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Prince's Countryside Fund Farm Resilience Program

Blessed with some late summer sunshine, the West Worcestershire/East Herefordshire Farm Resilience group took a trip to Duchy Home Farm, Gloucestershire. The 770 ha organic farm, comprising of mixed livestock and arable production gave the group food for thought as the dairy, beef and sheep enterprises were all explored during the visit.

The 200 strong dairy herd are Ayrshires, chosen by Prince Charles, the 100 head sheep flock predominately Lleys, with a few rare breeds thrown in to the mix and the 100 head beef herd Aberdeen Angus, with the addition of a few Gloucesters and British Whites. All animals are fed on clover rich leys and fodder.

The arable business grows winter wheat, oats for the Waitrose Duchy Organic brand, rye and malting barley for local brewers and distillers and spelt for the local mill. The importance of woodland management, grassland management and the using of rare breed/heritage varieties all play an integral part in the running of this commercial farm.

The farm also has a small business selling vegetables in Tetbury and they are just about to add to this retail offering with a milk vending machine in the town. Adding value to their quality organic produce and maximising margins is seen as key in these challenging times for British Agriculture.

The day was organised through the Prince's Countryside Fund programme with funding from The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.



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 --- 7Y Training --- CXCS
Davis Meade Property Consultants
Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors**

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 –
Email admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

Have you got this date in your diary??

Wednesday 20th November, 12noon till 6pm
It is the **10th Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day**
Three Counties Hotel, Belmont Rd, Hereford HR2 7BP
Presentations, 1-to-1 Advice, Drop-ins, Lots of stands
Click [HERE](#) for more information

Sponsored by

Farm Herefordshire Evaluation Survey

The Farm Herefordshire initiative has been running for several years with the aim of promoting good practice, training and advice to farmers. The key aim is to help farmers reduce diffuse pollution

in the River Wye catchment. This is because Herefordshire is facing a number of challenges in meeting the phosphate targets of the River Wye's special area of conservation. All industries, including agriculture, are expected to reduce their contributions proportionally, and Farm Herefordshire was established to support farmers in doing this.

It is supported by a group of organisations including Herefordshire Rural Hub, that have formed a collaborative partnership to support farming in Herefordshire.

In order to gather further information on land practices in Herefordshire an evaluation of the initiative is being carried out by the Brightspace Foundation. The purpose of the Farm Herefordshire evaluation is to identify levels of knowledge about soil and water quality in Herefordshire and learn about any positive land-use activities that have been carried out locally. They are especially interested in gaining the views of farmers and land use managers.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and your responses and time taken are greatly appreciated.

Here is the link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9TZT73P>

DEFRA information on farming changes after Brexit

Defra have published a document to help increase awareness and understanding of the changes in the farming industry in England that will follow after Brexit.

The "Farming is Changing" leaflet gives a summary of Defra's policy decisions **to date**, including the phasing out Direct Payments, and information on Environmental Land Management schemes.

You can access the document [HERE](#)

Rules for farmers and land managers to prevent water pollution

What you must do to manage manure, fertiliser and soil to prevent runoff, erosion and leaching. Click [HERE](#)

Protecting against soil erosion by livestock

Any land within 5 metres of inland freshwaters and coastal waters must be protected from significant soil erosion by preventing poaching by livestock

SSAFO regulations

Rules you must follow when storing silage, slurry or agricultural fuel oil. Click [HERE](#)

Resolved Inconclusive Reactor Policy

On the 1st November 2017, the Resolved Inconclusive Reactor policy came into effect.

- **A resolved IR** is an animal that had an inconclusive test result, but then subsequently has a clear re-test.
- Following the clear re-test of an IR on a holding, in the High Risk Area (HRA), Edge Area, and TB breakdown herds in the Low Risk Area (LRA) of England, the resolved IR is **restricted for life** to the holding on which it was found.
- These restrictions may be lifted following a subsequent negative interferon-gamma blood test of the individual animal, either carried out by a Private Veterinary Surgeon (with permission from APHA), or during a mandatory interferon-gamma test carried out by the APHA.
- Resolved IR's can only be moved off the holding under licence from APHA, either directly to slaughter or to an approved finishing unit. If a resolved IR tests positive to the gamma test, it is considered a reactor and normal TB breakdown procedures apply.
- It is recommended that these animals are physically identified, such as freeze branding, management tag or marking the passport, to prevent them from accidentally moving off the holding.

For more information please use the links below or contact APHA on telephone number 03000 200 301

<https://tbhub.co.uk/dealing-with-tb-in-your-cattle-herd-in-england/what-happens-when-an-inconclusive-reactor-ir-is-found/>

<https://tbhub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/AR-factsheet-inconclusive-reactors-England.pdf>

Ploughing matches

3rd October - Trumpet & District Annual Ploughing Match

The Moats, Coddington, HR8 1JW

<https://trumpetanddistrictagriculturalsociety.co.uk/>

6th October - Ledbury & District Ploughing Match

For further details contact Alistair Young on 01531 634301

12th - 13th October - 69th British National Ploughing Championships & Country Festival

Nocton, near Lincoln, LN4 2AE.

<http://www.ploughmen.co.uk/events/2019-british-national-ploughing-championships>

Future Farm Technology Expo

6th – 7th November

<https://www.ffmpego.com/>

English Winter Fair

16th – 17th November

<https://www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk/english-winter-fair/>

Welsh Winter Fair

25th – 26th November

<http://www.rwas.wales/winter-fair/>

AHDB Strategic Farm launch event

New House Farm, Stanton Lacy, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2BG

Thursday 10 October 10am – 1pm

AHDB would like to invite you to this launch event, hosted by Neil Brown, one of their five new Strategic Farmers. The 2019 Strategic Farms programme will focus mainly on sheep enterprises, however there is also a suckler enterprise at New House Farm.

Full details [HERE](#) with the program for the day, and how to book your place

Herefordshire Rural & Business Crime Officer

Paul Crumpton, West Mercia Police

Will be at

Kington Farm Supplies

Weds 9th October

8am – 1pm

With Colleagues



Useful tips, advice and more on reducing crime.
34 years' experience of what works, and what doesn't!

Apples in a Warmer World

Sunday 13th October at 2pm at the Haywain Barn, Hellens

£2 site admission charge applies as the talk is part of the Big Apple Harvestime weekend

Professor Paul Hadley, of the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development at the University of Reading, gives an inside view of a collaboration with the National Fruit Collection Trust which uses Haygrove Tunnels technology to create a series of modified environments in order to investigate how warmer temperatures and altered rainfall patterns may affect UK apple production in the coming decades.

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.

Your soil and water

Free and confidential advice for farmers in the Teme, Onny & Clun catchments

Make your farm future fit FREE Water and Soil Plans

Our advisors will:

Visit and assess your farm. Identify your goals and visions. Develop a plan with you.

Why you should sign up?

Keep your farm compliant. Get your farm future fit. Find out about funding opportunities

We can offer:

- FREE Soil Testing - to assess your soil structure and test for organic matter, pH, P, K. and Mg.
- Nutrient Management - we can check your farm for erosion risk.
- Water Management - we will look at the sources, pathways and receptors of water on your farm

To arrange a visit please contact your area advisor

Teme Catchment - Katherine Whistance, 01886 888394 / 07968 391041 email: Katherine.Whistance@severnrivertrust.com

Onny Catchment - Ame Holroyd, 01938 559500 / 07812 113918 email: Ame.Holroyd@severnrivertrust.com

Clun Catchment - Fiona Gomersall 07539 752897 email: Fiona.Gomersall@severnrivertrust.com

Holme Lacy Campus Equine Department Dressage Competitions 2019 – 2020

Sunday 17th November 2019. *Entries close: 11th November*

Sunday 15th March 2020. *Entries close: 9th March*

Full schedule and entry form [HERE](#) Enquiries Tel: 01432 870017

The Wye & Usk Foundation – Here to Help

Here's an update on the projects we have running in Herefordshire!

- **Natural Flood Management:** Our advisers are still working with landowners in target catchments to help deliver NFM interventions. There is grant available to support delivery of recommendations and so far this has funded grassland aeration, subsoiling, cover cropping, attenuation ponds, hedge planting and leaky dams for the farmers that have already got involved! The target catchments are the Dulas, Bodenham, Pentalo, Tedstone, Cheaton, Ridgemoor, Yazor and Red/Twyford Brook. If you farm in one of the target catchments 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>
- **Pesticides:** Severn Trent Water are funding their **STEPS Grant Scheme** in the Wye for the first time this year. It is restricted to the **Drinking Water Safe Guarding Zone** which follows the main rivers so if you farm on the main stem of the Wye, Lugg or Frome and would like to improve a pesticide handling area or biobed/biofilter please contact Mike or Abi on the details below. STEPS is a competitive scheme and the application window opens in November. The scheme can also support biodiversity options like buffer strips, winter bird food and pollen mixes.
- **Water Quality:** The levels of phosphate in the rivers and streams is still higher than it should be and we are working hard to support local farmers to reduce losses from agricultural sources – which still contributes 50% of the P in our rivers. We are able to provide free confidential farm advice for any yard or land management challenges you may be facing. We can provide soil structure assessments, OM testing, yard advice, stewardship advice... the list goes on!
- **Stewardship Schemes:** We had a busy summer assisting with Stewardship applications – this year we helped to apply for over £4million worth of field options and capital items which will provide for wildlife and deliver benefits to our rivers across the county.
- **Our Advisers:** Our team has expanded AGAIN, and we are now a team of 11 at WUF – Kate, Mike, Lucinda, Tom, Jonny & Abi are all working across Herefordshire. We have two advisers working in the Welsh Wye. And are now hosting three new advisers for the Wye Valley AONB and Herefordshire Wildlife Trust – Ben Nott, Rebecca Meredith and Claire Spicer - who all joined us in August.

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) Abi Croshaw (07990 068941); Ben Nott (07970 177319); Rebecca Meredith (07539 902681); Claire Spicer (07741 856770)

Catchment Sensitive Farming

Following the launch of Defra's Clean Air Strategy earlier this year, CSF will be offering advice and events on improving air quality and reducing ammonia emissions, in addition to their current advice on water quality. If you would be interested in hearing more, please contact your local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO).

Updates on events will be included in future Herefordshire Rural Hub newsletters.

CSF Officers

River Wye

Rachel Bosanquet; tel: 07770 331 669

Amy Crossley; tel: 07880102224

Sue Buckingham; tel: 07833 095 708

Wayne Davies; tel: 01588 640 980

River Teme

Sally Powell; tel: 07770 645 037

Events and Advice

Understanding your soil

Would you like to learn more about the soil on your farm and how you can manage it to improve profits water quality and air quality? If so, please contact your CSFO who will arrange a visit to take a look your soils. At the end of the visit you will be able to understand how to identify soil issues, make simple soil health measurements and take action to improve soil health. We've found that exploring the soil is more fun in small groups so we'll encourage you to invite a friend or neighbour.

FREE Monthly Computer and Internet Workshops for Beginners at Herefordshire Libraries

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

Introduction to the Internet – at Hereford Library **Monday 14th October, 11am to 1pm**

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

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

How to use your Smartphone – Kington Library **Tuesday 15th October, 10am to 12pm**

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.**

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

Introduction to Emails – Ledbury Library **Tuesday 15th October, 4pm to 6pm**

Learn how to set-up an email account, send and receive emails and attachments. Laptops will be provided for the workshop.

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

Staying Safe Online – at Leominster Library **Thursday 17th October, 10am to 12pm**

How to make sure your computer is secure, send and received emails and attachments. Laptops will be provided for the workshop.

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

How to use your Tablet Computer – at Ross-on-Wye Library **Tuesday 22nd October, 5pm to 7pm**

Learn 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.**

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

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, Rodent Control** and many more



THE PRINCE'S
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FUND

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.**

For further details and an application form, contact:- **Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC,**

Agriculture House, Beech Business Park, Tillington Road, Hereford, HR4 9QJ

Email: admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: **01432 268 428**

St Michael's Hospice

Choir Plea: Calling all pianists.

The St Michael's Hospice Community Choir is looking for a talented volunteer pianist. The successful person will be available for rehearsals at the Hospice between 5-6pm on Tuesday's leading up to performances. The role could suit a retired teacher or a promising student. The Choir has performed at several Hospice events this year including the Flower Festival at Lyde Arundel, and Midsummer Lights. If you are interested, or for more information, call **Denise Bishop** on **01432 852 656**.

Postcards from Life:

This Autumn, 200 miniature masterpieces created by some of the finest artists in our region will go under the hammer. Postcards from Life returns from a year's break with the widest range of art St Michael's Hospice has ever had. Thanks to our friends at Brightwells you will be able to browse and bid for each item **online for a fortnight from Monday 28th October**. Then, **for the final three days of the auction from 8th November**, everyone's invited to the Bishop's Palace in the centre of Hereford to view the art in person.

All the artists are producing the work for Postcards from Life free of charge, with many submitting multiple items.

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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates in 2019</u>
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting 2 days + assessment	4 th – 5 th November
Chainsaw Maintenance & Operations – occasional user	21 st – 22 nd October 5 th – 6 th December
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	11 th – 13 th November
CS30/31 CM & CC, Felling up to 380mm 5 days + assessment	14 th – 18 th October 25 th – 29 th November
CS32 Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm 3 days + assessment	23 rd – 25 th October
CS38 Accessing a tree using a rope and harness 5 days + assessment	18 th – 22 nd November
CS39 Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques 3 days + assess	9 th - 11 th October
Safe Use of Brushcutters & Strimmers 2 days	21 st – 22 nd October
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User) 2 days	19 th – 20 th October
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module	15 th October
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers 1 day + assessment	17 th October
PA6 Handheld Applicators 1 day + assessment	16 th October
Tractor Driving 16+	19 th – 20 th October
Tractor Driving 13-16 year olds	28 th – 29 th October

Courses arranged on demand

Ground based chainsaw refresher <> PA Boom Sprayer Air Assisted <> PA6AW Handheld Applicators in or near Water
FLT Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler) <> ATV refresher <> Safe use of pedestrian mower
Safe use of ride-on self-propelled mower <> Rodent Control (Rats & Mice) <> Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide
Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper

7Y Training Services

7Y Training Centre, Wharton Farms, Wharton, Leominster, HR6 ONX

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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u> (subject to change if numbers are low)	<u>Venue</u>
C&G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	8 th October	Leominster
C&G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	10 th October	Leominster
C&G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	9 th October	t.b.c
C&G Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance	9 th – 10 th October	Leominster
First Aid at Work	22 nd - 24 th October	Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	31 st October	Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	2 nd & 3 rd October	Leominster
Working at heights (Tower Scaffold, Ladders, Harness)	4 th December	Leominster

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

C&G CS30 & CS31 <> ATV Sit-astride Quad Bikes <> ITSSAAR MEWP Cherry Pickers <> 360 Elevator (below 5 tonnes)
Manual Handling (am), Fire Awareness (pm) <> ITSSAR/Lantra Counterbalance & Rough Terrain Telescopic
Confined spaces <> Level 2 Health & Safety in the Workplace or on farm
Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC)

Wyvern Training Ltd

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

We are currently building our Autumn/Winter Programme ready to commence delivery from October 2019

If you are interested in places on any of these courses, please let us know

(Other courses & topics available – please enquire for details)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industrial Counterbalance trucks (Novice, experienced operator and refresher)• Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Trucks – (Novice, experienced operator and refresher)• PA1 - Safe Use of Pesticides• PA2 – Boom Sprayers Hydraulic Nozzle• PA3A – Air assisted blast sprayers• PA3B – Air assisted variable geometry sprayers• PA4S – Slug Pellet applicator trailed or mounted• PA6 – Hand held applicators• Rodent Control on Farms• Emergency First Aid at Work• Manual Handling Awareness | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tractor Driving Refresher (For experienced operators only)• Tractor Driving on slopes (For experienced operators only)• Sit-Astride ATV's (Quad bikes)• Sit-in ATV's• Chainsaw Crosscutting and Maintenance – novice and refresher training• Pole Pruner• Abrasive Wheels• 360 Digger• Scaffold Tower• Mobile Elevated Working Platforms (MEWP's) |
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Are you unsure about details of rules or regulations? Need help with understanding record keeping?

- **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 (AHPA)** 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

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

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