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Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

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“An exciting opportunity for your family farm” 2020 Vision for Herefordshire’s Family Farms

The Herefordshire Rural Hub are currently delivering the “2020 Vision for Herefordshire’s Family Farms” project, with support from The Prince’s Countryside Fund.

We currently have one space available for a farm business to take part in the final year of this project.

The project aims to help farming families achieve long term viability in these challenging times. A unique package of business support will be provided to include free mentoring.

If you are interested in filling this space, or would just like further information about the project, please contact the Project Facilitator, **Sarah Starkey**.

email: farming2020@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk
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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 April 2019**

Cross Compliance & Basic Payment Scheme – England

The Guide Cross Compliance in England 2019 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cross-compliance-2019>

Guidance for Basic Payment Scheme 2019 in England <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bps-2019>

Sign in to check/update your land use/submit BPS claim at <https://www.gov.uk/claim-rural-payments>

Cross Compliance & Single Application Form - Wales

The Guide to Cross Compliance in Wales 2019 <https://beta.gov.wales/cross-compliance-2019>

Single Application Form 2019 Wales – Rules <https://beta.gov.wales/single-application-form-saf-2019-rules-booklet>

Sign in to complete your Single Application Form (Wales) at <https://gov.wales/login-rural-payments-wales-rpw-online>

Application deadline for both schemes is 15th May 2019

Applications for Countryside Stewardship Schemes

Handbooks and further information [HERE](#)

Mid-Tier - Request an application pack by 31st May. **Application deadline 31st July**

Online Wildlife Offers (Arable, Mixed farming, Upland, Lowland) - **Application deadline 31st July**

Hedgerows & Boundaries – **Application deadline 3rd May**

Higher-Tier – you should have requested your application pack by 31st March. **Application deadline 3rd May**

Call 03000 200 301 to request Application packs

Catchment Sensitive Farming

Countryside Stewardship is Open!

The Countryside Stewardship Scheme is now open for applications for Mid-Tier and Water Capital Grants. The handbook and further information are available online and can be found [here](#). A similar range of capital and land based options are available as in previous years. Free Catchment Sensitive Farming advice is available for farmers looking to use the scheme to make improvements for water quality both in the yard and across the wider farm. Please note that some items are only available to priority holdings for water quality and must be approved by a Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) prior to making the application.

If you need approval from a CSFO, the deadline for contacting your CSFO to arrange a visit is **31st May 2019**

Free CSF Advisory Visits

CSF offers a number of free farm advice visits to farmers in the Wye and Teme catchments. The visits are confidential and designed to help farmers with specific issues affecting their farming business. Some of the most popular visits we offer are:

- **Farm Infrastructure Audits** - A detailed look into your farmyard, buildings, silage/slurry stores etc with practical advice on current regulations and potential improvements. The visit also signposts you to other sources of advice and funding where appropriate.
- **Biobed and Sprayer Washdown Area Design Visit** – Gives practical advice for farmers considering installing a sprayer washdown area with biobed or bio filter, including siting and size considerations as well as management and current regulations.
- **Nutrient Management Plan** – Provides bespoke advice on nutrient management based on soil tests carried out on the farm.
- **Soil Husbandry Visit** – Practical soil management advice including digging a number of soil pits and discussing positive soil management for increased productivity and soil and water health.

These visits can help support a Mid-Tier or Water Grant application and there are other topics available.

If you are interested in receiving any of the CSF free advice please contact your CSFO to discuss.

Local CSFO contact details:

River Wye

Rachel Bosanquet (south) tel: 07770 331 669

Sue Buckingham (east/north) tel: 07833 095 708

Wayne Davies (west/north) tel: 01588 640 980

River Teme

Anne Marie Jones (east of A49) 02080 261 240

Sally Powell (west of A49) 07770 645 037

Don't ignore! ... the Making Tax Digital for VAT Switch Over ... and Don't Panic!



Making Tax Digital (MTD) comes into effect from April 2019, affecting hundreds of rural businesses.

Most VAT registered businesses will need to file their VAT returns through digital software that is MTD compliant, such as Xero, QuickBooks, Sage and Farmplan, Landmark, Sum-It. This is compulsory for businesses with turnover over £85,000 (*check with your accountant if you are unsure whether this applies to you*).

The Making Tax Digital rules will apply from your first full VAT period starting on or after 1st April 2019.

But if you haven't switched over to submit MTD VAT returns yet, what steps do you need to take?

1. Sign up for HMRC's MTD for VAT

- First you must sign up for MTD for VAT through [GOV.UK's website](https://www.gov.uk). (*You will need to do this even if you have previously submitted a VAT return via compliant software before 1st April*)
- HMRC has a video about [signing up for MTD](#), which shows the steps involved and the information you'll need to have when you sign up.
- You will receive an email within 72 hours to confirm the sign up is complete.

2. Connect your software to HMRC

- Before you can send VAT returns, you'll need to authorise your software. This process is initiated [from the software](#) and will look slightly different in each product.
- You will need to check with the software provider to ensure the product has been upgraded to be MTD VAT compatible and confirm you are using the correct version.
- Then within the software you will be required to enter your Government Gateway details and follow any steps when prompted.
- Going forward the software will require re-authorisation periodically, as least every 18 months and you may need to repeat this process.

NB. You can check if your chosen software is compliant with MTD for VAT [here](#)

National Minimum Wage & National Living Wage rates increase on 1st April

The rates below apply from 1st April 2019

Category of worker	Hourly rate
Aged 25 and above (national living wage rate)	£8.21
Aged 21 to 24 inclusive	£7.70
Aged 18 to 20 inclusive	£6.15
Aged under 18 (but above compulsory school leaving age)	£4.35
Apprentices aged under 19	£3.90
Apprentices aged 19 and over, but in the first year of their apprenticeship	£3.90

Auto Enrolment - Minimum pension contributions will increase on 6th April 2019

If you are an employer, and you have staff in an Automatic Enrolment Pension Scheme, you will need to ensure that your pension contributions are raised to the rates below.

	Employer minimum contribution	Staff contribution	Total minimum contribution
Currently, until 5 th April 2019	2%	3%	5%
From 6 th April 2019 onwards	3%	5%	8%

AHDB Potato Planting returns

The statutory planting returns to AHDB Potatoes **must be made** via the online portal this year.

The portal is now open at <https://levyportal.ahdb.org.uk>

It allows you to add information, stop, save and pick-up later where you left off.

The levy team at AHDB will offer support to all growers who need it, by phone, or face to face in your own farm office.

If you have any questions about this, please contact **Jack Atkins (AHDB)** on: **02476 478 602**

Red Tractor

Preparation for new inspection regime for Dairy and Poultry farmers Click [HERE](#)

Visit the Red Tractor Farm Assurance [Website](#)



Environmental Seed Offers for 2019

For advice and guidance on making wildflower meadows and diverse swards please visit the Herefordshire Meadows website www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk

If you would like to make other habitats for pollinators and birds on your farm with commercial seed mixes you can take advantage of the return of the [Environmental Seed Offers for 2019](#) through *Championing the Farmed Environment*.



AHDB Beef & Lamb

AHDB Beef & Lamb have been running a 3-year programme offering funding of 50% of the cost of a **DIY AI course for suckler farmers** with more than 30 breeding females in England. This programme is now coming into its last year and there is a course in Shropshire that is still eligible for this funding:-

25th – 27th April, Shropshire Farm Vets, Shropshire Click [HERE](#) for full details

ESL Herefordshire - Spring Tourism Forum

Wednesday 10th April, 1.30pm-4pm

The Green Dragon Hotel, Broad Street, Hereford

Join **Eat Sleep Live Herefordshire**, and fellow businesses in Accommodation, Food & Drink, Activities, Attractions and Events for a dynamic power afternoon of Networking, News, Marketing Q&As and business support from the FSB.

Admission is FREE, but Registration is essential.

More information [HERE](#) or enquiries via email at info@eatsleeliveherefordshire.co.uk

Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs – Events

7th April – WMA Sports, Worcestershire

14th April - Stockjudging & Fence Erecting – Venue/Time TBC

28th April - Pre-Rally – Shortwood Farm, Ullingswick

12th May - NFYFC AGM 10.30am, Kenilworth

12th May - NFYFC Entertainments and Senior MOTY Finals, Leamington Spa

18th May - Rally Day & Dance, Lower Hope Farm, Ullingswick

For more details visit www.hfyfc.org.uk or the contact the County Office Tel: **01432 274187** Email: countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk

LEAF Open Farm Sunday - 9th June 2019 - Be part of it!

On 9th June 2019, hundreds of farms all over the country will open their gates to the public

Are you thinking of taking part and opening your farm? Find out how to do it [HERE](#) – lots of help and ideas

Find out what farms are open to visit on 9th June in your area [HERE](#)

Three Counties Agricultural Society Bursary in memory of Joe Henson MBE

Applications for the TCAS bursary in memory of former president Joe Henson MBE are now open.

The Joe Henson Bursary sees grants of up to £3,000 donated to two students of the three counties of Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire, studying Agriculture or related subjects.

Applications close on 1st July 2019

Find out more and download an application form [HERE](#)

The Wye & Usk Foundation – Here to Help

Natural Flood Management: Our advisers are working with landowners in target catchments to help deliver Natural Flood Management interventions through a DEFRA funded project. The target catchments are the Dulas, Bodenham, Pentaloe, Tedstone, Cheaton, Ridgemoor and Red/Twyford Brook. The project is run in partnership with Herefordshire Council and we can offer soil structure assessments, infiltration rate tests, worm counts and organic matter testing. If you farm in one of the target catchment and would like to find out more please call one of our advisers or visit:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/345/flooding/6>

Metaldehyde: It was recently announced that Metaldehyde will be banned from 2020. It has been a concern in the Wye for many years due to its impact on Drinking Water abstractions belonging to Severn Trent lower down the catchment. We are asking users to continue to follow safe spreading and handling procedures with any Metaldehyde based slug pellets they have left to use up during this transition period. Alternative products which use ferric phosphate as the active ingredient are just as effective for slug control thankfully!

Stewardship Schemes: Agreement offers are slowly trickling out for the schemes applied for last summer, if we assisted with your application and you would like us to check your agreement document please contact your adviser. We are also already getting requests for 2019 scheme applications – start thinking about it now and give us a call if you'd like us to help!

Our Advisers: Our team has expanded again, and we are now a team of 8 – Kate, Mike, Lucinda, Tom and Jonny are all working across Herefordshire – we have now been joined by Abi Croshaw who was previously with CSF. Liz Price currently delivers farm advice in the Welsh Wye and has now been joined by Bridie Whittle.

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); Jonny Pugh (07825 743 447) Liz Price (07776 197740); Abi Croshaw (07990 068941); Bridie Whittle (07799 049373)

Farm Shop & Deli Show / The Ingredients Show

8th – 10th April www.farmshopanddelishow.co.uk/

Countrytastic

18th April www.countrytastic.co.uk/

Field to Fork

4th May www.fieldtoforkfestival.com/

Ludlow Spring Festival

11th – 12th May www.ludlowspringfestival.co.uk/

Royal Welsh Spring Festival

18th – 19th May www.rwas.wales/spring-festival/

Shropshire County Show

25th May www.shropshirecountyshow.com



FREE Monthly Computer and Internet Workshops for Beginners at Herefordshire Libraries



**** Booking is essential for these FREE FasterShire workshops ****

Introduction to Emails

Learn how to set-up an email account, send and receive emails and attachments. Laptops provided for the workshop
at Hereford Library Monday 15th April, 11am to 1pm

Book at Hereford Library or on 01432 383600 or herefordlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

at Leominster Library Thursday 25th April, 10am to 12pm

Book at Leominster Library or on 01432 383290 or leominsterlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

Introduction to the Internet – at Kington Library Tuesday 16th April, 10am to 12pm

Learn how to search the internet safely and effectively. Our tutor will also take you through accessing our services online. Laptops will be provided for the workshop

Book at Kington Library or on 01432 260600 or kingtonlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

How to use your Smartphone – at Ledbury Library Tuesday 16th April, 4pm to 6pm

Learn the basics of how to use your smartphone, from apps, picking up emails, using the internet and connecting to the Library Wi-Fi. Bring your own smartphone.

Book at Ledbury Library or on 01432 383499 or ledburylibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

Staying Safe Online – at Ross-on-Wye Library Tuesday 23rd April, 5pm to 7pm

Learn how to make sure your computer is secure, identify scams, find safe websites and understand how to protect you and your family's privacy on social media.

Book at Ross-on-Wye Library or on 01432 383280 or rosslibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

These free monthly 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

Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce

www.hwchamber.co.uk

30th April 7.30am – 9.30am Herefordshire Networking Breakfast

Brinsop Court, Brinsop, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 8LS Members: Free, Non Members £20.00+VAT

24th April 10am – 11.30am Meet the Neighbours *In association with Harrison Clark Rickerbys Ltd*

Hereford Business Solutions Centre, Skylon Court, Coldnose Road, Rotherwas, Herefordshire, HR2 6JL

Members: Free, Non Members Free

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.**

Some examples of training that has been funded so far:-

B+E Trailer, Chainsaw Certification, Pesticide Applications, Shearing, Artificial Insemination, Tractor Driving, Forklift Truck Driving

You could even apply for funding towards a **Rodent Control** course

Whatever training you are applying for, **please ensure that you submit your application in good time before your course is due to take place, as training cannot be funded retrospectively.**

Please note, the appraisal panel meets on the first Monday of the month.



THE PRINCE'S
COUNTRYSIDE
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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

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

St Michael's Hospice

Open Gardens:

For a full list of gardens, pick up a copy of our Open Gardens brochure from any one of our retail shops, at the Hospice in Bartestree, or by calling our Community Fundraising team on 01432 851 000.

They are also available at www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk

Playing the Hospice Lottery:

These days, £1 can't buy you much. A coffee, weekend newspaper, and even a bag of chips will set you back more. But one thing it will secure you is a weekly entry into the St Michael's Hospice Lottery draw.

We have a first prize of £1,000, and 23 other cash prizes every week.

So, to make Fridays feel grand, fill out an application form at www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk or call 01432 851 000.

Wyvern Training Ltd

Email: enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com Tel: 07468 465 303 Website: www.wyvernts-ltd.co.uk

PA4s Slug Pellet Applicators	10 th April
Level 2 Food Safety	11 th April
C&G PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides	1 st May
Rough Terrain Tele-handlers refresher/experienced operators (1 day)	2 nd May
C&G PA6 Knapsack/Handheld Applicators	7 th May
C&G PA2 Boom Sprayers	9 th May
C&G PA3 Air Assisted Sprayers conventional	15 th May
Rodent Control on farms	22 nd May
PA3b Variable Geometry Sprayers Sit-Astride ATV's (Quad Bikes) Sit-In ATV's Abrasive Wheels	<i>These courses are currently being planned. Dates to be confirmed</i>

Other courses and dates available – please enquire for details

7Y Training Services

7Y Training Centre, Wharton Farms, Wharton, Leominster, HR6 ONX
Contact: Paula Strangwood paula@7ytraining.co.uk 07808 670110

Dates are subject to change if candidate numbers are low

Course	Dates	Venue
C&G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	8 th May	Harper Adams
C & G Chainsaw CS30 & CS31 5 days	8 th – 12 th April	Harper Adams
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic	2 nd May	Leominster
360 Excavator (below 5 tonnes)	20 th – 21 st May	Harper Adams
Emergency First Aid at Work	16 th April	Leominster
First Aid at Work	3 rd – 5 th June	Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	7 th – 8 th May	Leominster
Working at Heights (Tower scaffold, Ladders, Harness)	22 nd July	Leominster

Please contact Paula to register your interest for the following courses & for costs & dates

Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2) <> Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance <> Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm
 Brush cutters & Trimmers <> ATV Sit- astride Quad Bikes <> Lantra Counterbalance
 Level 2 Health & Safety in the workplace <> Manual Handling <> Fire Awareness

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates in 2019</u>	
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting <i>2 days + assessment</i>	29 th – 30 th April	1 st – 2 nd July
Chainsaw Maintenance & Operations – occasional user	3 rd – 4 th June	25 th – 26 th July
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <i>3 days + assessment</i>	23 rd – 25 th April	13 th – 15 th May
CS30/31 CM & CC, Felling up to 380mm <i>5 days + assessment</i>	10 th – 14 th June	
CS38 Accessing a tree using a rope and harness <i>5 days + assessment</i>	3 rd – 7 th June	
CS39 Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques <i>3 days + assessment</i>	8 th – 10 th July	
Safe Use of Brushcutters & Strimmers <i>2 days</i>	1 st – 2 nd May	
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User) <i>2 days</i>	29 th – 30 th June	
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module	21 st May	25 th June
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers <i>1 day + assessment</i>	23 rd May	27 th June
PA6 Handheld Applicators <i>1 day + assessment</i>	22 nd May	26 th June
Rodent Control (Rats & Mice)	23 rd May	
Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide	24 th May	
Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper	21 st June	
Tractor Driving 16+	1 st – 2 nd June	
Tractor Driving 13-16 year olds	30 th – 31 st May	29 th – 30 th July

Courses arranged on demand

Ground based chainsaw refresher <> CS32 Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm <> PA Boom Sprayer Air Assisted
PA6 refresher <> PA6AW Handheld Applicators in or near Water <> FLT Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler)

From Paul Crumpton - West Mercia Police

The BBC recently highlighted the problem of livestock theft, specifically sheep, across England & Wales. 9,635 were reported stolen in 2018, up from 7,606 in 2017 and 6,337 in 2016.

With that in mind, I want to highlight another of the principles of crime reduction or crime prevention called SURVEILLANCE. Surveillance in a crime reduction or crime prevention context is in 2 parts:-

- **Natural/Informal Surveillance** – Ensuring where possible that offenders would be visible if they carry out a crime, by design.
- **Formal Surveillance** – The use of technical measures like CCTV and other monitoring devices.

Some of you whom I have met whilst conducting a crime reduction survey on your farm will have heard me talk about crime reduction being a series of layers, each one designed to increase the risk and reduce the reward for the thief. **It starts at the perimeter and works inwards, NOT the other way around.**

Crime will happen. There is no such thing as 100% security but there is definitely such a thing as preventable crime and this is my theme for this month.

What will draw the thief towards your property and not your neighbours? This is the question I ask myself when visiting farms, and so back to the theft of sheep.

- So your sheep are in a field surrounded by fields with not a farm house in sight. All the crook has to do is turn up, open the gate and herd them on to the trailer and away.

A product which is police approved is The uWatch Cube.

It is a tiny box (2.5"/65mm) packed full of security measures and powered by internal batteries. Providing your field has any sort of mobile phone signal this 'may' be a product for you.

The **uWatch Cube** is the versatile and inexpensive buddy for your mobile phone that keeps an eye on the things you can't - That's what the company say at <https://uwatch.co.uk/the-uwatch-cube/>



What I like about it is that it is a little weather proof box that can sit anywhere (providing you have that mobile signal). It comes with a tiny blue tooth tag which could attach to a gate for example, and when that gate is opened by the thief, the tag triggers the uWatch box which starts taking pictures and alerting you within 30 seconds to your smartphone.

- I have a demonstration model if anyone wishes to see it.

There is a wide variety of crime reduction advice on the West Mercia Police website [HERE](#)

If you would like a crime reduction survey on your property, please contact
Paul Crumpton, Rural & Business Officer (Herefordshire), West Mercia Police
Tel: **07773 044 781** Email: Paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP 2019
BOOK A FREE 'FARM APPRAISAL'

There are a variety of funding streams available under CS, from one-off capital grants to longer term schemes which can benefit both the natural environment and farm profitability.

Information request deadlines are looming and we are offering free 'Farm Appraisals' to advise and assess which schemes will be the most suitable.

For more information please contact Vicky Price on **01432 809834** or email vicky.price@berrys.uk.com

berrys.uk.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 **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 <> 7Y Training <> Davis Meade Property Consultants

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

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