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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.org.uk

Natural England 0300 060 1115 enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

Environment Agency Sharon Chisholm (Tues, Weds, Thurs) 02030 251692 sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk

N.F.U. (Herefordshire) Clare Greener 01432 807464 07771 626080 Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk

C.L.A. Richard Goodwin 01785 337010 richard.goodwin@cla.org.uk

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

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>

Important dates for Countryside Stewardship application windows in 2016 are summarised in the following timeline

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

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

Magic Maps: <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>

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 – minimum pay rate for workers aged 25 and over, 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
Further information is available from the Government Website: www.gov.uk/workplace-pensions-employers

Working Tax Credits: For information on go to: <https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit/overview>

UNIVERSAL CREDIT Considering recruiting?

You will need to know about the Government's new benefit Universal Credit, which supports people on low incomes or out of work, and how it may benefit your business.

Please follow the link below to download more information for employers.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/404232/uc-works-for-employers.pdf

If you require help and support with any recruitment please contact the DWP Herefordshire Recruitment team on 01432 363705, 363674 or 363648

Sarah Evans, Christine Bourne and Karina Cullen

Farm Herefordshire videos!

Farm Herefordshire is all about promoting good practice and demonstrating the experiences of local farmers. Last month featured Adam Lewis from Hampton Wafre and how he is trying to increase his organic matter levels. This month's videos include Steve Klenk from Garnstone, Chris Norman from The Leen and Francis Dunne from Field Options.

Click here to watch: www.wyecatchment.org/farm-herefordshire

More videos will be released each month.

If you'd like to get involved in future videos do get in contact as we'd love to hear from you.

For more information please contact:

Herefordshire Rural Hub

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Email: hub@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

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Free Workshops in Herefordshire & Gloucestershire for Arable Farmers

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Faster broadband for Herefordshire and Gloucestershire

Enabling Arable Farmers to make use of the latest technology

How to set up the Gatekeeper web app, and using the app to its full potential;
An overview of mapping & precision farming within Gatekeeper; Get your Gatekeeper queries answered;
Meet other Gatekeeper users and benefit from informal discussion and shared knowledge.

In Herefordshire on Friday 3rd June, 9.45am-1.30pm, light lunch provided
At the Hereford FYFC Centre, Beech Business Park, Tillington Road, Hereford, HR4 9QJ

In Gloucestershire on Thursday 9th June, 9.45am-1.30pm, light lunch provided
At Manor Farm, Harnhill, Cirencester, GL7 5PU

For further information, or to book your place, please contact **Herefordshire Rural Hub**
Tel: **01432 353 465** Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

Farm Herefordshire, working with Belmont Vets, Mole Valley Farmers & Field Options

Healthy Stock from Healthy Soils

Tuesday 7th June, 10.30am – 1pm

At Church House Farm, Moreton-on-Lugg, Hereford, HR4 8DE

By kind permission of Alison Adams

A farm walk and practical discussion with **Mark Tripney** (*Matrix Ag grassland, forage & soil health advisor*) who will remind us of the links between Healthy Soil, Nutritious Forage, and Healthy Stock.

Find out how to integrate grassland and soil management for maximum production and optimum livestock health.

The farm walk will look at:-

- Farming with your soil in mind
- Assessing sward "health"
- Improving stock health; reduced use of mineral supplements, drenches
- Amending grazing techniques

Please book your place by contacting Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or Tel: **01432 353465**

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Herefordshire Meadows Network Summer programme

Following the very well attended talk on mob grazing for conservation sites in April by Rob Havard we have three summer walks planned. You can book now for the first walk on 6th June which is detailed below. Information about the other two walks will follow but the dates are:

21st June at Avenbury and 7th July at Checkley - both at 6pm

Moseley Common SSSI

Courtesy of Tony Norman

Monday 6th June, 6pm – 8.30pm

at The Leen, Pembridge, HR6 9HN

This lovely wet grassland site has a wide variety of habitats and challenges for management including grassland, wetland, scrub, woodland and watercourses. Tony will lead us round the Common and there will be plenty of opportunity to share experiences of grazing and managing wildlife sites within a farming system and to see a wonderful range of plants and other wildlife at the same time. We will also begin to explore how to assess and evaluate grassland quality if time allows.

Meet at the water wheel in the farm yard http://www.theleen.co.uk/leen_contact.html for 6pm onward transfer in fewer cars to nearby Moseley Common. Stout footwear required.

Places are limited and booking essential through Herefordshire Rural Hub by email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or telephone **01432 353465**.

For enquiries about Herefordshire Meadows Network contact Caroline Hanks: caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk

Meadow Seed Harvesting Demonstration

PLANTWILD are looking for suitable meadow sites for seed harvesting in July with a brush harvester. They pay £70 per acre harvested and are looking for sites with plenty of diversity, meadow grasses and yellow rattle, minimum 3 acres.

We are hoping that after they have done a day's harvesting they would run on into the early evening for anyone interested to visit. If you are in a Stewardship agreement or on a SSSI please check that your agreement allows seed harvesting over part or all of your meadow.

Please call **Keith** or **Suzanne** for more information **07880 730880 / 01531 670797**

Or contact **Caroline Hanks 01981 251016 / 07779 080940**

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 22nd 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 Tel: **01432 353465**

FSB County Connections (networking)

We have another networking opportunity and the chance to hear someone else's business story.....

Wednesday, 15th June, 5.30pm to 7pm - Wye Valley Engineering Ltd.

Durabase House, Netherwood Road, Rotherwas Industrial Estate, Hereford HR2 6JU

Open to members, guests and non-members

Elwyn Roberts will tell of the recent growth of "Durabase"

– a modular base and wall system for conservatories, where they came from and where they are going!

For further information or to register your attendance please contact **Richard Asghar-Sandys**

Email: richardas@coachlogistics.com Tel: **07870 898 905**

FSB Chairman's Summer Reception (FSB Members only)

Thursday 23rd June 7:15pm to 9:30pm

at Broadfield Court Vineyard Estate, Boddendam HR1 3LG

An evening reception to include wine tasting and "Meet the Directors" – Our National Chairman, Mike Cherry, and the majority of the board, all business owners and members like ourselves, will be present to share some of their work and vision for the FSB.

This is a Member-only event, so if you are not already a member, [join now](#) to receive your invitation!

Please contact Richard Asghar-Sandys if you would like to attend

AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds

Hereford Monitor Farm Summer Meeting

28th June 2016, 1:00pm (Hot food included)

At Fawley Court, Fawley, Nr Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, HR1 4SP

Hereford Monitor Farmer **Mark Wood** is farm manager at JPF Clay Farms, half way between Hereford and Ross-on-Wye. The farm is 250ha owned, 250ha rented and 500ha contract-farmed. Issues Mark has already addressed through the monitor farm programme include precision farming, soil health and the constraining factors to yields.

All arable farmers are welcome to attend this open meeting including farmers who have not yet attended a Monitor Farm event. The meeting will incorporate a farm tour where we will review the monitor farm activity so far, as well as addressing the current challenges relevant to Mark at JPF Clay Farms; including residue management, countryside stewardship and a visit to the field trials at Fawley Court.

For more information or to book email: richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk or phone: 07717 493015.

Free ADAS Advice Sessions for Countryside Stewardship

If you are considering applying for the new Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship this year FREE advice and support is available through events and one to one advice sessions (funded by Natural England).

Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship is different from ELS, it is competitive, targeted, has a single application window and start date. The Mid-Tier application window is now open and closes on 30th September 2016.

Advice sessions will cover how the scheme works, who is eligible and what the environmental priorities are in your local area to help you develop an application with a good chance of success. The adviser will not be able to complete the application for you but you will get 1.5 hour session with an experienced adviser to discuss the details of your farm. Advice sessions are available at pre booked clinics ? and a limited number can be provided on farm. A clinic can be arranged at suitable location in your area ? please contact us on the number below if this would be of interest.

To book your FREE place please contact: **Events Team:** Direct Telephone **08453 713399** or email bookings@adas.co.uk

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 **30th 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 (07766 330 959) **Mike Williams** (07920 441 215) **Tom Jolley** (07545 253 155) **Liz Price** (07776 197 740)

Nuffield Farming Scholarships

Are you interested in becoming a Nuffield Farming Scholar and following in the footsteps of the many who have become scholars in Herefordshire and the surrounding counties?

Nuffield Farming Scholarships date back to 1947 when with the help and sponsorship of the Nuffield Foundation people involved in agriculture were able to receive financial help to travel world-wide to study a topic of their choice. Eventually the Nuffield Foundation withdrew from the supporting farming scholarships which led to the advent of the Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust. The NFST took over both organising the scheme and raising money from the agricultural industry to fund the scholarships. The Three Counties Agricultural Society now sponsor a scholarship for those living or working within the area covered by the society.

What does a scholarship bring? It opens doors giving access to world leaders and decision makers, it gives global access to leading farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs, it gives an opportunity to look at research, new developments and to be able to come face to face with innovative advances in farming, forestry and the food industry.

Who can apply? Anyone between 25 and 45 years old who is engaged in farming, farm management and land management or involved with forestry and the food industry and please note an academic qualification is not a necessity.

How to apply? Details are on the Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust website (www.nuffieldscholar.org). Applications have to be received by **31st July**. Or, contact Ian **Howie** on **01981 570251** or ianhowie1@btinternet.com for more information.

Introducing the SPRING Environmental Protection Scheme with South Staffs Water

If your farm is situated within a SSW's Blithe Catchment, and you grow winter oilseed rape or winter wheat and have high risk fields on your farm, click on the following link to find out more about some potential funding

http://www.ruralhubpartnership.co.uk/south_staffs_water_spring_environmental_protect

Complementary Delegate passes to the 2nd Annual Food & Drink IT Summit

The event is being held in the National Motorcycle Museum on July 5th

You simply need to register on the website and there will be a delegate badge waiting for you.

For full details of the event, and to register for your free delegate pass, go to the website:- <http://www.itfoodsummit.com/>

If you would like to speak, exhibit or sponsor the event please email **John Bent** at info@itfoodsummit.com

Funding to support training in Herefordshire

The 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 _ 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

Hereford Corn Exchange Trust Diversification Award 2016

The entrants this year were:-

Heather Gorrige, The Great British Florist www.greatbritishflorist.co.uk

Joe Evans, Whitbourne Court, Green Cow Kitchens www.greencowkitchens.co.uk

The Convenience Company Ltd, Lower House Farm, Tyberton www.conveniencecompany.com

Thomas G Jones, Broadfield, Kinnersley

The Judges, John Matthews and Julian Gallimore were very impressed with the four entrants whose enthusiasm for their enterprise and keenness to diversify from their usual farming practise should ensure that their respective businesses thrive in the future and not be dependent on the vagaries of commodity prices. They have shared the £1000 available between Heather Gorrige and Tom Jones, so each will receive a cheque for £500.

Further details of the entrants and the Hereford Corn Exchange Trust Diversification Award can be viewed at:

http://www.ruralhubpartnership.co.uk/hereford_corn_exchange_funding_2016_results

Applications for funding are always welcome and should be made in the first instance to Tom Nellist, who can be contacted at Builth Farm, Eau Withington, Hereford HR1 3NQ or tom@farmwell.co.uk

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

Tel: 0800 032 1986 Email: enquiries@hlcollege.ac.uk Website: www.hlcollege.ac.uk

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



Equestrian Centre at the Holme Lacy Campus



FULL TIME COURSES

NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management

A two year course which equates to 3 A levels and enables students to potentially gain access to higher education if they wish to continue their studies. The course develops a more in-depth understanding of horse management. It is both theoretical and practical in nature and provides key knowledge and skills that are required in the industry.

Also available:

Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma & 90 Credit Diploma in Horse Management (1 year courses, AS equivalents)

Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care

A one year course which equates to 4 GCSEs at Grades A*-C. Ideal for students with little or no previous experience. You will gain a sound knowledge and understanding in horse care and riding through theory-based and practical sessions. On successful completion you may progress onto the Level 3 programmes.

Part time courses:

The British Horse Society Stages Individual and group riding lessons by BHS Qualified Staff in our Approved Training Centre

For course enquiries please call 0800 032 1986 Or visit www.hlcollege.ac.uk

Sastak 7Y

Contact Paula Strangwood on 07717 895009 email paula.strangwood@7y.co.uk or paula@sastak7y.com

NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides PA1	7 th June	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC Knapsack Sprayer PA6	7 th June 8 th June	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC Ground Crop Sprayer PA2	9 th June	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC Granule Applicator PA4g	21 st June	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC Slug Pellets PA4s	23 rd June	Wharton Court, Leominster
LANTRA Rough Terrain Telescopic – Experienced	23 rd & 24 th June	TBC
LANTRA Industrial Counterbalance	30 th June & 1 st July	TBC
Emergency First Aid at Work	3 rd June	Wharton Court, Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher – 2 days	1 st – 2 nd June	Wharton Court, Leominster
First Aid at Work – 3 days	6 th – 8 th June 20 th – 22 nd June	Wharton Court, Leominster

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.

'Do you use the Internet??'

'Are you suffering from confusing Cyber advice overload??'

'Do you need Internet stuff explained in a way you will understand??'

Get **COMPLETELY FREE ADVICE** on protecting **YOURSELF** and **YOUR Business** online in a simple to understand way.

Speak to **Paul Crumpton** (Rural, Business & Cyber Crime Reduction Co-ordinator for Herefordshire, WM Police)
face to face at

The Business Solutions Center, Skylon Park, Coldnose Road, Rotherwas, Hereford, HR2 6JS

Thursday 9th June, any time from 12 noon until 3pm

Rogue Traders

Dealing with rogue traders

Rogue traders are opportunists who call on people's doors to rip them off. They make repairs that don't need doing and may talk people into buying products that they don't want. Be on your guard, watch out for them, you can keep your door closed to protect yourself from their scams, fraudulent activities and offers that are quite literally – too good to be true.

Who are they?

Rogue Traders usually cold call under the guise of being either salespeople or trades people who offer cut price home improvement services or other products. They are always charming and very believable. They can also be very difficult to get rid of if they get through your door even if you ask them to leave. Such traders will charge a small fortune for poor quality work, unnecessary repairs or cheap goods such as double glazing or energy efficiency products.

What tricks do they use?

They sometimes offer to tarmac your drive, work on your garden, repair your roof or clean your gutters for a low price. They may say that your house needs urgent repairs. They may say they are only in the area for a short time. They may say that they have done work for your neighbour. They may also offer you unbelievable discounts. They may then demand large amounts of cash, claiming that the job has turned out to be bigger than they thought. Some ask for cash up front and are never seen again. Others may insist on driving people to their bank to pressure them into withdrawing their savings. Whatever they say - don't believe them.

What should you do to prevent doorstep crime?

Remember the **Three Step Plan**. You have the right to keep your door closed and tell them to go away. If you are suspicious of a cold caller, you can report them to 101 and give a description of them and any vehicle you may have seen them use. If they are selling goods or services and don't leave or return after you've asked them to leave, they are breaking the law - and can be prosecuted for ignoring your request.

Top tips

- Install an intercom or spy hole for extra security.
- Never agree to have work done or part with money on your doorstep.
- Always get written quotes from at least two traders for any work.
- You have 14 days to cancel any purchase of goods or services over £42 that you make in your home.
- If you agree a contract for goods or services in your house, you must be given the following information in a durable medium, otherwise a criminal offence may have been committed:
 - The conditions, time limits & procedure for exercising the right to cancel
 - the cost of returning the goods
 - if you request the contract to start within the cancellation period, the trader must inform you of any reasonable costs to be paid up until the time of cancellation.
- Always agree the price, payment arrangements and start/finish dates in writing before any work starts on your home.
- You don't have to pay in full until you're completely satisfied with the work and you could consider using stage payments throughout the work.
- Keep your home and belongings safe during works.

**If you think you've been deceived, are concerned about a trader, or have any doubts call WM Police on 101
or Trading Standards at Herefordshire Council on 01432 260000**

Herefordshire Rural Hub – Classified Page

Please mention Herefordshire Rural Hub when replying to an advertisement on our Classified Page.



Maize Under-Sowing Service

Maize Under-Sowing Service Available Locally

Local contractor Roy Price, Field Options and the Wye & Usk Foundation have collaborated to design and build a drill specifically for under sowing cover crops in maize.

Special Offer for 2016: Field Options are supplying discounted seed plus WUF are offering to contribute £5/ac. **With these special offers the average cost will be approx. £25/ac** depending on seed variety chosen, distance to travel and acreage drilled.

What are the benefits?

- Qualifies for 'Ecological Focus Area'
- Retain soil nutrients (± 40 kg/Ha N + K)
- Reduce soil erosion
- Building fertility
- Building organic matter
- Winter/Spring grazing (>2 t DM/ha)
- Cross Compliance (GAEC 4 & 5)
- Enhancing soil structure – Active root mass
- Easier preparation of spring seed beds

Want to know more about timing, what to sow, utilising the crop cover & who is operating the drill? Full details are available on the Field Options website: www.field-options.co.uk

Reserve your drilling slot now:

	Who	Phone	Email
Field Options Ltd	Francis Dunne Adam Glyn-Jones	01544 262 500	info@field-options.co.uk
Wye & Usk Foundation	Kate Adams	07766 330 959	kate@wyeuskfoundation.org

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email: admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

tel: **01432 268428**

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