

Herefordshire Rural Hub

Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

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The British Farming Awards

With the Brexit process marching on, The British Farming Awards is a celebration of the every-day resilience and innovation demonstrated across the core sectors of our industry.

The awards are organised by AgriBriefing, parent company to **Farmers Guardian, Arable Farming** and **Dairy Farmer**. There are 14 categories in total, all recognising farming's core sectors – arable, beef, sheep, dairy and machinery – as well as acknowledging the vast array of farm diversifications emerging as farmers add value to their businesses.

The awards showcase diversity and a willingness to adapt regardless of whether you are a farmer, farm worker, new entrant or a member of an established family business.

There is often a perception when entering awards that you have to be the biggest and the best in the industry, but the British Farming Awards aims to showcase innovation and adaptability – no matter what the size and scale of the business.

For full details of all the categories, how to enter or nominate go to the website <https://www.britishfarmingawards.co.uk/>

Entries close on Friday 13th July

Awards Night **Thursday October 18th** at the National Conference Centre

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](https://twitter.com/Hfds_RuralHub)**

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

**Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-
15th June 2018**

Important Changes to Red Tractor Beef and Lamb Standards

As of 1st June 2018 you will be assessed against new Red Tractor Beef and Lamb standards, relating to antibiotic use on farm. These amendments reflect the industry's commitment to being responsible users of antibiotics. In brief, members will be required to work with their vet to review health and performance data. The review must be written down, and there is a template for the vet to fill in – please click [here](#).

This review includes looking at medicine records and prescription data that outlines total antibiotic use, to make recommendations as to where farms can use antibiotics as responsibly as possible.

Other changes include the use of Highest Priority Critically Important Antibiotics and recommendations for disease prevention strategies.

Please read this document [here](#) to ensure you are compliant.

ICO Data protection guidance

Your data matters Click [Here](#)

Data protection self-assessment toolkit and checklist (revised) Click [Here](#)

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.



Help with grassland assessment for Mid-Tier Grassland Options

There are a few places left on some of our training days for grassland farmers who'd like to develop wild plant ID skills. Go to www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk for details and booking instructions – or ask to go on a waiting list if the date you'd like is already fully booked.

Several of the Mid-Tier Stewardship grassland options need evidence of the range and abundance of flowering plants in the sward to be submitted with the application before the end of July:

- **GS2 and GS5** - Permanent grassland with very low inputs (outside or in SDAs) **9 species / m2**
- **GS6** - Management of species rich grassland (previously only available in Higher Tier – fields also need to be registered on the Priority Habitat Inventory) **15 species / m2**

Click [HERE](#) for the Countryside Stewardship **permanent grassland assessment form**

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BEEWALK

Bumblebees are hard-working and versatile pollinators providing an important service to agriculture. If you want to find out more about them and record what you have on your meadow, pollinator and wild bird areas or even in your garden you can easily learn to ID the Big 8 bumblebees in Herefordshire as evidence of the great work being done on farms across the County. All the materials you need and details of how to get involved with BEEWALK can be found at www.beewalk.org.uk or go to the **Herefordshire Meadows NEWS** page for more information about [surveying bees](#)

Herefordshire Meadows enquiries to **Caroline Hanks**

Email: caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk Tel: 07779 080940

Countryside Stewardship deadlines

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

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

Mid-Tier Application - Deadline for application submission – 31st July

Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers

If you are a priority farm, your local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) can visit to give you advice on the Countryside Stewardship scheme (5 year agreements and 2 year capital agreements), and give approval for certain options where necessary. If you are within the Wye or Teme catchments and would like to request a visit 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

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. Find out more 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>

Cereals 2018 - 13th-14th June

www.cerealsevent.co.uk

Royal Three Counties Show - 15th-17th June

www.royalthreecounties.co.uk

West Midlands Arable Event - 20th June

www.thearableevent.co.uk

Royal Welsh Show - 23rd-26th July

www.rwas.wales/royal-welsh-show

RABDF Gold Cup Open Day

Thursday 14th June, from 10.30am, at The Leen, Pembridge, Leominster, HR6 9HN

This year's Gold Cup Open Day is hosted by brothers Rich and Chris Norman.

Their farm is the first of its type to win the prestigious Gold Cup award since the remit for the competition was widened to include the whole range of dairy systems now in use.

Full details at:- <http://www.rabdf.co.uk/gold-cup-open-day>

It is a **FREE entry event** and all pre-registered visitors will receive a free bacon roll on arrival, courtesy of Kite Consulting.

Register for tickets at:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nmrrabdf-gold-cup-open-day-2018-tickets-43653748537?aff=eac2>

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

Shropshire Hills Hay Meadow Festival

7th July, 10am – 4pm, at The Bog Visitor Centre, Stiperstones, Shropshire SY5 0NG

A fun filled family day to celebrate traditional hay meadows.

Have a go at scything, hay-bale lobbing, guided walks, music and children's crafts.

Entry - Adults £5, children £1

Herefordshire's Golden Grassland

Herefordshire Grassland Society invite you to a luncheon to celebrate their 50th Anniversary!

Sunday 8th July, from 12 noon with lunch served at 1pm

At Church House Farm, Moreton on Lugg, HR4 8DE

HGS are delighted that Professor Wynne Jones will be joining them as the Special Guest Speaker

Please book by 8th June. Tickets £20 per person

Tickets available from HGS Chairman Kate Adams Tel: 07766 330 959, Email: kate@wyeuskfoundation.org
and from Sunderlands Tel: 01432 356 161



Did You Know ??

If you know of a friend or neighbour who would like to receive our newsletter, they can sign up for it via our website at www.herefordshireruralhub.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. 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 3 months are **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

Marketing Growth Forum Sponsored by EBC Group, Tuesday 12 June, 8.30am-1.00pm at REHAU, Hill Court, Ross-On-Wye HR9 5QN
FREE for Members

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

Thursday 21 June, 9.30-11.30am, at Thorne Widgery, 2 Wyevale Business Park, Kings Acre, Hereford HR4 7BS

FREE for Members and £20.00+VAT Non-members

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

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/

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/>

How to use your Tablet Computer – Learn the basics of how to use your tablet, from learning about apps, picking up emails, using the internet and how to connect to free Wi-Fi at the Library.

At Ledbury Library - Tuesday 12th June, 4pm to 6pm Book at Ledbury Library, or phone 01432 383499.

At Ross-on-Wye Library - Tuesday 26th June 2018, 5pm to 7pm Book at Ross Library, or phone 01432 383280.

Introduction to the Internet – Learn how to search the internet safely and effectively. Laptops are provided for the workshop.

At Kington Library - Tuesday 12th June 2018, 10am to 12pm Book at Kington Library, or phone 01432 260600

Introduction to Email - 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, be able to send & receive emails. Laptops are provided for the workshop.

At Leominster Library – Thursday 14th June 2018, 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

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

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 268 428**

The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

The Jack Hughes Fund will fund up to a maximum of 70% of the cost of training or costs up to a maximum of £150.

Funding will be limited to one family member/employee per annum

The 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 & 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

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/>

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 + assesement	9 th -10 th July
Accessing a tree using rope and harness 5 days + assessment	16 th – 20 th July
Maintenance, Cross Cutting & felling of trees up to 380mm 5 days + assessment	18 th – 22 nd June
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	26 th – 27 th June
Tractor Driving 13-16yrs	26 th – 27 th July

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
 Safe use of brushcutters & strimmers, Forklift truck operations

7Y Training Services

Contact: Paula Strangwood Email: paula@7Ytraining.co.uk Tel: 07808 670110

Course	Dates	Venue
Forestry First Aid '+F' 2-3 hours	7 th June	Wharton Court, Leominster
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic loader	12 th & 13 th June	t.b.c
Level 1 Award in Health & Safety in Construction	19 th June	Wharton Court, Leominster
Lantra Industrial Counterbalanced FLT	21 st June	t.b.c

Please contact Paula to register your interest for the following courses

C&G Safe Use of Pesticides PA1 <> C&G Ground Crop Sprayer PA2 <> C&G Slug Pellets PA4s
 C&G Granular Applicator PA4g <> Rodent Control <> MEWP Cherry Picker/Scissor Lift

Wyvern Training Ltd

Some 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

If you have any specific training needs, please contact us

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

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

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.service.org.uk website: www.farmingadvice.service.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

More volunteers needed to support people affected by crime in Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Victim Support is the independent charity for people affected by crime and traumatic events in England and Wales, and their local team are looking for more volunteers who are empathetic, non-judgemental and want to make a difference to the community.

Amanda Rose, currently volunteers in the Worcestershire and Herefordshire area, she said: "Volunteering for Victim Support is a unique experience and every day is different. Being able to help people when they are at their most vulnerable and seeing the positive changes in them throughout support, is a very rewarding opportunity."

Diane Doust, local Co-Ordinator for Victim Support Volunteers in Worcestershire and Herefordshire, said: "Our volunteers are at the heart of what we do to help reduce the harm that crime causes to our community. Crime can have a significant impact on a person's mental and physical health and the support our staff and volunteers offer can provide a lifeline."

Successful applicants will receive comprehensive training and ongoing guidance. When fully trained, volunteers will then begin to directly support people affected by crime. Much of the support offered is initially given by telephone, volunteers are provided with mobile phones and essential expenses are reimbursed

For more information about volunteering at Victim Support, please visit our website: www.victimsupport.org.uk
Email: westmerciavolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk or for an informal chat call: **01905 726885**.

Herefordshire Rural Hub – Classified Page

Part time
Poultry worker
Required 18-24 hours per week
South Herefordshire area
To apply call Chris on
07918 176 412
Or email CV to
chris.02@hotmail.co.uk

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
01432 268428
www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advertise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/

Thank you to our "Go To Businesses" who can be found on our website at
www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/

Berrys <> DJM Consulting <> Moule & Co <> Hope to Achieve <> Okells Francis Law

If you would like to be a "Go to Business" go to:-
<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/apply-become-go-business/>