



July Newsletter

What a busy June...

We have been all around the county with our Green Futures Roadshow over the last few weeks. It has been great to see so many of you and have an opportunity to catch up in person.

Our events coincided with DEFRA's launch of the new **Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)** offer, which contains the details of the 23 paid-for actions that will be available from the autumn. The manual for the scheme and summary leaflets for arable, livestock and upland farms have been produced to help inform which actions may suit best:

- Full scheme manual: [Sustainable Farming Incentive \(SFI\) Handbook for SFI 2023](#)
- Organic farms guide: [Defra SFI Organic](#)
- Upland farms guide: [DEFRA SFI Upland](#)
- Arable farms guide: [Defra SFI Arable](#)
- Livestock farms guide: [Defra SFI Livestock](#)

We are planning SFI soils workshops on farm and drop in clinics to assist with applications so there will plenty of help at hand to ensure people are confident with what they are applying for and what actions they will need to take on farm to fulfil their agreement.



Upcoming Events



Producing while Reducing; Maximising production while minimising the impact of potato crops

10am - 1pm on Weds 5th July

Larksfield, Kimbolton, HR6 0HJ - kindly hosted by the Smith family

Farm walk with speakers from Farm Carbon Toolkit, McCains and Catchment Sensitive Farming.

Open to all growers. BASIS & NRoSo points available. [Click here to find out more](#)



Federation of Small Businesses & Eat Sleep Live Herefordshire - Summer Networking Event

4.30 - 7pm on Thurs 6th July

Newton Court, Leominster, HR6 0PF

- Network with other local businesses

- Cider tour & tasting

- Local producer showcase with Ledbury's Choccotastic and Penrhos Spirits

[Click here to find out more](#)



Water Security in a Changing Climate

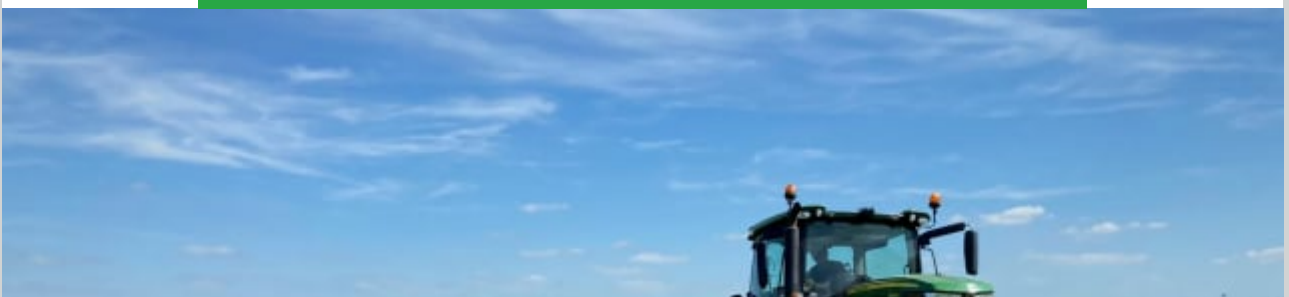
1pm on Tues 11th July

The Mill Race, Walford, HR9 5QS - kindly hosted by the Drummond family

Farm walk and presentations about water availability in the Wye, water harvesting and storage and abstraction changes.

[Click here to find out more](#)

[Click here to see our Events Calendar](#)



Business support available through DEFRA's Future Farm Resilience Fund

Prince's Countryside Fund

Herefordshire Rural Hub is working with Prince's Countryside Fund in their Farm for the Future programme.

A locally delivered programme of training events & 1:1 advice takes a whole farm and family approach to help you:

- Understand more about current policy changes and how they will affect your business.
- Provide tools and advice to help you make changes to your business.
- Understand how you can practically improve the management of your farmed environment.

Ricardo

Herefordshire Rural Hub is working with Ricardo (providers of the Farming Advice Service) in their Defra funded FFRF programme.

Their support can help you to identify the steps to take to get your farming business ready for the future.

Take advantage of fully funded business support provided in-person by Andersons (Farm Business Consultants) or explore Agri-environment scheme and SFI opportunities with an expert adviser.

Free regional workshops, online learning resources and webinars are also available.

[Click here to contact us & find out which scheme is best for you](#)

Herefordshire Council - Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project

Advice and grants are available to support farmers in priority catchments to deliver actions on their farm to store more water on their land and in their soils to protect properties downstream at risk of flooding.

The project covers the Bodenham, Brimfield, Cheaton, Ridgemoor, Dulas, Pentoloe, Tedstone, Red, Norton and Twyford Brooks.

To find out more [click here](#).

Animal Health & Welfare Scheme

Register your interest now to access the Annual Health and Welfare Review.

This is a fully funded annual visit from your chosen vet to provide advice on your animals health and welfare priorities. The visit can include diagnostic testing for endemic diseases like BVD.

Click [here](#) to register or more information can be found in this [blog](#).

Advice available across Herefordshire from the Wye & Usk Foundation

Free Specialist Advice Visits available with Catchment Sensitive Farming

The WUF Catchment Advisers can assist with:

- Woodland Creation Applications,
- Severn Trent pesticide schemes and
- Natural capital surveys in the Wye Valley AONB.

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

- Nutrient management planning,
- Infrastructure audits and
- Countryside Stewardship Schemes.

Useful Links

DEFRA Future Farming Blog

Livestock Information Service

John Nix Pocketbook

Rural Payments Agency Key Dates



Rural Prosperity Funding for the County

Herefordshire Council have been awarded £7.3million to support local investment through the Shared Prosperity Fund over the next three years.

There will be a range of funding opportunities through this scheme which seeks to help rural businesses diversify, invest in skills, enhance our tourism offer and support local communities.

We are working closely with Herefordshire Council as they develop these schemes and will share more information as it becomes available. To find out more in the meantime follow the link below to the Herefordshire Council website.

[Visit the Herefordshire Council Shared Prosperity Webpage](#)

Want to create or restore flower rich grassland in the Wye Catchment?

Air Wick and WWF-UK have partnered with The Wye & Usk Foundation and Herefordshire Meadows to offer capital payments for

Severn Trent Environmental Protection Scheme

To protect their drinking water abstraction from the Wye, Severn Trent fund works on farm to reduce risk of pesticides entering

meadow creation and restoration in the Wye Catchment.

watercourses. The priority area follows the main rivers but if you have any land in it your whole farm may be eligible. Spring Steps 2023 will be available from the 1st April 2023.

Severn Woodlands Grant Scheme

A grant scheme in the River Severn catchment with no minimum scheme size to qualify and payments up to £5000/ha. Severn Rivers Trust will provide support on designing the woodland, completing the application and undertaking the work.

Farming Equipment and Technology Fund 2023

The Animal Health and Welfare grants are open until midday on 15 June 2023.

You can apply for a grant for specific items of equipment and technology for farming, horticultural and forestry businesses.

FETF 2023 grant is competitive, and you will not automatically get a grant. Find all the information about the scheme [here](#).

Jack Hughes Fund

Support available to farmers and farm staff aged over 40 years working on a Herefordshire farm that wish to undertake training or development.

CLA Charitable Trust

Grants for charitable organisations supporting disadvantaged children, young people & adults through delivering rural access, recreation & education opportunities.

Woodland Creation Grants Available

Use the Forestry Commission EWCO to create new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1ha. Land managers will receive payments of over £10,000/ha to support their woodland creation scheme.

DEFRA's Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme

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

Funding is available for capital works and project activity that benefit the river and our local landscape.

To discuss your proposal contact Anna Stankiewicz by emailing:

farming@wyevalleyaonb.org.uk

Marches Energy Grant

Help for businesses to improve their energy efficiency and drive down carbon emissions has been launched by the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership.

Energy Bill Relief Scheme

Currently provides a discount on wholesale gas and electricity prices for all non-domestic consumers



Animal Health & Trading Standards have had a number of referrals for resolved inconclusive reactors being sold on to other farms. The resolved IR policy does not allow this and so the purchasing farmer is having the bovine restricted for life on their holding instead.

Don't get caught out, check what is required in the

[Resolved inconclusive reactor policy - Bovine TB](#) | [TB Hub](#)

Waste: Environmental Permits

Check if you need a permit to use, treat, store or dispose of waste and find out how to apply.

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 Gathering Licenses

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

Farming Rules for Water

The rules require good farming practice, so that farmers manage their land both to avoid water pollution.

CXCS - Agricultural Compliance, Farm Safety, HR Management & Rural IT services

Useful Contacts

Rural Services Helpline

Single number for all Farming Advice Service, Rural Payments Agency or Animal and Plant Health Agency queries - Tel: [03000 200 301](tel:03000200301)

Natural England

Tel: [0300 060 1115](tel:03000601115) Email: enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

Animal Health & Trading Standards

Tim Barber (Herefordshire) Tel: [01432 383145](tel:01432383145)
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Environment Agency

Local Contact: Suzanne King-Davies Tel: [02030 251573](tel:02030251573) Email: suzanne.king-davies@environment-agency.gov.uk

Country Land & Business Association

Helen Dale (Rural Adviser - Midlands) Tel: [01785 337010](tel:01785337010) Email: helen.dale@cla.org.uk

National Farmers Union

Ali Parker (Herefordshire County Adviser) Email: Ali.Parker@nfu.org.uk



Training

7Y Training Services

- Chainsaw maintenance
- Emergency first aid at work
- Mental health first aid
- Rough terrain telescopic & ATVs
- Safe use of pesticides & slug pellets

See full list of courses at our website [here](#). To email 7Y [click here](#).

Hereford & Ludlow College

- Felling & processing trees
- Safe use of pesticides
- Tractor Driving for 13-16yr olds
- Chainsaw maintenance
- Safe use of vertebrate pest control

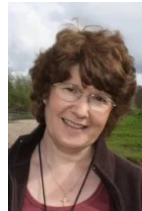
For course details [click here](#) or visit our [website](#) for a list of courses.

Our Team



Kate Speke-Adams Managing Director

To discuss any issues facing your business, our projects or opportunities to work with us [click here](#).



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For advertising packages, admin or finance queries [click here](#).



Sarah Starkey - Farm Resilience Project Manager

For info about any of our resilience projects [click here](#).



Cherelyn Griffiths-Gould Farm Herefordshire Coordinator

For info about events and 1:1 advice available from our partners [click here](#).



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**THE PRINCE'S
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**We're proud to be have been selected
by PCF to be part of their Farm
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