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This monthly feature has been introduced into the Hub newsletter to provide insight into some of the local funding initiatives. Many have an interesting history that goes back over many years and these funds have supported farming and rural businesses for training and development.

Herefordshire LEADER Programme enhancing local economies

£1,709,214.34 funding allocated to Herefordshire businesses, over **50 created jobs forecast**, and **68 projects** for the benefit of the wider local economy, for example builders, carpenters and trades. This is an overview of how the Herefordshire LEADER programme has successfully infused the local rural economy and has changed the lives of many Herefordshire-based entrepreneurs.

The LEADER programme, funded by the EU, has focused efforts on farm productivity, small enterprises and diversification, tourism, rural services, cultural and heritage activity and forestry.

The focus of the three-year LEADER programme was to sustain and support the development of longer-term business growth and job creation.

To see examples of some of the wonderful enterprises that have benefitted from the programme, go to the Herefordshire Council website page at:-

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200139/community/789/leader-programme-case-studies/1>



The European Agricultural
Fund for Rural Development
Europe investing in rural areas

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 --- CXCS
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

Nuffield Scholarships 2020 – still open for applications!

Applications must be in by 31st July. No academic qualifications are required, just enthusiasm and an enquiring mind.

All the details are on the Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust website [HERE](#)

Or why not chat to one of the many Herefordshire Scholars, such as Louise Manning, Clare Greener or Ian Howie to find out more about the scholarships. Email ianhowie1@btinternet.com

Water Abstraction licences

- If you abstract or impound water or plan to do so, you may need to apply for an abstraction or impoundment licence.
- If you used to abstract water under an exemption, you must apply for a new licence (also known as a new authorisation). **You must apply before 31 December 2019.** Please apply as soon as you can so that the Environment Agency has enough time to accept and validate it before 31 December 2019
- Information, guidance & forms – click [HERE](#)

Environment Agency hotline for previously exempt abstractors

The Environment Agency has established a free hotline and bookable appointments service to help previously exempt abstractors complete their New Authorisation application forms by 1 October in order to meet the deadline of 31/12/2019. The dedicated team will be supporting New Authorisations applicants by:

- answering any specific questions you may have
- helping you to decide if you need to apply for a licence
- talking you through completing your application form
- arranging a convenient call-back time to take them through their application
- The hotline and bookable appointments service can be accessed by calling our normal National Customer Contact Centre service on **03708 506506** and asking for New Authorisations, or by email via enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.



Did You Know??

Herefordshire Rural Hub are organising their 10th Rural Business Advice Day on Wednesday 20th November – please put the date in your diary!

*If you have been to one of our previous Rural Business Advice Days, perhaps you could send us a few words about **What you found most useful / interesting / what you learned ??***

Please send your comments to Frances at admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

The Health and Safety toolbox - How to control risks at work

This is a free-to-download, web-friendly version of HSG268 (published 2014).

You can order a printed version at [HERE](#) or visit the website at www.hse.gov.uk/toolbox. Packed with sound advice to put you on the right track, “*The health and safety toolbox: How to control risks at work*” covers the most common workplace hazards. It shows how most small to medium-sized businesses can put measures into place to control the risks.

HSE inspections

The Health & Safety Executive has announced it will be carrying out **livestock inspections** around the country as part of a 12-month program to help farmers achieve compliance with the law, and to help reduce deaths and serious injury to their workers and the public from the risks connected with livestock.

The HSE has recently published a guide called ‘*What a good farm looks like*’

This sets out the common risks it has identified to health and safety on farm.

The guide summarises its expectations for control measures for cattle. Click [HERE](#) for the guide

Applications for Countryside Stewardship Schemes

Mid-Tier - Application deadline 31st July

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

Natural England have issued new general licences for the killing or taking of wild birds in England

Three new general licences for the killing or taking of wild birds in England were issued on Friday 14 June.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/three-new-general-licences-announced>

Details of the new bird licences can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/bird-licences>

Soil – a precious resource!

Tuesday 2nd July, 3.00pm – 5.00 pm

at Marston Court Farm, Marston, Pembridge HR6 9JA *by kind permission Mr Roger Williams*

Come along to a farm walk to look at cover crops, grass leys & arable
and learn how to assess, protect and enhance soil health to benefit your farm business.

For details and booking in please contact:

Mike Williams Tel: 07920 441215 Email: mike@wyeuskfoundation.org

Lucinda Lewis Tel: 01544 318 946 / 07824 904877 Email: lucinda@wyeuskfoundation.org

Agri Advisor Solicitors

Invite you to an informative evening at Almeley Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd July

To celebrate the opening of their new office in Eardisley.

Their legal experts will cover

succession planning and other topical rural issues in what is sure to be a highly informative evening.

The event is free of charge and open to all.

Arrival :- 7pm for 7.30pm, food will be served from 7.30pm and the talk will begin at 8pm.

“Enhancing Ecosystems at Any Scale”

Thursday 4th July at 6.30pm

Caradoc, Sellack, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6LS *Kindly hosted by Major & Mrs Patrick Darling*

Join us to hear from three land managers who represent a range of farming scales and systems, each making efforts to deliver for wildlife and water within their farm boundaries but utilising very different approaches.

- **Charlie Burrell** owns Knepp Estate in Sussex, famous for its wilding approach.
- **Steve Klenk** is farm manager at Garnstone Farms where efforts to improve conditions underground are reaping significant rewards above the ground too.
- **Rob Havard** from Phepson Farm in Worcestershire where rotational grazing techniques maximise species diversity in pasture.

See the attached flyer for full details & how to book your place

Herefordshire Grassland Society Summer Farm Walk

Wednesday 17th July at 6.30pm

at Fawley Court, Fawley, Hereford HR1 4SP

with kind permission of the Clay family.

Join us for a farm walk to explore part of the 1000ha Clay family estate managed by Mark Wood. The traditional mixed farming estate comprises a combination of arable cropping, beef cattle utilising grassland and orchards. A range of Environmental Stewardship schemes are utilised which includes winter bird food and pollen mixes, grassland management and extensive hedgerow management options in place. Mark is currently working with the support of the Herefordshire Meadows Group to restore floodplain meadow grassland on the banks of the River Wye.

BBQ & Refreshments will be provided at the end of the walk.

(a £5 donation per person is suggested to cover the cost of these)

Please book your place **before 10th July**

with Helen Godsall at Sunderlands Tel: 01432 356 161 or Email: h.godsall@sunderlands.co.uk

Duchy Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE) Herefordshire

Meets every month on the second Thursday, at Dewsall Court HR2 8DA from 12pm – 2pm.

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. For more information find us on Facebook @herefordshire wire or email ali@crescendum.co.uk. Details of the next 2 meetings:-

- 11th July - Jo Clarke (Mustard Media Solutions) on “19 Social Media changes in 2019”
- 12th September - Ali Sherlock (Crescendum Ltd) on “Managing your emails”

Save the date – Herefordshire Samaritans Christmas Fair

Wednesday 6th November 2019, 10am – 3.30pm

At Lyde Arundel, Hereford, HR4 7SN

Over 30 stalls, with great ideas for Christmas.

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, Pentaloë, 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)

Monmouthshire Show

6th July <https://monmouthshow.co.uk/>

Newport Show

13th July <http://www.newportshow.co.uk/>

Royal Welsh Show

22nd – 25th July www.rwas.wales/royal-welsh-show/

Burwarton Show

1st August <https://www.burwartonshow.co.uk/>

Tenbury Countryside Show

3rd August <https://www.tenbury-countryside-show.co.uk/the-show>

Herefordshire Country Fair

4th August <https://www.herefordshirecountryfair.co.uk/>

Kington Show

14th September <https://kingtonshow.co.uk/>

Usk Show

14th September <http://www.uskshow.co.uk/>

St Michael's Hospice "Big Tea"

This summer why not make time for tea and cake with those close to you. Holding a Big Tea for St Michael's Hospice can be as informal as you wish. You can hold one anywhere you like; in your staff canteen, at home or in a village hall.

To get involved, contact Gaynor on 01432 852 630 or email gwarren@smhospicehereford.org

Herefordshire CarerLinks

Carers Trust 4all support unpaid carers of all ages by offering a number of services across Cheshire & Warrington, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Shropshire and Herefordshire. These services include information and advice, social groups for carers, end of life care, support for parent carers and young carer services.

In Herefordshire, they provide an information and advice service called CarerLinks to support individuals who are new to caring for someone or for existing carers who need additional support.

Through their team of Carer Advisors, they work in the community to identify hidden carers or carers needing support.

How CarerLinks can help:

- By supporting carers to think about their own needs and plan action for change
- By listening and offering a range of services and support to help carers improve their health and wellbeing, including; 1:1 support, information, advice, advocacy and signposting
- By working in partnership to link carers with all other sources of help and support
- By offering support with applications for attendance allowance, carers allowance and blue badges

You can call during office hours on **01432 663057** or email herefordshire@carerstrust4all.org.uk.

Office Opening Hours 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

Lyme disease is becoming an increasing health problem in the UK
There is a petition circulating to try to get a "Lyme Centre of Excellence" set up

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/245716>

NICE guidelines (2018) suggest referring complicated Lyme Disease sufferers to a Specialist. A referral is often made to other specialities who do not have the knowledge or experience to manage this debilitating disease of multi-systemic symptoms. Endemic in the UK, with an est. 3,000 new cases a year, Lyme disease can cause tremendous suffering to some patients, each requiring an individualised holistic plan of care which no other speciality can give.

Sufferers with ongoing symptoms see multiple, inexperienced Doctors, costing the NHS thousands in various wasted appointments/investigations. Many are unable to work full-time.

Referral to a Specialist in the Centre, experienced and trained in Lyme disease would have the ability to manage all aspects of the disease effectively and efficiently.



FREE Monthly Computer and Internet Workshops for Beginners
at Herefordshire Libraries



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

How to use your Smartphone

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

Hereford Library Mon 15th July, 11am to 1pm **Book at the library or 01432 383600 or herefordlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk**

Ross-on-Wye Library Tues 16th July, 5pm to 7pm **Book at the library or 01432 383280 or rosslibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk**

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. **Bring your own tablet.**

Kington Library Tues 16th July, 10am to 12pm **Book at the library or 01432 260600 or kingtonlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk**

Leominster Library Thurs 25th July, 10am to 12p **Book at the library or 01432 383290 or leominsterlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk**

Staying Safe Online

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.

Ledbury Library Tues 16th July, 4pm to 6pm **Book at the library or 01432 383499 or ledburylibrary@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

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.

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.** (Midlands) Helen Dale Tel: 01785 337010 Email: helen.dale@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** 07966 927404 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
- **Carerstrust 4 All – Hereford CarerLinks** 01432 663057 website: www.carerstrust4all.org.uk

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

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

Autumn course dates and details to follow when available for:

Pesticide Applications; Chainsaw courses; Tractor Driving; ATVs

Wyvern Training Ltd

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

See our range of courses on offer at <http://www.wyvernts-ltd.co.uk/wts-courses.html>

We can arrange courses at your site – please get in touch to find out more

7Y Training Services

7Y Training Centre, Wharton Farms, Wharton, Leominster, HR6 0NX
 Contact: Paula Strangwood Email: paula@7ytraining.co.uk Tel: 07808 670110

Dates are subject to change if candidate numbers are low

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Venue</u>
C&G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	10 th July	Harper Adams
	Call Paula for details	Leominster
C&G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	11 th July	Harper Adams
C&G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	Call Paula for details	Leominster
	12 th July	Harper Adams
C&G Air-Assisted Sprayer (PA3a & PA3b)	Dates to be confirmed	On site
C&G PA4 S & G	17 th July	Harper Adams
C&G Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance	Call Paula for details	Leominster
C & G Chainsaw CS30 & CS31 5 days	8 th – 12 th July	Harper Adams
ITSSAR Rough Terrain Telescopic refresher	13 th August	Leominster
Lantra Counterbalance refresher	13 th August	Leominster
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic ITSSAR Counterbalance / Counterbalance refresher	Call Paula for details	Leominster
	Call Paula for details	Harper Adams
Emergency First Aid at Work	8th August 4th September	Leominster
First Aid at Work	22 nd - 24 th October	Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	2 nd & 3 rd October	Leominster
Manual Handling (a.m)	3 rd September	Leominster
Fire Awareness (p.m)	3 rd September	Leominster

Contact Paula (details above) to register your interest, and find out more about the following courses:-

C&G Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <> Brushcutters & Strimmers <> ATV Sit-astride Quad Bikes
 360 Elevator (below 5 tonnes) <> ITSSAAR MEWP Cherry Pickers <> Working in Confined Spaces <> Working at heights
 Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) <> Level 2 Health & Safety in the Workplace

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 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*

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admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

01432 268428

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

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15th July 2019

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