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## Herefordshire Rural Hub Helping Rural Businesses Thrive September 2019 Newsletter

## News about the Jack Hughes Fund

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 the Jack Hughes Fund will be extended to include staff aged over 40 years working on a Herefordshire farm. This is limited to one employee per farming business per annum. The amount of funding available still remains up to a maximum of £70% of the course but has been increased to an overall maximum of £200.

In 2015 the **Herefordshire Community Foundation** took on the management of funds that were originally raised by the Herefordshire Proficiency Test Committee (HPTC). This is being used to support a County-wide training fund that is named after the late Jack Hughes, who was the founder of Herefordshire PTC, and did so much work in ensuring that training skills were accessible and available to the farming community in Herefordshire and in particular for young farmers. The programme is available for farmers and farm staff **aged over 40** years and will specifically provide funds to support training as below:

- 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 as below) but other courses will be considered on application:

- Safe use of pesticides PA1, PA2, PA6
- Rodent control on farms
- Emergency first aid

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- Food safety (Basic Food Hygiene)
- Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30)

The Jack Hughes Fund will fund up to a maximum of 70% of the cost of training or costs up to a maximum of £200. Funding will be limited to one family member/employee per annum.

The funding is easy to access but please note that the project will not support training retrospectively and places will be limited. Applicants need to be resident in Herefordshire.

For further details and an application form please contact: Herefordshire Community Foundation, The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford HR4 9HP. Tel: **01432 272550** Email: **administrator@herefordshirecf.org** 

Website: www.herefordshirefoundation.org

## 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

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

## Do you need a permit or is your waste operation exempt??

You may need an environmental permit if your business uses, treats, recovers, stores or disposes of waste. Some waste operations are **exempt** from needing a permit and can operate under a **waste exemption** instead. Waste exemptions are free to register and last for three years, after which they will need renewing. You can register or renew online or by telephone.

To register or renew online click HERE

or telephone **03708 506 506** for help with registrations or to ask any general waste queries.

If you have registered exemptions in the past, it may now be three years since that registration, so it is a good idea to check whether your exemptions have expired and if they need renewing.

Exemptions have key conditions and limits associated with each one, so check to make sure that you can meet all the requirements of the exemption. If you cannot meet the requirements, you will need to obtain a permit or cease the waste activity.

## **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

## Free Pesticide Disposal Scheme

Welsh Water are currently offering a Free Pesticide Disposal Scheme across Wales and within their English drinking water catchment area.

This includes the **River Teme** catchment and parts of the **River Wye** catchment. A map of eligible areas is available <u>HERE</u>. They will collect pesticides, herbicides, sheep dip and slug pellets.

- To take advantage of this offer you will need to register with Welsh Water **BEFORE 30th SEPTEMBER 2019**
- They will then confirm if you are eligible and will pass your details to their third party contractor to ensure your confidentiality.
- The contactor will arrange a collection date with you which will be between October 2019 and February 2020

Full details about the scheme and how to register are on the Dwr Cymru (Welsh Water) website HERE or Tel: 01443 452 716

## **Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund Applications 2019**

This fund is now open to help **groups** of farmers, foresters and land managers improve the natural environment, enabling them to work together on a landscape scale to have a positive impact on the environment. Local projects already being funded include **Land, Life and Livelihoods, Go Wild in the Curl** and **Herefordshire Meadows.** 

- Application details and guidance HERE
- Date for applications to be submitted by midnight 4<sup>th</sup> October
- Application eligibility checking 7 11 October (By RPA)
- Contracts and agreements drafted and in place by end of December to allow a 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 start.

#### UK Dairy Day

11<sup>th</sup> September <u>https://www.ukdairyday.co.uk/</u>

#### **Kington Show**

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

**Usk Show** 

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

# Women in Dairy Conference 18<sup>th</sup> September <u>https://www.womenindairy.co.uk/conference</u>

English Winter Fair 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November

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

#### Welsh Winter Fair

25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November <u>http://www.rwas.wales/winter-fair/</u>



- Creating folders for emails and saving to local drives
- Backing up your system using a portable hard drive to create a backup on both Mac and Windows

Booking essential – please book your place via Herefordshire Rural Hub Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or telephone 01432 353 465



## Have you got this date in your diary??

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 12noon till 6pm It is the 10<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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**.

Next meeting:- 12<sup>th</sup> September - Ali Sherlock (Crescendum Ltd) on "Managing your emails"

## The Wye & Usk Foundation – Here to Help

Natural Flood Management: Our advisers are working with landowners in target catchments to help deliver Natural Flood Management interventions through a DEFRA funded project. The target catchments are the Dulas, Bodenham, Pentaloe, Tedstone, Cheaton, Ridgemore 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 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

**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!

**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)

## **Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers (CSFOs)**

Our continuing focus is to address water and air quality on priority holdings within the Wye & Teme River Catchments. Our visits will be concentrating primarily on recommendations to help farmers and land managers to reduce diffuse water pollution (e.g. separating clean and dirty water, soil management) and reduce ammonia emissions (slurry and manure management in field and storage).

 River Wye CSFOs
 Sue Buckingham tel: 07833 095 708

 Rachel Bosanquet tel: 07770 331 669
 Sue Buckingham tel: 07833 095 708

 Wayne Davies tel: 01588 640 980
 Amy Crossley tel: 07880 102 224

River Teme CSFO Sally Powell tel: 07770 645 037

#### **Events and Advice**

Over the next few months we will be concentrating on delivering free training and advice to farmers and land managers starting on the 17<sup>th</sup> September with "Grazing for healthy soils, and profits"

We are also offering to meet with small groups of farmers and take a look at the soils on one of their farms. After the workshop attendees will be able to understand how to identify soil issues, make simple soil health measurements and take action to improve soil health. If you and a friend/neighbours would like to take part please contact your local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO).

### Red Tractor news and updates including changes coming in October.

Poultry news HERE

Dairy news <u>HERE</u>

Changes to Fresh Produce Standards HERE

For queries, contact **Debbie Smith** (Scheme Member Manager, Red Tractor Assurance) Tel: **0203 617 3673** Mobile: **07702 546508** Email: **Debbie.smith@redtractor.org.uk** Website: <u>https://assurance.redtractor.org.uk/</u>

## **Ploughing matches**

Saturday, 7th September - Pandy & Monnowside Ploughing Society

Further details from Hazel Williams on 01873 890160 or 07903 765689

Saturday 14th September - Llanwarne Ploughing & District Ploughing match at Caradoc, Sellack, Ross on Wye, HR9 6LS This year Llanwarne are also hosting the Six Nations Ploughing Campionships on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Sept. Each of the six nations (being England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Southern Ireland and The Isle of Man) are invited to send two competitors for each of the following classes Classic, Vintage mounted and vintage trailed. In addition to this there will be Sheep Dog Trials, Horticultural, Fruit, Floral, Domestic and Handicraft Classes. For further details & entry forms contact Julia Garlick 01981 580515

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Weobley and District Ploughing Match Stocken Farm, Lucton, Leominster, HR6 9PJ. For further details contact Rachel Griffiths 01544 327343.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Eskleyside Ploughing Match For further details contact: Wyndham Powell on 01873 860665. Includes a National Vintage Area Final.

Saturday, 28th September - Cruckton & District Ploughing & Hedging Society Upper Eyton, Alberbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9AB. http://www.crucktonploughing.org.uk/

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September - Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match & Homecrafts 2018 Underhill, Collington, Bromyard, HR7 4NB <u>www.stokeblissploughingandhomecrafts.org/</u>

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Trumpet & District Annual Ploughing Match The Moors, Coddington, HR8 1JW <u>https://trumpetanddistrictagriculturalsociety.co.uk/</u>

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - **Ledbury & District Ploughing Match** For further details contact Alistair Young on 01531 634301

Saturday, 12th October - Sunday, 13th October, 2018 - 69th British National Ploughing Championships & Country Festival Nocton, near Lincoln, LN4 2AE.

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



FREE Monthly Computer and Internet Workshops for Beginners at Herefordshire Libraries



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

#### How to use your Tablet Computer

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.* 

Hereford Library - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11am - 1pm *Book at the Library or on 01432 383600 or herefordlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk* 

#### **Introduction to the Internet**

Learn the basics of how to use the internet safely and effectively, how to find information you need and recognise which websites are safe. Laptops will be provided for the workshop.

Ledbury Library - Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 4pm - 6pm, *Book at the Library or on 01432 383499 or ledburylibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk* Kington Library - Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10am - 12pm, *Book at the Library or on 01432 260600 or kingtonlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk* Ross-on-Wye Library - Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 5pm - 7pm, *Book at the Library or on 01432 383280 or rosslibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk* 

#### 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*.

Leominster Library -Thurs 19th Sept, 10am - 12pm Book at the library or 01432 383290 or leominsterlibrary@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. <u>www.fastershire.com</u>

#### Monty Don to open St Michael's Hospice Flower Festival – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Herefordshire's very own national gardening guru Monty Don will open the St Michael's Hospice Flower Festival in September. Monty will speak to guests at a Preview Evening at Lyde Arundel on 12th September. Following the Preview Evening, the Flower Festival will run for three days from Friday 13th – Sunday 15th September with a Demonstration Evening on the Saturday.

To book tickets to Flower Festival events, including the Preview Evening with Monty Don visit <u>www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk</u> For more information contact Paul Broome or Chris Smart on 01432 851 000.

#### MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

## Living in Herefordshire, Living with Cancer

#### What local services would you like in your community?

## We'd especially like to hear from people in rural areas and/or in farming.

I am seeking people who are interested in helping Macmillan look at community-based services that can meet the needs of people living with cancer in Herefordshire. That's regardless of where you may have had your treatment. Services may be about treatment, but also practical and emotional support, information and advice to help you live well. What services have you found that are local to you and are there others you would like to see? As part of changes in NHS Services patients in treatment will be offered a supported conversation about their range of needs. You may, or may not, have had one of these conversations, but Macmillan wants to know

your views about the idea, who would you like to meet with and where? This **isn't** a research project - I'm really interested in listening to your experience and ideas.

#### PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

We can have a one to one meeting at a time and place to suit you or talk on the phone. I am aiming to do this work through to Autumn 2019. All information is confidential and will only be used anonymously.

Contact Jean Garner, Macmillan Engagement Lead on jgarner@macmillan.org.uk 07531 310897

For Support please contact:Macmillan Information and Support CentreTel:01432 355 444 ext 5459Email: hereford.cancerinfoandsupport@nhs.netMacmillan Support Line7 days a week, 8am-8pm0808 808 00 00

## 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



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

## From Paul Crumpton, West Mercia Police – on Rural & Business Crime

## Vulnerability

'A person is vulnerable if, as a result of their situation or circumstances they are unable to take care of, or protect themselves or others, from harm or exploitation'. Sadly, people are being harmed or exploited in Herefordshire. If you know of anyone being coerced through their own vulnerability PLEASE TELL SOMEONE.

For access to further information, go to the West Mercia Police website at https://www.westmercia.police.uk/home

#### Great Idea !

There are lots of good ideas, loads of bad ones and occasionally a great one. POACHER BLOCK or GATE BLOCK is a great idea. Check it out at <u>http://poacherblock.co.uk/</u>

A great idea from a Northumberland farmer John Goodfellow whose website states

- A long term solution to blocking gateways preventing poachers entering fields causing crop damage;
- Allows tractors and sprayers access to fields but prevents car and 4×4 access;
- Stops fly-tipping even when with 8-wheeler trucks;
- No wasting time opening and closing gates, simply drive over it;
- Can be used on bridle ways to prevent unwanted vehicle access;
- Gates can be broken or stolen but Poacher Block which weighs over 1 tonne makes it hard to move;
- Poacher Gate in development for Livestock Farmers;
- 4 M Poacher Block will protect a gateway between 12 ft and 20 ft wide.

If you would like to talk about Fraud, Cybercrime or any other crime reduction opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me, Paul Crumpton (Rural & Business Officer, Herefordshire, West Mercia Police)

tel: 07773 044781 Email Paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.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				
Course	Dates in 2019			
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting 2 days + assessment	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> September	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> November		
Chainsaw Maintenance & Operations – occasional user	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> October	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> December		
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> September	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> November		
CS30/31 CM & CC, Felling up to 380mm 5 days + assessment	14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> November		
CS38 Accessing a tree using a rope and harness 5 days + assessment	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> September	18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November		
CS39 Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques 3 days + assess	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> October			
Safe Use of Brushcutters & Strimmers 2 days	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October			
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User) 2 days	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October			
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module	15 <sup>th</sup> October			
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers 1 day + assessment	17 <sup>th</sup> October			
PA6 Handheld Applicators 1 day + assessment	16 <sup>th</sup> October			
ATV (Experienced Operators)	2 <sup>nd</sup> October			
Tractor Driving 16+	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October			
Tractor Driving 13-16 year olds	28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> October			

#### Courses arranged on demand

Ground based chainsaw refresher <> CS32 Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm <> PA Boom Sprayer Air Assisted PA6 refresher <> PA6AW Handheld Applicators in or near Water <> FLT Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler) 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 0NX Contact: Paula Strangwood Email: paula@7ytraining.co.uk Tel: 07808 670110

Course	Dates (subject to char	nge if numbers are low)	<u>Venue</u>
C&G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	10 <sup>th</sup> September	8 <sup>th</sup> October	Leominster
C&G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	11 <sup>th</sup> September	9 <sup>th</sup> October	Leominster
C&G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	12 <sup>th</sup> September	10 <sup>th</sup> October	t.b.c
C&G Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> October		Leominster
First Aid at Work	22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> October		Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	31 <sup>st</sup> October 18 <sup>th</sup> November 9 <sup>th</sup> December		Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> October		Leominster
Manual Handling (a.m)	3 <sup>rd</sup> September		Leominster
Fire Awareness (p.m)	3 <sup>rd</sup> September		Leominster
Working in Confined Spaces	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> September		Leominster
Working at heights (Tower Scaffold, Ladders, Harness)	21 <sup>st</sup> October		Leominster
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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 C&G PA4 S&G (Harper Adams) <> C&G Air-Assisted Sprayer PA3a & 3b (on site) <> ITSSAAR MEWP Cherry Pickers ITSSAR/Lantra Counterbalance & Rough Terrain Telescopic <> 360 Elevator (below 5 tonnes) Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) <> Level 2 Health & Safety in the Workplace

Ne 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)		
<ul> <li>Industrial Counterbalance trucks (Novice, experienced operator and refresher)</li> <li>Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Trucks – (Novice, experienced operator and refresher)</li> <li>PA1 - Safe Use of Pesticides</li> <li>PA2 – Boom Sprayers Hydraulic Nozzle</li> <li>PA3A – Air assisted blast sprayers</li> <li>PA3B – Air assisted variable geometry sprayers</li> <li>PA4S – Slug Pellet applicator trailed or mounted</li> <li>PA6 – Hand held applicators</li> <li>Chainsaw Crosscutting and Maintenance – novice and refresher training</li> <li>Pole Pruner</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rodent Control on Farms</li> <li>Emergency First Aid at Work</li> <li>Manual Handling Awareness Sit-Astride ATV's</li> <li>Sit-in ATV's</li> <li>Abrasive Wheels</li> <li>360 Digger</li> <li>Scaffold Tower</li> <li>Mobile Elevated Working Platforms (MEWP's)</li> <li>Tractor Driving Refresher (For experienced operators only)</li> <li>Tractor Driving on slopes (For experienced operators only)</li> </ul>	

- 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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