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*If you know of anyone else who would like to receive the Hub newsletter by email, please ask them to get in touch with Frances at the email address above.*

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.service.org.uk](mailto:advice@farmingadvice.service.org.uk)

**Natural England** 0300 060 1115 [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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**Animal Health & Trading Standards** (Herefordshire) Tim Barber Tel: 01432 383145 Fax: 01432 383169

**Do you need support or do you know someone who may benefit from support:-**

**Farming Community Network** 03000 111 999 website: <http://www.fcn.org.uk/>

**RABI** 0808 2819490 website: <http://www.rabi.org.uk/>

**Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy** helpline: 07958 591 646 website: [www.borderchaplain.org](http://www.borderchaplain.org)

## *Some useful website links*

**Cross Compliance Guidance England 2016** - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guide-to-cross-compliance-in-england-2016>

**Greening Guidance for 2016** - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-basic-payment-scheme-bps-rules-for-2016>

**Countryside Stewardship Mid & Higher Tier** - manuals, application forms and supporting guidance

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

**Countryside Stewardship for Woodlands:** <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/bee9-9t6ff5>

**Registering Your Waste Exemptions Online** <https://www.gov.uk/register-your-waste-exemption-online>

**NVZ Guidance** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nitrate-vulnerable-zones-in-england-guidance-on-complying-with-the-rules-for-2013-to-2016>

**EIA (Agriculture) regulations: apply to make changes to rural land**

How to request an Environmental Impact Assessment screening decision and if necessary, apply for consent to cultivate previously uncultivated land or semi-natural areas, or restructure land features.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eia-agriculture-regulations-apply-to-make-changes-to-rural-land>

**Farming Inspections**

Information about who will inspect your farm, what they're looking for and any penalties you may get.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-inspections>

**National Living Wage – new minimum pay rate**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, workers aged 25 and over will be entitled to a new minimum pay rate of £7.20 per hour called the National Living Wage. For further information go to: <https://www.livingwage.gov.uk/>

**National Minimum Wage Rates:** <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

### Workplace Pensions / Auto Enrolment:

Details about your start date can be found by visiting [www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/employers/staging-date.aspx](http://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/employers/staging-date.aspx)  
Further information is available from the Government Website: [www.gov.uk/workplace-pensions-employers](http://www.gov.uk/workplace-pensions-employers)

### Basic Payment Scheme 2016 - RPA Digital Support/Drop-in Centre in Hereford

We are very pleased to confirm that for the second year running the Rural Payments Agency will be using the Hereford NFU Office as a Digital Support/Drop-in Centre, one of only 15 in the country.

Currently the RPA plan to deliver this service on **Tuesdays**.

If there is the necessary demand, we hope to negotiate an increase the number of days they are available in the county.

The **drop-in centre** will provide a check and receipt service for paper claims  
and the **digital support centre** will provide on-line assistance.

**Please note that appointments for the digital support centre MUST be booked with the RPA in advance by ringing the RPA on 03000 200301.**

For any further information about this service please contact **Clare Greener**, Herefordshire NFU Adviser  
on **07771 626 080** or email [clare.greener@nfu.org.uk](mailto:clare.greener@nfu.org.uk)

### Countryside Stewardship

**Mid & Higher Tier** - manuals, application forms and supporting guidance

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

The **CS Overview infographic** shows the different elements of the scheme and how they fit together

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/countryside-stewardship-scheme-overview-infographic>

**Other important dates for CS** application windows in 2016 are summarised in the following timeline

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/countryside-stewardship-2016-application-timetable>

#### Some changes introduced this year:-

- Suspending the £5000 minimum value requirement in the mid-tier to make it more accessible to smaller, upland farms in particular
- Changing the reduced inputs grassland options GS2 (lowlands) and GS5 (uplands) to make parcels adjacent to watercourses eligible
- Relaxing the soil testing requirements for GS2/5 so that they only need to measure levels of pH and phosphates
- Increasing the range of options available for upland farmers in mid-tier by allowing the lenient grazing (GS17), cattle grazing (SP6) and hay making (GS15) supplements to be used with low input grassland option GS5 in Severely Disadvantaged Areas (SDA)
- Making the livestock exclusion supplement to scrub management (WD9) available above the Moorland Line
- Making a range of adjustments to organic options to address the problems we've experienced with those in 2015
- Added CS targeting data to Magic Maps to help applicants achieve a successful application by identifying priority features and issues being targeted in their area - <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>
- Introducing an online options tool which will help applicants choose the most appropriate options in their area. This should be on Rural Payments alongside the revised and updated options guidance that you have helped us produce and incorporating the above changes.

For the **Countryside Stewardship Myth Busters** and the **Statements of Priority** – see attached documents

### Catchment Sensitive Farming Update

**Countryside Stewardship** Catchment Sensitive Farming can provide advice for farmers applying for the Mid Tier Countryside Stewardship scheme. Certain holdings within the Wye and Teme catchments are eligible for a visit by a CSF Officer to look at options available through the scheme to address water quality issues. Some items within the grant need approval from a CSFO before they can be applied for. Countryside Stewardship is available as five year agreement or a one year capital only Water Grant. To find out whether you are eligible please contact the relevant Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer on the details below.

**Specialist Advice visits** CSF also has a range of specialised advice visits available to farmers within the Wye and Teme catchments. These are free of charge and can provide you with detailed advice on a number of topics. Popular visits at present are the Farm Infrastructure Audit which provides advice on the farmyard and how this could be affecting water quality, as well as prioritising potential improvements that could be made. Also a Bio-bed and Pesticide design visit provides detailed advice on for farmers considering installing a Sprayer loading area with bio-bed or bio-filter. A number of other visits are also available such as Manure Management, Soil Husbandry and Water Management. If you are interested in any of these please get in touch with your local CSFO to discuss this.

#### CSF Contacts

River Wye (West of A49) – **Wayne Davies** Tel: **01588 640 980** (East of A49) – **James Griffiths** Tel: **02080 260 844**

River Teme – **Sally Powell** Tel: **0300 060 0644** Anne Marie Jones Tel: **02080 261 240**

## The Wye & Usk Foundation

The **Wye & Usk Foundation** are available to help with **Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier and Water Capital Grant applications** which are both now open for applications until the **30<sup>th</sup> September**. To see how the scheme may fit for your farm and discuss our charge out rates please give one of us a call.

We continue to offer **free farm visits across Herefordshire** to advise on soil health, metaldehyde use, yard infrastructure, pesticide disposal options or any other issues you would like to discuss confidentially. We offer three free soil tests, including organic matter levels and free erosion risk maps of your farm.

For more information or to request a visit please contact one of the WUF advisers:

**Kate Adams** (Tel: 07766 330 959), **Mike Williams** (Tel: 07920 441 215), **Tom Jolley** (Tel: 07545 253 155) or **Liz Price** (Tel: 07776 197 740).

## Discounted Wildlife Seed mixes available

### Two mixtures are available in 2016

**Bees 'N' Seeds** – from Syngenta's Operation Pollinator in conjunction with Kings. Spring sown mix to provide late season pollen and nectar followed by winter seed for farmland birds. Ideal for fallow areas under Greening or elsewhere on the farm. Contains mustard, brown mustard, buckwheat, Gold of Pleasure, kale rape, sunflower, phacelia and fodder radish. £50 per 25kg pack

**Limagrain and BASF Field margins seed mixture** – also suitable for fallow under Greening or when seeding margins or uncropped areas anywhere on the farm. Contains a mixture of native grasses and wildflowers.

RRP £40 – limited packs available at £30 per 4kg

For a voucher number please contact [caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk](mailto:caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk) Tel 07779 080940



## AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds / NFU Event

### Black-grass in Herefordshire – surely not!

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 7.00pm, at The Royal Oak, Much Marcle, Herefordshire, HR8 2ND**

As blackgrass contamination continues to devastate cereal crops in the East of the country it would be easy to think that with Herefordshire's mixed farming enterprises that this is not an issue for the county. However blackgrass has been found in Herefordshire! So as to ensure that NFU members are ahead of the curve, we will be delivering an event along with AHDB to bring you the latest research and practical solutions to Blackgrass. We will hear from three speakers:

- **Paul Gosling** from AHDB who will provide the science behind the subject
- **Andrew Goodinson**, local agronomist who will provide a local overview
- **Phil Jarvis**, farm manager from the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust farm at Loddington, who will provide the view from the tractor cab.

**A light supper will be served following the speakers.**

**All growers are welcome to attend this event.**

Book your place by calling **07717 493015** or emailing [richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk)

## Using farm assets effectively

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm, at The Salway Arms, Woofferton**

Ensuring you get the best from all farm assets is a sensible approach.

However caution is needed to ensure that you really are getting the best from them for the rest of your business.

**Working alongside Berrys, Lanyon Bowdler and also HSBC,**

**Herefordshire NFU** are very pleased to bring to NFU members this practical and stimulating event.

For further information, please either contact your local NFU Group Secretary

or contact **Clare Greener**, Herefordshire NFU Adviser on **07771 626080** or email on [clare.greener@nfu.org.uk](mailto:clare.greener@nfu.org.uk)

## Forestry Commission – Countryside Stewardship Event

**Woodland Improvement, via Higher Tier**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 3pm**

Wyre Forest, Callow Hill, **Bewdley**, DY14 9XQ

To book a place please email: [nwwm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:nwwm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)

for more information on Woodland Grants go to:- <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/beeH-9t6ff5>

or to: [http://www.ruralhubpartnership.co.uk/countryside\\_stewardship\\_funding\\_for\\_woodlands1](http://www.ruralhubpartnership.co.uk/countryside_stewardship_funding_for_woodlands1)

## AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds

### How to push yields? – a West & Wales Regional YEN event

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 12:30pm till approx. 4.30pm (Lunch is included)

at Brockhampton Village Hall, Brockhampton, Herefordshire, HR1 4SE

An interactive regional meeting with the Yield Enhancement Network (YEN) focusing on improving yields through enhancing light & water capture. These out-&-indoor events will provide an opportunity for cereal growers to identify and discuss the strategies required to reach their yield potential with technical experts, YEN entrants and AHDB monitor farmers.

All growers are welcome to attend this event.

Book your place by calling 07717 493015 or emailing [richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk)

### Do you need help with completing your NVZ Records?

Another day of NVZ record check sessions has been organised by Herefordshire Rural Hub, working with the Environment Agency. Bring along your own records for help and advice on how to fill them in, or just to have them checked. Shorter/return visit appointments are also available.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 10am till 3pm

At Agriculture House, Beech Business Park, Tillington Road, Hereford, HR4 9QJ

If you would like to book in for one of these sessions, and to find out what information you will need to bring along please contact Frances - Email: [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) Tel: 01432 353465

### HFYFC Events

- Dilwyn YFC – April Fools Day Bingo – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30pm at Dilwyn Cedar Hall
- Golden Valley YFC present an Evening of Entertainment, and their award winning drama “Rock, Paper, Scissors” Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Kingstone High School. Doors open 6.30pm, curtain up at 7pm. Prize draw & refreshments. Tickets – Adults £5, under 16yrs £3 - contact Natalie Bowen 01981 500268/07557 403636 email [natbowen1@gmail.com](mailto:natbowen1@gmail.com)
- Pencombe YFC – Easter Bingo – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm start. Proceeds to charity. at Pencombe and Little Cowarne Parish Hall.

For more information contact the HFYFC County Office - Email: [countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk](mailto:countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk) Tel: 01432 274187

### Free Health Champion Training

#### Designed for

Anyone who is interested in the health and wellbeing of those in their community, in this case a rural area where farmers or other agricultural workers may be socially isolated and struggling.

#### Content

- Understand how inequalities in health may develop and what the current policies are for addressing these
- Understand how effective communication can support health messages
- Understand how to promote improvements in health and well-being to individuals
- Understand the impact of change on improving an individual's health and wellbeing

The course will be specifically tailored towards those working with rural communities. This is especially pertinent as farmers and families are under huge amounts of stress at the moment. It can be daunting to approach someone who you are concerned about and this course offers some tools which will help you care for others, and care for yourself at the same time. The course will give a number of contacts for organisations who can help farmers and others who are having difficulties.

**The course is assessed via** one multiple choice quiz.

**Award** Upon successful completion of this course students are awarded the Level 2 Award in Understanding Health Improvement administered by the Royal Society for Public Health.

**When** 6.00-9.30pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Where** Hay veterinary practice, Greenfield Industrial Estate, Forest Rd, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford, HR3 5FA

**Food and drink** will be provided. This will likely be a Chicken Saag curry, Keralan runner bean curry, raita, chutney, chapattis and coconut laddu. Please ring if you have any dietary requirements.

**Contact** the Project Coordinator to book a place or for more details

Tim Kaye, Golden Valley Supportive Communities Project Officer

Tel: 01432 383092 email: [Timothy.Kaye@herefordshire.g](mailto:Timothy.Kaye@herefordshire.g)



### St Michael's Hospice "Big Tea" – Summer 2016

Support your local hospice by simply inviting guests to join you for tea and cake.

To find out more contact Gaynor (the Big Tea Co-ordinator) on 01432 851000

or email [gwarren@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](mailto:gwarren@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk)

S&A Produce UK Ltd are kindly supporting the Big Tea 2016

## Samaritans (Herefordshire)

### Charity Open Golf Day – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

kindly hosted by **Alexander Park Golf Club, Pixley, Ledbury, HR8 2RW**

The Stableford Competition will be held over 18h holes, Mens, Ladies and Mixed teams of 4.

Team prizes, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, 2's Sweep

**Entry cost** £100 per team/£25 per person, includes coffee/tea and a bacon bap on arrival, and a one-course meal.

Entry forms from Alexander Park Golf Club Pro Shop, tel: 01531 671943 email: [simonapgolf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:simonapgolf@hotmail.co.uk)

or from Bridget Halpern, tel: 07717 132414 email: [bridget.halpern@btinternet.com](mailto:bridget.halpern@btinternet.com)

(If you are unable to make up a team, please contact Bridget Halpern who will try to put you with other players).

### Wine Tasting Evening – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm

at **Waitrose, Hereford, HR4 9HR**

The store will be open until 9pm. £15 per ticket, to include entry into The Draw.

Tickets from Rae Jones, email: [rae1946@icloud.com](mailto:rae1946@icloud.com)

## Funding to support training in Herefordshire

**We are pleased to announce the launch of two new initiatives that will provide funding to the rural community in the support of training.**

### Prince's Countryside Fund

The Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) working in partnership with Herefordshire Rural Hub have been successful in securing a second round of funding from the Prince's Countryside Fund. This will provide support for training in a **rurally based career** over the next 3 years, to the end of December 2019. 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. You will be notified within 1 month if you have been successful or not. 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 are required to be a member of HFYFC (aged 10yrs – 26yrs) or a past HFYFC member (27 – 40 yrs)

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.**

**What are you waiting for? Apply today!**

For further details and an application form please contact:

**Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC**, Agriculture House, Beech Business Park, Tillington Road, Hereford, HR4 9QJ

Email: [admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) Tel: **01432 268 428**

### The Jack Hughes Fund

**administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation**

In 2015 the Herefordshire Community Foundation took on the management of funds that were originally raised by the Herefordshire Proficiency Test Committee (HPTC). This is being used to support a County-wide training fund that is named after the late Jack Hughes, who was the founder of Herefordshire PTC, and did so much work in ensuring that training skills were accessible and available to the farming community in Herefordshire and in particular for young farmers.

Having supported 50 Herefordshire farmers in 2015 with funding for the Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides Grandfather Rights training we are now launching a new programme which is designed to sit alongside the Prince's Countryside Funding (as explained above). This will be available for farmers **aged over 40 yrs** and 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

If your application is approved you will be able to reclaim **70%** of your training and test costs, up to a maximum of **£250**.

For further details and an application form please contact:

**Herefordshire Community Foundation**, The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford HR4 9HP.

Tel: **01432 272550** or email: [info@herefordshirefoundation.org](mailto:info@herefordshirefoundation.org)

## Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

Course	Dates for 2016		Venue
<b>Chainsaw Maintenance &amp; Cross Cutting</b> <i>3 days plus assessment</i>	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> May 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> July	20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Felling &amp; Processing Trees up to 380mm</b> <i>3 days including assessment</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Felling &amp; Processing Trees over 380mm</b> <i>3 days with integrated assessment</i>	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> July		Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Accessing a tree using rope &amp; harness</b> <i>5 days plus assessment</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June	27 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques</b> <i>3 days plus assessment</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Safe Use of Brushcutters &amp; Strimmers</b> <i>2 days with integrated assessment</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May		Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Maintain &amp; Operate your Chainsaw (hobby user) 2 days</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>PA1 Foundation – Safe Use of Pesticides</b> <i>1 day plus online assessment</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>PA6 Hand held applicators</b> 2 days plus assessment	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June		Holme Lacy Campus
<b>PA2 Ground Crop sprayers</b> 2 days plus assessment	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June		Holme Lacy Campus
<b>ATV handling – inexperienced operators</b> <i>2 days plus assessment</i>	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> June		Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Tractor Driving &amp; handling</b> 2 days	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Tractor Driving 13 – 16 year olds</b> 2 days	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Shooting with Shotguns</b> 2 days	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July		Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Shooting &amp; Gun Safety – 13 to 16 year olds</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> July		Holme Lacy Campus

## Wyvern Training Services

Tel: **01432 880 690** Mob: **07468 465 303** Email: [enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com](mailto:enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com)  
Website: [www.wyverntrainingservices.com](http://www.wyverntrainingservices.com)

<b>PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>PA4 Granular Applicators</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>PA6 Knapsack/Handheld applicators</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide for Vertebrate Pest Control (Level 2)</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Control of Commensal Rodents (Rodent Control)</b>	April – t.b.c.
<b>PA3a Air Assisted Pesticide sprayers</b>	April – t.b.c.
<b>First Aid at Work, 3 days</b> (West Midlands Ambulance Service)	10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>CIEH Level 2 Food Safety</b> (Catering/Manufacturing papers available)	11 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Principles of HACCP</b> (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points)	17 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>First Aid at Work, 2 days Re-certification</b> (with valid certificate)	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Emergency First Aid at Work</b> (West Midlands Ambulance Service)	24 <sup>th</sup> May

As always, if you don't see the course that you are looking for please contact us via any of the usual methods  
– if we aren't running it we can usually find someone who is!

## Sastak 7Y

Please contact Paula Strangwood on 07717 895009  
or email her on [paula.strangwood@7y.co.uk](mailto:paula.strangwood@7y.co.uk) or [paula@sastak7y.com](mailto:paula@sastak7y.com)

NPTC Knapsack Sprayer PA6	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC Ground Crop Sprayer PA2	6 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC Air Assisted Sprayer PA3a	7 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC
CPC First Aid at Work	9 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
Confined spaces, Manual Handling & Ladder	11 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
LANTRA Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross-cutting	19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher – 2 days	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Wharton Court, Leominster
First Aid at Work – 3 days	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides PA1	t.b.c.	Wharton Court, Leominster

### Dates available in April, May & June for

Lantra/ITSSAR Rough Terrain Telescopic & Counterbalance;  
ITSSAR MEWP (Cherry Picker & Scissor Lift) also plant machinery;  
Health & Safety courses (Manual Handling, Working at Heights etc); CPC First Aid; B+E Trailer Training  
For Lantra or ITSSAR Telescopic or Counterbalance courses we can arrange a short assessment to determine how many days training is required – this ranges between 1 - 5 days.

### Pedlars and the law

It is a criminal offence to act as a pedlar without a certificate - or to fail to show it on demand to the householder or a police officer. If a "pedlar" turns up at your door and is unable to produce a pedlars licence to show you when trying to sell you something, please call the police on 101.

### Police warning following distraction thefts

- West Mercia Police is continuing to urge people to be vigilant following a spate of distraction thefts, where offenders have observed victims' pin numbers being entered into cash machines or chip-and-pin machines, and then distracted victims in order to steal their bank cards.
- Please warn any friends or relatives to remain vigilant, and to look out for elderly shoppers when they are in supermarkets and car parks, as they are especially vulnerable to this crime.
- When in a shopping queue look out for 'shoulder surfing' by offenders attempting to view PIN numbers being entered.
- Shoppers are urged to be vigilant and to ensure PIN numbers are covered when using a checkout or cash point..
- If anyone has any information on these offences or believes they have been a victim of a distraction theft, please call police on 101 (or 999 in an emergency). Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)
- You can find further crime prevention advice here: <https://westmercia.police.uk/Personal>

### **Be part of a Fighting Farm Crime Discussion**

Kreseda Smith is a Doctoral Researcher at Harper Adams University in Shropshire, and is undertaking research addressing how the uptake of crime prevention measures can be improved on farms. She is arranging a focus group with around half a dozen farmers with mixed farming activity from across the Herefordshire area, who are willing to talk about farm crime for about an hour on video. She already has some volunteers, but is looking for more people to take part. You may be able to help. An easily accessible venue will be arranged at a time to suit you, and nibbles will be provided. Your identity and comments will be kept anonymous in the research. If you are interested in being a part of this important research, please contact Kreseda, to add your name to the participant list.

Contact: Kreseda Smith, Doctoral Researcher, Harper Adams University  
Tel: 01952 815113 Email: [farmcrime@harper-adams.ac.uk](mailto:farmcrime@harper-adams.ac.uk)

*Please see the attached document "Information Sheet for FG and Interviews" for further information.*

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