

# Herefordshire Rural Hub

Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

## January 2022 Newsletter

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*We would like to wish  
you all a very  
Happy, Healthy & Peaceful  
Christmas and New Year.  
Please take care  
and stay safe!*



*Please note that Herefordshire Rural Hub office will be  
closed, with only limited access to emails, for Christmas  
and New Year, from 24<sup>th</sup> December until 5<sup>th</sup> January.*

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and especially our Directors.*

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

### Cross Compliance in England 2022

There are no changes to the rules, but the RPA have made some changes to the way they run Cross Compliance that you may benefit from, such as :-

- improvements in the way we communicate with farmers following some cross compliance visits by RPA field officers
- when assessing how severe a non-compliance is, where appropriate, we'll take account of how you've engaged with the rules, any possible harm to the environment, or level of risk to public or animal health.

You can read more details about 'What's new in 2022' in the [Cross Compliance Guide](#)

### Defra paper on the Sustainable Farming Incentive

sets out how the SFI scheme will work in 2022, the first year of its rollout. It also explains how Defra intend to expand the scheme over the next 3 years. [Click HERE](#).

The paper covers details of scheme policy including:

- eligibility
- applications
- agreement length
- payment frequency
- arrangements for common land

It also covers details of the SFI offer in 2022:

- soils standards and payment rates
- draft moorland and rough grazing standard and payment rates
- annual health and welfare review

### RPA reminder to make sure that your details and permissions are up to date for the following ..

- In February 2022 applications will open for new Countryside Stewardship agreements
- From March 2022 you will be able to apply for Basic Payment Scheme 2022 and to submit Countryside Stewardship and Environmental Stewardship revenue claims.
- Following the SFI Early Roll Out announcement, applications will also open for that in a 10-week window in the spring.

### Defra will offer free vet visits as part of the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway

Through the Sustainable Farming Incentive, Defra will fund an Annual Health and Welfare Review. The Review is part of the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway, which is due to launch in spring 2022.

- The Review is a fully funded vet visit which farmers will receive on a yearly basis.
- Funding for the Review will be available for 3 years and will be reviewed after this time.
- A farmer's own vet or vet-led team will carry out diagnostic testing and provide bespoke advice on management to improve the health and welfare of their animals.
- This will be available from spring 2022 onwards, as part of the SFI early rollout.

**Who is eligible?** Initially, the offer will be available to farmers in England who have more than 50 pigs, 20 sheep or 10 cattle and are eligible for the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS). The aim is to extend this offer to those not participating in BPS as soon as possible.

More details on the [Defra farming blog](#)

### For the latest information on the Avian Flu situation go to

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bird-flu-latest-situation-avian-influenza-prevention-zone-declared-across-great-britain>

[Farming Investment Fund](#) open for applications.

Farmers, foresters and growers from across England are urged to apply for grants to buy new equipment and infrastructure to help to improve efficiency and help us build back greener. This could include solar powered electric fences, water treatment systems that use ultraviolet light rather than chemicals and cameras for monitoring livestock.

**The fund will be split across two strands.**

- Firstly, the [Farming Equipment and Technology Fund](#) focuses on smaller grants for equipment from a set list including electronic seeders and chemical-free disinfection systems. **Please note the deadline for this window of applications is midday on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**
- Secondly, the [Farming Transformation Fund](#) will cover more substantial technology, with the potential to transform business performance. This strand will focus initially on water management with grants available to improve water use on farms for things like crops irrigation and constructing on-farm reservoirs. **If you are applying for this you will need to complete the initial online application through the online checker before 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** Projects with the best fit with the priorities will then be invited to submit a full application (deadline 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022).

**See the latest Defra Future Farming blogs at <https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/>**

### **Livestock Transporter Authorisations**

Do you need to renew your livestock transporter authorisation? - Livestock transporter authorisations are valid for 5 years. The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) is reminding all animal transporters to check the expiry date of their current transporter authorisation (for journeys over 65km) and apply for renewal.

More information & renew your authorisation [here on Gov.uk.](#)

### **Changes to rebated fuels (Red Diesel) entitlement from 1st April 2022**

You will be able to continue to use red diesel in vehicles and machines used for [accepted purposes](#) if you're in any of the following sectors: Agriculture; Horticulture; Fish farming; Forestry. If you use red diesel in diversified, non-agricultural activities you may be impacted by these changes.

**For full details of who can use red diesel and for what purposes, click [Here](#)**



### **Share your broadband story** Fastershire wants to hear stories about how broadband is making a difference to farming.



Fastershire is a Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire County Council partnership that has rolled out faster broadband to 93% of Herefordshire premises. Many farms now use the internet for cloud computing, livestock records, accounting, and operating automated machinery.

Fastershire has already made a film about Showle Court Farm, featuring an interview with George Clay. He talks about animal husbandry and explains how a modern farm also needs access to up-to-date data and information. George takes viewers behind the scenes of a modern dairy to show us the difference Fastershire and Air Band's full-fibre service has made on his farm.

If you would like to join George and share your story, a member of the Fastershire team would be happy to visit you on your farm and create a professional video or series of photographs to tell your story.

**If you would like to inspire others and find out more, please get in touch with Chris Smart on 07590 534 920 or email [chris.smart@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:chris.smart@herefordshire.gov.uk)**

You can also watch the Showle Court Farm film at [www.fastershire.com/faster-homes/videos](http://www.fastershire.com/faster-homes/videos)

**Tell us what you think about broadband in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire**  
[www.broadband-feedback.com](http://www.broadband-feedback.com)



**Are you a farming or rural business based in Herefordshire or Gloucestershire?**  
We are holding a

### **Basic Social Media workshop**

**On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 10.30am – 1.00pm**

**At Waterend Farm, Coaley, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 5DR**

Setting up twitter/Instagram/facebook, and tips on using them to promote your business.

Places are limited, so to book your place please

Email : - [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) or tel **01432 353465**

**We also plan to run a similar workshop in Hereford in February – date/venue t.b.c**



## All systems go: green light for climate action programme in Herefordshire

### Council unveils new Climate and Nature Partnership Board

In the wake of Cop26 Herefordshire Council established its Climate and Nature Partnership Board. The board will support the objective for Herefordshire to be a thriving zero-carbon and nature rich county by 2030.

The Council has appointed 15 individuals to help drive the implementation of the countywide Climate and Nature Action Plan, which has been co-developed with people and organisations across Herefordshire.

The Action Plan covers six key topics - transport; energy; housing and buildings; waste; food; farming and land use. Gareth Williams and Ian Howie, both with farming connections in the county have been appointed to the Farming and Land Use sub-group.

The Board will steer the county's Climate and Nature Action Plan, commission projects to help deliver it, monitor progress and is part of a long term push by the county to lead by example in taking action to mitigate climate change and bring about positive change for the benefit of everyone.

Councillor Ellie Chowns, Cabinet member for the environment and economy said "This is a key step in bringing people together to drive forward climate and nature action across the whole county. We're all passionate about protecting Herefordshire's wonderful natural environment and wildlife for the benefit of future generations" adding we are extremely fortunate to have attracted such an exceptional, committed and diverse group of individuals to the Board, who will bring a wealth of expertise and knowledge through their roles in conservation, wildlife, architecture, the media, community energy, research, farming and land management, agricultural policy and running businesses. The Board will encourage everyone in the county – individuals, groups and businesses to get involved in taking action on climate and nature.

Ellie Chowns, Herefordshire cabinet member for Economy and Environment, Herefordshire who will chair the board, said "We want to encourage everyone living, working and running businesses in Herefordshire to do their bit and take action to reduce their carbon footprint. Tackling the climate emergency needs us all to play our part so that everyone can continue to enjoy what our county can offer for many years to come."

### Forestry Commission news and information on Woodland Creation

FC have a new blog - ["The top ten reasons why farmers should consider planting trees."](#)

They have also produced a [New woodland creation brochure](#) - this is to help tell farmers and landowners about the benefits of tree planting and to signpost them to the financial support and advice available.

FC recently ran a 'Woodland Creation' webinar with the ICF and a [recording](#) of this is now available.



### On-farm events, meetings & webinars coming up

Where appropriate, BASIS and NRoSO points are available for attending these webinars and events and information is available on each event's page. [Farm events and agricultural shows | AHDB](#)

In case you missed any, recordings of previous AHDB webinars can be found on the AHDB [Online events and webinar archive](#)

### AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds Hereford Monitor Farm

#### Increasing profitability through fixed cost management

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 1:00pm, at Ledbury Rugby Club, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2LP**

At this Hereford Monitor Farm meeting we will look into the finer detail of crop production systems and the mindset required to fully evaluate the impact of these decisions on a farming business.

Our host Monitor Farmers have all adapted their systems over the past five years and they will openly discuss their developments and the impact on their business resilience. Like many other farmers who are looking hard at their businesses, collaboration and joint ventures offer one possible answer.

[Follow this link to book a space](#) or call **Richard Meredith on 07717 493 015**

### Farming Advice Service Webinar Program

**What's new in cross compliance 2022. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 15:30 to 16:30,**

please [click here to register for the event.](#)

Andrew Wells from Arable Alliance will explain the operational changes to cross compliance for the 2022 scheme year to help you to comply with the requirements. Andrew is an expert in this area and has over 15 years' of experience in delivering cross compliance advice and events to farmers. He will also highlight the areas that are commonly receiving a high percentage of non-compliances at inspections.

**Future support schemes – what’s coming next? Tuesday 8 February, 15:30 to 16:30,**

please [click here to register for the event](#).

This webinar will be presented by Jonathan Baker (Deputy Director of the Future Farming and Countryside Programme team at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)) and Alice De Soer (Director/adviser at Rural Response Ltd). It follows on from the two webinars FAS delivered earlier this year on the agricultural transition plan. The presenters will provide an update on the offers available to farmers and answer your questions.

**Steps to reduce ammonia emissions on farms. Wednesday 16 February, 19:00 to 20:00,**

please [click here to register for the event](#)

John Morgan of Creedy Associates is a specialist in the practical use of inorganic manures within agriculture. In this webinar he will provide an overview of ammonia emissions in agriculture and offer practical information and suggestions on how farmers can reduce their ammonia emissions on farms. John says, ‘Ammonia is a nitrogen gas and that retaining this nitrogen, for farm use, via considered storage and application, makes financial as well as environmental sense’.

**Livestock movements and identification. Wednesday 23 February, 10:00 – 11:00,**

please [click here to register for the event](#)

Ian Cairns is a sheep farmer and independent adviser with over 10 years’ experience in delivering events and advice on livestock movements and identification. This is an area with high non-compliance rates in inspections and in this webinar, Ian will cover the requirements for livestock movements and ID and make reference to inspection failings. Highlighting the common areas on non-compliance and what to do to avoid these.



**Advice & Support Available Across Herefordshire  
from the Wye & Usk Foundation**

**We are still working to support farmers during these strange times  
– if you need any advice please contact one of our Catchment Advisers as usual.**

**Woodland Creation Support**

We are able to offer advice and support for any landowners within the Wye Catchment wanting to do woodland creation through the England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO). The EWCO is a Government funded grant to plant woodland for the purposes of Water Quality, Flood Prevention, Riparian Buffers, Priority Habitat Creation and SSSI Protection from Ammonia. A minimum of 1ha needs to be applied for with a minimum of 0.1ha blocks. Standard costs for trees, tree guards, fencing and gates etc. are available, as well as a Maintenance Grant of £200 per ha for 10 years.

We are hoping to host some events over the winter explain in more detail what is on offer and what is involved.

If this is something you are interested in then please contact one of the advisers below for more information.

**For more information or to request a visit please contact one of the WUF advisers:**

**Lucinda Lewis (07824 904 877); Mike Williams (07920 441 215); Tom Jolley (07545 253 155); Jonny Pugh (07825 743 447)  
Abi Croshaw (07990 068 941); Claire Spicer (07741 856 770); Ben Nott (07539 902 680)**



**Support Available from Severn Trent in the Wye Catchment**



Severn Trent Water are working with the Wye & Usk Foundation to fund advice and grant schemes in the Wye on an annual basis. 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, disposal options like biofilters or alternative management there may be funding available to support this.

**STEPS for Water Quality** is open and will close on the **31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**. Up to £10,000 is available to improve Pesticide Handling Facilities in the yard and for the placement of Arable Grassland Buffers to protect water courses.

There are also options available for grassland farms such as Alternative Weed Management and Precision Application Technology for grassland. *STEPS can be run in conjunction with other schemes as long as an item is not being double funded.*

If you would like more information about the funding Severn Trent has to offer,  
please contact one of the advisers below or [Click HERE](#)

**Catchment Advisers: Abi Croshaw (07990 068941) or Mike Williams (07920 441215)**

**Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF)**

**Free Specialist CSF Visits**

CSF offer a number of free specialist visits to farmers within the Wye catchment.

The following visits can offer support on tackling phosphate and sediment loss:

- Soil and Nutrient Management Planning
- Assessment of Soil Health



- Farm Machinery Management to improve soil condition and reduce Pollution

In addition, the following visits can help farmers to save nitrogen and reduce Pollution

- Conserving Nitrogen Through reducing Ammonia Emissions
- Woodlands for Water and Air

We will be launching some new specialist visits in the future including one on Phosphate Management Planning.

If you are interested in one of these or would like further information, please contact your local CSFO

**River Wye** Email [CSF.Severn@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:CSF.Severn@naturalengland.org.uk) Please mention "River Wye" in the subject heading

**River Teme** Email [CSF.Severn@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:CSF.Severn@naturalengland.org.uk) Please mention "River Teme" in the subject heading

## Low Carbon Agriculture Show, at NAEC, Stoneleigh, 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

<https://lowcarbonagricultureshow.co.uk/visit/>

## Consultation on proposals to reform the AHDB

AHDB levy payers are invited to share their views in a Defra consultation on the future of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB). The consultation runs until midnight on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and members can respond to the [Consultation on the AHDB website](#).

## New Courses 2022 - FREE for Herefordshire

### Mental Health First Aid (2-day) and Awareness Training (3 hours)

Herefordshire Council has funded this Talk Community programme of training courses (Mental Health First Aid and Mental Health Awareness) to help community organisations support the mental health and wellbeing of local residents as well as their volunteers and workers. [Full details](#) on the Hub website.

## COVID-19 Coronavirus – some useful links

### Herefordshire Council

#### [Covid-19 Farm Preventative Packs](#)

This pack is to help support local farms with resources such as training videos, signage, and links to the relevant guidance.

#### [Symptom-free rapid Covid testing sites in Herefordshire](#)

#### [Symptom-free home testing kits](#)

### Gov.UK

#### [Current Guidance on GOV.UK](#)

#### [Guidance for employers and businesses on working safely during coronavirus](#)

## Booking a Coronavirus vaccination/booster online.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>



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## The Prince's Countryside Fund/HFYFC Training Grants

As some social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions are being eased, a limited amount of training is starting to be offered, so if you are able to get something booked up, and are eligible to apply for this funding, please contact **Frances** at **Herefordshire Rural Hub** to request an application form.

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.*

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

For any queries or to request an application form, please email Frances at [admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)

## The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

The Jack Hughes Fund is available to farmers and farm staff aged over 40 years working on a Herefordshire farm.

The amount of funding available is up to a maximum of 70% of the course cost to an overall maximum of £200.

**The programme is available for farmers and farm staff aged over 40** (limited to one family member/employee per farming business per year).

It 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 farm related training courses (examples below)**

- Safe use of pesticides – PA1, PA2, PA6
- Rodent control on farms
- Emergency first aid
- Food safety (Basic Food Hygiene)
- Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30)

**Other courses will be considered on application**

**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 the **Herefordshire Community Foundation**

The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford, HR4 9HP. Email: [administrator@herefordshirecf.org](mailto:administrator@herefordshirecf.org) Phone: 01432 272550

Website: [www.herefordshirefoundation.org](http://www.herefordshirefoundation.org)

## Herefordshire & Ludlow College

Tel: **0800 083 1986** Email: [admissions@hlcollege.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@hlcollege.ac.uk)

All course details are on the College website: [www.hlcollege.ac.uk](http://www.hlcollege.ac.uk)

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

<b>PA1 Foundation - Safe Use of Pesticides 1 day including assessment</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers 1 day + assessment</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Assessment t.b.c</i>
<b>PA6 Handheld Applicators 1 day + assessment</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Assessment t.b.c.</i>
<b>Safe Use of Brush Cutters &amp; Strimmers 2 days including assessment</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance &amp; Crosscutting 2 days + assessment</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> January      23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>CS31 Felling &amp; Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> February      16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March      30 <sup>th</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>CS38 Accessing a Tree Using Rope &amp; Harness 5 days + assessment</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>CS39 Aerial Cutting of Trees Using Free Fall Techniques 3 days + assess</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> February      23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> March

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## 7Y Training Services

**7Y Training Centre, Wharton Farms, Wharton, Leominster, HR6 0NX**

**Contact: Paula Strangwood Email: [paula@7ytraining.co.uk](mailto:paula@7ytraining.co.uk)**

### **Guidance Coronavirus (COVID-19):**

How we are making training safe for you and your candidates

We will be implementing the following measures to keep your candidates and our employees safe:

1. Before the course date - If a candidate has any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., new persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change to sense of smell or taste) they must not attend training. We will provide a free transfer to a future course.
2. PPE - Each candidate will receive a welfare pack on arrival which consists of personal hand-sanitiser, tissues/wipes, face mask and a pen.
3. First Aid Courses - We will operate a 1:1 candidate to manikin ratio for CPR practice and AED use. We maintain our rigorous manikin cleaning protocols after each course.

**Please register your interest for any of the following courses:**

Course	Dates <i>(subject to change if numbers are low)</i>	Venue
<b>C &amp; G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)</b> <i>Max 6 candidates per course</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> January	Leominster
<b>C &amp; G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)</b> <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	T.B.C	T.B.C
<b>C &amp; G Ground Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)</b> <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	20 <sup>th</sup> January	Leominster
<b>First Aid at Work</b> <i>3 days</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> February 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Leominster
<b>First Aid at Work Refresher</b> <i>2 days</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Leominster
<b>Emergency First Aid at Work</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> February      17 <sup>th</sup> March	Leominster
<b>C &amp; G Chainsaw Maintenance &amp; Cross-Cutting</b>	dates available	Leominster
<b>Fire Awareness (half day) &amp; Manual Handling (half day)</b>	T.B.C	Leominster
<p><b>The following Machinery and Equipment courses can be run for either Novice, Refresher or Experienced candidates, &amp; under a variety of awarding bodies – Lantra, ITSSAR, BRITTOp. Please contact Paula to register your interest.</b></p> <p>Rough Terrain Telescopic &lt;&gt; Rough Terrain Telescopic over 9m &lt;&gt; Counterbalance FLT ITSSAR MEWP Scissor Lift &lt;&gt; ATV's Sit-Astride Quad Bikes &lt;&gt; 360 Excavator (below 5 tonnes)</p>		

### **Are you unsure about details of rules or regulations? Need help with understanding record keeping?**

- 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 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/>
- **"Farming Help"** (support for farmers affected by covid-19) 03000 111 999 website <http://www.farminghelp.co.uk>
- **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI)** 0808 2819490 website: <http://www.rabi.org.uk/>
- **Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy** 07966 927404 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/)
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- **Herefordshire Samaritans** website: [www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans](http://www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans)
- **Carerstrust 4 All – Hereford CarerLinks** 01432 663057 website: [www.carerstrust4all.org.uk](http://www.carerstrust4all.org.uk)
- **ParkinsonsUK Hereford & District Branch** 01432 850330 website: [www.herefordparkinsons.org.uk](http://www.herefordparkinsons.org.uk)
- **We are Farming Minds** 07506 567500 Email [Wearefarmingminds@gmail.com](mailto:Wearefarmingminds@gmail.com) 24-hour helpline: 0808 8020070
- **Dementia Matters Here (fordshire)** 01432 804480

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