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Herefordshire "Stop the Drop" Litter Pledge

Over 200 community groups, businesses, Parish and Town Councils have signed the Stop the Drop Litter Pledge which aims to help keep Herefordshire litter-free.

Stop the Drop was launched by Herefordshire Council in 2016 with the aim of encouraging everyone to take more responsibility for their waste by not dropping litter, and organising community litter picks to engender a pride in their local surroundings.

Litter has a detrimental impact on our physical and mental health, tourism, wildlife and the environment. To support the campaign businesses, schools, community groups, individuals and Parish Councils are being invited to sign a litter pledge to demonstrate their commitment to keeping their areas clear of litter and encouraging others to do the same.

Farmers are the guardians of the countryside and have a very important role in keeping our beautiful county clear of litter.

Farmers are invited to sign up to the Litter Pledge at:-

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/business-litter-pledge>

For more information please email stopthedrop@herefordshire.gov.uk

All businesses that sign up to the pledge are featured on the Stop the Drop web pages.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE

Herefordshire Rural Hub website.

Lots of useful contacts and links to information, funding etc.

Details of forthcoming events in and around the County.

News items of interest. Past Newsletters.

Go To Businesses.

Find out about Herefordshire Rural Hub & who we work with.

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*

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

Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-

15th May 2018

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into effect on 25th May 2018.

The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) are governing the changes made to Data Protection and as such should be the “go to” place for guidance information and updates on these new regulations. Their **Guide to the GDPR** explains the provisions of the GDPR to help organisations comply with its requirements. It is for those who have day-to-day responsibility for data protection.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>

Getting ready for the GDPR

- The ICO 12-step guide to the GDPR <https://ico.org.uk/media/1624219/preparing-for-the-gdpr-12-steps.pdf>
- The ICO have a very useful checklist that you can work with to ensure you are following the right steps <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/resources-and-support/data-protection-self-assessment/>

Nuffield Farming Scholarships 2018

Farming is about to face the biggest change for generations. Do you want to be at the front end of those changes?

Since the 1947 Agricultural Act there have been many changes in the way UK farming has had to adapt and over that period several hundred Nuffield Farming Scholars, including over twenty from Herefordshire, have scoured the world for ideas, opportunities and innovations which have helped UK farmers to become more proficient.

A Nuffield scholarship is an ‘international passport’ for global travel which opens doors not usually open and scholars become members of a vast international net-work. No formal post school educational qualifications are required by applicants.

With the imminent changes to the support mechanisms post Brexit, the new era will entail new thinking to counter the loss of CAP support. It will require new approaches related to productivity, volatility, profitability and sustainability, coupled to the envisaged swing towards a more environmentally oriented support system.

When Lord Nuffield established the Nuffield Farming Scholarships in the immediate post war period of food shortages, he did so to enable farmers and others involved in the food chain to seek out ideas world-wide which would help farmers increase food production. Post Brexit the industry will need a new approach to be able to react in a positive way to new scenarios including how to face volatility and how to react to support systems based on environmental payments.

So history will be repeating itself and there will be a need once again to scour the world for new approaches, innovations and new market opportunities.

Are you going to be one of those people between 25 and 45 years old, who would like to go out into the world to gather information and ideas? If so apply for a Nuffield Farming Scholarship. Applications must be in by late July.

To find more about the scheme, visit the website www.nuffieldscholar.org

or contact Ian Howie ianhowie1@btinternet.com 01981 570251 or register your interest with the Trust via the website.

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>

Link to Welsh Govt Cross Compliance guidance: [Wales Cross Compliance Guidance 2018](#)

New Water Environment Grant (WEG) launched

DEFRA, Natural England and the Environment Agency have launched a new grant scheme to improve the water environment. The scheme will provide £9 million a year for the next three years to applicants applying for funding to works to restore the water environment (rivers, lakes, canals, wetlands etc). Potential projects could include river restoration, removal of obstacles to help fish passage or actions to improve the water quality. Grants will be determined by EA & NE, and funding will be awarded in August 2018. Successful applicants will be expected to start their projects before March 2019, with completion dates of March 2021.

The WEG is now open to eligible applicants, which includes farmers, until 11th May 2018.

Guidance and access to application form can be found at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/water-environment-grant-weg-handbooks-guidance-and-forms/guide-for-applicants-water-environment-grant>

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 31st July.

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

To request a Mid-Tier Application Pack please call 0208 026 1089

Request application packs before 31st May, Deadline for application submission – 31st July

Reminder about Silage Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil (SSAFO) Storage Regulations

If you are thinking of building a new silage clamp, slurry tank or lagoon, or substantially altering an existing store, you need to tell the Environment Agency at least 2 weeks before you start construction. You also need to provide information about the structure you are planning to build and where it will be located.

Guidance on GOV.UK at www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-silage-slurry-and-agricultural-fuel-oil sets out the information you will be asked to provide to the Environment Agency. The EA is happy to discuss your proposals with you at an early stage of planning. It can give advice about construction requirements and location if this is needed. You will also need to check if local authority planning permission is needed. **Contact the EA on 03708 506 506 or enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk**

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 31st 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

Natural England Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship Scheme Workshops

All workshops run from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Teas & coffees provided.

- **Friday 11th May** Craven Arms Community Centre, Newington Way, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9PS
- **Monday 14th May** Hawford YFC, Shires Farm, Hawford, Worcester, WR3 7SG
- **Wednesday 16th May** The Pump Rooms, Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire WR15 8BA

Booking is essential for these FREE events as places are limited.

Please call **08453 713399** or email bookings@adas.co.uk quoting the event of your choice.
Please provide your name, address, contact number and farm CPH number when booking.

Natural England are also running one-to-one consultations, to discuss your own Mid-Tier application, approximately 3 weeks after each workshop. You will have the opportunity to book one of these appointments when you attend the workshop. For dates and venues of other NE Mid-Tier workshops - <http://www.adas.uk/News/free-events-countryside-stewardship-2018>

Natural England invites you to a FREE Farm Walk on: Managing your Grassland Margins

Tuesday 8th May 2018 – 10am to 1pm

Great Wollaston Farm, Halfway House, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9DN

By kind permission of Mr Rob Kynaston

The farm walk is focussed on how you can create, manage and enhance margins, with a focus on how grassland margins fit with Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship agreements.

Also to be discussed:

- How ELS margins could be used in Countryside Stewardship
- The best place to site margins on the farm
- Management Requirements of margins in Countryside Stewardship
- Tips and techniques to establish and manage margins effectively
- Getting the most out of margins for the environment and the farm business

BASIS & NRoSO applied for

Please book your FREE place via Telephone: **08453 713399** Email: bookings@adas.co.uk

When booking please give your name, address, phone number, CPH and SBI number.

Herefordshire & Ludlow College invite Businesses to .. A Business Open Event at the Hereford Campus

To show you the very best of what we offer in one simple event and give you something extra in the process.

Tuesday 8th May, 8.45am -11.30am

As well as a tour of our state-of-the-art facilities at the HLC Hereford Campus you will also take part in a free workshop seminar with Alison Battisby, Founder of Avocado Social, who will be discussing how social media can make a positive impact on your business - from branding to sales and recruitment.

To book your place email: events@hlcollege.ac.uk

AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds Cultivations Day

Drill choice - Controlling crop establishment costs while maintaining soil health and crop yields

30th May 2018 1pm – 4pm (includes lunch), at Lower Hope Farms, Ullingswick, Herefordshire, HR1 3JF

Hosted by Jack Hopkins, Lower Hope Farms. The 730ha estate in North Herefordshire is on predominantly silty clay loam soils. Cropping includes wheat, barley, oilseed rape, spring oats and peas, plus grassland which supports a flock of 1,000 ewes and 25 pedigree Hereford cattle.

Independent soils specialists, Philip Wright and Kate Speke-Adams will be leading this farm tour where discussions will be based around the practical principles of cultivation choice and soil management.

Topics of discussion will include:

- Correct choice, use and setup of primary cultivation machinery
- Cultivation strategies to reach yield potential by enhancing crop rooting
- The role of cover crops in improving soil productivity
- The importance of building Soil Organic Matter
- Management of best performing land compared to poor performing land
- Traffic management and compaction
- The impact of cultivation strategies on weed burden

BASIS & NRoSO points have been applied for. **There will be a field walk so please bring suitable footwear.**

Book on: Richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk or 07717 493015

LEAF Open Farm Sunday – 10th June 2018

<https://farmsunday.org/>

Many farms all over the country will open their gates for LEAF Open Farm Sunday 2018. It offers a fantastic chance for people to discover real farming at first hand and see for themselves how their food (and much more besides) is produced. It is also a great way for farmers to shine a light on what they deliver and why supporting British farming matters.

To get involved, register your event on the website at

<https://farmsunday.org/open-my-farm>

All host farmers receive a huge range of free resources and support.

Find a farm to visit near you at <https://farmsunday.org/visit-a-farm>

Grassland UK 2018 - 10th May

www.bathandwest.com/grassland-uk

Beef Expo 2018 - 25th May

www.nationalbeefassociation.com/beef-expo/

Cereals 2018 - 13th–14th June

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

Royal Three Counties Show - 15th–17th June

www.royalthreecounties.co.uk

Dream Big Work Smart

Free introductory masterclass – Self-leadership for business leaders and entrepreneurs

14th June, 9.30am – 1pm at The Cider Museum, Pomona Place, Hereford, HR4 0EF

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/whats-on/dream-big-work-smart/>

You are invited to the ADAS Rosemaund & AHDB Arable Connections Open Event 2018

19th June, 12noon till 4pm *Hot food will be provided.*

At Bromtrees Hall, Stoke Lacy, Herefordshire HR7 4HZ *By kind permission of Mr Russell Price*

This FREE to attend event provides an opportunity to meet the experts and find out about the latest agricultural research through plot demonstrations and seminars, on a range of topics:

- Full AHDB Wheat Recommended List
- Disease control in cereals
- Disease control in oilseed rape
- Improving soil health in the West
- Benefits of Cover Crops
- Controlling pests
- Effect of variety and fungicide input on early sown crops
- Effect of seed rate and sowing date on tillering potential
- The Yield Enhancement Network (YEN) – Research to improve yields

BASIS and NRoSO points have been applied for.

For more information contact Richard Meredith on 07717 493015 or Richard.meredith@ahdb.org.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. We're getting booked up and will soon be at capacity so if you want help with your scheme please let us know asap!
- **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.

Meeting dates for the next 4 months are **10th May, 7th June, 5th July. No meeting in August**

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 or Colita@litabix.com to be added to the mailing list.

Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce

Maximise your Membership Friday 11 May 8.30-11.00am Hereford Business Solutions Centre, Skylon Court, Rotherwas, HR2 6JL **FREE for Members**

Cider Tasting and Tour at Weston's Cider Tuesday 22 May 2.00-4.00pm Weston's Cider Mill, The Bounds, Much Marcle, HR8 2NQ **£20.00+VAT Members and £37.50+VAT Non-members**

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

Local Company changes it's name from Cargill to Avara Foods

Avara Foods is a 50/50 joint venture between Cargill and Faccenda, and immediately becomes one of the UK's largest food businesses, supplying chicken, turkey and duck to retailers, food service and food manufacturers. Employing around 6000 talented individuals, Avara Foods operates a fully integrated supply chain, across agriculture, processing and distribution - with 18 major sites and over 350 farms across the UK. The aim of the joint venture is to enable further growth and Avara will continue to operate locally in Herefordshire and Newent.

Farmers Weekly Awards 2018

The Farmers Weekly Awards celebrate the very best of British farming by recognising and rewarding innovation, hard work and passion for agriculture. The awards, now in its fourteenth year, provide an opportunity to showcase the best farmers in the country by telling their stories. The 2018 Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday 4th October at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London. There are 19 categories spanning the full breadth of the farming industry; from contractor to farm adviser; sheep to arable and diversification to dairy. To enter, or to nominate someone, please go to:-

<https://eu.eventscloud.com/eSites/farmersweeklyawards/Homepage>

St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair

Friday 4th and Saturday 5th May, 11am-5pm

At St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford, HR1 4HA

Light refreshments will be available all day on both days.

Two-course lunches will be served between 12pm and 2pm each day, no booking necessary.

Open Gardens – when, where, who

<http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event-type/open-gardens/>

The Big Tea

Put your kettle on for St Michael's Hospice

Hosting a Big Tea is a great reason to get together and raise money for your Hospice by doing something we all love - drinking tea and eating cake.

To get your Big Tea pack, call Gaynor **01432 852630** or visit www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event/the-big-tea/

Did You Know ??

We had a fantastic response to our request for GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) permissions – **nearly 500 responses in the first 48 hours!** Thank you to all who have responded so far.

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 Tel: **01432 268 42**

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 Phone: 01432 272550

RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme

Funding for projects in England which improve productivity in the farming & forestry sectors & help create jobs and growth in the rural economy. It is administered by the RPA. Under the RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme, there are grants for:

- **Water resource management and reservoirs (application deadline 29th June 2018)**
- **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 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 31st May 2018.

For further information, guidance, application forms:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme>

The RDPE grants are made by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), which is part of the European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF).

The Marches Growth Hub

can provide advice & support to businesses wishing to apply for funding (including the RDPE funding)
Tel: 0345 6000 727 Email: enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk Website: www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk
Marches Growth Hub Calendar of Events www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/calendar/

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/>

2018 National Rural Crime Survey

Do you think rural crime has gone up or down in your area? Do you feel safer? What's your view of the police in your community?
After the last survey 3 years ago, the National Rural Crime Network produced a series of recommendations and, in many areas, the police took steps to improve matters. So, now, they want to know what's changed – what is the true picture of crime and anti-social behaviour in rural communities, and the impact it has where you live or work.
The 2018 survey is open until 10th June at <http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research/internal/2018survey/>



** FREE Beginners' Computer Workshops ** at Herefordshire Libraries



Introduction to email Laptops will be provided for the workshop.

Would you like to learn how to set-up an email account, send an email, and read and reply to emails that have been sent to you? After this workshop, you will have your own email account and be able to send and receive emails.

at Kington Library - Tuesday 15th May, 10am to 12pm Book at Kington Library, or phone 01432 260600

at Ledbury Library - Tuesday 15th May, 4pm to 6pm Book at Ledbury Library, or phone 01432 383499.

at Ross-on-Wye Library - Tuesday 22nd May, 5pm to 7pm Book at Ross Library, or phone 01432 383280.

How to use your Smartphone Bring your own device or we will have a few smartphones available for the session.

Learn the basics of how to use your smartphone, from learning about apps, picking up emails, using the internet and how to connect to our Library Wi-Fi.

At Leominster Library - Thursday 17th May, 10am to 12pm Book at Leominster Library, or phone 01432 383290

These workshops are provided by FasterShire – the partnership between Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire County Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties. www.fastershire.com

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

Course	Dates
Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting 2 days + assessment	9 th -10 th July
Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	5 th – 7 th June 23 rd – 25 th July
Maintenance, Cross Cutting & felling of trees up to 380mm 5 days + assessment	18 th – 22 nd June
Chainsaw Maintenance and Operations Occasional User 2 day	8 th – 9 th May 9 th – 10 th June
Maintain and Operate your Chainsaw – Hobby user 2 days	9 th – 10 th June
Rough Terrain Telehandler Forklift Truck Operations 2 days + assessment	9 th – 10 th May
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers, inc PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides 2 days + assessment	26 th & 28 th June
PA6 Handheld Applicators, inc PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides 2 days + assessment	15 th – 16 th May 26 th – 27 th June
Safe Use of Vertebrate Pest Control for Rats & Mice	6 th June
Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphate for Vertebrate Pest Control	7 th June
Tractor Driving 16yrs and over	9 th – 10 th June
Tractor Driving 13-16yrs	31 st May – 1 st June 26 th – 27 th July
ATV handling – experienced operators 1 day + assessment	4 th June
Animal Care – How to create a Bio-Active enclosure	8 th June
Animal Care – Intermediate Reptile & Amphibian keeping	19 th May

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

Other courses arranged subject to demand, so please call 0800 032 1986 to register your interest

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

Wyvern Training Ltd

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

If you have any specific training needs, please contact us.

Course	Dates	Venue
PA6 Knapsack/handheld applicators	1 st May	To Be Confirmed Please contact Wyvern Training
Industrial Masted FLT's	2 nd May	
Operating Rough Terrain Tele-handlers	18 th May	
Basic principles of HACCP's	24 th May	
Emergency First Aid at Work 1 day course	31 st May	

Some other courses being planned for Spring 2018:-

PA2 Fixed Boom Sprayers <> PA3 Air Assisted Sprayers <> PA4s Slug Pellet Applicators <> Rodent control on farms
First Aid at Work 3 day course <> Level 2 Food Safety <> Internal Auditors <> Chainsaw Crosscutting Maintenance
Managing Health & Safety and Risk Assessment <> Powered Pole Pruners <> Sit Astride ATV's

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 website: www.farmingadvice.org.uk
The Rural Services Helpline 03000 200 301 provides a single number for all **Farming Advice Service**, **Rural Payments Agency** or **Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)** enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 5pm.
- **Natural England** 0300 060 1115 enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk
- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Mon, Tues, Weds) Tel: 02030 251692
Email: sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk
- **N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener Tel: 01432 807464 Mob: 07771 626080 Email: Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk
- **C.L.A.** Richard Goodwin 01785 337010 richard.goodwin@cla.org.uk
- **Animal Health & Trading Standards** (Herefordshire) Tim Barber Tel: 01432 383145 Fax: 01432 383169

Could you or someone you know benefit from support:-

- **Farming Community Network** 03000 111 999 website: <http://www.fcn.org.uk/>
- **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI)** 0808 2819490 website: <http://www.rabi.org.uk/>
- **Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy** 07958 591 646 website: www.borderchaplain.org
- **You Are Not Alone (YANA)** 0300 323 0400 website: www.yanahelp.org/
- **Farming Help** 0845 367 9990 website: www.farminghelp.org.uk/
- **Addington Fund** 01926 620 135 website: www.addingtonfund.org.uk/
- **Herefordshire Samaritans** website: www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans

News from the Blues – West Mercia Police

Rural & Business Matters Whilst Police rural crime operations continue, so do rural thefts! We need your support to tell us about anything you think is suspicious (behaviour, person, vehicle) on your land or in or near your business and home. This enables us to target our resources more effectively. It can be very frustrating when you make a call and the response is not always as you would like it to be, however, be assured EVERY call or piece of information received is looked at for the potential to develop a better intelligence picture.

Prevention is better than replacement ! Your Rural & Business Officer (Paul Crumpton in Herefordshire) can provide you with Crime Reduction advice - Free of charge !..If you would like some advice contact Paul direct (details below).

Home security Remember your shed or other outbuildings as well as your home. Mark your garden, garage or workshop tools with an overt security marker to make them less attractive to the thief and very identifiable to you. Make sure you note down the make, model and serial numbers, ideally with an image too ! And use the Free online national property database at <https://www.immobilise.com/>

Fraud & Scams Online, on the phone, or at your door, the crooks are sometimes able to get sensible people to do things they would not normally do, like giving bank details to a complete stranger. So, think of two words UNEXPECTED & URGENT. If you receive a phone call, an email or a caller at the door that was UNEXPECTED who is requiring some URGENT action from you, STOP. Decline whatever is being offered or suggested and establish in your own time if you need to address whatever the caller was engaging you in. If you would like to talk to someone about a potential Fraud or Scam contact Paul direct (details below)

If you have suffered a Fraud use the **Action Fraud** website and report it direct at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

If you have a live online or telephone or door step caller fraud dial 999

Contact **Paul Crumpton** on Mobile: **07773 044781** Email: paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Date for your Diary - Monday 14th May at SCREWFIX Ross on Wye - Free property security marking event

For details go to:- www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/wm-police-property-marking-event-ross-wye/

Herefordshire Rural Hub – Classified Page

Organic Possibility

An unusual opportunity has arisen around a small Herefordshire farm, arable & grassland, currently run as part of a larger neighbouring traditional mixed farm.

Old brick house with large garden, 18th Century cow byre/fold and stone hop kiln. All essentially sound, though requiring renovation. Barns have potential for live/work, small business enterprises, combined with land usage. Acreage negotiable.

We are looking for enterprising people with an interest in nurturing the soil and improving the environment for wildlife. Option to rent/buy all/some of the buildings.

Contact: ian.mackie42@btinternet.com

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

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

admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

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www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advertise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/

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www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/

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