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Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-
15th February 2017

Herefordshire Rural Hub has got a new website.
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.

Avian Influenza Prevention Zone

An Avian Influenza Prevention Zone has been in place since **6th December** and will continue **until 28th February** to help protect poultry and captive birds from avian flu. This may be extended further if required. The zone requires keepers of poultry and other captive birds to keep their birds indoors, or take appropriate practical steps to keep them separate from wild birds. The Prevention Zone covers England and similar declarations have been made in Scotland and Wales. There is also a GB-wide ban on poultry shows and gatherings. If you keep poultry, you must also practice good biosecurity to minimise the risk of infection spreading via items such as feed, clothing or equipment.

For advice and guidance on what to do if you keep poultry, or to report suspicion of disease in animals, call the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301. The helpline is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm. There is an out of hours facility on the same number for reporting suspicion of disease in animals. More information can be found at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-flu-prevention-zone-extended>

Members of the public are encouraged to report dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks), or other dead wild birds such as gulls or birds of prey, to the Defra helpline on **03459 33 55 77**. Defra will then test them to help understand how the disease is distributed geographically and in different types of bird.



"Achieving the 2020 vision for Herefordshire farming businesses"

Herefordshire Rural Hub has secured Prince's Countryside Fund support. We are delighted that this funding will enable us to deliver a 3 year programme providing a bespoke support package to 12 Herefordshire family farming businesses, with the aim to help them to achieve long term viability. It will be run alongside a newly set-up mentoring and training programme.

We are now recruiting for the role of part time facilitator for this project.
(See advertisement at the end of this newsletter).

Are you unsure about details of any rules or regulations or do you need help with understanding record keeping?

Remember that FREE advice is always available from the Green Futures team:-

Farming Advice Service, Natural England, CLA, NFU & the Environment Agency.

Getting advice and assistance from those that know the details of the rules will help ensure your business stays compliant. You may be cautious about asking for help from a regulatory body such as the Environment Agency, but they are always willing to advise and help you. Herefordshire Rural Hub can help signpost which organisation can help you. Don't hold back from asking for help. It's free and could save your Basic Payment.

Farming Advice Service Email: advice@farmingadvice.service.org.uk website: www.farmingadvice.service.org.uk

The Rural Services Helpline **03000 200 301** provides a single number for all Farming Advice Service, Rural Payments Agency or Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm.

Natural England 0300 060 1115 enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

Environment Agency Sharon Chisholm (Tues, Weds, Thurs) 02030 251692 sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk

N.F.U. (Herefordshire) Clare Greener 01432 807464 07771 626080 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

Do you need, support or do you know someone who may 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 www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans

Some useful website links

Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) 2017 - The Greening rules - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bps-2017>

Cross Compliance Guidance 2017 for England -

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/579836/Cross_Compliance_2017_rules_FINAL.pdf

RLE1 form and guidance -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tell-the-rural-payments-agency-about-land-changes-and-entitlement-transfers>

Welsh Government Cross Compliance Rules and Guidance 2017 -

The updated Factsheets are available on the Welsh Government website:- <http://ow.ly/Bxoi307OnAD>

New Farm Animal Movement Rules - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/livestock-movements-simpler-rules-from-2016-to-2017/livestock-movements-simpler-rules-from-2016-to-2017>

Countryside Stewardship Mid & Higher Tier - manuals, application forms and supporting guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-paid-for-environmental-land-management>

Countryside Stewardship for Woodlands: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/beeH-9t6ff5>

Magic Maps: <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>

What's in Your Backyard: <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/>

Registering/Renewing Your Waste Exemptions Online <https://www.gov.uk/register-your-waste-exemption-online>

NVZ Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nitrate-vulnerable-zones-in-england-guidance-on-complying-with-the-rules-for-2013-to-2016>

Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) regulations: apply to make changes to rural land -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eia-agriculture-regulations-apply-to-make-changes-to-rural-land>

Farming Inspections - Information about who will inspect your farm, what they're looking for and any penalties you may get.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-inspections>

National Living Wage – minimum pay rate for workers aged 25 and over, go to: <https://www.livingwage.gov.uk/>

National Minimum Wage Rates: <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

Workplace Pensions / Auto Enrolment: www.gov.uk/workplace-pensions-employers

Details about your start date can be found by visiting www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/employers/staging-date.aspx

Working Tax Credits: For information go to: <https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit/overview>

Universal Credit:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/404232/uc-works-for-employers.pdf



Big Farm Bird Count 2017 3rd - 12th Feb 2017

A great opportunity to find out more about birds and record the birds on your farm.

To take part and download record sheets please visit:-

<http://www.gwct.org.uk/farming/big-farmland-bird-count/>

For the **Big Farm Bird Count 2017** this year, there will be a practical **Farmland Bird ID training day** in Herefordshire on **3rd February, 8 am - 12pm**. Hosted by Lower Hope Farms, at **Sidnall Farm, Pencombe, HR7 4RP**.

This is for farmers and landowners who would like to improve Farmland Bird ID skills

Starting indoors with breakfast, there will be slides and bird song recordings followed by a farm walk with farmland bird specialists.

To book your place please go to GWCT website

<http://www.gwct.org.uk/events/calendar/2017/february/farmland-bird-id-day-herefordshire/>

or phone **Amelia Woodford** on **01572 718730**

Big Farm Bird Count 2017 – “Growing Farmland Birds - How to provide the Big 3 for Farmland Birds”

3rd February, 12.30 - 3.00 pm

A walk at Lower Hope Fruit Ltd, Sidnall Farm, Pencombe, HR7 4RP. *By kind permission of Simon Wells.*

Light lunch followed by farm walk with farmland bird specialists Matt Willmott (Natural England) and Neil Harris (Kings).

If you want to establish wild bird seed mixtures for:-

- Mid or Higher Tier Farm Wildlife Package in Countryside Stewardship
- ELS or HLS scheme
- EFA as part of Greening
- enjoyment of your farm or shoot

This is an excellent chance to:-

- Discuss how to select the best sites for the different wildlife seed mixes available
- Discover how managing wildlife habitats as part of the farm business can bring agronomic benefits such as Blackgrass control and financial savings
- Get tips on growing the mixes well to provide winter and summer bird food, nesting habitat and how they can fit successfully with game bird management.
- Learn about the importance of hedges, trees and other habitats and how to manage them for birds, farm wildlife and water quality.

All welcome. Please book your place with Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: **01432 353465**

The impact of Brexit on the tenant sector:

Tuesday 7th February, 7.30pm at The Green Man Inn, Fownhope, HR1 4PE

Whether you rent a field or a farm, Brexit is likely to have an impact on your farming business. As head of the Central Association for Agricultural Valuers, Jeremy Moody knows a thing or two about rental markets and their performance given different political policy positions. The NFU is delighted to offer an opportunity for Herefordshire farmers to hear Jeremy's views on Brexit and to question him directly.

Please contact **Clare Greener**, NFU Herefordshire Adviser on **07771 626080** to book your place.

Herefordshire Grassland Society Events

All at the New Market Canteen, Livestock Centre, Roman Road, Hereford HR4 7AN

Tea & coffee served before the meeting, and light refreshments after.

“Eradicating Bovine TB in Europe” Tuesday 7th February, 7.30pm

Speaker: **Dafydd Saunders-Jones**, Nuffield Scholar, Farmer Chair of South East Wales TB Eradication Board

This meeting is sponsored by Whistance Feeds www.whistancefeeds.co.uk 01981 540437

The AGM will also be held this evening.

“Re-engaging with Soils: Fear, Finances, Regulations or Education” Tuesday 14th March, 7.30pm

Speaker: **Kate Adams**, Nuffield Scholar, Head of Land Use for the Wye & Usk Foundation

This meeting is sponsored by the Wye & Usk Foundation www.wyeuskfoundation.org 01874 711714

Secretary contact: **Andrew Edwards** MRICS (Sunderlands & Thompsons LLP)

Tel: **01432 356161** Email: d.griffiths@st-hereford.co.uk

Meetings open to all. Annual membership of Herefordshire Grassland Society only £10

Animal Livestock Movement Regulations:

To clarify the new rules and to answer all your questions, Herefordshire NFU & Herefordshire Rural Hub are very pleased to bring to a venue close to you perhaps the most qualified person in the country to speak on this subject. A livestock farmer himself, Ian Cairns is also a Farming Advisory Service Adviser working on behalf of Defra.

Wednesday 8 February 7.30pm Esleyside Village Hall, Michaelchurch Escley, HR2 0PT
Thursday 9 February 10.00am Bodenham Parish Hall, HR1 3LB
Thursday 9 February 1.00pm Kington Livestock Market, Love Lane, HR5 3BJ

See the attached flyer for full details.

To book your place email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: **01432 353465**

A Question of Brexit – ensuring farmers influence farm policy:

Thursday 16 February at The Green Man Inn, Fownhope, HR1 4PE

This event will start at 7pm ending with a light supper at about 9pm.

Ensuring that local level ideas and concerns are fed directly into policy making as we lobby for farming sector wins during the Brexit debate is essential. To facilitate this process the NFU has arranged for Terry Jones, the NFU Director General to talk with the farming community. **You are very welcome to join us.**

Please book your place by calling **Clare Greener**, Herefordshire NFU Adviser on **07771 626080**.

The Wye & Usk Foundation

Pesticide Amnesty Coming Soon!

The Wye & Usk Foundation are working with Severn Trent to host a pesticide Amnesty in Herefordshire this February. It will give local farmers the opportunity to safely dispose of old, unwanted pesticides discretely, without charge and with no questions asked.

Full details will be released soon, if you would like to find out more or to express an interest please contact one of the WUF Advisers on the details below.

The Wye & Usk Foundation continue to offer free farm visits across Herefordshire to advise on soil health, metaldehyde use, yard infrastructure, pesticide disposal options or any other issues you would like to discuss confidentially. We offer three free soil tests, including organic matter levels and free erosion risk maps of your farm.

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); **Kate Adams** (07766 330 959)
Tom Jolley (07545 253 155); **Liz Price** (07776 197 740)

Herefordshire Meadows

What's beneath your grassland?

Thursday 23rd February 2017, 2.45 pm for prompt start at 3.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Meet at Dilwyn Cedar Hall, Dilwyn, HR4 8HS for a walk at Sollers Dilwyn

courtesy of James and Lucinda Lewis, Boycefield Farm, Dilwyn.

Followed by short presentations over tea from

Tim Hoverd, Herefordshire Archaeology, on how to interpret the lumps and bumps on your farm

David Lovelace on how to use maps to find out more about the history of your farm

Please state when booking for the Dilwyn event if you can offer to drive a 4x4 from the hall to the field.

Herefordshire Meadows Annual Forum

Saturday March 18th, 10 am - 2 pm at Woolhope Village Hall, Woolhope, HR1 4QS

Speakers to include **Bill Grayson**, Lancashire farmer (pasture fed beef and conservation grazing specialist with an interest in the nutritional value of broad leaved grassland plants) and **George Peterken** from the Wye Valley Parish Grassland Project and author of "Meadows". A chance to hear about pasture fed livestock systems, the benefits for healthy livestock, the farm business and the environment. And to find out more about all different kinds of wildflower grassland in the landscape.

Light refreshments provided

Please book for both events through Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or telephone **01432 353465**

February - FSB Herefordshire County Connections

Thursday 19th February 2017, 5:30 to 7:30pm at Rayeesa's Indian Kitchen, Mordiford

Richard Asghar-Sandys, Federation of Small Businesses, Branch Chairman - Herefordshire

Regional Chairman & National Councillor – Shropshire, Herefordshire & Worcestershire

Email: richardas@coachlogistics.com Tel: **01432 870253** Mob: **07870 898905** Website: <http://www.fsb.org.uk/092>

Hereford University Centre in association with
the Institute of Physics (West Midlands) & the Institute of Engineering and Technology (Hereford and Worcester),
invite you to a public lecture on:-

'The role of drones and satellites in land use and precision agriculture'.

On Monday 20 February, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start, finishing at 8.30pm
at Herefordshire & Ludlow College, Folly Lane, Hereford

Dr Tony Waine will explore how science and technology is revolutionising agricultural engineering with particular focus on remote sensing from space and drones.

The event is free of charge, and open to the public

For further details or to RSVP, please email DavisJulia@hcollege.ac.uk by Friday 10 February.

Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce Events

Hereford Women's Business Forum in association with Thorne Widgery Accountancy

Tuesday 7 February, 9.30 - 11.30am at Thorne Widgery, 2 Wyevale Business Park, Kings Acre, Hereford HR4 7BS

Speaker: Nicky Scott – Herefordshire & Worcestershire Group Training

Topic: The benefits of taking on an apprentice

£10.00+VAT Members and £20.00+VAT Non-members

Ledbury Networking Lunch

Monday 20 February, 12.30 - 2.30pm, at The Talbot Inn, 14 New Street, Ledbury HR8 2DX

Enjoy a two course lunch in Ledbury with plenty of networking opportunities. The group will hear from an informative speaker, with each attendee gaining the opportunity to introduce themselves to the room and make business contacts.

£20.00+VAT Members and £35.00+VAT Non-members

H & W Chamber Business Awards open for entries

For more information about the Awards, or to download an entry form go to www.hwchamber.co.uk/awards, or contact the Events team on **01905 673 624**; Email events@hwchamber.co.uk

Entries for the Awards close at 4.00pm on Friday 31 March.

For further details contact: **Yasmin Bent** (Events Co-ordinator, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce)

Tel: 01905 673 600 / 01905 673 612 Email: yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk Website: www.hwchamber.co.uk

Practical Farm Ideas – An evening with Mike Donovan

Tuesday 21st February 2017, 7.30pm at Newcastle Community Centre, SY7 8QL

Land, Life & Livelihoods presents an evening of **Practical Farm Ideas** with **Mike Donovan** who edits and produces the magazine of the same name.

Entertaining and informative, the evening will offer plenty of practical, hands-on and cost cutting ideas for your farm.

Refreshments. Free event, but booking required!

To book your place contact: **Sarah Jameson**, Land, Life & Livelihoods, Email: images@sarahjameson.co.uk Tel: **01547 528546**
www.landlifeandlivelihoods.org.uk

Shropshire Hills Uplands Forum

Monday 27th February, 7.00pm – 9.30pm at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms

Speakers and discussion on post-Brexit policy and programmes for land management in the uplands

Speakers will include:

Julia Aglionby - Chair of The Uplands Alliance & Executive Director of the Foundation for Common Land

Andrew Hearle - National Trust

To book, please contact **Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership**, Email: shropshirehillsaonb@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: **01743 254740**

A CPRE Shropshire conference

Rural Shropshire: What next for our farming, food & landscape?

Friday 3rd March, 1.30 to 5pm at the Sovereign Suite, Shrewsbury Town Football Club SY2 6ST

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Shropshire invites you to a free conference on the future of farming and how agricultural policies and subsidies post BREXIT could affect a landscape which was formed by centuries of farming.

Speakers include Christopher Price, Director of Policy, Country Land and Business Association (CLA) and representatives from Natural England, NFU Mutual, Shropshire Hills AONB, National Gamekeepers Association, Campaign to Protect Rural England and farmers from the Shropshire Hills.

Topics covered: Farm subsidies, Protecting the Landscape, Rural economy, Soil conservation, Tourism & local communities, Organic farming, Small farms, Conservation & shooting.

Free parking : free entry : light refreshments : disabled access

Free event, but booking is required. To book your free place now, contact: **Sarah Jameson**, Administrator, CPRE Shropshire
Email: admin@cpreshropshire.org.uk or Tel: **01547 528546** **Deadline for bookings: Monday 27th February**

**The RDPE Growth Programme administered by DEFRA has launched calls for applications for:-
Capital Grants to support tourism projects and food & drink processing activities in the Marches LEP area**

- £1m is available to develop visitor attractions, tourist information, and recreational and small scale infrastructure projects including holiday accommodation.
- £2.5m has been allocated to grow and enhance the food and drink sector by supporting micro, small and medium-sized food producers and processors looking to expand and create jobs.

Workshops for applicants are being held in the local Growth Hubs. For details, and to book your place, below are the links to the Eventbrite pages for the DEFRA events:

- Herefordshire <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/defra-funding-event-tickets-31413682169>
- Shropshire <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/defra-funding-event-tickets-31442719019>

Further information about making an application, forms and guidance can be found online at: <http://bit.ly/2ijjJsz>
Guidelines for the grants in this area will be listed under the Marches LEP.

WISH (Wellbeing Information and Signposting for Herefordshire)

WISH can help you find the information you need to help your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, such as Care and support for adults and children; Directory of Services; Community activities across the county.

Contact WISH online, by telephone, or face-to-face Email – info@WISHerefordshire.org Tel: **01432 383880**

Visit the regular and ad-hoc WISH pop-ups, or the Hereford WISH office at **9, St Peter's Street, Hereford, HR1 2LE**

For details of the pop-ups & office opening times, please phone or email WISH or visit the website: www.WISHerefordshire.org

Good Neighbour Scheme Toolkit

The Good Neighbour Scheme Toolkit has been produced to help Herefordshire communities to decide what is needed to combat the huge impact of loneliness on local people, affecting physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing, to find out about available funding, and to set up their own local schemes. **You can download the toolkit from:-** <https://bit.do/hgns>

Free boiler services for Vulnerable Herefordshire Residents

Keep Herefordshire Warm (the Council's Affordable Warmth service) are able to offer fully funded boiler services to vulnerable Herefordshire residents, between now and the end of March. These will be available on a first come first served basis, and will cover mains Gas and LPG (bottle gas) systems. This offer is only available to homeowners.

Households that include a person(s) living with a disability and people over the age of 60 who receive state pension only or a means tested benefit will qualify for the scheme. In addition, a small fund for boiler repairs and assistance to access grants for replacement boilers will also be available where needed and especially where identified through the services.

To register interest, residents or individuals/organisations supporting them should contact the Keep Herefordshire Warm helpline by calling **0800 677 1432** or via email at khw@mea.org.uk.

Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans Charity Lunch

Friday 17th March, 11.30am, at The Haywain, Lyde Arundel, by kind permission of Robert and Karen Watkins.

Linda Bennett, the founder of L.K. Bennett, the ladies fashion stores, will be talking to Alexandra James from Broadfield Court.

The talk and Q&A starts at 11.30 am with coffee and biscuits, followed by a sit-down lunch at 1pm, followed by coffee.

Cost £30 per person. Call Herefordshire Samaritans **01432 269000** for details.

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.*

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

This is available for farmers aged over 40 yrs 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. If your application is approved you will be able to reclaim 70% of your training and test costs, up to a maximum of £250. For further details and an application form please contact:

Herefordshire Community Foundation, The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford HR4 9HP.

Tel: 01432 272550 or email: info@herefordshirefoundation.org

Sastak 7Y

Please contact Paula Strangwood Tel: 07717 895 009 Email: paula@sastak7y.com

Course	Dates	Venue
Broadcast Sprayer with Air Assistance	7 th February	Bosbury
Lantra Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting	8 th – 9 th February	Wharton Court, Leominster
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic Refresher	17 th February	Venue t.b.c
PA1 Safe handling and application of Pesticides	21 st February	Wharton Court, Leominster
PA2 Ground crop sprayers	22 nd February	Wharton Court, Leominster
Handheld Applicators PA6	23 rd February	Wharton Court, Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	6 th March	Wharton Court, Leominster

February and March dates available for Lifting Equipment and Health & Safety Courses, please call for a quote and available dates.

If you are interested in any of the following courses, please register your interest with Paula:

NPTC PA4s (Slug Pelleting) or NPTC PA4g (Granular Application); CS30-31 Chainsaw & Fell Small Trees
Health & Safety courses such as Food Hygiene, COSSH and HACCP ; MEWP – Cherry Pickers etc.; B+E Trailer Training
For further information, please contact Paula Strangwood on 07717 895 009 or email on paula@sastak7y.com

Wyvern Training Services

Email: [enquiries@wyverntainingservices.com](mailto:enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com) Telephone: 07468 465 303

Fruit Technical workshop "orchard pesticides; sustainable use"	7 th February at Pencombe
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic Handlers Refresher	7 th Feb at Ross on Wye
Basic principles of HACCPs	8 th February – venue t.b.c
Lantra 1 day Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance – refresher/experienced	13 th February at Ross on Wye 17 th February – venue t.b.c
NPTC PA1 Safe use of pesticides	13 th February – venue t.b.c 14 th March – venue t.b.c
NPTC Fixed boom/field crop sprayers PA2	14 th February venue t.b.c
NPTC Air Assisted PA3a	15 th February venue t.b.c
NPTC PA6 Knapsack/Hand held sprayers	17 th February venue t.b.c
West Mids Ambulance Service – Level 2 Emergency First Aid at Work	22 nd February at Storrige 2 nd March at Sutton St Nicholas 29 th March at Storrige
Passing on the skill management/leadership workshop	23 rd February at Sutton St Nicholas
Fruit technical workshop – Improving post-harvest quality (orchard crops)	28 th February venue t.b.c
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescope - beginners	1 st – 2 nd March venue t.b.c
Lantra Rodent Control on Farms (meets new legislation for purchasing rodenticides)	3 rd March venue t.b.c 6 th March venue t.b.c
CIEH Level 2 Food Safety (Basic Food Hygiene)	7 th March in Worcestershire
West Mids Ambulance Service – Level 3 First Aid at Work	7 th – 9 th March at Storrige
Introduction to basic MIG welding	13 th March at Lyonshall
West Mids Ambulance Service – Level 3 First Aid at Work refresher/re-certification	21 st – 22 nd March at Storrige

Additional courses planned for winter/spring 2017

Chainsaws – Basic felling techniques (up to 200mm); Chainsaws – Felling & processing medium trees (up to 380mm)
Powered Pole Pruners; Introduction to basic ARC welding; Sit Astride ATV's (Quad bikes) 1 & 2 day courses
Basic Tractor driving; Internal auditors (appropriate for BRC version 7)

Holme Lacy Campus Equine Department - Dressage Competition - Sunday 19th March 2017

For full details and entry forms visit the college website:-

<http://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/News/event-dressage-1617.htm>

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30) 2 days plus assessment	28 th Feb – 1 st March	Holme Lacy Campus
Combined CS30 & CS31 5 days plus assessment	6 th – 10 th February 27 th – 31 st March	Holme Lacy Campus
Felling & Processing trees over 380mm (CS32) 3 days	5 th – 7 th April	Holme Lacy Campus
Accessing a tree using rope & harness (CS38) 5 days plus assessment	20 th – 24 th February 24 th – 28 th April	Holme Lacy Campus
Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques (CS39) 3 days plus assessment	20 th – 22 nd March	Holme Lacy Campus
Safe use of Brushcutters and Strimmers 2 days	3 rd – 4 th April	Holme Lacy Campus
Maintain & operate your chainsaw - hobby user 2 days	4 th – 5 th March	Holme Lacy Campus
NPTC Safe use of Pesticides – Handheld Applicators PA6 incorporating PA1 2 days plus assessment	23 rd March and 4 th April	Holme Lacy Campus
Tractor Driving & Handling – Adults (over 16 yrs) 2 days	4 th – 5 th March	Holme Lacy Campus
Forklift Truck Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler) 2 days plus assessment	21 st – 22 nd February	Holme Lacy Campus
Tractor Driving 13-16 yr olds 2 days	13 th – 14 th February 20 th – 21 st April	Holme Lacy Campus

News from the Blues

THINK....

- P** – phone 999 only if
- O** – offenders are nearby
- L** – life is at risk
- I** – injury caused or threatened
- C** – crime is in progress
- E** – everything else call 101
- OR** call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Community Messaging Service (CMS)

This can be specific to your area/interest/needs To register your interest in one of the CMS Schemes being run by West Mercia police, use the following link to register, then follow the on-screen instructions:- <http://www.westmercia.police.uk/register>

Keep yourself and your business safe Online

- lots of advice, hints and tips at:- <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Be Cyber Smart

- S** Strong passwords are nonsensical and made up of a mixture of letters, numbers and punctuation
- M** Make sure you update your software and your antivirus before using the internet
- A** Always check for a “locked padlock” or “unbroken key symbol” in the browser window when banking online
- R** Remember to shred documents containing personal details before throwing away
- T** Think SCAMS – if an online bargain seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Herefordshire Rural Hub – Classified Page

Please mention Herefordshire Rural Hub when responding to an advertisement on our Classified page.

STEPHANIE HARRIS

FARM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

- Book Keeping
- BPS Submission
- Gatekeeper
- Countryside Stewardship Applications
- NVZ Record Keeping
- Cross Compliance Audits

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GENERAL FARM WORKER/TRACTOR DRIVER WANTED

A S Green and Co. a family run farming business growing niche vegetable crops plus a flock of 500 Breeding Ewes is looking for a general farm worker/tractor driver to help with the day to day operations of the business.

We are looking for a self-motivated person with good tractor driving skills, who is adaptable and works well under pressure and is prepared to turn their hand to anything put in front of them. Some mechanical knowledge would be useful.

Ongoing training and development will be provided.

Salary dependent on age and experience but will be very competitive.

Apply in writing to **Caroline Green**,

Email: asgreenandco@btconnect.com

Herefordshire Rural Hub Project Facilitator

Herefordshire rural hub is recruiting a facilitator to manage the delivery of our farm business support project.

The project, funded by Prince's Countryside Fund, will run for 3 years.

The role requires a self-employed individual to work one day a week (48 days in the year). Remuneration is £9600 per year plus travel.

For further information on the project or to discuss the post for the facilitator role please email/call:

Cathy Meredith

Herefordshire Rural Hub

Tel: **01432 268428** or **07970 181628**

Email:

Hub@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk



AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER - WYEVALE NURSERIES

An exciting opportunity for the applicant with proven engineering skills, required for immediate full-time position.

You will be responsible for:

- Routine servicing of tractors and a wide range of nursery machinery and equipment
- Improvement to existing machinery and facilities by the design and fabrication of unique solutions
- Provision of a breakdown and repair service
- Sourcing and maintaining essential materials, supplies and spares
- Communication and negotiation with both suppliers and users
- Maintenance of records and documentation
- Contribution to a safe and efficient working environment

A challenging position and a key role in keeping one of Britain's top wholesale nurseries running smoothly with opportunity to innovate from a workshop based at the nursery central hub. Salary negotiable.

Application form from: Stephen Ashworth, Wyevale Nurseries, Wyevale Way, Kings Acre, Hereford, HR4 7AY

Email:- stevea@weveale-nurseries.co.uk Tel: 07885 636070 to discuss.

Application period open until 10th Feb 2017.

If you would like to place an Advert, for e.g. **Services / Job Vacancy / Items for sale** or if you are **looking for work / available for work**

please contact Frances admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk **01432 268 428**

for full details of the advertising packages on our Herefordshire Rural Hub Classified Page

For details of advertising on our new website go to

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advertise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/>

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