



Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

Herefordshire Rural Hub Newsletter

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Please note the hub office will be closed from Wednesday 21st December 2022 until Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Herefordshire Rural Hub has been selected to participate in The Prince's Countryside Fund "Farm Support Group Initiative". The award of £30,000 will enable farm support groups like the Hub to "increase activity and recognises their importance as trusted local delivery partners".

The Hub was founded in 2004 by Cathy Meredith MBE, ARAgS, FIAGSA, and has become the go-to place for training, events and support for farmers and farming groups in the county. The Prince's Countryside Fund is the only UK-wide charity that seeks to empower family farms and rural communities to survive and thrive. Herefordshire Rural Hub's Chairman, Liz Lloyd said 'we're delighted that The Prince's Countryside Fund has recognised the work of the Hub. The support of The Prince's Countryside Fund means we will be able to help more farming businesses and families to flourish through these challenging times'.

This initiative provides Herefordshire Rural Hub with a brilliant opportunity to increase our impact and expand the types of support we offer.

We look forward to sharing more news with you on this in the New Year.

Avian influenza (bird flu)

Poultry in **England** will have to be housed from Monday 7th November 2022.

Following a change in the risk levels and an increase in the number of detections of avian influenza (bird flu) in kept and wild birds, the Chief Veterinary Officers from England, Scotland and Wales have declared an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) across Great Britain to mitigate the risk of the disease spreading amongst poultry and captive birds.

Get the latest [here](#).



THE PRINCE'S
COUNTRYSIDE
FUND

Do you want to understand the policy changes that will affect the future of your farm business?

Herefordshire Rural Hub is working with **The Prince's Countryside Fund** to deliver Farm for the Future in this area.

Farm for the Future, a free series of business, environment, and one-to one support, is open for farmers to sign up in Herefordshire. Farm for the Future will help farmers navigate the policy changes that will affect the future of their farm businesses and become more resilient. It will provide business support so farmers can make informed decisions about the future of their farm business and discover opportunities with the ELM schemes that may financially and practically benefit their farm.

Every farmer who participates will become a member of The Prince's Countryside Fund's Farm Resilience Network which provides a bank of resources and ongoing support.

Any tenant or owner-occupied farm currently in receipt of BPS in England is eligible to join – even if you have already participated in a programme run by The Prince's Countryside Fund. Farm for the Future is funded by Defra's Future Farming Resilience Fund.

For more information and to express interest in taking part please Contact: Martha Rudge [07454 733846](tel:07454733846) futurefarming@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

FREE support is available from Ricardo and The Andersons Centre through Defra's Future Farm Resilience Fund.

This programme offers information on topics related to the Agricultural Transition. A training toolbox is openly available under TRAINING on their website. The programme will offer webinars and podcasts about a variety of topics.

Regular in person workshops will be held starting in December 2022 and 1-to-1 support in the form of business resilience audits, environmental sustainability audits and follow-up support.

Please call Sarah Starkey on [07974 438517](tel:07974438517) for more details or click [here](#).

Basic Payment Scheme (BPS), Countryside Stewardship and Environmental Stewardship 2022 payment window opens 1st December 2022.

Dates for your Diary:

Free Natural History Courses

3rd December 2022, Trees in Winter Queenswood Country Park

Cultivating Learning and Nature CIC and Herefordshire Biological Records Centre have a project running called 'Hidden Herefordshire: discovering its wildlife and wild places'. It aims to get more people recording and identifying wildlife. Part of the project involves running free natural history courses throughout the county which are listed below. More details can be found at www.hbrc.org.uk or email Tim at tim@clan-cic.org for details.

An introduction to the new SFI Soil Standards

**Monday 5th December 2022, 2.00pm - 3.30pm at Norton Canon Village Hall,
Kitty's Lane, Norton Canon HR4 7BW**

This workshop with Lucinda Lewis and Ben Nott (Wye & Usk Foundation) will cover what we know about the new SFI Arable & Improved Grassland Soil Standards, the application process and evidence keeping requirements including soil assessments/management plans.

Please book your place as soon as possible with Frances at Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: [01432 353465](tel:01432353465)

When booking, please give your Holding Number or SBI number

Full details [here](#).

Hereford Monitor Farm Meeting - Understanding and protecting against arable diseases

Thu, 08 December 2022, 1:00pm - 4:00pm, Ledbury Rugby Club

More info [here](#).

We Are Farming Minds Christmas Light Up Tractor Run followed by a family social event. **This is a free social event for farming families in Herefordshire.**

On **Saturday December 10th 2022** We Are Farming Minds will be holding a Christmas Tractor Run which will depart from Aconbury Court HR2 6PQ. Registration from 3pm for prompt departure at 4pm and to return to Aconbury Court. £10 entry fee per tractor and the best decorated tractor will lead the way!

Please email wearefarmingminds@gmail.com for registration form with full details and route. We have to limit the number of tractors so be quick and all registrations must be in no later than Saturday December 3rd.

Online booking through our website is essential so please book [here](#) to secure your ticket. If you are taking part in the tractor run and attending the event afterwards, please email us for the registration form and book your tickets for the social event online through our website.

Any queries at all, please email wearefarmingminds@gmail.com

Full details [here](#).

We Are Farming Minds Christmas Bingo

Friday 9th December, doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm, at Madley Village Hall

Full details [here](#).

FREE Marketing & PR Webinar

Launching a diversification project and want to boost your PR and marketing skills? Join in our free webinar with marketing expert Tara Best on **13th December at 1.30pm.**

Full details [here](#).

Register [here](#).

Tuesday 13th December 2022, Grange Court, Leominster.

2nd Winter Meeting of 2022-23 Winter Season

Meeting open to current and 'future' members. Christmas Special with fizz and canapés.

7.00 pm for 7.30 start

Full details [here](#).

We Are Farming Minds: Retired/veteran farmers FREE social event, **Monday 19th December.** By kind invitation by RG & RG Williams Auctioneers, Ross Auction Centre, Overross HR9 7QQ. Lunch will be served in the canteen after 1pm but you can come to the market early to have a look around. Once in the canteen, everyone will have a 2 course Christmas dinner.

Full details [here](#).

New reservoir legislation explained -19 December UKIA event

If you are a member of the UKIA and own a farm reservoir or are planning one storing more than 10,000 m³ above ground level then proposed changes in legislation announced by Defra in July 2022 will affect you.

This UKIA event which is online will help you find out how these changes affect you. It poses the question "Are proposed changes in legislation 'over the top' for farm reservoirs?"

This event is on 19 December at 10:00am.

More details on [Eventbrite](#) when you register for this online event. If not a UKIA member there is a £25 charge.

Hereford Elgar Rotary will be holding their BIG FARM BREAKFAST in the Wiggly Meeting Room on Lower Blakemere Farm, Blakemere, Herefordshire, HR2 9PX on **Friday 30th December 2022 from 10am-12 noon.**

Booking is essential. ALL WELCOME.

For more details and to book online please click [here](#).

If you need more information please [email heather@wigglywiggles.co.uk](mailto:heather@wigglywiggles.co.uk) or san@wigglywiggles.co.uk

All proceeds raised will go to eradicate Polio, and support local causes and charities.

In between Christmas and New Year is the perfect time to enjoy a BIG FARM BREAKFAST with your family, Adults £15 Under 12's £8. PAY CASH ON ARRIVAL

January Land-based Employer Forum at Holme Lacy campus on **Wednesday 11th January 9.30am - 11.30am.**

Full details and book your place [here](#).

Say hello to Field Officer Visit, bye to RPA Inspection!

<https://ruralpayments.blog.gov.uk/2022/11/03/rpas-new-supportive-partnership-based-approach-to-visits/>

Flooding advice for farmers and land managers - This guidance gives information for farmers and land managers whose land has been flooded.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flooding-advice-for-farmers-and-land-managers>

Waste: environmental permits - Standard rules and bespoke permits for using, treating, storing and disposing of waste. Check if you need a permit and find out how to apply. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/waste-environmental-permits>

DEFRA Farming in Protected Landscapes programme

Are you a farmer, land manager or a collaborative group in the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Beauty (AONB)?

Applications are now being sought to the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme for a range of projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover the natural and historical landscape, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses. The Programme works alongside – not in competition with – DEFRA’s existing and new schemes, adding value where it is most needed.

To find out more or arrange a site visit to discuss a project idea, contact Farming in Protected Landscapes Officer Anna Stankiewicz at farming@wyevalleyaonb.org.uk or on [07496 487645](tel:07496487645). Please also visit our [website](#) for more information.

Higher Level Stewardship 2023: agreement extensions

How the rules are changing to extend eligible Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreements for 5 years, and what you need to do.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/higher-level-stewardship-2023-agreement-extensions>

Annual Sheep & Goat inventory - England.

Don't forget to

- update your holding register with the number of sheep and goats that are on your land on 1st December
- complete an inventory of the sheep and goats you keep and return it by 31st December

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sheep-and-goat-keepers-how-to-keep-a-holding-register#record-and-submit-your-annual-inventory>

Sustainable Farming Incentive Guidance

Farmers across England can now apply to the Sustainable Farming Incentive, click [here](#). Full guidance available [here](#).

Details on how to prepare to apply for SFI [here](#).

The latest publication includes the schemes [Terms and Conditions](#), and 'How to' guides for [Arable and Horticultural Soil Standards](#), [Improved Grassland Soils Standard](#) and the [Moorland Standard](#) in order to help farmers deliver actions through the scheme's standards. They have also updated the information for the [eligibility of commons and shared grazing land](#).

DEFRA have created a [guidance video](#) that shows farmers [how to apply](#) and a blog about [How early roll out of the Sustainable Farming Incentive is going – an early update - Future Farming \(blog.gov.uk\)](#).

Slurry Infrastructure Grant

Full details [here](#).

Funding for farmers in England to help them overcome current significant financial barriers to investing in slurry storage on farm. Adequate slurry storage is essential for farmers to continue protecting water courses and improve water and air quality.

This scheme represents £13million in funding to assist dairy, beef and pig farmers in reaching six months of slurry storage and improve their business impact on air and water quality. It is open across **England** and offers 50% match funding between £25,000 and £250,000. The Slurry Infrastructure Grant **online checker will open on 6 December 2022 and close on 31 January 2023**.

Animal transport authorisations

If you move animals more than 65km as part of your business activity or for trade you must have a transport authorisation issued by APHA (Animal and Plant Health Agency). Animal transport authorisations last for five years. A significant number are due for renewal in 2022. The APHA is reminding transporters to apply for renewal as early as possible before their current authorisation expires to ensure you can continue to operate. It will not cost you anything to renew your authorisation but transporting animals without the correct authorisation carries heavy penalties.

[Renew your animal transporter authorisation](#)

Transporter authorisations are valid for up to 5 years.

You should renew your transporter authorisation before it expires. [Contact APHA's Welfare in Transport team](#) for renewal forms.

Please be aware that any Welfare of Animals In Transport Certificates of Competence (which are valid for life) being submitted with your renewal will need to be in the "block" format – if you do not already have your "block" format certificate, you can obtain one from the issuing body (Lantra / City & Guilds).

Animal gathering licences

If you want to hold an animal gathering, the premises must have an [Animal Gatherings Order \(AGO\) licence](#) from Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

Forms and contingency plan for a premises to [apply for a licence to hold an animal gathering](#).

Gatherings of poultry and other captive birds are not licensed in the same way but must be registered. See the [bird gathering general licence](#). You must have an animal

gathering licence if your gathering involves poultry/captive birds and any of the animals listed above.

Practical Steps for Farms Transitioning to Net Zero

Net Zero has gained traction in conversation - but for many farm businesses the enormity of the ambition in such challenging times raises a lot of questions. In last week's webinar, hosted by Lloyds Bank and Promar, experts offered practical answers.

See a Farmers Weekly webinar [here](#).

Planting Trees

Click below to learn about funding opportunities for planting trees on your land.

[Forestry Commission](#)

[England's Community Forests](#)

[National Forest](#)

[Woodland Trust](#)

[Woodland Carbon Code](#)

Let Herefordshire Council know what you think they should focus on to improve health and wellbeing in the county.

Herefordshire Council is working with health services and other organisations to develop a strategy to improve health and wellbeing in the county over the next 10 years, and is asking residents to help identify the things they think are most important.

Every area in the country has a health and wellbeing strategy which is refreshed every few years. This sets a shared direction for the council and partners to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population.

Herefordshire Council have identified a number of potential priority areas from information already available about the issues that are most affecting the health and wellbeing of residents in our county. The council would now like to hear from residents, particularly those whose voices are seldom heard, about the improvements they think local services should concentrate on. The feedback will help inform the content of the next health and wellbeing strategy which is due to be published in 2023.

We would be grateful if you could promote the consultation amongst your users and encourage them to complete the short on-line survey via the link below. The survey will be available until Sunday 11 December 2022.

[Click here](#)

Where are Herefordshire's Harvest Mice?

On the Red List for Britain's Mammals, the harvest mouse is classified as Near Threatened in Britain. As there is a lack of up to date data, so there are no reliable

estimates of how many harvest mice there are in the wild and what sort of conservation actions should be put in place to help them

This is why The Mammal Society launched the National Harvest Mouse Survey across the UK last winter and is extending it into this coming winter season. As county coordinator for Herefordshire, I'm hoping to get as many populations mapped as possible by getting as many members of the farming community involved as possible. If you know of a harvest mouse population, please do get in touch. If you're not sure or it's a site that used to have them, get in touch. The more sites that get surveyed, the better the harvest mouse picture. Even unsuccessful nest surveys count.

Click [here](#) for [National Harvest Mouse Survey – The Mammal Society](#) to find out more about these intriguing little mice. I look forward to hearing about Herefordshire's harvest mice soon.

Biodiversity Digital Services Project: Expression of Interest

The Natural England & Defra Digital Team are seeking volunteers to participate in their current user research and prototype testing of the Biodiversity Net Gain Register.

Biodiversity net gain is an approach to development which means that habitats for wildlife must be left in a measurably better state than they were in before the development.

Introduced in the Environment Act 2021, BNG will become mandatory for all developments under the Town and Country Planning Act from November 2023 and for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) by November 2025.

Natural England and Defra want to work with those who are likely to be involved in BNG to help develop and refine the systems, tools and processes that will support mandatory BNG.

If you are interested in taking part, visit [BNG Digital Services Project – Expression of Interest Form](#).

Forestry Commission News

Historic Environment support for EWCO application processing

A new 3-month pilot launched on 17 October 2022. The trial will see Forestry Commission Historic Environment Advisers provide advice and information when a local historic environment service does not respond to an applicant or Forestry Commission notifications for a EWCO proposal within 28 days. Response times for applicants wishing to pursue a EWCO application should improve through the pilot. Two key points of the trial include:

- If an applicant does not receive a response from a local historic environment service within 28 days, they can submit their EWCO application. Evidence to show the local historic environment has been contacted will be required
- A new template letter for use by applicants has been drafted

For further information please contact EWCO@forestrycommission.gov.uk

New 'Severn Woodlands' grant scheme

Severn Rivers Trust is offering a new grant scheme in the River Severn catchment. There is no minimum scheme size to qualify and Severn Rivers Trust will provide support on designing the woodland, completing the application and undertaking the work.

The grant will cover the capital cost of the scheme ie works and planting and the landowner will receive up to £5,000 per hectare for their scheme, split over two payments. The landowner is responsible for maintenance of the trees. For more information contact becky.owens@severnriverstrust.com

Forestry Commission - Local Woodland Creation Grants

As well as generating income, well-designed and managed woodlands can support the foundations of food production. Woodlands on farms can boost productivity through healthy soil and water by reducing erosion and nutrient loss from surface run-off, while improving drought and flood resilience.

See where trees can fit on your farm in the Forestry Commission's leaflet on how trees benefit your farm business, and read more about how woodland creation benefits your farm. [Learn more](#).

Create a **Woodland Management Plan**, more [here](#).

Llanwarne Village Hall in Herefordshire.

Plans are being made to establish Llanwarne Village Hall as the First Rural "Digital Health Hub" or "Digital Learning Centre" in the UK.

The hope is to establish other "Digital Health Hubs / Learning Centres" in other Village Halls in Herefordshire.

Should this development is of interest to you please contact Dr Malcolm Rigler FRSPH , Member CILIP Health Group Project Volunteer at Llanwarne Village Hall at: m.rigler@nhs.net.

National Insurance contributions rates, with effect from 6th November 2022, will be cut by 1.25 percentage points for employees, employers and the self-employed, effectively reversing the uplift introduced in April 2022 for the rest of the tax year. NB Check that you are using the latest version of your payroll software. You should contact your payroll software developer initially with any queries.

SFI Pilot: Dry weather flexibility introduced - The RPA have just issued advise on flexibility for SFI Pilot participants following this year's dry weather. Earlier this year Defra approved temporary requirement adjustments to some Countryside Stewardship and Environmental Stewardship options. The RPA are now offering some adjustments (called 'Easements') to certain standards in the SFI pilot. This will help make meeting the standards easier to manage in the ongoing drought conditions.

Further information as follows: [Sustainable Farming Incentive Pilot: Easements for Standards due to drought conditions in England - Future Farming \(blog.gov.uk\)](#).

Useful Links:

[DEFRA Future Farming Blog](#)

[Livestock Information Service - For Farmers](#)

[Driving licence requirements for agricultural vehicles](#)

[Rural Crime Prevention - West Mercia Police](#)

[Public Rights of Way \(PRoWs\)](#)

[Avian Flu Latest](#)

[RPA Podcast](#)

[John Nix Pocketbook](#)

[Herefordshire Council - current briefings and workshops open to businesses in Herefordshire reference council plans and strategies](#)

[AHDB Online Events and Webinar Archive](#)



The
Wye & Usk
Foundation



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

Find advice on the following and more:

Woodland Creation Support

Support Available from Severn Trent in the Wye Catchment

STEPS for Water Quality now OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS:

Natural Capital Surveys Available in the Wye Valley AONB

Working in or near a river or stream? Get the right consents in place.

Visit their [website](#) for full details.

More information on [Rural Hub](#) website also.

The impact of the hot weather is near to reaching lethal levels in the Wye. Temperatures in the Lower Wye were >23 degrees on Wednesday and if the forecast for next week is correct temperatures are likely to be even higher. In the drought of 1976 the Wye reached 27degrees and resulted in a massive fish kill.

We have the majority of this year's Wye salmon run still stuck below Ross due to the low flows. Many pools have hundreds of fish in them.

We have negotiated with Welsh Water to enact their 'spate clause' and they have agreed to release additional water over the weekend which we hope will prevent the river reaching lethal temperatures and avoid a fish kill.

We appreciate that abstraction during such hot dry conditions is sustaining crops but we hope that the potential impact of these weather conditions on our wildlife is understood too. We are asking abstractors to halt where possible or limit if not, their water take from the Wye on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to ensure this release of water reaches the fish it is intended for...

If you are an abstractor please do let me know your thoughts on the above and any decision you subsequently make.

Please share this request with any neighbours/friends that may be abstracting so that it reaches as many people as possible.



Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF)

Free Specialist CSF Visits

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

Full details can be found at our [website](#).

THE INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2023

The leading executive level policy programme for those engaged in the agricultural and land-based sector at a senior level. Do you possess a strong aspiration to lead within the wider agricultural and associated industries? Are you looking to become a more effective leader?

Starts February 2023. More information at their [website](#).

The Digital Household Grant will fund the installation of an interim broadband solution for those properties in South Herefordshire affected by the transition to the Government's Project Gigabit scheme.

Who's eligible?

The grant is available to properties in the south of Herefordshire that were planned to be reached by Gigaclear as part of the Fastershire programme which currently have less than 30Mbps broadband capable connection.

For more details click [here](#).

The Jack Hughes Fund

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

Full details and how to apply can be found the [hub website Useful Links](#) section on "Grants & Funding"

Funding Opportunities

- **Garfield Weston Foundation:** garfieldweston.org/what-we-support/
- **Morrisons Foundation:** www.morrisonsfoundation.com/
- **The Henry Plumb Foundation:** www.thehenryplumbfoundation.org.uk/
(geared towards people under 30 who are looking to get their start in the agricultural business, either as a start-up or through internships/exchanges).

DEFRA Farming is Changing

DEFRA: "Farming is Changing" leaflet, can be viewed [here](#).

Farmers and land managers will be rewarded for doing even more to improve the environment whilst producing high quality food and other products.



Could you generate income from filming?

"Jonny Shelton works for Creative England, in their [Filming in England Team](#), who are funded by central government via the BFI to provide support and help develop the growth across the regional Film and TV Sector. Jonny recently visited Herefordshire and he's keen to ensure their Locations Database, which is his team's main resource when supporting productions who are scouting (and is free to register upon), is as thoroughly representative as possible - and he was really impressed with the range of arable land across the county and sees potential in its exposure to the industry.

Jonny is would be keen to chat further about potential registration on their Locations Database and would be happy to answer any further questions and bring the team's Locations Coordinator, Josh Baker (a former Location Manager himself) into the conversation too."

Jonny can be contacted directly or if you wanted to have an informal chat about what signing up to the Location Database entails please contact Rachel Jones at Herefordshire Council who is the local co-ordinator for enquiries about filming in Herefordshire.

Some of the locations already registered in the county can be viewed here [Creative England - Herefordshire Database](#) and you can read more about filming in Herefordshire here [Filming in Herefordshire - Herefordshire Council](#)

Jonny Shelton, Production Liaison Manager (North West & Midlands) Creative England
Mobile: [07788 155 142](tel:07788155142) Email: jonny.shelton@creativeengland.co.uk

Rachel Jones, Economic Development Officer, Herefordshire Council

Tel: [01432 261784](tel:01432261784), Mobile: [07792 881025](tel:07792881025) Email: Rachel.Jones@herefordshire.gov.uk

The Rural Business Awards are now OPEN!

Free to enter, deadline for entries is March 2023.

To enter and for more details click [here](#).

Stay Safe

Presenter & celebrity farmer, Adam Henson, warns agricultural workers to stay safe whilst working on farmland. See safety tips [here](#).

A useful Farm Fire Safety leaflet from Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service, click [here](#).

HSE Agriculture publications <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/agindex.htm>

Royal Mail - non-barcoded stamps

Those stamps without a barcode will be obsolete after **July 31 2023**. This is an extension to the previous deadline of January 31, giving people more time to use up their old stamps, or swap them out for the shiny new barcoded ones. Details [here](#).

7Y Training Services

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

Contact Paula Strangwood Email paula@7Ytraining.co.uk

Most courses will take place at Wharton, Leominster

<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>
C & G CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting	January 2023
Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)	14th December 2022, 6th January 2023
First Aid at Work refresher (2 days)	23rd & 24th January 2023
Mental Health First Aid in the Workplace	19th & 20th January 2023
Health & Safety in the Workplace Understanding Mental Health in the Workplace	18th January 2023
First Aid at Work	25th to 27th January 2023
Rough Terrain Telescopic Rough Terrain Telescopic over 9m Counterbalance FLT ATVs sit-astride Quad Bikes ITSSAR MEWP - Scissor lift 360 Excavator (below 5 tonnes)	Machinery courses can be run for either Novice, Experienced or Refresher candidates, under a variety of awarding bodies - Lantra, ITSSAR, MEWP, RTITB
City & Guilds Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) City & Guilds Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2) City & Guilds Knapsack Sprayer (PA6) City & Guilds Slug Pellets (PA4s)	5th December 2022, 10th January 2023. 12th December 2022 9th December 2022, 11th January 2023. TBC
First Aid at Work	TBC

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Details of these and other courses are on the college website at

www.hlcollege.ac.uk

CS30 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross Cutting 2 days (plus 1/2 day for NPTC assessment). Holme Lacy Campus.	24th - 25th January 7th - 8th March 26th - 27th April 20th - 21st June 9.15am to 4.30pm Cost: £470 incl Assessment
CS31 Award in Felling and Processing upto 380mm 3 days (plus 1/2 day for NPTC assessment). Holme Lacy Campus.	11th - 13th January 13th - 15th March 19th - 21st April 9.15am to 4.30pm Cost: £520 incl Assessment
Award in Maintenance, Cross-cutting & Felling Trees up to 380mm (CS30/31) 5 days (plus 1/2 day for NPTC assessment). Holme Lacy Campus.	20th - 24th February 9.15am to 4.30pm Cost: £920 incl Assessment
Award in Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm CS32	8th - 10th February 9.15am to 4.30pm Cost: £530 incl Assessment
Assessing a Tree using Rope & Harness incl Aerial Rescue (CS38)	1st - 7th February 22nd - 28th March 3rd - 9th May 9.15am - 4.30pm

5 days (plus ½ day for NPTC assessment). Holme Lacy Campus	Cost: £780 incl Assessment
Aerial Cutting of Trees using Fall Techniques (CS39) 3 days (plus ½ day NPTC assessment). Holme Lacy Campus.	17th - 19th February 1st - 3rd March 17th - 19th March 9.15am - 4.30pm Cost: £540 incl Assessment
Award in Safe use of Pesticides, Foundation Module (PA1) 1 day. Holme Lacy Campus.	13th February 3rd April Cost: £170 including Assessment
Award in Safe use of Pesticides, Ground Crop Sprayers (PA2) 1-day (plus ½ day NPTC assessment). Holme Lacy Campus.	14th February 5th April 9.30am - 4.30pm Cost: £250 including Assessment
Award in Safe use of Pesticides, Handheld Applicators (PA6) 1-day (plus ½ day NPTC assessment). Holme Lacy Campus.	14th February 4th April 9.30am - 4.30pm Cost: £250 including Assessment
Tractor Driving for 13 - 16 year olds 2 day training courses. Holme Lacy Campus. Hobby Chainsaw - 1 day intro course	21st - 22nd February 12th - 13th April Cost: £140 18th March 9.30am - 4.30pm Cost: £110

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Courses run subject to demand - some courses can be run off-site at your own venue subject to numbers. Please contact the college for information and prices.

Ground Based Chainsaw Refresher

Award in the Safe use of Brushcutters and Strimmers

Maintain and Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User)

Pesticides - Handheld Applicators (PA6) Refresher Course

Safe use of Pesticides - Handheld Applicator (PA6AW) in or near water

Award in Safe use of Pesticides - Slug Pellet Applicator (PA4)

Safe use of Vertebrate Pest Control - Rodents (Rats and Mice)

Safe use of Vertebrate Pest Control - Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide

Award in All Terrain Vehicle Handling (ATV) - Experienced

Tractor Driving and Handling (Adults)

Safe use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper

Award in Forklift Truck Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler)

Award in the Safe use of Pedestrian Mowers

Safe use of ride-on self-propelled mower

All course details are on the college website www.hlcollege.ac.uk or [0800 083 1986](tel:08000831986)

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

- The Rural Services Helpline [03000 200 301](tel:03000200301) 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](tel:03000601115) enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk
- **Environment Agency** Suzanne King-Davies Tel: [02030 251573](tel:02030251573)
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- **C.L.A.** (Midlands) Helen Dale Tel: [01785 337010](tel:01785337010) Email: helen.dale@cla.org.uk
- **Animal Health & Trading Standards** (Herefordshire) Tim Barber Tel: [01432 383145](tel:01432383145) Fax: [01432 383169](tel:01432383169)

Could you or someone you know benefit from support?

- **Farming Community Network** [03000 111 999](tel:03000111999) website: <http://www.fcn.org.uk/>
- **"Farming Help"** (support for farmers affected by covid-19) [03000 111 999](tel:03000111999) website <http://www.farminghelp.co.uk>
- **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI)** [0800 188 4444](tel:08001884444) website: <http://www.rabi.org.uk/>
- **Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy** [07966 927404](tel:07966927404) website: www.borderchaplain.org
- **You Are Not Alone (YANA)** [0300 323 0400](tel:03003230400) website: www.yanahelp.org/
- **Farming Help** [0845 367 9990](tel:08453679990) website: www.farminghelp.org.uk/
- **Addington Fund** [01926 620 135](tel:01926620135) website: www.addingtonfund.org.uk/
- **Herefordshire Samaritans** website: www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans
- **Carerstrust 4 All - Hereford CarerLinks** [01432 663057](tel:01432663057) website: www.carerstrust4all.org.uk
- **ParkinsonsUK Hereford & District Branch** [01432 850330](tel:01432850330) website: www.herefordparkinsons.org.uk
- **We are Farming Minds** [07506 567500](tel:07506567500) Email Wearefarmingminds@gmail.com
24-hour helpline: [0808 802 0070](tel:08088020070)
- **Dementia Matters Here (fordshire)** [01432 804480](tel:01432804480)
- **OK Rehab** <https://www.okrehab.org/>
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