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[The British Farming Awards 2021](#)

Celebrating farmers across all sectors, The British Farming Awards showcase the diversity and adaptability of the UK's farming community, no matter what the size or scale of your business.

Find out more about the [categories & register your interest](#)

Entries open on 2nd April Entries close on 25th June

Hereford Times Food & Farming Awards 2021 – still time to get your nomination in.



The awards are a celebration of the agricultural sector, and recognise the hard work done day in and day out by farmers, food producers and food retailers across Herefordshire and the Welsh Borders.

You can Nominate yourself or someone else for the following categories:

Cattle Farmer // Arable, Fruit or Hop Farmer
Best Dairy Producer // Family-run farm or smallholding
Farm Conservation & Diversification

For more information on the categories, and to make a nomination, go to

[Food & Farming Awards news from the Hereford Times](#)

Don't Delay - Nominations close at midday on 8th April

The 2021 awards event broadcast is on Thursday 17th June 2021 at 7pm

and can be watched on the [Hereford Times Facebook page](#)

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

Mortimer Rose Wealth Management

Stop That Thief --- Fisher German LLP

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 Hub website

www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

You can also follow us on  [twitter@Hfds_RuralHub](https://twitter.com/Hfds_RuralHub)

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

Find out more about [LEAF Open Farm Sunday 2021](#).
Open Farm Sunday is planned for 27th June (*fingers crossed!!*)
Online Farm Sunday 26th September

[Latest situation with Avian Influenza](#)

Defra announced that the risk of avian influenza to both wild and kept birds has now reduced to 'medium'.

- The Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) requiring enhanced biosecurity will remain in force, but **Wednesday 31 March 2021** will be the last day poultry and other captive birds will need to be housed (housing restrictions end 23:59 31 March 2021).
- Bird gatherings are still prohibited.
- High standards of biosecurity remain essential as infection may still be present in the environment.

Please see the [AIPZ section](#) for further details of the measures that apply in the AIPZ and the Defra guidance on [How to prepare for when your free-range birds can be let outside again](#)

This includes:

- cleansing and disinfection of hard surfaces,
- fencing off ponds or standing water,
- reintroduction of wild bird deterrents.

When the birds are out allowed from 1st April, poultry and captive bird keepers will need to keep taking extra precautions, such as:

- cleaning and disinfecting equipment and vehicles,
- limiting access to non-essential people on site,
- anyone coming into contact with the birds changing their clothing and footwear before entering bird enclosures.

Do you need NRoSO or BASIS points?

You can now complete your annual National Register of Sprayer Operators (NRoSO) and BASIS CPD training online, with [Ei Operator](#) – sign up with your NRoSO or BASIS number.

[Courses for NRoSO & BASIS points](#)

- **1 Free course** worth 2 points for both NRoSO and BASIS.
- **Ei Operator Courses** – cost £25 inc VAT – three short-courses. Includes training worth 6 points in total for NRoSO and for BASIS.
- **NRoSO Annual Training Course** – cost £30 inc VAT – you can access the course, online until **30th June 2021**. You can choose either the **ARABLE** or **FRUIT** version, worth 8 points for both NRoSO and BASIS.

[Guide to Cross Compliance in England 2021](#)

Farmers and landowners must continue to follow these Cross Compliance rules if they claim for the Basic Payment Scheme, Stewardship Scheme, or the English Woodland Grant Scheme in 2021.

[Basic Payment Scheme 2021 - England](#)

- Complete your BPS application and update land use using the [Rural Payments service](#).
- [Transfer land parcels and BPS entitlements for 2021](#) until 17 May 2021, using the Rural Payments service.
- [Add land by email](#) until 3rd May.

Deadline for BPS submission is midnight on 17th May 2021. You can submit supporting documents up to 11th June 2021, and **amendments** to applications up to 11th June, without incurring penalties (provided the original application was submitted by 17th May).

Remember, among other changes to BPS

- **If you are cross border** – the RPA will process and pay your English entitlements only. The Welsh Government will process and pay your Welsh entitlements only.
- The **cross compliance rules** you need to meet are not changing for 2021, and they continue to be a condition of BPS.
- **There is no longer a greening requirement** – the greening money will be added to your BPS entitlements payment.
- **Although actions under greening will not be tied to the BPS payment, it could be very important to retain your former greening options, EFA options in particular, because of the environmental and business benefits they can offer, and especially when planning for the forthcoming ELMs schemes, which will help to mitigate the loss of the BPS Payments.**

Single Application Form (SAF) 2021 – Wales

The Single Application Form 2021 will be available to complete on RPW Online from 1st March.

The deadline for submitting your SAF is midnight on 17th May 2021, or by 11th June 2021 with late penalties. A SAF cannot be submitted or accepted after 11 June 2021.

[Single Application Form \(SAF\) 2021 guidance](#)

Countryside Stewardship Applications for 2022 are open.

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

[How to request and application pack](#) for Mid-Tier

Applications now open – <i>click on the links below for guidance</i>		Application Deadline
Mid-Tier Starting 1 st Jan 2022	You need to request an application pack before 30th June (see above). If you require CSF approval, you must send the completed CSFO support and approval request form to your local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) at least 6 weeks before you submit your application – deadline 18th June .	30 th July 2021
Wildlife Offers Starting 1 st Jan 2022	Apply online via the Rural Payments Service or if you cannot apply online contact the RPA before 28th May to request an application pack.	30 th July 2021
Higher Tier Starting 1 st Jan 2022. Capital Grants Starting in 2021.		30 th April 2021
Higher Tier Woodland Improvement (WD2 and associated capital items) grant, for Mixed or Woodland Only applications. The initial deadline for application submission is 30 th April 2021 & the deadline for finalising applications is 31 st August 2021.		

Forestry Commission Woodland Grants – open all year round.

[Woodland Creation and Maintenance grant](#)

[Woodland Tree Health Grant](#)

[Woodland Management Plan Grant](#)

Sustainable Farming Incentive – [Defra's plans for piloting and launching the scheme.](#)

Next year, all those who currently receive payments under the Basic Payments Scheme will be able to apply for the Sustainable Farming Incentive.

The SFI scheme will be launched in mid-2022. Initially it will be open to farmers who currently receive payments under the BPS. Over time, Defra intend to open up the scheme, so that it is both accessible and applicable to a broader range of farmers.

The scheme will give farmers an opportunity to secure a complementary income stream to their farm business by undertaking sustainable farming actions that benefit the wider environment.

The scheme will expand over time, and In rolling it out Defra plan to learn on the job – working with farmers to evolve and improve the scheme.

More information will be available later this summer, ahead of the planned scheme launch in 2022.

If you would like to apply to join the PILOT of the Sustainable Farming Incentive Scheme

You need to submit an [Expression of Interest](#) by 11.59pm on 11th April 2021

The plan for the SFI pilot is as follows:

- You'll find out if you were selected for the pilot or not from 24 May 2021. Selections will be random, from categories covering various types of farm.
- If you're selected, you'll be able to make an application in June 2021.
- Over summer the agreements will be developed and agreed.
- The first agreements will start in October 2021.
- The pilot is expected to last until 2024.

The Royal Three Counties and Royal Welsh Shows have been cancelled this year, but it is hoped that Cereals 2021 will still be able to go ahead

Cereals 2021 returns to Lincolnshire fields on Wed 30th June & Thurs 1st July 2021.

Join farmers, agronomists, and other industry professionals at Boothby Graffoe, Lincolnshire for the arable industry's leading technical event. Full details at <https://www.cerealsevent.co.uk/>



Free “Faster Farmers” videos and webinars for you to view on the Herefordshire Rural Hub website, including the latest ones ...



[How to complete your Farm Carbon Calculator, and what it means for your business](#)

Recording of the webinar with Becky Willson from the Farm Carbon Toolkit. Using data from a local Herefordshire farm as an example, we look at how to enter the data on to the toolkit, and more importantly, how to interpret the results in a way which highlights how you can reduce emissions and improve sequestration. We also look at how you can model changes in management practices using the calculator.

2 short video tutorials on [Using "Breakout rooms" in Zoom](#).

2 video tutorials with Tara Punter - [Top tips on using Instagram and Facebook to help your business](#)



Lots of free webinars for farmers

Where appropriate, BASIS and NRoSO points are available for attending these webinars and information is available on the webinar events pages.

To see what is coming up in April, click on the link below, which takes you direct to the events page of the AHDB website where all the webinars are listed.

[Farm events and agricultural shows | AHDB](#)

In case you missed any, recordings of previous AHDB webinars can be found on the AHDB "Online events and webinar archive" at <https://ahdb.org.uk/webinars>



Farming Advice Service webinar programme for farmers

Recordings of previous FAS webinars are available to view at

<https://www.farmingadvice.org.uk/webinars>

Webinag

Is a FREE go-to website for calendar/listings of webinars for the farming community.

Including details, times, cost, speakers & registration. View webinars by day, week, month, category or host.

Soil Talks

SoilTalks is a monthly series of online debates on a wide-ranging and exciting set of topics about soil and soil health, from the [Soil Care Network](#). The series is co-organised with [uksoils](#), and with the support of the [University of Sheffield Institute for Sustainable Food](#).

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to book your place on the next talk.



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, Pentalo, Tedstone, Cheaton, Ridgemoor, Yazor and Red/Twyford Brook. If you farm in one of the target catchments and would like to find out more please 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)



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.

STEPS for Water Quality re-opened on the **22nd February 2021** and will close on the **31st January 2022**. Up to £10,000 is available to improve Pesticide Handling Facilities in the yard and for the placement of Arable Grassland Buffers to protect water courses.

STEPS for Biodiversity application window opens on the **22nd February 2021** and will close on the **18th April 2021**. Applications can be made by any landowners that have land within the DWSGZ and have previously applied for a priority item.

STEPS can be run in conjunction with other schemes so long as an item is not being double funded.

If you would like more information about the funding Severn Trent has to offer, then please contact one of the advisers below or visit <https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/environment/catchment-management/severn-trent-environmental-protection-scheme/>

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

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF)



Due to national restrictions to curb Covid 19 infections, we are sorry to say that CSF are currently only able to offer a very limited number of **high priority site visits** to farmers.

We can, however, discuss any issues you have with water and air quality over the phone or via email, so please get in touch with us via the contact details below.

Soil biology webinar

There has been a surge of interest recently amongst UK farmers with regard to soil health and regenerative agriculture. In his webinar **"Life in the Soil: A Beginner's Guide"** Matthew Shepherd, Natural England's soil specialist, describes how soil organisms and the soil food web that centres around plant roots are essential for soil health and structure. Soil organisms are responsible for decomposition, nutrient cycling, and carbon storage, as well as supporting plant health, soil structure and drainage.

Countryside Stewardship

The application window for Countryside Stewardship is now open. Please see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-paid-for-environmental-land-management> for further information and how to apply.

CSF is working with priority farms, providing advice on how farmers can make applications which can deliver the **greatest environmental benefits in terms of water and air quality**.

Due to extremely high levels of demand, CSFOs are strictly limited in the number of priority applications that they can support. If you would like to find out whether your land falls within in a target area for water quality, please follow this link

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/catchment-sensitive-farming-reduce-agricultural-water-pollution>

Farmers in a high priority area for water who wish to apply for 'high risk' items will require CSFO approval. In order to do this, please fully fill in a [CSFO Support and Approval Request Form](#) and send it to your local CSFO, so that we can assess the farming business and risks posed to water and air quality.

River Wye Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers

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

River Teme Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers

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

Countryside Stewardship Advice 2021

Chris Seabridge & Associates Ltd are delivering the Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier Advice Programme 2021 in East and West Midlands on behalf of Natural England.

1) **Countryside Stewardship free online seminar** delivered by Jim Egan.

- **Monday 12 April at 8.30am – 10.00am**
- **Tuesday 4 May at 2.00pm - 3.30pm**
- **Wednesday 19 May at 7.00pm - 8.30pm**

For bookings, please call **07593 449 868** or email bookings@chrisseabridge.co.uk quoting the event you would like to attend. Please provide name, address, contact telephone number, email address and farm SBI number when booking. You will then be emailed the joining details.

2) **Free online 1:1 advice sessions** delivered by approved Farm Advisors, covering

- a) application preparation advice
- b) pre application submission advice.

For bookings, please call **07593 449 868** or email bookings@chrisseabridge.co.uk

Please provide name, address, contact telephone number, email address and farm SBI number when booking. A suitable appointment will then be arranged.

3) They will also be providing one to one advice on CS Mid Tier Options requiring approval
- more information will follow as lockdown restrictions hopefully release.

Nuffield Farming Scholarships

The applications are now open and will close on the 31st July 2020.

Applications are welcomed from those working across the farming, food, horticulture, rural or associated industries. With around 20 Scholarships awarded each year, successful applicants are provided a substantial bursary to fund travel to study their chosen topic. Additional funding is also available for Scholars to attend the Contemporary Scholar's Conference, training sessions and other events. You do not need formal qualifications to apply.

To apply you need to be between 22 and 45 years of age.

To find out more information please visit the website www.nuffieldscholar.org
or contact **Charlotte Merson** – charlotte@nuffieldscholar.org.

National Minimum Wage rates from 1st April 2021

Year	Aged 23 and over National Living Wage	21 to 22	18 to 20	16-17	Apprentice
From 1 st April 2021	£8.91	£8.36	£6.56	£4.62	£4.30

Apprentices are entitled to the **Apprentice rate** if they are either:

- Aged under 19 yrs.
- Aged 19 or over and in the first year of their apprenticeship.

Apprentices are entitled to the **Minimum wage for their age** if they both: -

- Are aged 19 or over.
- Have completed the first year of their apprenticeship.

COVID-19 Coronavirus – some useful links

Herefordshire Council

[Covid-19 support for farms](#)

[Covid-19 Business Support](#)

[Other Business Funding & Grants](#)

Herefordshire COVID-19 Engagement Working Group

[Key Messages and FAQ's](#)

Covid-19 Farm Preventative Packs

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

You can access the pack from the Council website [CLICK HERE](#)

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

Marches Growth Hub

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

Gov.UK

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

[Getting tested for Coronavirus](#)

[Easing out of lockdown, from 29th March – find out what you can and cannot do.](#)

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

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

AHDB

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

APHA [TBHub](#)

Red Tractor [COVID-19 Hub](#)

Symptom-free rapid Covid testing in Herefordshire

Workers across Herefordshire expecting to return to their jobs from Monday April 12 are being invited to start doing twice-weekly rapid COVID-19 tests (known as Lateral Flow Tests) immediately.

Tests are being offered at this time to symptom-free workers who have returned to work or likely to resume work as outlined in [Step 1 and Step 2](#) of the government's roadmap out of lockdown and:

- Are without Covid-19 symptoms,
- Cannot work from home or
- Come into contact with others through their work

If you meet these criteria, it is recommended that you take a test every three to four days. If you test positive you will need to self-isolate in line with government guidance. This will help break the chain of transmission to others. Once the test has been completed, your results will be sent to you in a text message via the NHS Test and Trace service within one or two hours.

Farming Community Network

FCN have produced "[FarmWell](#)" - an online facility, free to use, with lots of useful information and advice to help keep your business, and yourself, resilient through changing times and plan positively for the future.

- Keeping your business resilient through change
- Providing links to the most useful and user-friendly information sources across all farm business areas, where you can find the facts to help plan successfully and efficiently.
- Helping you, your family and your staff to stay resilient through change Interesting articles, tips and programmes for keeping fit and healthy.
- Providing support and help if you need it, and guidance on how you can access additional support and mentoring, both from a business and personal perspective, should the need arise.

The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

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

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

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

It will specifically provide funds to support those who require:

- retraining or upskilling as they are leaving the industry.
- training to support a new farm diversification enterprise.
- training or business support for succession planning.

Funding will also be available for farm related training courses (examples below)

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

Other courses will be considered on application

The funding is easy to access, but please note that the project will not support training retrospectively & places will be limited.

Applicants need to be resident in Herefordshire.

For further details or an application form contact the **Herefordshire Community Foundation**

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

Website: www.herefordshirefoundation.org



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

St Michael's Hospice

Plant Fair 4th - 5th June.

If you would like to help the Hospice by growing plants, contact Event Organiser Gaynor Warren on 01432 852630 or email gwarren@smhospicehereford.org and she will let you know when and how to deliver them to the Hospice.

Open Gardens

Dates and details of gardens that will be open around the county in May and June. More gardens will be announced in due course. Full details available at https://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event_type/open-gardens/

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

Tel: 0800 083 1986 Email: enquiries@hlcollege.ac.uk

All course details are on the College website: www.hlcollege.ac.uk

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

CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross cutting 2 days + assessment	16 th – 17 th June
CS30/31 Cross cutting & Felling up to 380mm 5 days + assessment	10 th – 14 th May, assessment 17 th /18 th May
CS39 Aerial cutting of Trees using Free Fall Techniques 3 days + assessment	1 st – 3 rd June, assessment 4 th June
PA1 Foundation - Safe Use of Pesticides 1 day including assessment	27 th April 15 th June
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers 1 day + assessment	30 th April 17 th June
PA6 Handheld Applicators 1 day + assessment	29 th April 16 th June
Tractor Driving for 13 to 16 year olds 2 days	3 rd – 4 th June
More dates to follow for CS31 Felling & Processing trees up to 380mm, CS32 Felling & Processing trees over 380mm, CS38 Accessing a Tree using Rope & Harness inc Aerial Rescue	
<u>Courses run subject to demand</u> <i>(some courses can be run off-site at your own venue subject to numbers – please contact the college for information and prices).</i> Ground based Chainsaw Refresher <> Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User) Safe Use of Brushcutters & Strimmers <> PA6 Handheld Applicators Refresher PA6AW Handheld Applicator in or near Water <> PA4 Slug Pellet Applicator Safe use of Vertebrate Pest Control – Rodents (Rats & Mice). <> Safe use of Vertebrate Pest Control – Aluminium Phosphide ATV Handling (Experienced Operators). <> Tractor Driving & Handling (Adults) Rough Terrain Telehandler <> 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

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

Information while attending a course/event at 7Y Training Centre.

How we are making training safe for you and your candidates

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

1. Before the course date - If a candidate has any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., new persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change to sense of smell or taste) they must not attend training. We will provide a free transfer to a future course.
2. Candidates Arrival on site - On arrival at the centre, we ask that the candidate stays outside until they are called in, they can then check their temperature and sanitise before entering.
3. Social Distancing - We have put social distancing measures in place distancing 2m between desks/chairs and request the same of candidates during refreshment and toilets breaks. To do this we have reduced class sizes.
4. PPMs - Each candidate will receive a welfare pack on arrival which consists of personal hand-sanitiser, gloves, tissues/wipes, face mask and a pen. These boxes (as with all course paperwork) have been quarantined for 7 days.
5. Boxes – Each desk will have a welfare box; We would like to ask that candidates put any personal belongings that they have on the desks in the box during break-times so that all hard surfaces can be wiped down.
6. First Aid Courses - We will operate a 1:1 candidate to manikin ratio for CPR practice and AED use. We maintain our rigorous manikin cleaning protocols after each course.

Please register your interest for any of the following courses:

Course	Dates <i>(subject to change if numbers are low)</i>	Venue
C & G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) <i>Max 6 candidates per course</i>	12 th April	Leominster
C & G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2) <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	13 th April	T.B.C
C & G Ground Knapsack Sprayer (PA6) <i>Max 4 candidates per course</i>	14 th April	Leominster
First Aid at Work (3 days)	14 th – 16 th June	Leominster
First Aid at Work Refresher (2 days)	6 th – 7 th May	Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)	26 th May 1 st June	Leominster
Plus F (Forestry First Aid)	2 nd June	Leominster

The following Machinery and Equipment courses can be run for either Novice, Refresher or Experienced candidates, & under a variety of awarding bodies – Lantra, ITSSAR, BRITTOP. Please contact Paula to register your interest.

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

Wyvern Training Services Ltd

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

All training delivered is thoroughly COVID risk assessed to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

This does mean that the number of people able to attend can be reduced and that venues and facilities are required to meet all necessary and current safety, COVID and personal social distancing requirements.

Whilst we continue to offer in-house training, we are now also able to provide COVID-secure venues for certain courses. Please enquire for more details.

Courses on offer in the coming months include:

PA1 – Safe use of Pesticides.	Abrasive Wheels
PA2 – Hydraulic Nozzle Boom Sprayers	Emergency First Aid / First Aid at Work
PA3 – Air assisted blast and variable Geometry Sprayers	Level 2 Food Safety
PA4 – Slug Pellet applicators	Rough Terrain and Counterbalance Lift Trucks
PA6 – Hand-held applicators	ATV sit astride / sit in
Chainsaw maintenance and cross cutting / felling	

Should you have any future training needs or requirements, please contact us to discuss them.
We look forward to returning to more normal business, including reinstating our open course programme, once the guidance and advice allows.

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

- The Rural Services Helpline 03000 200 301 provides a single number for all Farming Advice Service, Rural Payments Agency or Animal and Plant Health Agency (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. 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.

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.fcnc.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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