

## Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC

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

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(every month, plus other occasional updates)  
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01432 268 428 [admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)*

**Congratulations to Russell Carrington on his  
appointment as Chairman of Rural Youth Europe**

Date for your Diary ...

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, 12noon till 7pm**

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day**

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

**Presentations, Drop-in Clinics,**

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

For further information please contact Frances

Email: [admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)

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## 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](http://www.wyecatchment.org/farm-herefordshire)

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:  
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Email: [hub@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:hub@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)

**Farm  
Herefordshire**



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

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) 02030 251692 [sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk)

**N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener 01432 807464 07771 626080 [Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk](mailto:Clare.Greener@nfu.org.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** helpline 03000 111 999 website: <http://www.fcn.org.uk/>

**RABI** helpline 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

**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>

**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>

**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](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)

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

## Kington Show

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 9am – 6pm**

**At The Ovals Farm, Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3LN**

For full details visit the website: [www.kingtonshow.co.uk](http://www.kingtonshow.co.uk)

### Ploughing Match Dates

Pandy	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	at Pant Farm, Llanvethrine NP7 8AH
Leominster	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	at Corbetts Farm, Shobdon
Vintage	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	
Llanwarne	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	at Priory Farm, Goodrich
Stoke Bliss	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	at Thornbury Ct, Thornbury, Bromyard, HR7 4NJ
Llangattock	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	
Weobley	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	at Nunsland Farm, Broxwood
Eskleyston	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	
Wormside	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	
Ledbury	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	
Y.F.C.	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	
Trumpet	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	at Woodmanton Farm, Yarkhill
Welsh National – Three Cocks, Brecon – Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September		
S.O.P. National – Crockey Hill, York – 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> September		
World Championships – Crockey Hill, York – 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> September		

### Livestock Checker's Course

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 10am – 4pm**

**Natural England offices, Rigmoroak, Pennerley SY5 0NE**

The course is designed for landowners whose land is grazed by livestock belonging to someone else. It's also useful for people thinking about keeping livestock or whose livestock graze other people's land.

Course costs £5, or free to members of the Marches Meadow Group.

**The course will include a practical session looking at a flock of sheep, and covers:**

- Why checking livestock is an important part of animal husbandry
- The "five freedoms" of animal welfare and the key animal welfare legislation
- The responsibilities of a livestock checker and how these differ from a livestock owner
- The routine of checking livestock
- Know how to respond to problems that occur

For further details/booking, please contact **JP Brayford**, Countryside Officer, Stiperstones & Corndon Hill

Country Landscape Partnership Scheme. Tel: **01938 561741** Email: [info@stiperstonesandcorndon.co.uk](mailto:info@stiperstonesandcorndon.co.uk)

Website for further information: <http://www.stiperstonesandcorndon.co.uk/event/livestock-checkers-course/>

### Forthcoming dates for HFYFC events

- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Charity Wedding Fayre at Shenmore, near Madley, HR2 9PA to raise funds for St Michaels Hospice. Followed by an evening event to raise funds for the Alzheimers Society.
- **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – HFYFC Chairman's Ball - "Rockin' All Over The Ford" also at Shenmore.
- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – HFYFC Ploughing Match – Venue TBC

County Administrator - Tel: **01432 274187** Email: [countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk](mailto:countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk) Website: [www.hfyfc.org.uk](http://www.hfyfc.org.uk)

### Opportunity to visit the Allerton Project, Loddington, Leics, on 4<sup>th</sup> October, approx 8 am to 5 pm

**Home of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust's farm research on songbirds,  
water friendly farming, soils, game and wildlife management.**

The invitation to this day trip is in recognition of record breaking number, more than 50 Herefordshire farms, participating in the Big Farm Bird Count earlier in 2016. Those who took part in the count, anyone with an interest in farm wildlife and the environment, and anyone who'd like to see the leading research going on at Loddington is welcome to join the tour

[www.gwct.org.uk/allerton/](http://www.gwct.org.uk/allerton/)

**Cost £20 per person**, to include introduction by Alistair Leake, Director of Loddington, tour of the farm, buffet lunch, and travel to and from central Herefordshire location.

**For more information and to book a place please contact**

**Tony Norman** (Big Farm Bird Count) **01544 388510** [tony@theleen.co.uk](mailto:tony@theleen.co.uk)

or **Caroline Hanks** (Campaign for the Farmed Environment) [caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk](mailto:caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk)

or **Sophie Cowling** (Herefordshire Wildlife Trust) [s.cowling@herefordshirewt.co.uk](mailto:s.cowling@herefordshirewt.co.uk)



**Healthy Stock from Healthy Soils**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – 1pm**

**At The Quaker Farm, Michaelchurch Escley, HR2 0PT**

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A farm walk and practical discussion on grassland and soil management, forage quality and livestock health.

Further details/booking, Email: [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) Tel: 01432 353465

**Saving Our Bumblebees**

**Talk by Prof Dave Goulson**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Named number 8 in BBC Wildlife Magazine's list of the top 50 most influential people in conservation, he continues to be a leading expert and champion for bumblebees today. 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.

Doors will open at 7.00pm and 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](http://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

**Catchment Sensitive Farming**

**Mid Tier Stewardship and Water Grants**

**Requesting application Packs: -**

Please note that all applications packs for Mid Tier Stewardship and Water Grants must be requested from Natural England **by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**. After this date no new packs can be generated meaning that farmers who have not requested a pack by the end of August will not be able to apply for the scheme this year.

**Completed packs need to be returned by the end of September.**

If you are interested in the scheme but have not already requested an application pack it would be advisable to do this immediately. You can request a pack before you have registered the land on the RLR or before you have had a visit from a Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (if this is needed), so there is no reason to delay ordering the pack.

To request an application pack please call Natural England at Worcester on **0300 060 3900**.

**Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer Approval:-**

If you are applying through Mid Tier or Water Grant for items that need CSFO approval and therefore need us to visit the farm, please get in touch with us as soon as possible so we can arrange a visit. Time to schedule visits is getting shorter and we cannot guarantee that we will be able to visit farmers first contacting us towards the end of the application window. So to avoid disappointment please get in touch as soon as possible – CSFO contacts are below:

**WYE AND LUGG CATCHMENTS**

East of A49: James Griffiths – **01746 718 032** – [james.griffiths@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:james.griffiths@naturalengland.org.uk)

West of A49: Wayne Davies – **01588 640 980** – [wayne.davies@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:wayne.davies@naturalengland.org.uk)

**TEME CATCHMENT**

Sally Powell - **07770 645 037** – [sally.powell@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:sally.powell@naturalengland.org.uk)

**Spray Equipment testing**

**All pesticide application equipment in use** (except knapsack and handheld sprayers) **must pass inspection once by 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Subsequent testing will be required every 5 years from 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and every 3 years from 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### **#Cybermatters In The Park**

**Cyber Crime Awareness Family Fun Day** (and how to use the internet safely)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am – 4.30pm, at Bishop's Meadow, Hereford** (near Halo Leisure Pool)

**Meet your local policing team** (*join in a live tweetathon*)

**Stop That Thief** (*practical security advice & equipment*)

**Smoke House** (*Hereford & Worcester fire & rescue*)

**Crime Scene** (*be a junior detective*) **Cyber Watch** (*subscribe for free*)

**Safer Cyber Demo** (*aimed at teens and under*)

**Get in the Property Marking Zone** (*Get your bike marked for FREE*)

**Face Painting, Refreshments, Bouncy Castles, Climbing Wall**

**Free entry, but charges will apply for commercial refreshments and rides**

### **Marches Growth Hub events**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10am – 12noon, Protecting your profit through cyber security**

<http://www.wolverhamptonbsc.com/events/186-protecting-your-profit-through-cyber-security>

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept, 8am – 11.30am, Employment Law and Health & Safety Briefing**

<http://www.wolverhamptonbsc.com/events/190-employment-law-and-health-safety-briefing-2>

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10am – 2pm, Business Support Drop in Sessions – one-to-one review** with a business solutions advisor

The drop in sessions last approx. 45 mins each **and you will need to pre-book ahead of your visit.**

Contact: Hereford Business Solutions Centre Tel: 01432 344424 Email: [hereford@businesssolutionscentres.co.uk](mailto:hereford@businesssolutionscentres.co.uk)

**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.

**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](mailto:Lyndsay.Francis@herefordshire.gov.uk)

### **Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce Events**

**Bank of England Breakfast** Friday 16 September 7.30am - 9.30am

College Hall, The Cloisters, Hereford Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Hereford, Herefordshire HR1 2NG

The HW Chamber's annual Bank of England breakfast to meet with and hear from Graeme Chaplin, the Bank of England's Agent for the West Midlands and Oxfordshire. **FREE event for Members and Non-members**

**Hereford Networking Breakfast** Wednesday 21 September 7.30am-9.30am at Burghill Valley Golf Club, HR4 7RW.

**Speaker** – Angela Tyler, The Ely Memorial Fund

**Topic** – The impact of losing a child in a road traffic accident and road safety initiatives.

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

**Hereford HR Forum in association with Hewett Recruitment** Wednesday 28 September 9.30am-11.30am

Hereford Business Solutions Centre - Building B, Units 1-4, Skylon Court, Rotherwas, Hereford, HR2 6JS

The HR Forum is aimed at HR representatives responsible for more than 10 employees.

It is a confidential forum designed to allow you to share best practice and seek advice and support from peers in an open and supportive environment. Attendance at this event can be used to count towards your CIPD CPD portfolio.

**FREE event for Chamber Members and clients of Hewett Recruitment**



### **WISH (Wellbeing Information and Signposting for Herefordshire)**

WISH can help you find the information you need to help your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

**For example, WISH can help you find:-**

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](mailto: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 and office opening times, please phone or email WISH or visit the website:

[www.WISHerefordshire.org](http://www.WISHerefordshire.org)

### **Good Neighbour Scheme Toolkit, launched in Herefordshire**

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' was held in January 2015 and run by a partnership between the Diocese of Hereford and Herefordshire Council. This focussed on the huge impact of loneliness on local people, affecting physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing. But there was also recognition of the strength and resources in our communities that could be mobilised to try and address some of this need.

As a result, the Good Neighbour Scheme Toolkit has been produced, and was launched in Tarrington on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 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>

### **St Michael's Hospice**

**is desperately seeking Retail Volunteers in all of our 17 Hospice Shops and Home and Living Stores across the county.**

**Can YOU help? Would you like to meet new people, gain new skills and develop new interests within a dedicated team?**

Our Hospice Retail Team would like to hear from anyone who could help out as little as 4 hours per week at their local Hospice Shop: we will happily provide any training required. No experience necessary!

For more information, just pop into your local Hospice Shop or Store, or call the Retail Team on **01432 851000**.

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**ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE is also looking for Volunteer Sitters to support their new Herefordshire Hospice at Home Service**

Sitters are needed to provide companionship and support to patients and families in their homes and would suit anyone who could spare 3-4 hours a week or fortnight. Experience of care is not a pre-requisite and no personal care is required. Training will be provided (next course 5<sup>th</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> November (6.30 to 9pm) – break weeks 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October. Sitters need to have access to their own transport (mileage to be paid by Hospice) and will have to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

**For more information, please contact the Coordination Hub on 01432 852080 or email [hjh@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](mailto:hjh@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk)**

### **Herefordshire Samaritans**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10am-5pm, at Wyastone Leys Estate, Ganarew NP25 3SR**

NO. 5 INTERIORS invite you to preview new collections & buy gorgeous things at an Autumn Design Day on in aid of the Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans.

Jewellery, ceramics, fashion, antiques, flowers, bespoke tailor & dressmaker stalls.

Tickets £10 – pay on the door. Coffee, bubbles & light nibbles.

### **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)

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



**Herefordshire &  
Ludlow College**

### Land-based Apprenticeships

**Holme Lacy Campus, Herefordshire & Ludlow College, offers Apprenticeships in Agriculture, Forestry, Arboriculture and Production Horticulture.** An Apprenticeship is a work-based

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<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates for 2016</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b>Chainsaw Maintenance &amp; Cross Cutting (CS30)</b> <i>2 days plus assessment</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> September      3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> October 21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Felling &amp; Processing Trees up to 380mm (CS31)</b> <i>3 days plus assessment</i>	17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> October      28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Combined CS30 &amp; CS31</b> <i>5 days plus assessment</i>	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct – 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov      12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Ground based Chainsaw refresher</b> <i>1 day</i>	25 <sup>th</sup> November	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Felling &amp; Processing Trees over 380mm (CS32)</b> <i>3 days with integrated assessment</i>	24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Accessing a tree using rope &amp; harness (CS38)</b> <i>5 days plus assessment</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> October      7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> November 5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques (CS39)</b> <i>3 days plus assessment</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> September      14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Safe use of Brushcutters and Strimmers</b> <i>2 days</i>	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Maintain &amp; Operate your Chainsaw (hobby user)</b> <i>2 days</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Ground Crop Sprayers PA2 (inc PA1)</b> <i>2 days plus assessment</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Handheld Applicators PA6 (inc PA1)</b> <i>2 days plus assessment</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>ATV handling – inexperienced operators</b> <i>1 day plus assessment</i>	20 <sup>th</sup> October      1 <sup>st</sup> December	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Forklift Truck Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler)</b> <i>2 days plus assessment</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Tractor Driving &amp; handling (over 16 yrs old)</b> <i>2 days</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Tractor Driving for 13 – 16 year olds</b> <i>2 days</i>	27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Shooting with Shotguns</b> <i>2 days</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Holme Lacy Campus
<b>Shooting &amp; Gun Safety for 13 – 16 year olds</b> <i>1 day</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> October	Holme Lacy Campus

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### Message from Inspector Callie-Ann Bradley

I would like to take this opportunity on my first Hub Newsletter to firstly thank Bob for his years of service to the police, and in the last few years in particular, to the rural community of Herefordshire. Bob has been an inspiring individual and his boots will be very difficult to fill. He will be returning as a Police Staff member in October after a few well deserved weeks off. I will therefore be able to rely on his experience and connections in the community to ensure I try to meet the high standards you will have come to expect, knowing the legacy he has left.

I have 20 years policing experience, with all but 2 of these being within Herefordshire. I have mostly carried out roles within the 24 hour response, CID arena, and protecting children from harm. I have worked alongside Safer Neighbourhood colleagues for many years, and now hope to learn the ropes as I take on this huge role. If you feel you can support me in achieving this my email address is [callie-ann.bradley@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:callie-ann.bradley@westmercia.pnn.police.uk). I look forward to meeting many of you in the months to come and am particularly keen to get out amongst the community (especially if there's cake!).

#### Anyway, on to a serious note:

Cumbria Police are investigating a theft and number of fraud offences which occurred between the 16th June 2016 and the 18th June 2016. - Two males are responsible for an incident of "shoulder surfing" in a Supermarket whereby an elderly victims PIN number was observed during a transaction. The males waited for the victim in the car park and identified her car while she was loading her shopping. As the victim returned her shopping trolley the offenders have approached her vehicle and caused damage to her F/N/S tyre causing the tyre to puncture as the victim drove away. One of the males has then approached the victim who was stranded at the roadside with a punctured tyre and offered to change the wheel. The victim gratefully accepted. During the changing of the wheel the offender has had access to the victim's car boot and he has removed her cash cards from her purse. The offender has stolen the cash cards and used them with the PIN number over two days to obtain goods and cash to the value of £3000.

#### 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](mailto:paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) or tel: 01905 727 402

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