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Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-  
**15<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### Herefordshire Rural Hub website.

Check it out at:- [www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](http://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.*

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

Remember that FREE advice is always available from the Green Futures team:- **Farming Advice Service, Natural England, CLA, NFU & the Environment Agency.** 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](mailto:advice@farmingadvice.org.uk)
- website: [www.farmingadvice.org.uk](http://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 between 8.30am and 5pm.
- **Natural England** 0300 060 1115 [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)
- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Tues, Weds, Thurs) 02030 251692 [sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk)
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- **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](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)

### Taking the stress out of BPS!

**A BPS refresher meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at 2pm**

**At Withington Village Hall, Coppice Close, Withington, Hereford, HR1 3PP**

Remembering how to complete the online BPS application year to year can be challenging! As it is now very unlikely that the RPA will be providing a drop in centre in the NFU office in Hereford this year, we thought it would be useful to hold a refresher event. As a special treat, we are very pleased to welcome Richard Wordsworth, the NFU's senior Basic Payment Scheme adviser who will run through the online application process and highlight any pitfalls to watch out for.

**To book a place please contact Herefordshire Rural Hub**

Email: [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) or telephone **01432 353465**

or for further information about BPS 2016 contact Clare Greener, Herefordshire NFU Adviser on **07771 626080** or email: [clare.greener@nfu.org.uk](mailto:clare.greener@nfu.org.uk)

### Welsh Water are launching their 2017 PestSmart schemes for Wales

**FREE Weed Wiper Trial Expanded**

**FREE Pesticide & Herbicide Disposal Scheme**

These will help farmers, growers, foresters and land managers in targeted catchment across Wales.

**They are holding an Open Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10am – 4pm, at Coleg Sir Gar, Gelli Aur Campus, Llandeilo,**

For more information visit their website at: [www.dwrcymru.com/pestsmart](http://www.dwrcymru.com/pestsmart)

### Shaping Hereford's Future – Get Involved & Have your say on Hereford's Future The Hereford Area Plan and Hereford Transport Package Consultation Exhibition

If you would like to come and talk to staff and view the exhibition you can do so at

**The Courtyard Centre for the Arts, on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-7pm**

The exhibition will also be available to view from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May (during normal opening hours), in the lobby at Hereford Library. The exhibition at the Library will be manned every Wednesday from 2pm – 4pm.

For more information, contact the Consultation Team on **01432 261800**

### Wormside Agricultural Improvement Society are holding a **Ceilidh Evening - Dancing to 'Bandemonium'**

**At Lower House, Tyberton, Madley, HR2 9PT**

**On Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, doors open at 7pm – dancing from 7.30 pm**

**Chinese Auction & Licensed Bar. Tickets (To include a Pork Roll) £10 Adults, £5 children 12 and under**

Tickets available from **David & Louise Roper 01981 500376**

### Holme Lacy Campus Equine Department - **Easter Pony Popping!**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 9am.**

**Clear Round: 1ft3" to 1ft6"**

**Class 1: 1ft6" to 2ft**

**Class 2: 2ft to 2ft 3"**

**Class 3: 2ft6" to 2ft9"**

**Chase Me Charlie**

Entry:- £3 – Clear Round, £5 – Jumping Classes

Prizes – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>

Easter Fancy Dress Optional – PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES

Refreshments & Photographer Available

For further information - Tel: **01432 870017** Email: [whitney.rosie@gmail.com](mailto:whitney.rosie@gmail.com)

### Herefordshire Meadows

#### Species rich grassland restoration at field and farm scale

**Thursday 20th April 2017, 10.30am - 1.00 pm**

**At Fawley Court Farm, Fawley, Hereford, HR1 4SP (courtesy of JPF Clay Farms)**

- How to recreate permanent species rich grassland and enhance existing semi-improved grassland; whole fields, field margins and corners?
- Which technique suits your farm best?
- How to source seed or green hay for best results?

**Mark Wood**, farm manager, is hosting a discussion meeting and walk on riverside fields at Fawley Court for farmers who have experience of flower rich grassland management and anyone considering different seeding and restoration techniques on their land. Natural England advisers **Geoff Newman** and **Rob Havard** (farmer and conservation grazing adviser) will also be joining the discussion. **Suitable for all soil types and farming systems.**

Come along and share your questions, and knowledge of how to do this on your farm.

**Please book through Herefordshire Rural Hub**

Email: [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) or telephone **01432 353465**

Or for more information contact **Caroline Hanks: Tel 07779 080940 / 01981 251016**

## Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce Events

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30-11.30am - Hereford Women's Business Forum in association with Thorne Widgery Accountancy**  
at Thorne Widgery, 2 Wyevale Business Park, Kings Acre, Hereford HR4 7BS  
£10.00+VAT Members and £20.00+VAT Non-members

For further details contact: **Yasmin Bent** (Events Co-ordinator, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce)  
Tel: 01905 673 600 / 01905 673 612 Email: [yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk](mailto:yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk) Website: [www.hwchamber.co.uk](http://www.hwchamber.co.uk)

## Royal Three Counties Show, 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June, launches National Junior Dairy Show

The Royal Three Counties Show, Malvern, will this year launch a major new national show for junior dairy cattle to allow breeders to showcase the potential of their herds to fellow breeders and dairy enthusiasts. The new National Junior Dairy Show will feature classes for all the major dairy breeds, with entries restricted to calves and first milking heifers.

<http://www.threecounties.co.uk/article/royal-three-counties-show-launches-national-junior-dairy-show/>

For more information and to book tickets for the Royal Three Counties Show 2017, go to

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

## 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 Grant & Hedgerow Grant.
- Grants towards cost of **Undersowing Maize**

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); Kate Adams (07766 330 959)

Tom Jolley (07545 253 155); Liz Price (07776 197 740)

## BPS Entitlement Transfers

**England** - Entitlements can be transferred online or using an RLE1 form. This means all entitlement transfers for the BPS 2017 scheme year also need to be made **by midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. Farmers using an RLE1 form to transfer entitlements must make sure RPA receive the form **by midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017** at the latest.

**Wales** – "Transfer of Entitlements" online forms are available to complete on the RPW Online account.

Any transfers must be notified **before midnight on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017** in order to claim on SAF 2017.

## Countryside Stewardship 2018 Open for Applications

**Countryside Stewardship is now open for applications for multi-annual agreements to start on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.**

If you are considering making an application then you must ask for an application pack as soon as possible.

Overview of Countryside Stewardship:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-paid-for-environmental-land-management>

**Higher Tier applications have a deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> May** when initial applications must be submitted. Application packs must be requested by 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Higher Tier manual

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/countryside-stewardship-higher-tier-manual>

**Mid-Tier applications have a deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> September.** Application packs must be requested by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Mid Tier manual

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

## New vehicle tax rates from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

**The way vehicle tax is calculated will change for cars and some motor homes that are first registered with DVLA from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.**

Vehicle tax for the first year is based on CO2 emissions.

After the first year, the amount of tax that needs to be paid depends on the type of vehicle. The rates are:

- £140 a year for petrol or diesel vehicles
- £130 a year for alternative fuel vehicles (hybrids, bioethanol and LPG)
- £0 a year for vehicles with zero CO2 emissions

For further information go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-vehicle-tax-rates-from-1-april-2017>

### **P9X: Tax codes from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Use form P9X to find out which PAYE tax codes to change, how to change them and which codes to carry forward ready for the new tax year at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/p9x-tax-codes>

The new emergency code is 1150L for all employees.

### **FREE Waste Plastic and Card Disposal for Farmers and Businesses in Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and surrounding areas.**

Don't pay to dispose of your farm plastic and card – bring it to **Rural Waste Recycling** for free – we will take as little or as much as you have, we will issue you a waste transfer note and it won't cost you a penny – In fact leave your wallet at home. Located in Newent, Gloucestershire Rural Waste Recycling will take much of your farm or business waste plastic. We bale it up and sell it abroad which enables us to offer the free service.

#### **Rural Waste Recycling will take your:**

- Silage-wrap and silage string
- trickle take and much more
- irrigation pipe
- fertilizer and seed bags
- spray cans and feed bags
- card

**All we ask is that you call ahead so we know you're coming and that you separate the waste by type as much as possible. WE NEED YOUR WASTE.** Rural Waste Recycling are the only free farm plastic and card disposal in the country. However, our business only works if you bring in your waste plastic and card – it's a great opportunity to dispose of your waste for free, it has an environmental impact (nothing goes to landfill), whilst supporting a local business.

For more information or to get booked in please call 01531 888111, mobile 07765252433

or email [enquiries@ruralwasterecycling.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ruralwasterecycling.co.uk)

Find us online [www.ruralwasterecycling.co.uk](http://www.ruralwasterecycling.co.uk)

### **Have you got a barn or shed stuffed with unwanted clutter?**

#### **Then Channel 4's "Find It, Fix It, Flog It" is looking for you!**

Our presenters will restore & upcycle your old items, making you big money in the process.

To take part, contact the production team on: Email: [takepart@yetitelevision.com](mailto:takepart@yetitelevision.com) Tel: 02920 223456

Address: Find It Fix It Flog It, Yeti Television, Floor 9, Southgate House, Cardiff, CF10 1GR

Applications must be made by 31st July 2017

### **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.

*The grants are funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), which is 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](mailto: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](http://www.marchesgrowthhub.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](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) Tel: 01432 268 428

## **The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation**

This is available for farmers **aged over 40 yrs** 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**. If your application is approved you will be able to reclaim **70%** of your training and test costs, up to a maximum of **£250**. For further details and an application form please contact: **Herefordshire Community Foundation**, The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford HR4 9HP. Tel: **01432 272550** or email: [info@herefordshirefoundation.org](mailto:info@herefordshirefoundation.org)

## **Marches Building Investment Grant Scheme**

The Marches Building Investment Grant is a scheme part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund which is available to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) within the Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin areas. Capital grants are available for up to 45% of total eligible project costs (to a maximum £100,000) to reconfigure, extend and renovate premises for commercial use. Applicants can be owner-occupiers or tenants. Tenants must have a fixed-term lease with at least six years unexpired. Retrospective applications are not eligible and no work should start until written approval is received. Eligible projects must lead to the creation of at least one full time equivalent job within four months of the building completion works and the overall total number of jobs created will be taken into account when assessing the level of grant awarded.

The grant is primarily available to businesses which trade with other businesses (B2B).

As a guide, generally the following activities are **NOT** eligible for grant support:

Online retail or rental businesses. // Businesses involved solely in the retail sale of goods.\*\* // Restaurants, drinking establishments and fast food takeaways. // Bed and Breakfasts/hotel establishments // Home-based businesses that mainly provide services or goods on a similar basis to classes A1 to A5\*. // Activities which require planning that fall the under the Use Class part A, C and D in the Town and Country Planning (use classes) order 1987 e.g. operate by providing services and/or goods to the consumer.\* // Agents or sub-contractors involved in the sale of goods / products to the public. // Support for farm and farm diversification projects where the end use is agricultural or related to annex 1 (retail). // Businesses in arrears with business rates or council tax payments (this will be checked if invited to proceed to next stage).

\* [https://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200130/common\\_projects/9/change\\_of\\_use](https://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200130/common_projects/9/change_of_use)

\*\* *Businesses that provide services to **both** the general public and other businesses should discuss their potential eligibility with the project team.*

However, this list is not exhaustive and if you have any queries about the eligibility of your activity, please contact the programme team. **The key eligibility criteria for the scheme** is that the building will be used for business purposes once the works are completed, and will create jobs. These grants are not available for conversion to/ refurbishment of residential property, or for buildings that will be for agricultural or horticultural purposes. If you are a farmer applying for a grant, please discuss your proposal with the Building Investment Grant Team at the earliest opportunity due to European restrictions with this funding for those involved in primary production and processing. **Grants are paid towards the costs directly associated with the conversion/alteration of a building.** Funds are not available for purchasing the property, equipment, or 'excessive' landscaping (i.e. landscaping not specified in planning permission).

**If you think your proposal may be eligible for funding** please contact the Marches Building Investment Programme team via email [mbig@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mbig@herefordshire.gov.uk) or call **(01432) 260662 or 260787**

The Marches Building Investment Grant programme has been awarded £2.5 million of funding from the England European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth programme 2014-2020. The Department for Communities and Local Government is the managing authority for the ERDF.

Established by the European Union, the ERDF helps local areas stimulate their economic development by investing in projects which will support innovation, businesses, create jobs and local community regenerations.

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

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

## **Wildlife Cops**

**West Mercia Police's commitment to tackling rural crime is spreading its wings further by appointing 2 specialist wildlife crime officers (WCOs) in HEREFORDSHIRE who, along with their normal duties, have volunteered to investigate wildlife crime.**

WCOs are dedicated, specially trained police officers who have a personal interest in wildlife and wildlife crime. Not only do they investigate crimes but they can also offer training and advice to colleagues. They are often seen working with partner and providing advice to the public at events. More on this when the Officers return from their training.

**Please remember the FREE Crime Prevention advice** available from the police who will visit your property and provide you with a site specific assessment designed to reduce your risk of suffering the consequences of crime.

Contact **Paul Crumpton** at [paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) to arrange a visit, ask a question, or seek advice.

Alternatively go to the West Mercia Police website for hints and tips - [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) .

Please keep an eye on the newsletter in the coming months for police events near you.

...and finally, I did not know that cows have the same number of teeth for chewing grass as the average human !

*Paul Crumpton - Your Rural Business & Cyber Crime Reduction Officer in Herefordshire.*

## How a Herefordshire hectare could save a Rainforest hectare...

**The Size of Herefordshire** is a radical new scheme set up by a local group, that aims to protect an area of rainforest in the Amazon that is the same size as the county – 218,000 hectares in total.

Tropical rainforests play a crucial role in helping counteract climate change – they currently absorb nearly a fifth of the world's man-made CO2 emissions every year, and are home to the indigenous Forest Peoples whose livelihoods depend entirely on them being sustained.

Herefordshire has a major problem with its carbon emissions and the Size of Herefordshire provides a unique opportunity for local people to take positive action, and to help keep this vital rainforest standing.

An interactive online map has been developed as a fundraising tool which links land in the county with parts of the rainforest. The map divides Herefordshire into individual squares each representing 10 hectares and with a one-off cost of £5.00 each to sponsor. You can sponsor up to 8 squares at a time.

**The Size of Herefordshire** is appealing to anyone who lives in the county to get involved by sponsoring their home, village, farm, business or a favourite place, by purchasing the relevant squares on the map.

Every pound raised through the map goes directly to the Forest Peoples Programme (UK Registered Charity No. 1082158). They assist the Forest Peoples in securing legal title of their land, thus preventing loggers and other corporations and exploiters from destroying it.

If you would like to support the project please visit [www.sizeofherefordshire.org](http://www.sizeofherefordshire.org) click on 'Donate,' scroll down to 'donate through our map,' and follow the simple steps. Any contribution, no matter how big or small is greatly appreciated.

### Wyvern Training Services

Email: [enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com](mailto:enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com) Telephone: **07468 465 303**

HABC Level 2 Food Safety (Basic Food Hygiene)	6 <sup>th</sup> April, venue t.b.c
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides ( <i>City &amp; Guilds assessment arranged subsequently</i> )	20 <sup>th</sup> April, venue t.b.c
Basic principles of HACCP's	26 <sup>th</sup> April, venue t.b.c
CoSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)	May 2017, venue t.b.c
Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide	May 2017, venue t.b.c

#### Additional courses planned for winter/spring 2017

Chainsaws – Basic felling techniques (up to 200mm); Chainsaws – Felling & processing medium trees (up to 380mm)  
 Powered Pole Pruners; Brushcutters/Strimmers; Abrasive Wheels; Manual Handling Awareness; PA3a (Air Assisted Applicators); PA6 (Knapsack/handheld applicators); Rodent Control on Farms (conforms to current legislation);  
 Industrial Masted Lift Trucks; Rough Terrain Telescopic Handlers; Sit-astride ATV's (Quad bikes) 1 & 2 day courses;  
 Basic Tractor driving.

### Sastak 7Y

Please contact Paula Strangwood Tel: **07717 895 009** Email: [paula@sastak7y.com](mailto:paula@sastak7y.com)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Venue</u>
First Aid at Work	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
LANTRA Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
PA1 Safe handling and application of Pesticides	25 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
Ground Crop Sprayers 0216-11 PA2	26 <sup>th</sup> April	t.b.c Herefordshire
Handheld Applicators PA6	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Wharton Court, Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Wharton Court, Leominster
PA1 Safe handling and application of Pesticides	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Harper Adams, Shropshire
Ground Crop Sprayers 0216-11 PA2	6 <sup>th</sup> April	Harper Adams, Shropshire
Handheld Applicators PA6	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Harper Adams, Shropshire
LANTRA Chainsaw Occasional User	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Harper Adams, Shropshire
LANTRA Safe Use of a Tractor	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Harper Adams, Shropshire
LANTRA Rough Terrain Telescopic	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> May      8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Harper Adams, Shropshire

April & May dates available for Lifting Equipment and Health & Safety Courses, please call for a quote and available dates.

If you are interested in any of the following courses, please register your interest with Paula:

NPTC PA4s (Slug Pelleting) or NPTC PA4g (Granular Application); CS30-31 Chainsaw & Fell Small Trees

Health & Safety courses such as Food Hygiene, COSSH and HACCP ; MEWP – Cherry Pickers etc.; B+E Trailer Training

For further information, please contact Paula Strangwood on 07717 895 009 or email on [paula@sastak7y.com](mailto:paula@sastak7y.com)

## Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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Course	Dates	Venue
Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30) 2 days plus assessment	11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Holme Lacy Campus
Combined CS30 & CS31 5 days plus assessment	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June      31 <sup>st</sup> July – 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Holme Lacy Campus
Felling & Processing trees up to 380mm (CS31) 3 days plus assessment	24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> May                      3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
Accessing a tree using rope & harness (CS38) 5 days plus assessment	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> June                      14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Holme Lacy Campus
Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques (CS39) 3 days plus assessment	15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May                      10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
Maintain & operate your chainsaw - hobby user 2 days	17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
NPTC Safe use of Pesticides – Handheld Applicators PA6 incorporating PA1 2 days plus assessment	16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                      13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
NPTC Safe use of Pesticides – Groundcrop Sprayers PA2 incorporating PA1 2 days plus assessment	13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
Tractor Driving & Handling – Adults (over 16 yrs) 2 days	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
Tractor Driving 13-16 yr olds 2 days	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                      27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
Shooting with Shotguns 2 days	29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Holme Lacy Campus
All Terrain Vehicle Handling (inexperienced operators)	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Holme Lacy Campus
Safe Use of Vertebrate Pest Control for Rats & Mice 1 day plus assessment	4 <sup>th</sup> May	Holme Lacy Campus

### Some useful website links

Basic Payment Scheme 2017 – scheme rules and other guidance, greening etc, drop-in centres

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bps-2017>

Cross Compliance Guidance 2017 for England (including NVZs – SMR1)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/579836/Cross\\_Compliance\\_2017\\_rules\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/579836/Cross_Compliance_2017_rules_FINAL.pdf)

RLE1 form and guidance -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tell-the-rural-payments-agency-about-land-changes-and-entitlement-transfers>

Welsh Government Cross Compliance Rules and Guidance 2017 -

The updated Factsheets are available on the Welsh Government website:- <http://ow.ly/Bxoi307OnAD>

New Farm Animal Movement Rules - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/livestock-movements-simpler-rules-from-2016-to-2017/livestock-movements-simpler-rules-from-2016-to-2017>

Countryside Stewardship Mid & Higher Tier - manuals, application forms and supporting guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-paid-for-environmental-land-management>

Countryside Stewardship for Woodlands: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/beeH-9t6ff5>

Magic Maps: <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>

What's in Your Backyard: <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/>

Registering/Renewing Your Waste Exemptions Online <https://www.gov.uk/register-your-waste-exemption-online>

Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) regulations: apply to make changes to rural land -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eia-agriculture-regulations-apply-to-make-changes-to-rural-land>

**Farming Inspections** - Information about who will inspect your farm, what they're looking for and any penalties you may get.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-inspections>

**National Minimum Wage & Living Wage Rates:** <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

**Workplace Pensions / Auto Enrolment:** [www.gov.uk/workplace-pensions-employers](http://www.gov.uk/workplace-pensions-employers)

Details about your start date can be found by visiting [www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/employers/staging-date.aspx](http://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/employers/staging-date.aspx)

**Working Tax Credits:** For information go to: <https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit/overview>

**Universal Credit:**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/404232/uc-works-for-employers.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/404232/uc-works-for-employers.pdf)

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