



# Herefordshire Rural Hub March 2015 Newsletter

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Visit the Rural Hubs Partnership website for details of events in Herefordshire & Shropshire

[www.ruralhubspartnership.co.uk](http://www.ruralhubspartnership.co.uk)

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

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*If you know of anyone else who might like to receive the hub newsletter, please get them to email us at [hubhereford@hlcollege.ac.uk](mailto:hubhereford@hlcollege.ac.uk)*

**Or telephone Frances in the hub office on 01432 870 024**

If you are unsure about details of any rules or regulations or want help with understanding record keeping, please remember that **free advice and help** is always available from the Green Futures Team - **Farming Advice Service, Natural England, CLA, NFU & the Environment Agency**. Getting advice and assistance from those that know the details of the rules will help ensure your business stays compliant. You may be cautious about asking for help from a regulatory body such as the Environment Agency, but they are always willing to advise and help you. Herefordshire Rural Hub can help signpost which organisation can help you. Don't hold back from asking for help. It's free and could save your Basic Payment.

**Farming Advice Service** 0345 345 1302 [advice@farmingadvice.org.uk](mailto:advice@farmingadvice.org.uk)

**Natural England** 0300 060 0305 [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)

**Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Tues, Weds, Thurs) 01743 283582  
[sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk)

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**C.L.A.** Donna Tavernor 01785 33701 [donna.tavernor@cla.org.uk](mailto:donna.tavernor@cla.org.uk)

**Farm Community Network (formerly Farm Crisis Network)**

Helpline **0845 367 9990**

**FCN** is a registered charity which offers pastoral & practical support to farming people and to the members of their family as they seek to resolve their problems and difficulties. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this help & support, please mention FCN to them & pass on the helpline number.

**The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I)**

Helpline **0300 303 7373**

**RABI** is a grant-making charity which helps farming people of all ages if they are in financial difficulty. Support is confidential & includes one-off or regular payments, funding for things like essential household items, disability equipment, relief farm staff, home-help and care costs.

To find out more visit the website [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk)

**Basic Payment Scheme "How to complete your claim form online"**

Herefordshire Rural Hub and Herefordshire NFU are running a series of workshops to help you through the new claim process  
- please see the enclosed flyer for full details.

**Digital Support Centre in Hereford**

at NFU County Office, Hereford HR4 9QJ

This will be manned by RPA staff and will be open to all farmers who need further support with their on-line Basic Payment Scheme claim. **In particular those who do not have a computer, email address or have issues with broadband connectivity.**

Please ring the RPA for an appointment Tel: 03000 200 301

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FOR THE FARMED  
ENVIRONMENT



## Getting to grips with the new cross compliance rules on soil management (GAECs 4, 5 & 6)

A practical workshop to provide advice on soil management to help farmers and growers meet the new Cross Compliance requirements for soil erosion and green cover under the new Basic Payment Scheme.

**In Herefordshire on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10am - 12noon at Lower Moccas Farm Moccas, Hereford, HR2 9LQ.** By kind invitation of Owen Whittall

or

**2pm - 4pm at Barton Hill Farm, Kentchurch, Hfds, HR2 0BZ** By kind invitation of Bill Quan

**and in Worcestershire on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10am - 12noon at Sheepcote Farm, Severn Stoke WR8 9JE** By kind invitation of Stephen Watkins

or

**2pm - 4pm at Wick Grange, Owletts Lane, Wick, Pershore WR10 3PB** By kind invitation of Tom Meikle

The workshops will be led by Simon Draper and will feature working demonstrations of how to improve soil structural condition in grassland, cereals and forage maize crops for higher yields and a safer environment in the subsequent crop.

Topics that will be discussed include:

- Actions need to be taken now and in the future to comply to the new Cross Compliance regulations on soil.
- How to minimize Soil Erosion and Surface Run Off risk.
- Choosing the right machinery to rectify soil compaction
- Identifying fields that present the greatest risk for Soil Erosion
- Cropping strategies for different farming systems.
- Improving soil health to optimize production.

Teas & coffees will be available

NRoSO points are applied for

Please book onto any of these workshops by contacting: Cathy Meredith at [hubhereford@hlcollege.ac.uk](mailto:hubhereford@hlcollege.ac.uk)  
or telephone: 01432 870024

## Land Management Business Resilience Workshops

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00-12:30 or 12:30-16:30 at Caplor Farm, Fownhope, Herefordshire, HR1 4PT**

These workshops provide you with the opportunity to develop management techniques to improve the resilience of your farm to the range of severe weather events that we experience. The workshops will provide:

- An update on cross compliance and greening
- A practical soil analysis from an expert on soil management
- Discussion and presentations around farming resilience and profitability.

Lunch is included.

Please note that you only need to attend one of these half-day workshops.

Please note all workshops include a walk-round tour as part of the soil analysis section.

Please contact Alan Carr at Sustainability West Midlands to book your place

Email: [alan.carr@swm.org.uk](mailto:alan.carr@swm.org.uk) or Tel: 0121 237 5890

Two more workshops will be taking place in north Shropshire on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015; please enquire for more information.

## Herefordshire Grassland Society

Emma Penny, *Editor of the Farmers Guardian*

**"Passing knowledge on to the Farming community"**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2015, 7.30pm, at Hereford Market in the New Market Canteen,**  
The Livestock Centre, Roman Road, Hereford, HR4 7AN

Tea and coffee are served before meetings and light refreshments following

If you would like to attend, please contact the HGS Secretary:

Andrew Edwards MRICS (Sunderlands & Thompsons LLP) 01432 356 161

Or email: [d.griffiths@st-hereford.co.uk](mailto:d.griffiths@st-hereford.co.uk)

Sponsored by Belmont Veterinary Centre [www.belmontveterinarycentre.co.uk](http://www.belmontveterinarycentre.co.uk)

**Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) is continuing their winter events programme in the Wye, Lugg and Leadon catchments, forthcoming events include:**

- **Precision farming & N management - 18<sup>th</sup> March** - please contact **Susey Bamber** for further information about venue and times
- If you are interested in learning about **PLANET** nutrient management planning software and attending a workshop to learn more please contact **Susey Bamber**. Mobile: **07818 587 386** Email: [susan.bamber@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:susan.bamber@naturalengland.org.uk)

**Water Capital Grants 2015**

- Capital grants of up to £10,000 per holding will be available for infrastructure improvements to help reduce water pollution from agriculture in the Wye, Lugg and Leadon catchments
- Application window **2<sup>nd</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015**. Application forms available from the **GOV.UK** website
- All consents, permits and permissions should be included with the application
- The scheme is competitive and grants will only be available in Catchment Sensitive Farming priority areas
- Work must be completed and claimed for by **29<sup>th</sup> January 2016**
- **THIS PLAN IS STILL SUBJECT TO FINAL DEFRA APPROVAL**

Please contact your local **Catchment Officer** for details.

Engagement with your **CSF officer** is essential before making an application

River Lugg and Leadon - **Susey Bamber** Mobile: **07818 587 386** Email: [susan.bamber@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:susan.bamber@naturalengland.org.uk)

River Wye - **Rob Howells** Mobile: **07825 316 803** Email: [robert.howells@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:robert.howells@naturalengland.org.uk)

**Events at Moreton Wood, Ullingswick, HR1 3JQ**

**Wild Basketmaking - March 21st & 22nd - £120** As above

**Weave your own garden structure - May 10th - £80**

Weave a pyramid plant support, trellis or cloche for your garden using hazel and willow

For more information please contact **Jo** or **Paul** on **07920 851 674** [jo@moretonwood.co.uk](mailto:jo@moretonwood.co.uk) [www.moretonwood.co.uk](http://www.moretonwood.co.uk)

**Herefordshire Heartstart**

**FREE 2-hour course at Bredwardine Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm-9pm**

**You will learn how to:** call for help; help someone who is unconscious; recognise the warning signs of a heart attack; deal with choking or serious bleeding; perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)

**Booking is essential - call Heloise Kirby on 01981 500160**

*Herefordshire Heartstart is affiliated to the British Heart Foundation, but as a local initiative does not receive any funding from them, nor the government. Herefordshire Heartstart relies on donations and grants to keep this vital service running.*

**ELS and HLS Annual Claim Forms**

- This year Natural England will be asking all agri-environment agreement holders to submit an annual claim form.
- The claim form will need to be completed and submitted in order for you to receive payment.
- The deadline for submission of the claim form to Natural England will be **15<sup>th</sup> May 2015**.
- This is a separate process to claiming BPS, but you will need to be registered on 'Rural Payments' to be able to make a successful claim.
- If you miss the **15<sup>th</sup> May** deadline, it will be possible to make a late submission, but claims will attract a penalty.
- Claims received after **9<sup>th</sup> June** will receive no payment for that year.
- The actual claim form will be issued to agreement holders in March.
- The claim will contain pre-populated information on fields and options located there.
- It will also have a section for agreement holders to indicate where rotational options are located in the year.

**Natural England** 0300 060 0305 [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)

**Taking the P Out of Our Rivers**

To many, the rivers Wye and Lugg are the lifeline of Herefordshire. They support businesses and communities, and are teeming with wildlife. These beautiful waters have been recognised for their special ecological status by the European community but despite these accolades, our activities are threatening their future. High levels of phosphates in the water are adversely affecting these rivers and if not carefully managed have the potential to impact the economic development in Herefordshire. The Environment Agency and Natural England have worked together to develop a plan for managing these nutrients in the catchment and to reduce the levels entering the rivers. Over the next few months the Environment Agency and Natural England will be working with water companies and farmers to understand how the plan can be further developed and implemented in the catchment. Watch this space for more information on workshops that will be taking place in Herefordshire in late Spring.

For further details visit [www.gov.uk/government/publications/nutrient-management-plan-river-wye](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nutrient-management-plan-river-wye)

## The Wye and Usk Foundation (WUF)

### How have farm improvements improved water quality in Herefordshire since 2012?

The Wye & Usk Foundation's current project in Herefordshire is ending in March, so we thought we'd summarise all the work local farmers have completed since the project began in 2012 to benefit both water quality and their farming businesses:

- **64km of stream and river fencing** to exclude stock and reduce bankside poaching.
- **164 infrastructure improvements** including guttering, concreting, tracks, biobeds, water troughs, roofing, solar power water pumps, cross drains... the list goes on!

#### *How was this paid for?*

- **£131,000** was contributed by the Wye & Usk Foundation grant scheme... but more importantly **£266,000** was contributed by you, the farmers!

#### *What else have we done?*

- **320+ whole farm plans** and **380+ farm visits**
- **330+ free soil tests** to assess nutrient use and organic matter levels.
- We have also worked with other organisations in the county to deliver **15 events** including grassland management, water provision, soil management for potatoes and maize, pesticide handling, YFC training, maize trials, summer BBQs and river walks.

#### *What has this achieved?*

- Less soil in our rivers = cleaner gravels for invertebrates and greater success for spawning fish.
- Cleaner runoff from yards and infrastructure= Increasing numbers of salmon and trout in our rivers.
- Easier stock management with reliable clean drinking water supply.
- Money saved on fertiliser and utilising manures on the fields it is needed the most.
- Clean water separated so less dirty water and slurry produced, stored and spread.
- In 2014 salmon were found spawning higher up the River Arrow than they have been for over 200 years.

#### *So what next?*

The grant pot is all but exhausted in our current project but we are still available to visit farms and give advice including

- 3 free soil tests to assess organic matter levels,
- identifying soil structure issues
- erosion risk maps to help identify and manage riskier fields on your farm.
- XC queries about the new Soil GAECs and the new Countryside Stewardship Scheme.

**You may have already heard of the Phosphate issue in Herefordshire's rivers** - if not addressed it threatens our housing and economic growth in the long term. The source of this Phosphate is attributed to both sewage works and agricultural sources, for example soil loss or dirty water entering ditches and streams. **Projects next year are likely to target the agricultural contributions to address our part of the problem.**

The Wye and Usk Foundation is a registered charity and has been working with farmers for many years to benefit the environment with solutions that also benefit the business.

For more information or to request a visit contact

**Kate Adams** on Tel 07766 330 959 or email: [kate@wyeuskfoundation.org](mailto:kate@wyeuskfoundation.org)

**Mike Williams** on Tel: 07920 441 215 or email: [mike@wyeuskfoundation.org](mailto:mike@wyeuskfoundation.org)

**Tom Jolley** on Tel: 07827 849 415 or email: [tom.jolley@wyeuskfoundation.org](mailto:tom.jolley@wyeuskfoundation.org)

### Tree Health Update

The Forestry Commission is launching a new Tree Health update which will come out about 3 times a year.

The North West and West Midlands have been chosen to pilot this new update.

**If you would like to receive the update, please copy and paste the link below into your computer browser:**

<http://eepurl.com/8juej>

### Computer Lessons for Complete Beginners

If you are interested in attending a beginners class, please contact

**Ant Barraclough** on [07500 978857](tel:07500978857)

### On-Farm Anaerobic Digester?

- WRAP is offering a grant of up to £10,000 per farm to create a business plan that will investigate the potential of developing an on-farm AD. This fund is still open and grants are available.
- E4environment has successfully completed a number of these studies which have been approved by WRAP, saving farmers between £5,000 - £10,000.
- Depending on the findings of the study, the information can then be used in planning and permitting applications, speeding up the process and reducing costs.

To find out more about AD in general, planning, permitting or the WRAP fund,

give **Jane Yardley** or **Nicky Strudwick** a call on **01743 343403**

or email [Jane@e4environment.co.uk](mailto:Jane@e4environment.co.uk) or [Nicky@e4environment.co.uk](mailto:Nicky@e4environment.co.uk)

or visit our website [www.e4environment.co.uk](http://www.e4environment.co.uk)

**E4environment Ltd, Hilley Farm, Pentre, Shropshire, SY4 1BP**

### The Marches Redundant Building Grant (RBG) Scheme

Small businesses and start-ups across Herefordshire are being encouraged to apply for a share of a £1million fund that breathes new life into redundant buildings across the region. **All projects funded by the current RBG scheme need to be completed by June of next year and so applicants are being urged to enquire now in order to meet that deadline.** In Herefordshire a total of 11 projects have been supported with grants totalling almost £380,000 and as a result, 79 jobs have, or will be, created. The grant scheme was established to give small businesses and start-ups across the region the opportunity to bid for grants that would bring unused buildings back into productive economic use, and to date projects have included the conversion of a pig barn to office use; a former solicitors' office being converted into a day care nursery; and the transformation of a former hardware store into a bustling and lively coffee shop and art gallery.

**Capital grant support of between £3,000 and £100,000** (30% of eligible project costs), is available to small businesses and start-ups to transform redundant buildings into a base for their enterprises.

Eligible projects can include conversions or refurbishment, including upgrading of mains services, to provide facilities for:

**Manufacturing // Crafts or Service Businesses // Office Premises (not speculative developments) // Retail Outlets.**

- For a building to qualify for a grant it must either be completely unused or unusable in its current state for the purposes for which it is now needed.
- Grants **cannot** be used for pure refurbishment where the use of the building will not be changed, or for conversion to or refurbishment of residential property, or for buildings which will be used for agricultural or horticultural purposes. However, assistance can be given for upgrading mains services in order to help a business in its expansion programme.
- Eligible applicants can include individuals, partnerships, charities, limited companies or co-operatives. Applicants can be owner-occupiers or tenants. Tenants must have a fixed term lease with at least three years unexpired and written consent for the proposed works from their landlord.
- If you are a farmer applying for a grant, please discuss your proposal with the Redundant Building Grant Team at the earliest opportunity due to European restrictions with this funding for those involved in primary production and processing.
- Applications must be made and approved before work starts.
- No advance payments can be made.
- Grant awards are discretionary, and will be at the minimum required to enable the project to proceed.

**Please contact the Programme Manager** to discuss your proposal & complete a Stage One Enquiry Form.

If the details of your project meet the initial criteria & priorities of the scheme, you will be invited to complete a full application. For further details/application contact: **Caroline Cattle** (RBG Programme Manager) **Herefordshire Council**, PO Box 4, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0XH Tel: 01432 260662 Email [rbgscheme@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:rbgscheme@herefordshire.gov.uk)

### Cherry Blossom Walk in aid of the Herefordshire Samaritans

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 11.30am - 4.00pm**

**Sidnall Farm, Ullingswick, Nr Bromyard (venue will be signposted from A417)**

**Guided walks with experts at 12noon and 2pm (transport available)**

**Lunch at 1pm**

Guided walk and lunch £15 - Salmon or Quiche & Salad (children under 12 £5)

Guided walk £5 (children under 12 free)

Drinks and cake - available to purchase

*Refreshments are under cover but warm clothes and footwear are recommended*

Tickets available from Mrs Rae Jones - Tel: **01432 274800** or Email: [rae1946@icloud.com](mailto:rae1946@icloud.com)

Herefordshire Friends of Samaritans are privileged to be granted access to the 1800 acre estate of Mr Clive Richards MBE,OBE,CBE for a rare opportunity to view the spring flowering Lower Hope cherry trees, which are part of the estate's Sidnall Farm. All proceeds to Herefordshire Samaritans.

## Yield more from your business – go digital with help from a human being!

Local advisors are on hand to help you through the ins and outs of improving your IT and broadband connection. There's no hidden charge, no strings attached and they'll come to you.

The CREATE project wants to help Herefordshire businesses become more efficient and profitable through IT and the internet.

If you want to professionalise your back office, improve social media, use the cloud or have no idea what any of these things even mean, we're here to help.



Contact:-

[Hereford@create-nwe.eu](mailto:Hereford@create-nwe.eu)

or phone [01432 260 706](tel:01432260706)

to arrange a FREE

ONE-to-ONE session.



### Workshops – Women and Broadband

*Free to women in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire*

Increasing internet skills and building confidence in women to start-up and grow their businesses

#### How to Sell Online – a beginner's guide to eBay, Amazon and Etsy

10am to 1pm, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March (booking ref. FW17) at the Kindle Centre (by ASDA), Belmont Road, Hereford, HR2 7JE

#### Making more of Social Media to Promote your Business

10am to 1pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March (booking ref. FW16) at the Pavilion Rooms, Ross Road, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2LP

#### Free Online Tools to Improve your Business Productivity

Including email-list management, survey tools, event bookings, and more

10am to 1pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March (booking ref. FW19) at Grange Court, Pinsley Road, Leominster HR6 8NL

or

10am to 1pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March (booking ref. FW18) at the Kindle Centre (by ASDA), Belmont Road, Hereford, HR2 7JE

#### Expert use of Social Media in Business

If you are very experienced at using Social Media within your business and want to increase the return from your activity

10am to 1pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March (booking ref. FW20) at Grange Court, Pinsley Road, Leominster HR6 8NL

#### How to get a Website for your Business – a beginner's guide

10am to 1pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March (booking ref. FW15) at the HOPE Centre, Bromyard, HR7 4QU

Email [faster-women@fastershire.com](mailto:faster-women@fastershire.com) to book your FREE place – quoting the FW booking reference.

Full details: [www.fastershire.com/fasterwomen](http://www.fastershire.com/fasterwomen)

### Can you help St Michael's Hospice make 2015 our best Open Gardens summer to date?

In 2014, gardeners from Herefordshire and beyond used their horticultural creativity to support St Michael's Hospice by opening their gardens. Visitors enjoyed the delights of 32 unique gardens, including private gardens not normally open to the public such as the Newport House estate. Stoke Prior and Wellington Heath also held village-wide Open Garden events. In total, an astonishing £24,000 was raised by our green-fingered supporters.

Opening your garden for St Michael's Hospice can be a very rewarding experience, for you and the people who visit. If you have a garden that delights people, please think about opening it for St Michael's Hospice. It doesn't have to be elaborate: as long as your garden is interesting and has character, we would love to hear from you. We will give you all the help and guidance needed to offer visitors the chance to share and enjoy your love of gardening.

It's up to you when you would like to open your garden. Perhaps you'd like to join with neighbors and hold a village Open Garden day? The choice is yours.

If you are interested in finding out more, please call the Community Fundraising Team at St Michael's Hospice on 01432 851000.

### St Michael's Hospice "Wags and Wellies" Dog Sponsored Walking Events In March

For more information, terms and conditions, booking and sponsor forms, please contact the Events Team

Tel: 01432 851000 or visit the website: <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/Events/wagsandwellies>

## Herefordshire & Ludlow College

Tel: 0800 032 1986 Email: [enquiries@hcollege.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@hcollege.ac.uk) Website: [www.hcollege.ac.uk](http://www.hcollege.ac.uk)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates for 2015</u>		<u>Venue</u>
Tractor Driving (13-16 year olds) 2 days	28 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May		Holme Lacy Campus
Tractor Driving (over 16 yrs old) 2 days	25 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Handling (Inexperienced operators) 2 days	12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Holme Lacy Campus
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides 1 day + assessment	7 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
PA6 Hand Held Applicators 2 days + assessment	14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers 2 days + assessment	4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> June		Holme Lacy Campus
NPTC Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days including assessment	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
NPTC Felling and Processing Trees over 380mm 3 days with integrated assessment	13 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> May	22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
NPTC Accessing a tree using a rope & harness 5 days + assessment	20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
NPTC Aerial Cutting of Trees using Free Fall Techniques 3 days + assessment	8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> April	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Holme Lacy Campus
Safe use of Brushcutters & Strimmers 2 days with integrated assessment	13 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User) 2 days	9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Holme Lacy Campus
Shooting & Gun Safety (13-16 year olds) 1 day	9 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
Shooting with Shotguns 2 days	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
Pigs in Woodland 2 days	9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Venue t.b.c.
Young Persons Countryside Days 13-16 year olds 2 days	30 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Holme Lacy Campus

## Countrywide Farmers

Paula Strangwood: tel 07717 895009 email [pstrangwood@countrywidefarmers.co.uk](mailto:pstrangwood@countrywidefarmers.co.uk)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates for 2015</u>		<u>Venue</u>
Emergency First Aid at Work	26 <sup>th</sup> March	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
LANTRA Rough Terrain Telescopic	9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, or on farm
LANTRA Counterbalance Forklift	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		Wharton Court, or on farm
NPTC PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides	17 <sup>th</sup> March		Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC PA6 Knapsack Sprayer	18 <sup>th</sup> March		Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC PA2 Ground Crop Sprayer	16 <sup>th</sup> April		Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC PA4s Slug Pelleting	19 <sup>th</sup> March		Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC PA3b Variable geometry boom sprayer with Air Assistance	15 <sup>th</sup> April		Wharton Court, Leominster
Felling & Processing Small Trees	30 <sup>th</sup> March, 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		Wharton Court, Leominster

If you are interested in the following courses, please contact Paula to register your interest:-  
**PA9 Fogging, Misting and Smokes // PA4s Slug Pelleting // Felling of Small/Medium Trees refresher  
 Health & Safety courses**

All the NPTC courses have an assessment which will take place on a separate day to the training.  
 Some of the above dates can also be offered to you, with your employees only, on your site. Please call for more details.

## Wyvern Training Services

Tel: 01432 880690 Email: [enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com](mailto:enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com) Website: [www.wyverntrainingservices.com](http://www.wyverntrainingservices.com)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Venue</u>
<b>Emergency First Aid at Work</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> March 25 <sup>th</sup> March 26 <sup>th</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> April		Sutton St Nicholas Hereford t.b.c Martley
<b>Operating Industrial Masted FLT refresher</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> March 26 <sup>th</sup> March	13 <sup>th</sup> March 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Much Marcle Newent
<b>Operating Rough Terrain Telehandler</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> March 30 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Wellington Heath t.b.c
<b>Operating Powered Pole Pruners</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> March	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Tillington
<b>Sit- astride ATV's (Quad bikes) experienced operators</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> March - refresher		t.b.c
<b>Chainsaw C C &amp; M Refresher</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> March		t.b.c
<b>Operating Industrial Masted FLT</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> March	25 <sup>th</sup> March	t.b.c.
<b>Grandfather Rights Pesticide Training PA2 equivalent Filed crop/ fixed boom sprayers</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> March		t.b.c
<b>Grandfather Rights Pesticide Training PA3 equivalent Air assisted sprayers</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> April		t.b.c

**As well as the courses above, we are also in the process of establishing the following courses and are taking bookings now:-**

Felling Small Trees	HACCP's
PA2 Field Crop Sprayers	Principles of Auditing
PA3a Air Assisted Sprayers	CIEH Level 3 Food Safety (Intermediate Food Hygiene)
PA3b Air Assisted Sprayers (inc variable geometry)	COSHH
PA4 Granular Applicators	Safe working at heights
Fertiliser Spreaders	Rabbit & Mole control

*If you don't see the course you are looking for, please contact us & if we are not running it, we can usually find someone who is.*

## West Mercia Police

### Dot Mailer - Dynamic Police Updates

If you wish to register in order to receive information 'hot off the press' so to speak, whilst it is still relevant rather than wait for the 'round up' on the Police Bulletin, then please read on... The Dot Mailer system which has taken over from the now defunct Ringmaster/Communigate system can be found on the West Mercia Police website.

If anyone should wish to sign up to this, please follow the instructions below

- Go on to the West Mercia Police website  
<http://www.westmercia.police.uk/>
- Click grey "get involved" tab
- Click on 'join a watch' tab, scroll down to "sign up for email alerts"
- Complete sign up details and tick relevant area, i.e. Herefordshire South
- Click on orange "subscribe" box.

### Keep your property safe!

- **Mark your property** with a product such as Smartwater
- **Take photographs** (with a ruler or measure alongside if necessary)
- **Record serial numbers, make, model etc.**
- **Lock your doors** - don't make it easy for thieves.

### Smartwater

This is a Forensic Coding System for property marking which is easy to use. It has been carbon-dated tested by the Tate Gallery and guaranteed to last up to 120 years. For more information visit the website: [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) for the full 'lowdown'. **If you are interested in buying a kit, which typically marks up to 100 items, please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team.** For contact details and further information about your local Safer Neighbourhood Team visit the website: [www.westmercia.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/herefordshire](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/herefordshire)

**Domestic Kits cost £20.00 / Smallholder Kits cost £32.50**

Cheques should be made payable to:- **Herefordshire Crime Prevention Panel**