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www.ruralhubspartnership.co.uk

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Wednesday 23rd November 2016, 12noon till 7pm

The 7th Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day

At the Three Counties Hotel, Belmont Road, Hereford, HR2 7BP

Presentations, Drop-in Clinics, One-to-One Advice sessions

**Businesses & Organisations offering advice on many aspects of
farming and rural business**

Lots more details on the website :-

http://www.ruralhubspartnership.co.uk/rural_business_advice_day_2016_herefordshire

For further information please contact Frances

Email: admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

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Are you unsure about details of any rules or regulations or do you need help with understanding record keeping?

Remember that FREE advice 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 advice@farmingadvice.org.uk

Farmers requiring telephone advice from FAS can now contact the Rural Services
Helpline on **03000 200 301**. The Rural Services Helpline provides a single number
for all Farming Advice Service, Rural Payments Agency or Animal and Plant Health
Agency enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm.
FAS website: www.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/>
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) 0808 2819490 website: <http://www.rabi.org.uk/>
Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy 07958 591 646 website: www.borderchaplain.org
You Are Not Alone (YANA) 0300 323 0400 website: www.yanahelp.org/
Farming Help 0845 367 9990 website: www.farminghelp.org.uk/
Addington Fund 01926 620 135 website: www.addingtonfund.org.uk/

Farm Herefordshire videos!

Farm Herefordshire is all about promoting good practice and demonstrating the experiences of local farmers.

Click on the link below to watch the videos that have been released so far:-

www.wyecatchment.org/farm-herefordshire

The next video will be live on the 1st October,

featuring Keith Millington from Lower Grange, Bacton

Keith will be highlighting the improvements made over the years to their outdoor yards including clean & dirty water separation.

More videos will be released shortly. 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, Tel: **01432 268 428**

Email: hub@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

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Herefordshire 

Some useful website links

Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) 2017 - The Greening rules - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bps-2017>

RLE1 form and guidance -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tell-the-rural-payments-agency-about-land-changes-and-entitlement-transfers>

New Farm Animal Movement Rules - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/livestock-movements-simpler-rules-from-2016-to-2017/livestock-movements-simpler-rules-from-2016-to-2017>

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>

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

What's in Your Backyard: <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/>

Registering/Renewing 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:

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

Rodenticide regulations

New regulations have recently been introduced concerning the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (most of the rodenticide products used in agriculture). Make sure you read the label carefully if you have purchased any rodenticide recently or are about to purchase some. Changes have been made to where and how these products can be used. Anyone buying or using second generation anticoagulants also now requires certification. **For those on farm assured farms, certification will be required by December 2017, for everyone else the deadline (June 2016) has already passed!**

It is important to select the training to suit your level of experience ...

... and remember - don't leave your training and certification till the last minute!

There are a number of organisations providing training, both online and classroom based, including:-
Achieve-Ability Plus www.aa-plus.co.uk Tel: 01531 890947 Email: achieveabilityplus@gmail.com

On-line training can be accessed via:- <http://www.ahdb.org.uk/projects/RodentControlHub.aspx>

Spray Equipment testing

All pesticide application equipment in use (except knapsack and handheld sprayers) must pass inspection once, by 26th November 2016, and at regular intervals thereafter, unless it is less than 5 years old on that date.

The equipment must pass inspection once before the 5th anniversary of its original purchase.

The National Sprayer Testing Scheme (NSTS) is the only body designated to conduct tests. So, having equipment inspected under the NSTS will ensure compliance. A list of approved examiners can be found on the NSTS website.

The following types of equipment must be inspected at least once by 26th November 2016. Subsequent testing will be required every 5 years from 26th November 2016 and every 3 years from 26th November 2020:-

Boom sprayers greater than 3 metres // Sprayers attached to trains or aircraft // Air-assisted broadcast sprayers

Equipment that represents a low scale of use, such as granular applicators and boom sprayers less than 3 metres wide, will be subject to an inspection interval of no more than 6 years. A complete list of 'low scale use' equipment can be found in the Pesticides National Action Plan and will be regularly updated.

Connecting farmers and beekeepers - BeeConnected

The website **BeeConnected** has been specifically developed to provide a more efficient and effective way for farmers to inform beekeepers of their intention to apply an insecticide.

Current best agricultural practice, as advocated by farm assurance schemes and the UK code of practice for pesticide use, requires that notification takes place to minimise the risk to bees from the spraying. **BeeConnected** plans to operate on a very simple, yet efficient, two-way communication process: farmers and spray operators are invited to register, identify their fields and, in just a few simple clicks, inform local beekeepers when they intend to spray an insecticide in particular fields.

BeeConnected website: www.beeconnected.org.uk/

BeeConnected frequently asked questions www.beeconnected.org.uk/faqs/

Employment Law Update

NFU's panel firm solicitors, Lanyon Bowdler, are holding a **free** autumn employment law seminar

At the Three Counties Hotel, Hereford, Tuesday 4 October 2016 from 12.30 to 2.15pm

Lanyon Bowdler are offering delegates the chance to book a 10 minute meeting with one of their employment team.

These will take place following the seminar and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To book or for more information email info@lblaw.co.uk or call **01743 280281**.

h Energy 2016 Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th October

To find out what is going on around the county go to the website:

<http://www.herefordshirenewleaf.org.uk/page/henergy>



As part of national Get Online Week, **FREE** workshops are being offered to help people get started with the internet and computers and learn more about what you can do online. Book your **FREE** place to find out how the internet can help make life easier, cheaper, healthier and more fun!

For details of the workshops go to: www.ruralhubpartnership.co.uk/herefordshire_get_online_week_17th_23rd_october



Healthy Livestock from Healthy Soils

Tuesday 25th October, 10.30am – 1pm

At The Quakers Farm, Michaelchurch Escley, HR2 0PT

by kind permission of Simon Bigley & family

Do you want to find out how good soil management can help to boost profitability and health of your cattle and sheep?

See the attached flyer for full details

To book your place, contact Frances at Herefordshire Rural Hub
Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: 01432 353465

This is the first of 3 events.

We plan to hold another in Bromyard in November 2016, and one in Kington in January 2017

Saving Our Bumblebees

Talk by Prof Dave Goulson

Thursday 27th October 2016 at Herefordshire Sixth Form College

Doors open 7pm, talk starts 7.45pm

Bumblebees are amongst the most clever and remarkable of insects. Dave Goulson, Professor of Biology at Sussex University, founder of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and author of bestsellers *A Sting in the Tale* and *A Buzz in the Meadow*, will outline some of their fascinating behaviours, including how they use their smelly feet to avoid empty flowers.

David developed an obsession with wildlife from early childhood but he began to study bumblebees in earnest whilst lecturing in biology at the University of Southampton during the 1990s. Through his talk, he will discuss the various causes of bee declines and the controversy over the effects of neonicotinoid pesticides. He will offer practical solutions to helping these vital insects, from planting bee-friendly flowers in our gardens and parks to taking part in nationwide citizen science surveys.

Orchard Origins will run a bar throughout the evening, serving local ciders, apple juice and wine.

Booking for this event is essential. Book online at www.herefordshirewt.org or call **01432 356872**. Tickets cost **£10.50**.

This is a fundraising event with all profits going to support the work of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust



Xero Academy for Farm Accounting

with Thorne Widgery Chartered Accountants

A series of 3 sessions on:

Thursdays – 10th, 17th, & 24th November, 11am – 1pm

At Thorne Widgery Offices, 2 Wyevale Business Park, Wyevale Way, Kings Acre, Hereford, HR4 9BS

Join us for these 3 sessions – they are FREE to attend. Light refreshments will be available.

To book your place on the course, contact Frances at Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: **01432 353 465**

BASIS Certificate in Crop Protection (Agriculture) including Integrated Farm Management

This course provides training and certification for sellers of agrochemicals and those giving advice on their use in agriculture. It is designed to help those involved with training people to meet this standard.

For full details of the course content and IFM please see the BASIS website link below:

<https://www.basis-reg.co.uk/Schemes/BASIS/BASIS-Courses>

The course consists of 1 project day, 16 training days and 2 exam days... 19 days in total.

The dates (listed in full on the Warwickshire Rural Hub website www.ruralhub.org.uk/events) start on 13th October and are spread out over seven months with the examination days on 30th & 31st May 2017.



Nutrient Management

Wednesday 16th November, 10.30am – 1pm, Lunch will be provided

At Stockend Farm, Station road, Bransford, Worcestershire, WR6 5JH, by kind permission of Robert Floyd

Do you want to find out how your soil types affect nutrient uptake and how managing nutrients can help improve gross margins?

Come to a workshop to get advice on:

Knowing your soil type / Managing nutrients based on soil type (grassland and arable) / The value of muck / Soil mapping / Current and future policy for soils / Severn Trent grants / Field and yard best practice for nutrient & pesticide management

Book your place at: www.nfuonline.com/CFEevents or call the CFE National Event booking line on **02476 858 897**

Young Agricultural Entrepreneur of the Year 2017

The closing date for entries has been extended to **Monday 17th October 2016**

For full details and an application form go to:- www.yaeawards.co.uk/

Courses and Events at Moreton Wood

Moreton Wood Open Day 9th October 2-5pm - Free to attend - Part of h Energy 2016

Demonstrations, Woodland Crafts & Skills, Face painting, Woodland books & crafts for sale, Homemade cakes
for full details click on <http://www.herefordshirenewleaf.org.uk/node/6975>

Chair Seating Course 15th & 16th October £150

Jo runs this great course in Burley Gate Village Hall passing on her chair seating skills.
Bring along a chair of your own that needs reseating and learn to reseat it with natural English rush.

Basket Making Course Nov 5th & 6th £150

You will learn to make a beautiful and unique basket from wild materials we will gather together in the woods

For more information about any of these courses or events please contact Jo or Paul

Tel: **07920 851 674** Email: jo@moretonwood.co.uk website: www.moretonwood.co.uk

The Wye & Usk Foundation

The Wye & Usk Foundation 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)

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Herefordshire

FSB events are open to both members and non-members. They are all no-cost or low-cost to attend.

FSB Networking - £10 pp

Semi-structured events incorporating both networking and business-boosting presentations/workshops taking place on the first Wednesday of the month at Gardner Hall, The Point4 (Part of The Royal National College for the Blind), Venns Lane, Hereford.

The next one of these is taking place on **Wednesday 5th October**. For more details and to book your place go to:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/09204-fsb-herefordshire-networking-tickets-27028733670

FSB County Connections – FREE to attend

Hosted by FSB members with interesting premises, businesses or stories to tell.

The next one is on **Thursday 20th October, 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

at Clover Conservatories and Construction Ltd, Pichells Place, Wall Hills Farm Hereford Rd Ledbury HR8 2PR

Full details of these and other regional FSB events can be found on the website

<http://fsb.org.uk/regions/shropshire-herefordshire-worcestershire>

Marches Growth Hub events

at Hereford Business Solutions Centre, Skylon Court, Hereford HR2 6JL

Virgin Start-up Funding Drop ins - Every Tues 10am – 2pm

Virgin Start-up is on hand to offer start-up loans supported by advice and mentoring. These drop-in sessions provide an opportunity for you to talk about the loans, the eligibility criteria and the application process.

Every Weds 9am – 12noon Drop in Sessions - Legal Surgery for businesses

Harrison Clark Rickerbys will have a legal professional on hand at the Hereford Business Solutions Centre every Wednesday to answer your questions about your legal issues. Drop in any time between 9am & 12pm for a no obligation meeting.

28th October – Business Drop In Support Sessions between 10am and 2pm

Sessions approx. 45 minutes – booking is essential –

Email: hereford@businesssolutionscentres.co.uk or tel: **01432 344424**

As a business looking to create jobs in the marches region, we want to give you the best possible chance of success. We are offering Small to Medium Size businesses (SMEs) the opportunity to participate in one-to-one reviews with a business solutions advisor to discuss assistance to support your plans for business growth or expansion.

Marches Growth Hub Calendar of Events: <http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/calendar/?typeid=1>

If you require any further information please email: Lyndsay.Francis@herefordshire.gov.uk

Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce Events

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Business Expo in association with Hewett Recruitment

Thursday 6th October, 9.30am–3pm, at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern. FREE entry

Full details at <http://hwchamber.co.uk/events/business-expo>

Expo Networking Breakfast

Thursday 6th October, 8.00 - 9.30am, at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern WR13 6NW

Speaker from Facebook – John Carr, Partner Manager – 'The Evolution of Communication'.

Overall sponsor Hewett Recruitment will also address attendees and officially open the exhibition.

£17.50+VAT Members and £35.00+VAT Non-members

Ledbury Networking Lunch

Monday 17th October, 12.30pm - 2.30pm, at The Talbot Inn, 14 New Street, Ledbury HR8 2DX

Enjoy a two course lunch in Ledbury with plenty of networking opportunities. The group will hear from an informative speaker, with each attendee gaining the opportunity to introduce themselves to the room and make business contacts.

£20.00+VAT Members and £35.00+VAT Non-members

Herefordshire Samaritans

'The Search for Shangri-La' on Sunday 6th November, from 11:30 with lunch at 13:00

Broadfield Court, Bowley Lane, Bodenham, Herefordshire, HR1 3LG

A special screening followed by Q&A with the director John Bulmer

This documentary follows explorer Mark Shard and traveller Charles Allen as they journey the breath-taking Himalayan scenery to find lost Tibetan city of Shangri-La reputed to hold the secrets to happiness and eternal youth. Our host Alex James will compere a 'Questions and Answers' with the world renowned photographer and director John Bulmer to discuss the trials the crew encountered whilst filming from acute mountain sickness, heavy rains, missing transport trucks to yak shortages.

Tickets **£22.50** - includes a drink on arrival & 2 course lunch with tea/coffee

Tickets available from Rae Jones: samfriends.rae@aol.co.uk

WISH (Wellbeing Information and Signposting for Herefordshire)

WISH can help you find the information you need to help your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, such as Care and support for adults and children; Directory of Services; Community activities across the county.

Contact WISH online, by telephone, or face-to-face Email – info@WISHerefordshire.org Tel: 01432 383880

Visit the regular and ad-hoc WISH pop-ups, or the Hereford WISH office at 9, St Peter's Street, Hereford, HR1 2LE

For details of the pop-ups & office opening times, please phone or email WISH or visit the website: www.WISHerefordshire.org

Good Neighbour Scheme Toolkit

Herefordshire is one of England's most sparsely populated counties; it is largely rural with scattered market towns, a small city and agriculture a predominant industry. A conference, 'Combatting Loneliness', held last year, focussed on the huge impact of loneliness on local people, affecting physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing. There was also recognition of the strength and resources in our communities that could be mobilised to try and address some of this need.

The Good Neighbour Scheme Toolkit has been produced to help communities to decide what is needed, find out about available funding, and to set up their own local schemes. You can download the toolkit from:- <https://bit.do/hgns>

Do you know who to contact if you have a power cut?

105 is the new number to call.

It's free of charge and will put you through to your local network operator who can give you help and advice.

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 must be a member of HFYFC (aged 10yrs – 26yrs) or a past HFYFC member (up to 40 yrs old)**. 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.*

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

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

Course	Dates for 2016	Venue
Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30) <i>2 days plus assessment</i>	21 st – 22 nd November	Holme Lacy Campus
Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm (CS31) <i>3 days plus assessment</i>	28 th – 30 th November	Holme Lacy Campus
Combined CS30 & CS31 <i>5 days plus assessment</i>	31 st Oct – 4 th Nov 12 th – 16 th December	Holme Lacy Campus
Ground based Chainsaw refresher <i>1 day</i>	25 th November	Holme Lacy Campus
Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm (CS32) <i>3 days with integrated assessment</i>	24 th – 26 th October	Holme Lacy Campus
Accessing a tree using rope & harness (CS38) <i>5 days plus assessment</i>	7 th – 11 th November 5 th – 9 th December	Holme Lacy Campus
Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques (CS39) <i>3 days plus assessment</i>	14 th – 16 th November	Holme Lacy Campus
Safe use of Brushcutters and Strimmers <i>2 days</i>	23 rd – 24 th November	Holme Lacy Campus
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (hobby user) <i>2 days</i>	15 th – 16 th October	Holme Lacy Campus
Ground Crop Sprayers PA2 (inc PA1) <i>2 days plus assessment</i>	1 st & 15 th November	Holme Lacy Campus
Handheld Applicators PA6 (inc PA1) <i>2 days plus assessment</i>	1 st & 8 th November	Holme Lacy Campus
ATV handling – inexperienced operators <i>1 day plus assessment</i>	20 th October 1 st December	Holme Lacy Campus
Forklift Truck Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler) <i>2 days plus assessment</i>	29 th – 30 th November	Holme Lacy Campus
Tractor Driving & handling (over 16 yrs old) <i>2 days</i>	15 th – 16 th October	Holme Lacy Campus
Tractor Driving for 13 – 16 year olds <i>2 days</i>	27 th – 28 th October	Holme Lacy Campus
Shooting with Shotguns <i>2 days</i>	5 th – 6 th November	Holme Lacy Campus
Shooting & Gun Safety for 13 – 16 year olds <i>1 day</i>	26 th October	Holme Lacy Campus

Wyvern Training Services

Rodent Control – Rat and mouse	6 th October
First Aid at Work – 3 days – Level 3 certificate	11 th – 13 th October
Emergency First Aid at Work – 1 day – Level 2	26 th October
Rough Terrain Telescopic Handler – 2 days	9 th – 10 th November
Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance – 2 days	23 rd – 24 th November
Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance Refresher – 1 day	25 th November

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!

Email: enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com Telephone: **01432 880 690** or **07468 465 303**

Sastak 7Y

Please contact Paula Strangwood Tel: 07717 895009 Email: paula@sastak7y.com

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Fire Warden	3 rd October	Wharton Court, Leominster
PA1 Safe handling & application of pesticides	6 th October	Wharton Court, Leominster
PA6 Handheld applicators (Knapsack sprayers)	18 th October	Wharton Court, Leominster
PA2 Ground crop sprayers	19 th October	Wharton Court, Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	1 st November 12 th December	Wharton Court, Leominster
LANTRA Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting	1 st – 2 nd November	Wharton Court, Leominster
ITSSAR MEWP (Cherry Picker or Scissor Lift)	9 th November	T.B.C.
LANTRA Rough Terrain Telescopic	17 th – 18 th November	T.B.C.
First Aid at Work Refresher	28 th – 29 th November	Wharton Court, Leominster

November & December dates available for **Lifting Equipment** and **Health & Safety Courses**, please call Paula for a quote and available dates.

If you are interested in attend any of the following courses, please register your interest with Paula:
Felling Small & Medium Trees (Lantra or NPTC), **PA4s** (Slug Pelleting) or **PA4g** (Granular Application)

All your health & safety requirements – for further information, contact Paula

Emergency First Aid at Work, First Aid at Work, De-Fib, Health & Safety in the Workplace, Manual Handling, Fire Awareness and Fire Marshall

News from the Blues

An email scam to beware of:

Beware fake British Gas utility bill emails containing a virus which can take over the computer. Looking like a genuine email with a utility bill attached, it is the clicking on the link within the email that will download the bad news (virus) onto the computer and lock it out. Then it will throw up a payment page to unlock it. British Gas always personalise their emails, will quote the account number and will only provide links to www.britishgas.co.uk

Things you can do to avoid being caught out by this and other online scams:-

- Have Up-to-date Anti-virus (make sure auto update is ON)
- Up-to-date internet browser and any plug-ins (e.g. Flash, Java, Silverlight etc...)
The stuff that enables you to see graphics and other bits
- Don't click on links within emails unless YOU KNOW who has sent it. Check the email header address carefully
- Log on to the British Gas website directly, NOT FROM A LINK, to check a bill
- Avoid checking emails from a Public computer (e.g. hotel, café) and don't connect to unsecured Public wifi. Use mobile data services like 4G instead
- Regularly back up your files to an external hard drive or online storage provider
- Don't pay - There's no guarantee it will unlock your computer or end there.

Links to the Fly Tipping prevention guides, currently viewable on the NFPG website.

Householder: <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPGFiles/NFTPGAdviceforHouseholders.pdf>

Businesses: <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforBusinesses.pdf>

Landowners: <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforLandowners.pdf>

THINK....

- P – phone 999 only if
 - O – offenders are nearby
 - L – life is at risk
 - I – injury caused or threatened
 - C – crime is in progress
 - E – everything else call 101
- OR** call Crimestoppers on
0800 555 111

Remember to be alert when using cash and cards to pay for items. Ensure you do a shoulder check before getting anything out of your purse or wallet. Criminal Gangs travel to all parts of the UK to target unsuspecting victims. We have had such gangs in both the city and market towns of Herefordshire. Please remember to report any suspicious activity.

If you are interested in setting up your own Watch Scheme or joining a watch in your area or indeed just want more information, then Paul can be contacted by email: paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or tel: **01905 727 402**

Crime prevention and safety advice can be found here:-

<http://www.westmercia.police.uk/crime-and-safety>

