

# Herefordshire Rural Hub

## Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

### March 2018 Newsletter

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### The Great British Spring Clean Campaign

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Many of you will have long been aware of the impacts of litter on our local environment and wildlife. Sir David Attenborough's plea during the recent Blue Planet series has raised awareness and interest in the issue with the wider public too. As you all know, much of the plastic impacting on marine life starts its journey to the sea in our local streams and rivers.

In Herefordshire, the Wye & Usk Foundation are encouraging everyone involved in the Wye Catchment Partnership to get involved this year. You could pick up litter in your local stream, organise for a group of friends, family, colleagues or neighbours to litter pick in your village or work place, or a length of the river...

**Whether you fill one or ten, every bag counts!**

**If you are on twitter then post a picture & tag @WyeCatchment so we can all be involved together no matter where we are in the catchment!**

If you're not on twitter you can email your photo to Kate Speke-Adams [kate@wyeuskfoundation.org](mailto:kate@wyeuskfoundation.org) & she will share it too.

To find out more visit the website: <http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

#### Dispose of your unwanted pesticides for FREE

#### Severn Trent Water's (STW) Pesticide Amnesty is open until 15<sup>th</sup> March

For farmers in the Wye Catchment to safely dispose of unwanted chemicals, pesticides and biocides, free of charge

- Check your pesticide store for unwanted/expired chemicals
- Check if any of your land is within the eligible catchment (Contact Lucinda on **07824 904 877** or email [lucinda@wyeuskfoundation.org](mailto:lucinda@wyeuskfoundation.org))
- Contact **ChemClear** before 15<sup>th</sup> March, to arrange for chemicals to be collected. Tel: **07436 077 304** Email: [chemclearldamnesty@gmail.com](mailto:chemclearldamnesty@gmail.com)

**You will need to tell Chemclear:-**

- Catchment name (Wye catchment in Herefordshire) & code (MD18)
  - Product name, Active ingredient, Concentration, Weight/Volume in containers.
  - Collection address and contact details (2 phone numbers & email address)
- They will assess your request & contact you after 15<sup>th</sup> March to arrange collection.*

**Maximum pesticide collection limit is 75 litres per farm**

#### 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.*

You can also follow us on **twitter@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](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)***

Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-  
**15<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### **Countryside Productivity Small Grant (CPSG) Scheme.**

- The initial offer is for £15 million of **small grants of between £3,000 and £12,000 for a range of equipment and technology to be used on farms**
- Applications will be scored after the closing date and applicants should be notified soon afterwards as to whether they have been successful.
- Full details are on Gov.uk at [www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme)
- The page includes links to the **Handbook** and a portal to a **very simple online application form**.
- Applying online takes just a few minutes.
- Grants are available for a **specified** range of equipment.
- **Applications for this round of funding are due in by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

The intention is that there will be further rounds of grants later in the year.

### **Temporary Land Association (TLA) links between land in England and Wales**

Animal Health & Trading Standards (Herefordshire Council) have had a number of enquiries regarding temporary land association (TLA) linking English holdings to land in Wales.

When TLA's were first introduced the Livestock keeper was only able to link land in England to an English holding, however, this changed in 2017 and land in Wales can also be linked to an English holding.

**For information and the application form, please use the link below:-**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-to-register-temporary-use-of-land-to-keep-livestock>

### **Keeping your birds safe**

Following confirmed cases of Avian Influenza in wild birds in three separate locations, an avian influenza prevention zone has been declared across the whole of England. It is a legal requirement for **ALL bird keepers** to:

- Feed poultry in enclosed areas to discourage wild birds.
- Regularly clean and disinfect hard areas the birds can access.
- Minimise the number of visitors in contact with birds.
- Cleanse and disinfect footwear, equipment and vehicles which have access to bird areas.
- Ensure food, bedding and water supplies are secure from contamination.
- Implement effective vermin control.

### **National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage – increasing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

	<b>25 and over</b>	<b>21 to 24</b>	<b>18 to 20</b>	<b>Under 18</b>	<b>Apprentice</b>
April 2017 (current)	£7.50	£7.05	£5.60	£4.05	£3.50
<b>April 2018</b>	<b>£7.83</b>	<b>£7.38</b>	<b>£5.90</b>	<b>£4.20</b>	<b>£3.70</b>

#### **Employee must be:**

- At least school leaving age to get the **National Minimum Wage**
- Aged 25 or over to get the **National Living Wage** - the minimum wage will still apply for workers aged 24 and under

#### **Apprentices are entitled to the Apprentice rate if they're either:**

- aged under 19
- **or** aged 19 or over and in the first year of their apprenticeship

#### **Apprentices are entitled to the minimum wage for their age if they both:**

- aged 19 or over
- **and** have completed the first year of their apprenticeship

Full details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

### **New rules for farmers in England to help protect water quality – from April 2018**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 new rules for all farmers in England will be introduced to help protect water quality, by standardising the good farm practices that many are already performing and offering a new approach to regulation.

#### **In essence the rules require farmers to:**

- keep soil on the land;
- match nutrients to crop, and soil needs, and
- keep livestock fertilisers and manures out of the water.

To find out more go to:- [www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-rules-for-water-from-april-2018](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-rules-for-water-from-april-2018) or visit GOV.UK.

Link to the latest Cross Compliance guidance for 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cross-compliance-2018>

Link to BPS and Greening guidance for 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bps-2018>

### Countryside Stewardship: details of new simplified offers

Four new Countryside Stewardship offers have been introduced for farmers and land managers to boost biodiversity and help protect and enhance farmland and the countryside. Significant improvements have been made to the scheme to make it simpler and easier for farmers & land managers to apply.

The four new offers are **Online Arable Offer, Lowland Grazing Offer, Upland Offer** and **Mixed Farming Offer**.

All four offers are open for application, and to request an application pack call **0208 026 1089**.

**The deadline for submitting your application for each of the four offers is 31<sup>st</sup> July.**

For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wildlife-offers-countryside-stewardship>

### Key dates for Countryside Stewardship

To request an Application Pack please call **0208 026 1089**

- **Higher Tier** – Apply for application packs **before 9<sup>th</sup> March**, Deadline for application submission – **13<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Mid Tier** - Apply for application packs **before 31<sup>st</sup> May**, Deadline for application submission – **31<sup>st</sup> July**
- **Hedgerow & Boundary** – Deadline for application submission – **30<sup>th</sup> April**

### Catchment Sensitive Farming

The Countryside Stewardship Scheme has been launched again and the application window for both Mid Tier and Water Capital Grants are now open. If you are a priority farm, your local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) can visit to give you advice on the scheme (5 year agreements and 2 year capital agreements), and give approval for certain option where necessary. If you are within the Wye or Teme catchments and would like to request a visit (**please contact us before 31<sup>st</sup> May**), or find out whether you are a priority farm, please contact your local CSFO on the details below:-

#### River WYE catchment:

Wayne Davies (West) 01588 640 980  
James Griffiths (North East) 0300 060 0608  
Rachel Bosanquet (South) 07770 331 669

#### River TEME catchment:

Anne Marie Jones (East of A49) 0300 060 0615  
James Griffiths (Worcs) 0300 060 0608  
Sally Powell (West of A49) 0300 060 0644

### Basic Payment Scheme Update

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2pm – 4.30pm, at Withington Village Hall, HR1 3PP**

You are invited to hear from Richard Wordsworth, the NFU's policy lead on the Basic Payment Scheme. Richard will use his extensive experience to skilfully take you through any changes to the Scheme and Greening. He will also assist you to understand how to make your online application.

**To book your place please call the NFU Regional Office on 01952 400500**



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### Funding for Farmyards

Find out how you can secure funding through the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to help make improvements to your Farmyard for water quality and farm efficiency.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - 10.30am – 1pm**

Teas and coffees on arrival from 10am Light lunch provided

**at Lower Green Farm, Pembridge, HR6 9JG, by kind permission of Mr Glyn Hughes**

Covered feeding area, improvements made to slurry store, tracks and fencing.

**Also ammonia emission reduction and nutrient planning.**

**Come and find out about:-**

- How Countryside Stewardship grants could help you fund improvements to your yard and farm infrastructure.
- The Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oils (SSAFO) Regulations – what you need to know
- Efficient water and manure management on yards
- Methods to reduce farm Ammonia Emissions

**Speakers include:**

Sharon Chisholm from the Environment Agency, local staff from Catchment Sensitive Farming and the Wye and Usk Foundation, Caroline Hanks (Campaign for Farmed Environment) on ammonia.

**NRoSO and BASIS points available**

**Booking is essential. Contact Herefordshire Rural Hub [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) 01432 353465**

## AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds

### AHDB Bridgnorth Monitor Farm – Shropshire - “The importance of farm drainage”

**Tuesday 6 March 2018, 10am – 1pm (lunch included)**

At Norton Village Hall, Norton, Shropshire, TF11 9EQ

Join us at this meeting where Kirk Hill (ADAS) and Rob Burtonshaw (Farm Services Ltd) will be helping us investigate the benefits of good drainage, which areas of land need to be prioritised for drainage work, how to assess existing drainage systems and decide between the options of maintenance, repair or installation. In addition we will explore the cost benefits of effective drainage. Bridgnorth Monitor Farmer, Adrian Joynt, will be using his forthcoming decisions regarding drainage as a case study to base this meeting around.

**Please book your place for all of these events with Richard Meredith:**

email: [richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk) or tel: 07717 493015

## Herefordshire Grassland Society – March meeting

**Speaker: Aled Rhys-Davies**

**“Alternative to Antibiotics in Agriculture”**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 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](mailto:d.griffiths@sunderlands.co.uk)

*This meeting is sponsored by Belmont Vets 01432 370155* [www.belmontveterinarycentre.co.uk](http://www.belmontveterinarycentre.co.uk)

## 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)**

## Duchy Herefordshire Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE)

Come and join a varied, talented group of women from across Herefordshire and share experiences, pick up useful tips and discover what being a WiRE member could mean to you. Our meeting dates for the next 3 months are **8<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Check Eventbrite online for more details and to book, or join us on Facebook – search for Duchy WiRE Herefordshire

Alternatively email [annie@lambcommunications.co.uk](mailto:annie@lambcommunications.co.uk) or [Colita@litabix.com](mailto:Colita@litabix.com) to be added to the mailing list.

## St Michael's Hospice

**The Big Spring Walk 2018 is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March, from 9am onwards**

**Fownhope Recreation Ground, Hereford HR1 4PJ**

Whether you're looking for a challenging woodland walk or a more leisurely stroll beside the River Wye, there is a walk for you, your friends and family, and maybe even your dog. Choose between 2K, 5K, 11K and 16K routes starting and finishing at Fownhope Recreation Ground. All routes will be fully signposted, and our team of marshals will be positioned along the path ready to help you on your way. Dogs on leads welcome for the 5K, 11K and 16K walks only.

**For further information or to register, please call the Events Team on 01432 851 000**

**or go to our website: <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/big-spring-walk/>**

## Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce

**Chamber Business Expo in association with Hewett Recruitment** <http://hwchamber.co.uk/events/business-expo>

8<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am-3.00pm, at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern WR14 6NW

**Herefordshire Connectivity Forum**

14<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00-2.00pm, at Hereford Business Solutions Centre, Skylon Court, Coldnose Road, Rotherwas, Hereford, HR2 6JL.

**Hereford Networking Breakfast sponsored by Marches LEP**

21<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30-9.30am, at Burghill Valley Golf, Tillington Road, Burghill, Hereford HR4 7RW

**Contact: Yasmin Bent Tel: 01905 673 600 Email: [yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk](mailto:yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk)**



**FREE Computing workshops at  
Hereford Business Solutions Centre, Coldnose Road,  
Rotherwas, Hereford HR2 6JS**



**Instagram and Pinterest Essentials - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 12pm to 2pm**

For more information & to book go to:- <http://www.fastershire.com/event/77/instagram-&-pinterest-essentials>

**Facebook Advertising Essentials - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 12pm to 2pm**

For more information & to book go to:- <http://www.fastershire.com/event/71/facebook-advertising-essentials>

*Workshops provided by FasterShire, the partnership between Herefordshire Council & Gloucestershire County Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties. [www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com)*

### **2018 Events at Smiling Tree Farm, Chapel Lawn, Bucknell, Shropshire SY7 0BW**

**Farm Walk & Talk - 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Courses

**Mob grazing & Pasture Management - 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Starting & Running a Micro-Diary - 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> July**

**Keeping a House Cow - 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> August**

**Cheese-making Workshop - 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> August**

For further details visit the website:- <https://smilingtreefarm.com/event/courses-consultancy-educational-visits>

**Details of Grants and Funding opportunities can be found on the Herefordshire Rural Hub website at**  
<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/useful-links-information/>

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018)**
- **Water resource management and reservoirs (application deadline 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018)**
- **Adding value to Agri-food products (application deadline 29<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme)

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

### **The RDPE Growth Programme administered by DEFRA**

**Food producers and processors and horticulture businesses are being urged to submit applications for EU funding to help their organisations grow before the 2018 deadline.** Companies operating in the food sector including businesses involved in meat processing, yoghurt and cheese production, egg packing, food and drink processing and storage facilities, and dairy, fruit or grain production can apply for grants to support their growth plans.

**Funding could pay for** constructing or improving buildings or buying new equipment and machinery. It will be awarded to projects that increase productivity, adopt new techniques, processes or innovations, and those that create business efficiencies, new jobs or new joint ventures and partnership working within a supply chain.

**Grants can cover** up to 40 per cent of eligible project costs with a minimum grant of £35,000 and a maximum grant of £170,000.

**Expressions of Interest for funding bids must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.**

*The grants are made 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**

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

Tel: 0345 6000 727 Email: [enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk) Website: [www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk](http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk)

**Marches Growth Hub Calendar of Events** [www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/calendar/](http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/calendar/)



## Herefordshire LEADER programme 2015 – 2020

Contact the team on **01432 383023/39** or email [leader@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:leader@herefordshire.gov.uk)  
Full details are on the website at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leader](http://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. 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

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

**Please Note:-** The Herefordshire LEADER scheme is introducing closed rounds for the remainder of the programme. **The current round will close to new Expressions of Interest on 15th March 2018, and will re-open in early summer, date to be published on the LEADER webpage nearer the time. This will help to manage the number of applications submitted and prioritise funding in future rounds.**

### 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](http://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 Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

The Jack Hughes Fund will fund up to a maximum of 70% of the cost of training or costs up to a maximum of £150.  
Funding will be limited to one family member/employee per annum

**The programme will be available for farmers aged over 40** and will specifically provide funds to support those who require:

- retraining or upskilling as they are leaving the industry
- training to support a new farm diversification enterprise
- training or business support for succession planning

**Funding will also be available for the following courses:**

- Safe use of pesticides – PA1, PA2, PA6
- Rodent control on farms
- Emergency first aid
- Food safety (Basic Food Hygiene)
- Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30)

**The funding is easy to access, but please note that the project will not support training retrospectively 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](mailto:administrator@herefordshirecf.org) Phone: 01432 272550

## 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.**

The appraisal panel meets on the first Monday of the month. Please ensure that you submit your application in good time before your course is due to take place, as training cannot be funded retrospectively.



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**

### News from the Blues – West Mercia Police Make the right call – help and advice

West Mercia Police have launched a series of help and advice pages and downloadable leaflets in the "Contact us" section on their websites. These are to support members of the public to 'making the right call' in the event of you wishing to contact us about a specific issue. There is advice on what to do in the first instance/who else you could contact/where to get further information. This in turn will reduce the number of calls going in to the West Mercia Police Communications Centre, meaning that the staff are available for emergency calls and to reduce the waiting time for anyone calling in on 101.

Here are the areas of dispute/problems that are covered:-

**Neighbour disputes**

**Assault**

**Missing person**

**Civil dispute**

**Noise**

**Road traffic collisions**

**Fly tipping**

**Dogs fouling and barking**

**Highways and road faults**

**Cyberbullying and online harassment**

**Home burglary**

**Parking**

Go to:- <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/maketherightcall>

## 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>
<b>First Aid at Work Refresher</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Wharton Court, Leominster
<b>C &amp; G Slug Pellet (PA4s)</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Wharton Court, Leominster
<b>Emergency First Aid at Work</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Wharton Court, Leominster
<b>City &amp; Guilds Safe Use of Pesticides PA1</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Harper Adams
<b>City &amp; Guilds Ground Crop Sprayer PA2</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Harper Adams
<b>City &amp; Guilds Handheld Applicator PA6</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Harper Adams
<b>City &amp; Guilds CS30-31</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Harper Adams

**Spring dates available for full or refresher courses in:-** Lifting Equipment such as Telescopic, Fork lift trucks  
ITSSAR or IPAF MEWP – Cherry Picker and Scissors <> Plant Equipment – Dumper, Mini Digger, Excavator  
<> Health & Safety courses e.g. First Aid, AED, Manual Handling and Fire Awareness.

For the Lantra or ITSSAR Telescopic or Counterbalance courses, we can arrange a short assessment to determine how many days training is required – this ranges between 1-5 days.

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

## Herefordshire & Ludlow College

Tel: **0800 032 1986** Email: [enquiries@hlcollege.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@hlcollege.ac.uk) Website: [www.hlcollege.ac.uk](http://www.hlcollege.ac.uk)

Course	Dates	
Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting 2 days + assesement	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> July
Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> July
Maintenance, Cross Cutting & felling of trees up to 380mm 5 days + assessment	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Chainsaw Maintenance and Operations Occasional User 2 day	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Maintain and Operate your Chainsaw – Hobby user 2 days	10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> March	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Safe use of Brush Cutters and Strimmers 2 days	30 <sup>th</sup> April – 1 <sup>st</sup> May	
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers, inc PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides 2 days + assessment	26 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> June	
PA6 Handheld Applicators, inc PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides 2 days + assessment	17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Safe Use of Vertebrate Pest Control for Rats & Mice	6 <sup>th</sup> June	
Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphate for Vertebrate Pest Control	7 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tractor Driving 16yrs and over	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tractor Driving 13-16yrs	31 <sup>st</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July
ATV handling – experienced operators 1 day + assessment	4 <sup>th</sup> June	
Animal Care – How to create a Bio-Active enclosure	21 <sup>st</sup> April	8 <sup>th</sup> June
Animal Care – Introduction to Reptile & Amphibian keeping	13 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> May

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

**Other courses arranged subject to demand, so please call to register your interest**

Chainsaw courses, Safe Use of Manually Fed Woodchipper, Forklift Truck Operations, Shooting with Shotguns

*Please contact the enquiries line for further information*

## Wyvern Training Ltd

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

We are currently building our Winter/Spring 2018 programme and the following events form part of this.  
If you have any specific training needs, please contact us.

Course	Dates	Venue
PA2 Fixed Boom Sprayers	7 <sup>th</sup> March	To Be Confirmed  Please contact Wyvern Training
PA3a Air Assisted Sprayers	8 <sup>th</sup> March	
Rodent Control on Farms	9 <sup>th</sup> March	
Manual Handling Awareness – ½ day	9 <sup>th</sup> March	
PA6 Knapsack/handheld sprayers	14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Sit Astride ATV's (1 day course)	14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Abrasive Wheels	15 <sup>th</sup> March	
Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance	19 <sup>th</sup> March	
Level 2 Food Safety	14 <sup>th</sup> April	

**Some other courses being planned for Spring 2018:-**

Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide <> First Aid at Work 3 day course <> HACCP's Level 2 <> Internal Auditors  
Felling Medium Trees (up to 380mm) <> Managing Health & Safety and Risk Assessment <> Powered Pole Pruners

**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@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 (AHPA)** enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 5pm.

- **Natural England** 0300 060 1115 [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)
- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Tues, Weds, Thurs) Tel: 02030 251692  
Email: [sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener Tel: 01432 807464 Mob: 07771 626080 Email: [Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk](mailto:Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk)
- **C.L.A.** Richard Goodwin 01785 337010 [richard.goodwin@cla.org.uk](mailto: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](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)

## **Herefordshire Rural Hub – Classified Page**

Would you like to place an Advert, for e.g. **Services / Job Vacancy / Items for sale / looking for work** etc ?

Then please contact **Frances** for full details of the advertising packages on our **Classified Page**

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