

# Herefordshire Rural Hub

## Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

### September 2018 Newsletter

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#### Farmers urged to rally behind **Red Tractor** advertising campaign

Red Tractor Assurance is calling on the whole farming industry to get behind its first ever national television advertising campaign which launches in mid-September.

Explaining to consumers what the logo stands for is the main thrust of the advert with the ultimate goal of encouraging more shoppers to buy Red Tractor assured products.

Market research shows most consumers recognise the logo but about half understand the standards behind it.

Those who do understand are twice as likely to buy a product bearing the logo.

Farmers are being called upon to harness the opportunity to talk about farm-assured food and increase the reach of the campaign as widely as possible.

Spearheaded by the television advert, the campaign will be synchronised and across magazines, websites and social media channels.

Farmers are being asked to share the content, engage with the media or simply explain to family and friends what the Red Tractor logo means to them.

The time and channel of the first advertising slot will be announced towards the end of August.

#### Find out more about Neighbourhood Watch in Herefordshire

NHW Websites: [westmercianw.org.uk](http://westmercianw.org.uk) & [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

Email: [herefordshire@westmercianw.org.uk](mailto:herefordshire@westmercianw.org.uk)

**NHW West Mercia Social Media sites. No Facebook account needed to view.**

Facebook Pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/RossOnWyeNW/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LedburyNW/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NWHerefordshire/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HerefordCityNW/>

Twitter:

@RossOnWyeNW

@LedburyNW

@HerefordshireNW

@HerefordCityNW

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

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

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

**Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 12noon till 6pm**

**At the Three Counties Hotel, Belmont Rd, Hereford HR2 7BP**

FREE ENTRY <> Everyone welcome <> Come along any time between 12noon & 6pm

Presentations <> 1-to-1 Advice Drop-ins <> Lots of stands

Find out more about what is going on and who will be there at:

[www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/whats-on/herefordshire-rural-business-advice-day-2018](http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/whats-on/herefordshire-rural-business-advice-day-2018)

We are very grateful to Herefordshire Council (RBA Day Gold Sponsor) and Berrys (RBA Day Silver Sponsor)



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**Launching next week ....**

**The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme**



The programme will open for applications from family farming businesses in West Worcestershire and North East Herefordshire on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It will be delivered locally by Herefordshire Rural Hub.

The unique programme, now going into its third year, offers one to one on-farm support as well as a series of group workshops, covering areas such as finance and business planning, as well as preparing for the future, such as succession planning and change management post-Brexit.

The programme is completely free, and is aimed at beef, sheep, or dairy farming families. 9 out of 10 farmers who have participated in the scheme in other areas, said that it has made them feel more confident for the future of their business.

To find out more please contact Sarah Starkey Email: [farming2020@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:farming2020@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) Tel: 07974 438517 or visit [www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/farmresilience](http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/farmresilience)



**Are you ready for Digital VAT?**

What is it? When is it happening? What do you need to do?



If you are from a Herefordshire or Gloucestershire farming or rural business and would like to get these questions answered, come along to one of these workshops..

**Still places available:-**

**In Herefordshire on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

**6.30pm-9.30pm at Alexandra Park, Court-Y-Park, Pixley, Ledbury, HR8 2RW**

**and**

**In Gloucestershire on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**11.30am-2.30pm at The Rural Innovation Centre, Manor Farm, Harnhill, Cirencester, GL7 5PU**

*The programme will cover:-*

**Making VAT Digital** – explanation of the requirements

**Getting ready – Accounts software choices**

Short presentations will be given by software providers and accountants, including Farmplan, Landmark, Sum-It, Xero. After the presentations, there will be an opportunity to speak to the stand holders about their products & services.

Light refreshments will be provided.

This event is **FREE to attend**, but please **book your place in advance** with Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) Tel: 01432 353465



Funded by FasterShire – the partnership between Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire County Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties.



**An Audience with Adam Henson**  
**The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

Famous farmer and steadfast Sunday evening TV favourite Adam Henson brings his live theatre show to The Courtyard. This is an entertaining insight into British country life, presented by one its very best champions of modern rural living. Adam will share stories about farming life, his TV career and the running of the picturesque Cotswold Farm Park, together with his thoughts on British agriculture, followed by a Q&A session and a post-show 'meet and greet' book signing.

To book tickets, or for more information contact the Box Office on **01432 340555** or visit [www.courtyard.org.uk](http://www.courtyard.org.uk)

**More information from HMRC about Making Tax Digital**

HMRC has published more information about Making Tax Digital (MTD) for businesses and tax agents. This includes a VAT notice explaining the MTD rules and the digital information they require businesses to keep, and a list of software developers who have MTD software that is ready for testing. MTD will require most businesses operating above the VAT threshold to keep digital records for VAT purposes from April 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hmrc-publishes-more-information-on-making-tax-digital>



**FREE Monthly Computer & Internet Workshops  
For Beginners at Herefordshire Libraries**



**Introduction to Emails**

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. Laptops will be provided for the workshop.

**At Kington Library - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 10am to 12pm.**

*Book at Kington Library or phone 01432 260600.*

**Introduction to the Internet**

Learn how to search the internet safely and effectively. Find out how to easily search for information (or 'Google it'!), and tell if a website is safe. Laptops will be provided for the workshop.

**At Ledbury Library - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm to 6pm.**

*Book at Ledbury Library or phone 01432 383499.*

**At Leominster Library - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 10am to 12pm.**

*Book at Leominster Library or phone 01432 383290.*

**At Ross-on-Wye Library - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 5pm to 7pm.**

*Book at Ross-on-Wye Library or phone 01432 383280.*

**Places are FREE but booking is essential for these beginners' workshops.**

*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](http://www.fastershire.com)*

**The FSB 'Celebrating Small Business Awards 2019'**

**The search is on for Herefordshire & West Midlands' most outstanding small businesses and self-employed**

Small businesses and the self-employed in Herefordshire and the wider West Midlands are being urged to enter before the closing date of January 4, 2019. The West Midlands winners will be announced at an award ceremony on Friday 15 February at the Forest of Arden Marriott hotel in Solihull.

The awards, run by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), will recognise and celebrate the best of the West Midlands and UK small businesses and the vast contribution they make to both regional and national economies and to local communities.

Eleven award category winners, from digital innovation to family business and from international business to employer of the year, will be then go forward to the UK final of the FSB Celebrating Small Business Awards, held at Battersea Evolution, London, on 23 May 2019. Here, as well as UK category winners, the FSB Small Business of the Year 2019 will be announced.

**The 11 FSB Celebrating Small Business Awards area categories are:**

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|--|-------------------------------|
| International Business of the Year                 | Micro Business of the Year    |
| Ethical and Green Business of the Year             | Start-Up Business of the Year |
| Business and Product Innovation Award              | Scale-Up Business of the Year |
| Digital Innovation of the Year                     | Family Business of the Year   |
| Young Entrepreneur of the Year (aged 30 and under) | Employer of the Year          |
| Community Award (area level only)                  |                               |

For further information and to enter the awards visit [www.fsbawards.co.uk](http://www.fsbawards.co.uk)

**The closing date for entries in the West Midlands is January 4, 2019**

## 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 **6<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November**

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.

**Kington Show - 8<sup>th</sup> September**

[www.kingtonshow.co.uk](http://www.kingtonshow.co.uk)

**Usk Show – 8<sup>th</sup> September**

[www.uskshow.co.uk/](http://www.uskshow.co.uk/)

**Ludlow Food Festival 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September**

[www.ludlowfoodfestival.co.uk/](http://www.ludlowfoodfestival.co.uk/)

**UK Dairy Day – 12<sup>th</sup> September**

[www.ukdairyday.co.uk/](http://www.ukdairyday.co.uk/)

**Malvern Autumn Show - 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September**

[www.malvernautumn.co.uk](http://www.malvernautumn.co.uk)

**Royal Welsh Winter Fair 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November**

[www.rwas.wales/winter-fair/](http://www.rwas.wales/winter-fair/)

## Ploughing matches coming up

**Saturday, 1st September - Pandy & Monnowside Ploughing Society**

Further details from Hazel Williams on 01873 890160 or 07903 765689

**Sunday, 2nd September - Leominster & District Agricultural Improvement Society**

Pembridge Village, Herefordshire, HR6 9LA. For further details contact Anne Williams on 01568 615365.

**Saturday, 8th September, 2018 - Llanwarne & District Agricultural Society**

Llanwarne Court, Llanwarne, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 8JE.

For further details contact Nigel Morris on 01989 569377. **Includes a National Vintage Area Final.**

**Saturday, 15th September - Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match & Homecrafts 2018**

Sutton Park, Sutton, Tenbury Wells [www.stokeblissploughingandhomecrafts.org/](http://www.stokeblissploughingandhomecrafts.org/)

**Sunday, 16th September 2018 - Mid Shropshire Vintage Ploughing Match**

Rodington SY4 4QH [www.midshropshirevintageclub.com/ploughing/](http://www.midshropshirevintageclub.com/ploughing/)

**Saturday, 22nd September - Weobley and District Ploughing Match**

Garnons Estate, Byford. For further details contact Rachel Griffiths 01544 327343.

**Saturday, 29th September - Cruckton & District Ploughing & Hedging Society**

Noretton Farm, Condover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7AR.

**Includes a National Vintage Area Final.**

For further details contact Wendy Trow on 01743 891871 or 07932 408296.

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October - Trumpet & District 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Ploughing Match**

Shilo, Munsley, Hereford

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October - Wormside & District Ploughing Match**

Thrupton Court, Thrupton, Hereford HR2 9AX.

Schedules available from: Mrs Sheila Williams 01981 251432 & Miss Katie Dyke 07583 965281

**Saturday, 13th October - Sunday, 14th October - 68th British National Ploughing Championships & Country Festival**

Austrey, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 3ED. By kind permission of William Corbett Farms Ltd.

Further information from the Society of Ploughmen on 01302 852469

## 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:

### 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 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](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/)

### 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

### 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](mailto:administrator@herefordshirecf.org) Phone: 01432 272550



### Holme Lacy Campus Equestrian Centre FUN RIDE Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September

*Enjoy the beautiful scenery around the picturesque and peaceful estate*

**Starting from the Holme Lacy Campus (HR26LL)**

**First horse 10.00am – last horse 2.00pm**

**Approximately 8 miles**

with shorter lead-rein route available (optional jumps)

**Optional clear round jumping in outdoor arena**

Riders: £15 Under 16 yr olds £10 Clear round £3

Rosettes to all Refreshments on site

Proceeds towards The Midlands Air Ambulance

Enquiries: **01432 870017**

### Holme Lacy Campus Equestrian Centre



### Dressage Competitions 2018-19

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018** Entries close 15<sup>th</sup> October

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019** Entries close 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019** Entries close 1<sup>st</sup> April

**For full details of the dressage competitions, classes, entry fees, rules etc, click [HERE](#)**

**Entry forms can be downloaded [HERE](#)**

and they should be returned to Emma Harris at Holme Lacy Campus



## Crime Prevention Advice from West Mercia Police

### Protect Your Identity

- There have always been scammers out to empty your pockets, but with the age of the internet, they've managed to get even more clever into tricking you out of your cash.
- Your identity is valuable. Fraudsters know this. They can use the information you share online to pretend to be you and apply for bank accounts, mobile phones, loans or a wide range of other products or services in your name.
- As a victim of identity fraud, you might not realise you've been targeted until a bill arrives for something you didn't buy, or you experience problems with your credit rating, for example. To carry out this kind of fraud successfully, fraudsters usually have access to their victim's personal information, which they obtain in a variety of ways – such as through hacking and data loss, as well as using social media to put the pieces of someone's identity together.
- Did you know 88% of fraudulent applications for bank accounts and financial products are made online?

So, what can you do? The answer is loads!... here's a few to be getting on with.

#### **Close down any unused/dormant bank accounts & credit cards**

How?

- Check this Banking industry site for lost accounts <http://www.mylostaccount.org.uk/aboutus.htm>
- Check your credit reference files for a £2 statutory fee or for FREE via Martin Lewis and Money Saving Expert at <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/creditclub>

#### **Unused/dormant Social Media profiles no longer used should be deactivated and deleted**

How?

- Try this from Google (remember to tick all the boxes below where you enter your name) <https://www.social-searcher.com/google-social-search/>

#### **Check and close down unused/dormant email accounts**

How?

- Try this from the USA <https://havebeenpwned.com/>

#### **Use strong passwords and 2 factor authentication**

How?

- Check this link to GetSafeOnline <https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-your-computer/passwords/>

### St Michael's Hospice "Venus - I Feel Love"

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 9pm, at Hereford Leisure Centre

This Autumn, you won't wanna stop 'till you've got enough of Venus – I Feel Love.

**Get your workmates, friends and family together and join up to 1,000 sparkling women who will be awash with Friday Night Fever on 21<sup>st</sup> September, all raising money for St Michael's Hospice.**

As we enter its second decade, Venus takes us back to the 1970s – that glittering, boogie-filled period which brought us the tunes we still treasure today. With those beloved times in mind, step out under Hereford's night sky while decorated with colour, sparkle and a smile ready to walk together to remember our loved ones. You'll join the sisterhood and experience the unforgettable razzmatazz that is the St Michael's Hospice Venus midnight walk.

Sign up at <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/venus>

### 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)

### Wyvern Training Ltd

If you have any specific training needs, please contact us  
Email: [enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com](mailto:enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com) Tel: 07468 465 303

## 7Y Training Services

Wharton Court, Leominster, HR6 0NX

Contact: Paula Strangwood Email: [paula@7Ytraining.co.uk](mailto:paula@7Ytraining.co.uk) Tel: 07808 670110

Course	Dates
C & G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	27 <sup>th</sup> September
C & G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	9 <sup>th</sup> October
C & G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	10 <sup>th</sup> October
C & G Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross-cutting	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> September
First Aid at Work refresher	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> September
First Aid at Work	17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Emergency First Aid at Work	5 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Confined Spaces Accredited Course</b> <i>The instructor will bring a Mobile Confined Space Simulation Unit, which will demonstrate a complete understanding of the dangers involved with confined spaces. The course will enable candidates to operate breathing apparatus and access &amp; remove casualties from high risk confined spaces.</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup> October

**Please contact Paula to register your interest for the following courses**

C&G Slug Pellets PA4s <> C&G Granular Applicator PA4g <> Chainsaw Occasional Users <> Plant Machinery  
ATVs Sit-astride Quad Bikes <> ATVs Sit-in Quad Bikes <> Lantra/ITSSAR Rough Terrain Telescopic  
Lantra/ITSSAR Counterbalance <> Level 2 H&S in the Workplace <> Safe working at Height with mobile towers

## 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)

**All courses are held at Holme Lacy Campus, Holme Lacy, HR2 6LL**

Course	Dates	
<b>CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance &amp; Cross Cutting</b> <i>2 days + assessment</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> October	10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CS31 Felling &amp; Processing Trees up to 380mm</b> <i>3 days + assessment</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CS30/31 Maint, Cross Cutting, Felling Trees up to 380mm</b> <i>5 days + assessment</i>	24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> September	19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>CS38 Accessing a Tree Using a Rope &amp; Harness</b> <i>5 days + assessment</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>CS39 Aerial Cutting of Trees using Free Fall Techniques</b> <i>3 days</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>Chainsaw Maintenance &amp; Operations Occasional Users</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> October	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Safe Use of Brushcutters and Strimmers</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> September	27 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers</b> <i>1 day + assessment</i>	27 <sup>th</sup> September	29 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>PA6 Handheld Applicators</b> <i>1 day + assessment</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> September	28 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Maintain &amp; Operate your Chainsaw Hobby User</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> October	
<b>ATV handling – experienced operators</b> <i>1 day + assessment</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>Tractor Driving 16+</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> October	
<b>Tractor Driving 13-16 year olds</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>Introduction to Reptile &amp; Amphibian Keeping</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>Introduction to Dog Grooming</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> October	24 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Pet First Aid</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> December

### Courses arranged on demand

Ground based chainsaw refresher <> CS32 Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm <> PA6 refresher  
PA6AW Handheld Applicators in or near Water <> Forklift Truck Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler)

### **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](mailto:advice@farmingadvice.service.org.uk) website: [www.farmingadvice.service.org.uk](http://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 (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 (Mon, Tues, Weds) 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

**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 Rural Hub – Classified Page**

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

[admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) **01432 268428**

[www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advertise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/](http://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/](http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/)

**Berrys <> DJM Consulting <> Moule & Co <> Hope to Achieve**  
**Okells Francis Law <> 7Y Training**

**If you would like to be a "Go to Business" go to:-**

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/apply-become-go-business/>

or contact Frances for more information – [admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)

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