next FREE workshop go to:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/agri-tech-growth-and-resources-for-innovation-workshop-2-tickets-39615540147?aff=erelexpmlt

Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday 5 December 5.30-7.00pm Hereford Christmas Evening Networking

At Sensory & Rye, Bastion Mews, 21 Union St, Hereford HR1 2BS

Join us at our new venue, Sensory & Rye for a festive evening of socialising and networking with other fellow businesses.

£10.00+VAT Members & £20.00+VAT Non-members

Tuesday 12 December 9.30-11.00am Ross on Wye Networking Brunch Speaker: Gina Bradbury, Vermilion Consulting

Topic: The art and science of organisational change. What I've learned about creating meaningful change.

At Penyard House, Weston-under-Penyard, Herefordshire HR9 7YH

£10.00+VAT Members and £20.00+VAT Non-members

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

RABI Christmas Grand Draw Supper

Friday 8th December, 7pm, at Atcham Memorial Hall, The Malthouse, Atcham, Shrewsbury, SY5 6QE.

Tickets £10 to include supper and mince pies. Pay bar available.

For tickets or further information please contact Kate Jones. Email: kate.jones@rabi.org.uk Tel: 07876 492839

St Michael's Hospice

invites you to dedicate a light and attend one of 20 special events.

By Illuminating and celebrating the life of your loved one, you can also help St Michael's Hospice care for local families.

For more info, call the Support Team on 01432 851 000. <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event-type/light-up-a-life/>

"ONE GLITTERING NIGHT" - Wednesday 6th December, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, at Lyde Court, Hereford, HR1 3AE

An evening of your favourite Christmas Carols St Michael's Hospice Community Choir performs alongside some of Herefordshire's most talented choirs and hand-bell ringers

£8 in advance, or £10 on the door (includes welcome drink)

For tickets visit www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk or call Denise Bishop on 01432 85265

2018 St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair - Sow a seed for St Michael's

We are looking for green-fingered supporters to help make our 2018 Plant Fair a blooming success by growing and donating plants. All the springtime greenery will be sold to help us raise the vital funds needed to continue providing the best possible care for patients and their families.

How You Can Help

If you can grow six or more plants (either from seeds or plug plants) and would like to donate them to St Michael's, please contact Gaynor using the details below. You won't need to deliver your plants to the Hospice until a few days before the Fair in May 2018, and we may even be able to arrange for your donated plants to be collected by one of our Hospice driving volunteers. If you know your onions, we are also looking for volunteers who could give a few hours of their time during the Fair to help sell and answer questions about the plants on sale.

To start growing your support for St Michael's, call **Gaynor** on **01432 851 000** or email her at gwarren@smhospicehereford.org

Countryside Stewardship Grants for Woodland

Apply for support under Countryside Stewardship for woodland creation or improvement, tree health support, or to prepare a woodland management plan.

www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-woodland-support

Countryside Productivity Scheme

The RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme provides funding for projects in England which improve productivity in the farming and forestry sectors and help create jobs and growth in the rural economy. It is administered by the Rural Payments Agency. Under the RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme, there are grants for:

Improving forestry productivity (application deadline 3rd April 2018)

Water resource management and reservoirs (application deadline 29th June 2018)

2 new grants:-

Adding value to Agri-food products (application deadline 29th June 2018)

Grants to fund projects that improve the processing of primary agricultural products (i.e. Annex I products), benefiting the Agri-food supply chain which will in turn improve farm productivity.

Improving Farm Productivity (application deadline 3rd December 2018)

Grants to fund projects that improve farm productivity through the use of robotic equipment and systems to aid crop and livestock production; increasing the use of renewable energy produced on farm; the use of LED wavelength controlled lighting to aid crop production; more efficient use of livestock slurries and manures, and digestate.

For full details go to: www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme

The grants are funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

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.

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**

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 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/>



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 program 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 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

**News from the Blues – West Mercia Police
Message from Paul Crumpton**

For the social media savvy amongst you ! West Mercia Police have just launched some sites that may be of interest to you.

Twitter - @wmpuralmatters and @wmpbusinessmatt

Facebook - west mercia police your business matters and west mercia police rural matters

On a similar theme, one aspect of policing involves gathering the various bits of information or intelligence together to form a picture of whats happening and who's doing it, so I am interested in linking farmers together in a watch group or groups around the county so that if one has a dodgy van or suspicious incident for example, they can share it amongst their peers who can then keep an eye out for what ever it is with the aim of preventing crime happening. To keep it simple and dynamic it can be run off your phone so no need for it to be onerous. If anyone is interested in discussing this further please let me know at paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or 07773 044781.

For those in the Yarkhill area I am giving a Crime Prevention presentation at the Yarkhill Village Hall on **Friday 1st December** starting at 7pm.

Tuesday 5th December at the Business Solutions Centre, off Coldnose Road in Rotherwas, between 12 -4pm is a **SAFETY & SECURITY** event with the Fire service and me !.For more info go to:-

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safety-security-for-business-tickets-38274037677

I am getting to meet more and more farmers after a crime has occurred, to give crime prevention advice. Contact me on the details above if you would like a survey at your farm and hopefully before you become victim of crime.

May I take the opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Shirley Bemand Training Solutions

Local courses delivered by experienced trainers - Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance

Courses available in:-

Food Safety in Catering Level 2

Award for Personal Licence Holders

COSHH Level 2

Health & Safety at Work Level 2

Customer Service Level 2

Team Leading Level 2

Management Level 3

For more information email: shirleybemand@hotmail.com or tel: **07967 237213**

Herefordshire & Ludlow College - Apprenticeships – Great for Business

Herefordshire & Ludlow College's Holme Lacy Campus offers land-based apprenticeships in Forestry, Equine, Animal Care and also Agriculture. There is now a vacancies section on the college website where you can see all the latest apprenticeship vacancies www.hlcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies. Whether you are thinking about becoming an apprentice or hiring one, then this is a great place to start. If you are looking for an apprentice that can help grow the business and administration side of your company then there are numerous apprenticeships available in Business, Administration and Management at the Hereford Campus. You can visit www.hlcollege.ac.uk for more information on the apprenticeships available.

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers, incorporating PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides <i>2 days + assessment</i>	6 th & 13 th February
PA6 Handheld Applicators, incorporating PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides <i>2 days + assessment</i>	6 th & 7 th February 13 th – 14 th March
Tractor Driving 16yrs and over	10 th – 11 th March
Tractor Driving 13-16yrs	19 th – 20 th February
Animal Care – How to create a Bio-Active enclosure	17 th February
Animal Care – Introduction to Reptile & Amphibian keeping	20 th January
Animal Care – Intermediate Reptile & Amphibian keeping	23 rd February

All courses take place at Holme Lacy Campus, HR2 6LL

Other courses arranged subject to demand

Chainsaw courses, ATV handling, Rodent Control, Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide,

Forklift Truck Operations, Shooting with Shotguns

Please contact the enquiries line for further information

Wyvern Training Ltd

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

Wyvern Training Ltd is a Bronze sponsor of the Rural Business Advice Day. Come along and talk to them on 22nd November

Course	Dates	Venue
ATV Sit Astride refresher	6 th December 19 th January	To Be Confirmed Please contact Wyvern Training
Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck refresher	7 th December 15 th December 18 th January	
Rodent Control on Farms	12 th December 15 th December	
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides (C & G assessment arranged subsequently)	13 th December 23 rd January	
Chainsaw Crosscutting and Maintenance refresher	13 th December	
PA6 Knapsack/Handheld Applicators(C & G assessment arranged subsequently)	14 th December	
Emergency First Aid (1 day)	14 th December	
Industrial Masted Lift Trucks	18 th & 19 th December	
Scissor Lift – Safe use & operation	15 th January	
Manual Handling Awareness – ½ day	16 th January	
Industrial Masted Lift Trucks refresher	17 th January	
Abrasive Wheels	17 th January	

Courses planned for January / February

First Aid Level 2 & 3 courses & refreshers <> Food Safety Level 2 <> Managing Health & Safety and Risk Assessment
Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide <> Rodent control on farms <> Chainsaws – basic felling techniques (up to 200 mm)
Chainsaw Cross Cutting and Maintenance <> ATV Sit-astride refresher & novice <> HACCP's Level 2
PA3a & PA3b Air Assisted Applicators <> Rough Terrain Telescopic refresher & novice <> Industrial Masted refresher & novice

Please get in touch to discuss these or any other training requirements

Sastak 7Y

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

Course	Dates	Venue
City & Guilds Safe Use of Pesticides PA1	6 th December	Wharton Court, Leominster
City & Guilds Hand-Held Applicator PA6	7 th December	Wharton Court, Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	8 th December 26 th January	Wharton Court, Leominster
Lantra Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cut (2 days)	20 th – 21 st December	Wharton Court, Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	16 th – 17 th January	Wharton Court, Leominster
Rodent Control on Farms	12 th December	Hereford – t.b.c.
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic refresher	13 th December	t.b.c.
City & Guilds Occasional User (Chainsaw)	13 th – 14 th December	Harper Adams, Shropshire
City & Guilds Safe Use of Pesticides PA1	17 th January	Harper Adams, Shropshire
City & Guilds Ground Crop Sprayer	18 th January	Harper Adams, Shropshire
City & Guilds Handheld Applicator PA6	19 th January	Harper Adams, Shropshire

New Year 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 e.g. First Aid, AED, Manual Handling and Fire

If you are interested in any courses that are not listed please contact Paula.

For the full list of useful website links/contacts/information on the Herefordshire Rural Hub website visit the "Useful Links" page on the Herefordshire Rural Hub Website

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

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@farmingadviceservice.org.uk website: www.farmingadviceservice.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
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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

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