

Herefordshire Rural Hub

Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

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Herefordshire Rural Hub has recently
been awarded a grant by
The Prince's Countryside Fund,
supported by the
NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.



NFU Mutual
Charitable Trust

Herefordshire Rural Hub are delighted to announce that they have been chosen to run a new Farm Resilience Programme for The Prince's Countryside Fund.



Family farm businesses are invited to register **now**
for The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme, run by
The Prince's Countryside Fund.

To be held in North Herefordshire and coordinated by The Herefordshire Rural Hub, the multi-million-pound programme allows up to 20 farming families to take part.

Participants receive free business skills and environmental management training worth £2000 per farm, delivered by expert consultants including Kite, the Andersons Centre, and Savills. The training helps farming families to make changes to improve their business and ensure their viability.

Workshops will be held in Shobdon, North Herefordshire and will run from January to June 2021 **but enrolment in the programme is NOW.**

For further information and to register your interest, please visit:

www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/farmresilience

Or contact Sarah Starkey at Herefordshire Rural Hub on
farming2020@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or telephone 07974 438517

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**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 --- Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors

Hope to Achieve --- 7Y Training --- Moule & Co

CXCS --- Davis Meade Property Consultants

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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



Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day

It is with regret that we have taken the decision to cancel this year's Herefordshire RBA Day, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and all the restrictions that are currently necessary.

Please make a note of the date for next year's RBA Day in your diary –

Wednesday 24th November 2021

WATCH NOW – a Herefordshire Rural Hub and Faster Farmers free online talk by Becky Willson on “Low Carbon Farming - How to turn aspiration into reality”

This introductory talk highlights some of the key issues around agriculture and climate change and sets out the principles behind measuring carbon on your farm. CLICK [HERE](#) to watch Becky's video.

Also, there is still time to book your place to join Becky for a more in-depth, interactive online session (also free!), with further information and to dig more deeply into how the carbon calculator works



“How to use the farm carbon calculator”

6.00pm on Wednesday 30th September 2020



Becky will discuss common pitfalls to avoid, where to collect the data from, how to enter the data and more explanation about what goes into each category.

This session will be run using a practical example of a farm to enter the data as we go along and discuss where things go.

If you would like to join this live online session, please book your place with Herefordshire Rural Hub :-

Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk



Are you worried about the future of your farm?

The Defra Future Farming Resilience Fund is providing support
to farmers and land managers Herefordshire.

You are invited to join the programme.



The challenges caused by Coronavirus, extreme weather and the forthcoming changes to agricultural support as a result of leaving the EU may put significant stress on our businesses. This could leave many farmers and land managers in England needing to adapt their business model and carefully considering options for the future. This programme will provide information, tools, advice and support to farmers through this period of change.

The full programme includes:

Resilience planning – introduction to tools and policy changes.

Join a session led by The Anderson Centre who will introduce some tools and tips on reviewing business performance.

You will also receive insight on the future changes to agricultural policy and the opportunities and threats these may bring.

This session will now take place via a webinar on Tuesday 27th October 10am, Tuesday 27th October 2pm and Thursday 29th October 7pm, you choose the time to suit you and your business.

- **One-to-one farm resilience reviews.** A specialist business adviser from The Anderson Centre will support you in identifying the potential risks and opportunities for your business.
- **Your own business plan.** A personalised plan identifying actions to help mitigate the risks your business faces and to support you in its implementation.
- **Group Workshops.** Bringing together local farmers to talk about the risks and opportunities, to share ideas and learn from each other.

All the advice provided will be completely free of charge, but you will be required to complete an agreement letter, plus a survey at the start and the end of the programme. Places are limited so booking is essential and unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that everyone who registers will be offered a place.

****Coronavirus****

During Coronavirus restrictions we will be able to deliver some services remotely using telephone and other electronic methods. While the future of the social distancing restrictions is still uncertain, we do expect to be able to provide face to face support on-farm as the programme progresses.

How can you get involved? To register your interest click [HERE](#)

If you require help with the registration or have any questions, please contact the Ricardo Future Farming Resilience Project team:

Tel 01235 753530 or email FFRF@ricardo.com

UK-Vet Healthy Herd 2020

Streaming live on **Wednesday 21st October – Thursday 22nd October**

Are you a vet or farmer interested in keeping your herd healthy and optimising production?

UK-VET Healthy Herd 2020 is a new digital conference for both farmers and vets.

Using a unique virtual format, it will share the latest information to keep your livestock healthy.

Click [HERE](#) for full details of the program, and to register for the event



Lots of free webinars for farmers

Details of all AHDB up and coming webinars can be found and places booked at:

<https://ahdb.org.uk/events>

Including the “Crop Tec” webinars –

- “Winter feed wheat performance results: the facts and the myths” Wednesday 7 October, 7pm - 8pm
- “Building a stronger farm business” Wednesday 4 November, 7pm - 8pm
Speakers include Martin Williams (Hereford Monitor Farm, 2017-2020), Adrian Joynt (Bridgnorth Monitor Farm, 2016-2019)
- “Benchmarking the bacon: do pigs pay in the arable rotation?” Monday 7 December, 7pm - 8pm

and also past webinars can be found on the AHDB [Online events and webinar archive](#)

Countryside Productivity Small Grant Scheme (Round 3) coming soon

Defra is planning a further round of this popular scheme, hopefully opening for applications in October. Keep an eye on the Gov.uk page for updates <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme>

It is expected to follow a similar approach and associated eligible items to those set out in the Round 2 handbook, **but this cannot be confirmed until the scheme is launched**. If you would like to look at the **Round 2 Handbook**, for information, this can be found on the above Gov.uk webpage

Entries to this year's Rural Business Awards close on Friday 16th October

The RBAs are free to enter and are a great opportunity for your business. Being a part of the RBAs enables you to access a range of media and press opportunities and as a direct result of entering the RBAs, past finalists have given radio and TV interviews, and been featured in regional and national papers.

This year we will be working even harder to find opportunities for each and every one of our finalists to get the recognition that they deserve and reach an even wider audience - we strongly believe that this has never been more important!

Do you want to be involved?

There is still time, but don't hang around. [Click here to start your entry.](#)

You can also find out more information about entering [HERE](#).



THE PRINCE'S
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Prince's Countryside Fund National Directory of Farm and Rural Support Groups

Adam Henson told PCF: “I’m very proud to be an ambassador for The Prince’s Countryside Fund. Tragically, one farmer a week takes their own life, so I’m pleased to be helping launch and support the Fund’s National Directory of Farm and Rural Support Groups. This pocket-sized directory means that if you come across people in the countryside who are struggling and need support, you can point them in the right direction.”

Originally created by YANA, a farming mental health charity working across Norfolk, Suffolk, and Worcestershire, the directory has been updated to include 21 new support groups, including Herefordshire Rural Hub.

Have a look at the directory [HERE](#)

Guidance on Oil storage regulations for businesses

How to store oil, design standards for tanks and containers, where to locate and how to protect them, and capacity of bunds and drip trays. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-oil-at-a-home-or-business>

Guidance on SSAFO regulations (Storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil)

Rules you must follow, who is responsible, and when to notify the Environment Agency.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-silage-slurry-and-agricultural-fuel-oil>

Ban on outdoor use of Metaldehyde Slug Pellets

A ban on the outdoor use of metaldehyde slug pellets is to be introduced across Great Britain from spring 2022. The use of metaldehyde will be phased out over 18 months to give growers time to adjust to other methods of slug control. It will be legal for manufacturers to supply metaldehyde products until 31 March 2021. Onward sale by distributors and use of the products will then still be allowed for a further 12 months until 31 March 2022.

COVID-19 Coronavirus – some useful links

Herefordshire Council

[Coronavirus testing in Herefordshire](#) if you have symptoms

[The latest news](#) on how Coronavirus is affecting residents and services across Herefordshire

Marches Growth Hub

Information on the advice and support being offered for [businesses, employers, self-employed](#).

Herefordshire COVID-19 Engagement Working Group

[Key Messages and FAQ's](#)

Covid-19 Farm Preventative Packs

Following on from their webinars for farmers, Herefordshire Council have created an online Farm Preventative Pack. This pack is to help support local farms with resources such as training videos, signage and links to the relevant guidance. You can access the pack from the Council website [CLICK HERE](#)

Gov.UK

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

- for all types of businesses. Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure

[COVID-19 Guidance, Support & Advice](#)

[Covid-19 Symptoms](#)

[Getting tested for Coronavirus](#)

[Local restrictions: areas with an outbreak of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

AHDB

[Up to date coronavirus-related information & advice](#) for Farmers and Growers

APHA [TBHub](#)

Red Tractor [COVID-19 Hub](#)

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme Grant

The scheme has been extended. If you were eligible for the first grant and can confirm to HMRC that your business has been adversely affected on or after 14 July 2020, you are now able to make a claim for a second and final grant. If you are eligible, and your business has been adversely affected on or after 14 July 2020, **you must make your claim for the second grant on or before 19th October 2020.**

Don't forget to keep records to back up your claim.

While you may have successfully claimed a Self-Employment Income Support Scheme grant, HMRC will be checking claims further down the line. Please see below for information on how to ensure you can back up your claim:

- HMRC says you must keep a copy of 'all records in line with normal self-employment record keeping requirements including how much you have claimed from SEISS and your claim reference number'.
- The records must be kept for at least five years after the 31st January tax return deadline or, if later, four years after you send your tax return.
- **Remember to record the SEISS grant as part of your business income. Keep a copy of the SEISS calculation. This can be a screenshot or printout of your online claim.**
- HMRC also requires you to keep records of how your business was adversely affected. Simply saying 'we had less income' won't be enough. E.g. you should list cancelled contracts and orders as well as indefinitely delayed work for regular customers / self-isolating etc. Make records now while the details are still fresh.

For full guidance / check your eligibility / how your business could be adversely affected and to apply for the grant [CLICK HERE](#)

Coronavirus Bounce Back Loan Scheme

- You can apply for a loan of between £2,000 and £50,000 - up to 25% of your turnover.
- The government guarantees 100% of the loan and there won't be any fees or interest to pay for the first 12 months. After 12 months the interest rate will be 2.5% a year.
- The length of the loan is 6 years, but you can repay early without paying a fee.
- No repayments will be due during the first 12 months.

[Check if you are eligible, and find out how to apply](#)

Please note that you cannot apply if you are already claiming under any of the following schemes:

[Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme \(CBILS\)](#)
[Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme \(CLBILS\)](#)
[COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility](#)

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF)



CSF are pleased to be able to offer **site visits** again to advise farmers on ways that they can address issues with **water and air quality** in the Wye and Teme catchments.

If you would like to find out whether your farm is eligible for this free advice, please get in touch with us via the contact details below so that we can confirm whether your farm is on our priority list.

Some of the advice that we can offer includes:

- Making your **farm infrastructure** less risky to water and air quality.
- Reducing **run-off and compaction** around the farm.
- Methods to improve **soil husbandry and soil health**.
- Addressing **nutrient management and pesticide handling**.

If your farm is on our priority list and you would like to consider getting grant funding from the **Countryside Stewardship Scheme** in 2021 to tackle issues associated with water/air quality, please get in touch with us. Experience has shown that starting discussions with us early is likely to result in better applications.

River Wye Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers

Rachel Bosanquet	tel: 07770 331 669	email: rachel.bosanquet@naturalengland.org.uk
Sue Buckingham	tel: 07833 095 708	email: sue.buckingham@naturalengland.org.uk
Ollie Cooke	tel: 07884 996 938	email: oliver.cook@naturalengland.org.uk

River Teme Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers

Wayne Davies	tel: 01588 640 980	email: wayne.davies@naturalengland.org.uk
Sally Powell	tel: 07770 645 037	email: sally.powell@naturalengland.org.uk
James Griffiths	tel: 07812 240 896	email: james.griffiths@naturalengland.org.uk



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.**



Natural Flood Management Grants: There are still grants available to support delivery of action that helps increase water retention in the landscape - so far this has funded grassland aeration, subsoiling, cover cropping, attenuation ponds, hedge planting and leaky dams. The target catchments are the Dulas, Bodenham, Pentaloe, Tedstone, Cheaton, Ridgemore, Yazor and Red/Twyford Brook. If you farm in one of the target catchments and would like to find out more please click [HERE](#) or call one of our advisers. The NFM grant is funded through DEFRA and administered by Herefordshire Council.

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!

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); **Rebecca Meredith** (07539 902 681)



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 area or disposal options like biobeds or biofilters there may be funding available to support this. Contact one of the advisers below to check whether you are in the eligible area and would like more information. STEPS is a competitive scheme and the application window reopens in **November 2020**. The scheme can also support biodiversity options like buffer strips, winter bird food and pollen mixes.

In addition to the STEPS programme Severn Trent have funding for PA training for farmers in the Drinking Water Safeguard Zone (PA1 Excluded). If you are interested, then please contact one of the advisors below.

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



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

The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

From September 1st 2019 the Jack Hughes Fund has been extended to staff aged over 40 years working on a **Herefordshire** farm. The amount of funding available still remains up to a maximum of **£70%** of the course cost but has been increased 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:- **Herefordshire Community Foundation**

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

Website: www.herefordshirefoundation.org

Farm Worker Welfare App

Designed to eradicate labour exploitation, the app will allow both farmers and workers to flag up concerns about labour exploitation or modern slavery and seek help, with the information processed by the Modern Slavery Helpline.

You can find out more information and download the [App HERE](#)

Support for Office 2010 is ending soon

With Office 2010 end of support, security updates will stop. Office apps will work, but you may be exposed to security risks. End of support, which is sometimes referred to as "end of life," means Microsoft will no longer provide technical support or software and security updates for Office 2010 on 13th October 2020. Click [Here](#) for more information on Microsoft Office.

To find out which version of "Office" you are currently running - If you have **Windows**, open a **Word** document, choose **File** from the top left corner, and then click either **Account** or **Help** on the left navigation bar. You'll see your **Office version** and information under **Product information**, on the right side of the window.

St Michael's Hospice

Postcards from Life

For three weeks from Monday 26th October, around 200 mini-masterpieces go under the hammer during Postcards from Life. This year's online-only event gives you the chance to hang on your wall a small work that portrays a big heart.

The lots have been created by some of the most talented artists around and can all be viewed on the St Michael's Hospice website www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk where you'll also find a link to the Brightwells page to bid.

Light up a Life

Light up a Life is an invitation to everyone in our community to shine a light in memory of loved ones. This year we will be unable to continue the tradition of organising our much-loved Light up a Life events throughout the community.

Instead, we're already busy filming a special service set in Hereford Cathedral which will be live-screened from St Michael's Hospice on Sunday 20th December and we hope as many people as possible will be able to join us online for the event.

We are also inviting people to play a part by filming themselves lighting a candle in memory of a loved one and sending the video to our Communications Team who will then create a montage of clips to form part of the online service.

There will also be an opportunity for people to remember their loved ones on a special website and on an installation which we hope to install in a public place in the centre of Hereford.

To find out more call the Hospice Communications Team on 01432 852 631 or visit www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk

St Michael's Hospice COVID 19 Bereavement Support - The Counselling and Bereavement Team at St Michael's Hospice recognise the difficulties faced by the community within the current Coronavirus pandemic. We are offering telephone listening support to any family, friend or carer who has been bereaved after losing someone from Covid 19. To find out more contact:

Sarah Jenkins tel: **01432 852627** email: sjenkins@smhospicehereford.org

Karen Evans tel: **01432 852649** email: kevans@smhospicehereford.org

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>Course dates</u>	
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting 2 days + assessment	21 st – 22 nd October	23 rd – 24 th November
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	6 th – 8 th October	7 th – 9 th December
CS38 Accessing a Tree Using a Rope and Harness 5 days + assessment	16 th – 20 th November	
CS39 Aerial cutting of trees using free fall technique 3 days + assessment	16 th – 18 th November	
Tractor Driving for 13 – 16 year olds 2 days	26 th – 27 th October 21 st – 22 nd December	28 th – 29 th October
L2 Safe use of MEWP 1 day	2 nd November	
L3 Safe use of Chainsaw from MEWP 1 or 2 days	3 rd November	4 th November
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module 1 day	13 th October	
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayer 1 day + assessment	15 th October	

Wyvern Training Services Ltd

We have resumed some onsite practical training activity for clients whilst continuing to carefully monitor and comply with all COVID-19 requirements.

We are able to offer single site/in-house training for limited range of courses including Lift Trucks and ATV's. Other topics are also available so if you have any current training needs, whatever they may be, please call to discuss if and how we may be able to help.

All training delivered is being thoroughly risk assessed to ensure the safety of everyone involved and that current COVID-19 guidelines and social distancing rules are fully implemented and met. This does mean that the number of people able to attend courses may be reduced and that venues and facilities used need to meet all necessary safety, COVID and personal social distancing requirements.

We are currently not able to offer open courses.

Should you have any future training needs or requirements, please let us know as we are now taking provisional bookings and building courses through late Summer and Autumn

We look forward to returning to more normal business, including reinstating our open course programme once the guidance and advice allows.

EMAIL: enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com TEL: 07468 465 303

7Y Training Services

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

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

Covid-19 Safe Practise Instruction for 7Y Training Centre Courses

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. 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. We will implement social distancing measures between everyone at all times during the course and request the same of candidates during refreshment and toilets breaks. To do this we have reduced class sizes.
3. Each candidate will receive a welfare pack on arrival which consists of personal hand-sanitiser, gloves, tissues, face mask and a pen. These packs (as with all course paperwork) have been quarantined for 7 days.
4. We have changed our training rooms around to ensure that trainers and candidates do not touch and can remain socially distanced during practical sessions
5. We will operate a 1:1 candidate to manikin ratio for First Aid courses for CPR practice and will maintain our rigorous manikin cleaning protocols

Please register your interest for any of the following courses:

Course	Dates <i>(subject to change if numbers are low)</i>	Venue
C & G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) <i>Max 6 candidates per course</i>	5 th October 11 th November	Leominster
C & G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2) <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	6 th October 12 th November	T.B.C
C & G Ground Knapsack Sprayer (PA6) <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	7 th October 13 th November	Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	12 th October 11 th December	Leominster
First Aid at Work (3 days)	23 rd – 25 th November	Leominster
Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross-Cutting	Email Paula for dates/costs	Leominster

**The following Machinery and Equipment courses can be run for either Novice, Refresher or Experienced candidates
Please contact Paula to register your interest.**

Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic <> Rough Terrain Telescopic over 9m <> ITSSAR Counterbalance
ITSSAR MEWP Scissor Lift <> ATV's Sit-Astride Quad Bikes <> 360 Excavator (below 5 tonnes)

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 (APHA)** enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 5pm.
- **Natural England** 0300 060 1115 enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk
- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Mon, Tues, Weds) Tel: 02030 251692
Email: sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk
- **N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener 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

“Farming Help” providing support for farmers affected by Covid-19

The Farming Help Charities – Addington Fund, Farming Community Network (FCN), Forage Aid, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I.), and RSABI, supported by The Prince's Countryside Fund - are working together to support the Farming Community during the current Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak.

We recognise that this could be an anxious time for many farmers and farming families and periods of poor health or self-isolation may result in temporary practical difficulties on farm.

This initiative is in conjunction with The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, The National Farmers' Union, and the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.

Utilising our Farming Help helpline (operated by FCN) and respective organisations/volunteer networks, we can offer the following local support. Get in touch on 03000 111 999 if you:

- Feel concerned or anxious and would like to talk to someone who understands farming, will listen to you and help you think through your options
- Would like help to draft a contingency plan to ensure you and your farm are prepared, should you be unable to work for a time.
- If you or people you rely on become ill or are self-isolating and you need to find help locally- we will endeavour to find support for you in your local area. We will source contact details of local organisations and groups who may be able to assist you in finding help to feed livestock, collect shopping or collect prescriptions if you are unable to do so. This directory will be revised and updated in the coming weeks and months.

Call **03000 111 999** or visit <http://www.farminghelp.co.uk>

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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