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# Herefordshire Rural Hub Helping Rural Businesses Thrive April 2018 Newsletter



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# 2020 Vision for Herefordshire's Family Farms

This project, funded by the Prince's Countryside Fund and run in conjunction with the Herefordshire Rural Hub, is now running at full capacity.

Participants have all had the opportunity to attend workshops on a range of subjects from succession planning to diversification.

Each farm is being treated on an individual basis with no two farms alike, a bespoke programme for each farm has been drawn up with further opportunities to access training.

A business mentor has been allocated to each farmer, to guide and lend support throughout this three year project, with the aim of strengthening the future viability of the family farm.

# HAVE YOU VISITED THE Herefordshire Rural Hub website.

Lots of useful contacts and links to information, funding etc. Details of forthcoming events in and around the County. News items of interest. Past Newsletters. Go To Businesses.

Find out about Herefordshire Rural Hub & who we work with.

**Check it out at:-** <u>www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk</u> If you have your own website please add a link to our website, and also share it via social media. Thank you.

You can also follow us on twitter@Hfds\_RuralHub and on Facebook - search *Herefordshire Rural Hub* 

In order to help us reduce our costs, if you still receive this newsletter by POST, but are able to receive it by EMAIL (every month, plus other occasional updates) then please contact Frances by phone or email 01432 268 428 admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

> Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Link to the latest Cross Compliance guidance for 2018: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cross-compliance-2018

Link to BPS and Greening guidance for 2018: <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bps-2018</u>

#### Link to Welsh Govt Cross Compliance guidance: Wales Cross Compliance Guidance 2018

### National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage – increasing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

	25 and over	21 to 24	18 to 20	Under 18	Apprentice
April 2017 (current)	£7.50	£7.05	£5.60	£4.05	£3.50
April 2018	£7.83	£7.38	£5.90	£4.20	£3.70

#### Employee must be:

- At least school leaving age to get the National Minimum Wage
- Aged 25 or over to get the National Living Wage the minimum wage will still apply for workers aged 24 and under

#### Apprentices are entitled to the Apprentice rate if they're either:

- aged under 19
- **or** aged 19 or over and <u>in the first year</u> of their apprenticeship

#### Apprentices are entitled to the minimum wage for their age if they both:

- aged 19 or over
- and have completed the first year of their apprenticeship

Full details can be found at https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates

### If you have employees on the Auto Enrolment Workplace Pension Scheme, please note ...

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 the minimum amount employers must pay into workplace pensions is going up.

On 6 April 2018, by law, the minimum amount employers have to pay into workplace pensions

goes up to 2% of qualifying earnings.

Employees will now contribute 3%.

This will make a combined total <u>minimum</u> contribution of 5%.

### Countryside Stewardship: details of new simplified offers

Four new Countryside Stewardship offers have been introduced for farmers and land managers to boost biodiversity and help protect and enhance farmland and the countryside. Significant improvements have been made to the scheme to make it simpler and easier for farmers & land managers to apply.

The four new offers are Online Arable Offer, Lowland Grazing Offer, Upland Offer and Mixed Farming Offer.

All four offers are open for application, and to request an application pack call 0208 026 1089.

The deadline for submitting your application for each of the four offers is 31<sup>st</sup> July.

For more information go to https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wildlife-offers-countryside-stewardship

#### Key dates for Countryside Stewardship

### To request a Mid-Tier Application Pack please call 0208 026 1089

- Higher Tier Deadline for application submission 13<sup>th</sup> April
- Mid Tier Request application packs before 31<sup>st</sup> May, Deadline for application submission 31<sup>st</sup> July
- Hedgerow & Boundary Deadline for application submission 30<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Catchment Sensitive Farming**

The Countryside Stewardship Scheme has been launched again and the application window for both Mid Tier and Water Capital Grants are now open. If you are a priority farm, your local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) can visit to give you advice on the scheme (5 year agreements and 2 year capital agreements), and give approval for certain option where necessary. If you are within the Wye or Teme catchments and would like to request a visit (**please contact us before 31**<sup>st</sup> **May**), or find out whether you are a priority farm, please contact your local CSFO on the details below:-

#### River WYE catchment:

Wayne Davies (West) 01588 640 980 James Griffiths (North East) 0300 060 0608 Rachel Bosanquet (South) 07770 331 669

#### **River TEME catchment:**

Anne Marie Jones (East of A49) 0300 060 0615 James Griffiths (Worcs) 0300 060 0608 Sally Powell (West of A49) 0300 060 0644

## New rules for farmers in England to help protect water quality – from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

New rules for all farmers in England to help protect water quality, by standardising the good farm practices that many are already performing and offering a new approach to regulation. In essence the rules require farmers to:

- keep soil on the land;
- match nutrients to crop, and soil needs, and
- keep livestock fertilisers and manures out of the water.

To find out more go to:- <u>www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-rules-for-water-from-april-2018</u> or visit GOV.UK.

#### Natural England Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship Scheme Workshops

All workshops run from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Teas & coffees provided.

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April Ledbury Rugby Club, Ross Road, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2LP
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April Monkhouse Granary, Monkhouse, Broadoak, Shrewsbury, Shrops, SY4 3HP
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April Luctonians Sports Club, Mortimer Park, Kingsland, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 9SB
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May Craven Arms Community Centre, Newington Way, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9PS
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May Hawford YFC, Shires Farm, Hawford, Worcester, WR3 7SG
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May The Pump Rooms, Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire WR15 8BA

#### Booking is essential for these FREE events as places are limited.

Please call **08453 713399** or email <u>bookings@adas.co.uk</u> quoting the event of your choice. Please provide your name, address, contact number and farm CPH number when booking.

Natural England are also running one-to-one consultations, to discuss your own Mid-Tier application, approximately 3 weeks after each workshop. You will have the opportunity to book one of these appointments when you attend the workshop.

For dates and venues of other NE Mid-Tier workshops http://www.adas.uk/News/free-events-countryside-stewardship-2018

Herefordshire Grassland Society – (meeting re-scheduled from December) Speaker: Professor Ian Givens

"Micro Nutrient Status of the UK Population, Current Issues and Influence of Animal Derived Foods"

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, starting at 7.30pm

At the New Market Canteen, The Livestock Centre, Roman Road, Hereford, HR4 7AN

Tea and coffee are served before meetings and light refreshments following.

Open to all. Annual membership of HGS only £10

Secretary: Andrew Edwards MRICS (Sunderlands LLP) 07825 066 859 or 01432 356 161 d.griffiths@sunderlands.co.uk

This meeting is sponsored by Field Options www.field-option.co.uk Tel: 01544 262 500



General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Essentials With Richard Evans from Nominas



What is GDPR? How will it affect my business? What do I need to do? What are the dangers? Simple steps to compliance

OR

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 10.30am – 12.30pm Hereford YFC, Tillington Road, Hereford, HR4 9QJ Wednesday, 25th April 2018 10.30am – 12.30pm The Farmers Club, 1 Tewkesbury Rd, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9AS

These events are FREE to attend.

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

These workshops are provided by Fastershire <u>www.fastershire.com</u> - a partnership between Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties.

Herefordshire & Ludlow College invite Businesses to ..

A Business Open Event at the Hereford Campus

To show you the very best of what we offer in one simple event and give you something extra in the process.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 8.45am -11.30am

As well as a tour of our state-of-the-art facilities at the HLC Hereford Campus you will also take part in a free workshop seminar with Alison Battisby, Founder of Avocado Social, who will be discussing how social media can make a positive impact on your business - from branding to sales and recruitment.

To book your place email: events@hlcollege.ac.uk

# The Wye & Usk Foundation - How can we help?

• Free farm visits across Herefordshire to advise on water & soil health, metaldehyde use, yard infrastructure or any other issues you would like to discuss confidentially.

• Three free soil tests, including organic matter levels.

• Free erosion risk maps of your farm.

• Stewardship applications can be made by our experienced advisers for Mid-Tier & Capital Grants. It's never to early to think about next year's schemes!

• Under-sowing Maize service with inter-row precision drill

For more information or to request a visit please contact one of the WUF advisers: Kate Adams (07766 330 959) Lucinda Lewis (07824 904 877); Mike Williams (07920 441 215); Tom Jolley (07545 253 155); Liz Price (07776 197 740)

# Duchy Herefordshire Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE)

Come and join a varied, talented group of women from across Herefordshire and share experiences, pick up useful tips and discover what being a WiRE member could mean to you. Meeting dates for the next 4 months are 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July. Check Eventbrite online for more details and to book, or join us on Facebook – search for Duchy WiRE Herefordshire Alternatively email <u>annie@lambcommunications.co.uk</u> or <u>Colita@litabix.com</u> to be added to the mailing list.

# St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 11am-5pm

At St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford, HR1 4HA

Plant lovers will have the chance to browse a wide range of herbacious perennials, bedding plants, annuals, trees, shrubs, alpines, bulbs, carnivorous and indoor plants grown by professional and amateur gardeners.

Light refreshments will be available all day on both days. Two-course lunches will be served between 12pm and 2pm each day, no booking necessary.

St Michael's Hospice would like to thank all our green fingered community supporters who are busy in their gardens and greenhouses growing plants for sale at the Fair.

There is on-site parking at the Hospice, but please car-share if you can.

# Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday 17 April, 5.30 - 7.00pm Thursday Connections in association with Harrison Clark Rickerbys Sensory & Rye, Bastion Mews, 21 Union St, Hereford HR1 2BS FREE to Chamber Members and £20.00+VAT Non Members

Tuesday 24 April, 9.30 - 11.30am Hereford Women's Business Forum in association with Thorne Widgery Accountancy Thorne Widgery, 2 Wyevale Business Park, Kings Acre, Hereford HR4 7BS

FREE to Chamber Members and £20.00+VAT Non-members

Contact: Yasmin Bent Tel: 01905 673 600 Email: <a href="mailto:yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk">yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk</a>

### Details of Grants and Funding opportunities can be found on the Herefordshire Rural Hub website at http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/useful-links-information/

### **Countryside Productivity Scheme**

The RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme provides funding for projects in England which improve productivity in the farming and forestry sectors and help create jobs and growth in the rural economy. It is administered by the Rural Payments Agency. Under the RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme, there are grants for:

- Improving forestry productivity (application deadline 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018)
- Water resource management and reservoirs (application deadline 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018)
- Adding value to Agri-food products (application deadline 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018) Grants to fund projects that improve the processing of primary agricultural products (i.e. Annex I products), benefiting the Agri-food supply chain which will in turn improve farm productivity.
- Improving Farm Productivity (application deadline 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018) Grants to fund projects that improve farm productivity through the use of robotic equipment and systems to aid crop and livestock production; increasing the use of renewable energy produced on farm; the use of LED wavelength controlled lighting to aid crop production; more efficient use of livestock slurries and manures, and digestate.

For full details go to: <u>www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme</u> The grants are funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

# The RDPE Growth Programme administered by DEFRA

Food producers and processors and horticulture businesses are being urged to submit applications for EU funding to help their organisations grow before the 2018 deadline. Companies operating in the food sector including businesses involved in meat processing, yoghurt and cheese production, egg packing, food and drink processing and storage facilities, and dairy, fruit or grain production can apply for grants to support their growth plans.

**Funding could pay for** constructing or improving buildings or buying new equipment and machinery. It will be awarded to projects that increase productivity, adopt new techniques, processes or innovations, and those that create business efficiencies, new jobs or new joint ventures and partnership working within a supply chain.

**Grants can cover** up to 40 per cent of eligible project costs with a minimum grant of £35,000 and a maximum grant of £170,000. **Expressions of Interest for funding bids must be submitted by 31**<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

The grants are made by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), which is part of the European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF).

Further information about making an application, forms and guidance, can be found online at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme</u>

# The Marches Growth Hub

can provide advice & support to businesses wishing to apply for this and other funding Tel: 0345 6000 727 Email: <u>enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk</u> Website: <u>www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk</u> Marches Growth Hub Calendar of Events <u>www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/calendar/</u>

# The Prince's Countryside Fund

The Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) working in partnership with Herefordshire Rural Hub have secured funding to provide support for training in a rurally based career 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. 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 current member of HFYFC 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.* 

The appraisal panel meets on the first Monday of the month. Please ensure that you submit your application in good time before your course is due to take place, as training cannot be funded retrospectively.



For further details and an application form please contact: Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC, Agriculture House, Beech Business Park, Tillington Road, Hereford, HR4 9QJ Email: <u>admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk</u> Tel: **01432 268 428** 

# The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

The Jack Hughes Fund will fund up to a maximum of 70% pf the cost of training or costs up to a maximum of £150. Funding will be limited to one family member/employee per annum

The programme will be available for farmers <u>aged over 40</u> 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

### Funding will also be available for the following courses:

- Safe use of pesticides PA1, PA2, PA6
- Rodent control on farms
- Emergency first aid
- Food safety (Basic Food Hygiene)
- Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30)

The funding is easy to access, but please note that the project will not support training retrospectively and places will be limited. Applicants need to be resident in Herefordshire.

For further details or an application form contact:- **Herefordshire Community Foundation** The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford, HR4 9HP. Email: <u>administrator@herefordshirecf.org</u> Phone: 01432 272550





Herefordshire LEADER programme 2015 – 2020 Website <u>www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leader</u>

Contact the team on 01432 383023/39 or email leader@herefordshire.gov.uk

<u>Please Note:-</u> The Herefordshire LEADER scheme is introducing closed rounds for the remainder of the programme. The last round closed to new Expressions of Interest on 15th March 2018, and will re-open in early summer, date to be published on the LEADER webpage nearer the time. This will help to manage the number of applications submitted and prioritise funding in future rounds.

#### News from the Blues – West Mercia Police

#### Please take note of these important messages about despicable crimes targeting the elderly/vulnerable.....

- THE POLICE WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO WITHDRAW MONEY FROM A CASH POINT OR THE BANK...EVER !
- Similarly, the HMRC will NEVER request money or indicate they are giving you a refund, by TEXT or EMAIL.
- If someone presents themselves at your door asking you to withdraw cash, SHUT THE DOOR & PHONE 999.

PLEASE spread these messages to relatives and friends particularly those who do not use the internet.

Paul Crumpton, the Rural & Business Officer (Crime Prevention) for Herefordshire would be very interested to know if you have been the victim of such a scam and not yet reported it.

He can be contacted at West Mercia Police 101 ext 4408 or email:- Paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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# All terrain vehicles and quad bikes are being targeted by thieves in the County.

#### Quad Bikes and All-Terrain Vehicles are among the items most likely to be stolen in rural areas.

#### Owners are advised to take the following crime prevention measures to combat these thefts.

1. Secure any Quad bike inside a locked building (as near to the main dwelling as possible).

2. Remove keys.

3. Anchor the Quad down with a Heavy Duty chain and padlock.

- 4. Alarm the building if possible.
- 5. Take a photograph of the machine and keep safe any serial numbers if not road registered.
- 6. Fit a tracking device we have recovered two quad bikes recently as a result of them being fitted with a tracker device.
- 7. Park larger vehicles in front of access doors to prevent easy access.
- 8. Mark or customise your property so it is easily identifiable. This can deter thieves and assist recovery if they are stolen

If you suspect offenders are on your premises and a crime is in progress, call the Police on 999

Further crime prevention advice can also be found on the West Mercia Police website, Crime & Safety section <a href="https://www.westmercia.police.uk/crime-and-safety">https://www.westmercia.police.uk/crime-and-safety</a>

CONTACT PAUL CRUMPTON ON THE DETAILS BELOW WHO WILL COME OUT TO YOU AND GIVE FREE SITE SPECIFIC ADVICE TO HELP KEEP YOUR STUFF OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE CROOKS!

Tel: 101 then 4408 Mobile: 07773 044781 Email: Paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

# **Herefordshire & Ludlow College**

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

Course	Dates	
Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting 2 days + assessement	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> July
Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> July
Maintenance, Cross Cutting & felling of trees up to 380mm 5 days + assessment	18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Chainsaw Maintenance and Operations Occasional User 2 day	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Maintain and Operate your Chainsaw – Hobby user 2 days	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
Safe use of Brush Cutters and Strimmers 2 days	30 <sup>th</sup> April – 1 <sup>st</sup> May	
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers, inc PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides 2 days + assessment	26 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> June	
PA6 Handheld Applicators, inc PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides 2 days + assessment	17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> April 26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June	15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Safe Use of Vertebrate Pest Control for Rats & Mice	6 <sup>th</sup> June	
Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphate for Vertebrate Pest Control	7 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tractor Driving 16yrs and over	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tractor Driving 13-16yrs	31 <sup>st</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July
ATV handling – experienced operators 1 day + assessment	4 <sup>th</sup> June	
Animal Care – How to create a Bio-Active enclosure	21 <sup>st</sup> April	8 <sup>th</sup> June
Animal Care – Introduction to Reptile & Amphibian keeping	13 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> May

#### All courses take place at Holme Lacy Campus, HR2 6LL

#### Other courses arranged subject to demand, so please call to register your interest

Chainsaw courses, Safe Use of Manually Fed Woodchipper, Forklift Truck Operations, Shooting with Shotguns Please contact the enquiries line for further information

Sastak 7Y Please contact Paula Strangwood Tel: 07717 895 009 Email: paula@sastak7y.com					
<u>Course</u>	Dates	Venue			
ITSSAR MEWP	11 <sup>th</sup> April	Wharton Court, Leominster			
City & Guilds Chainsaws Occasional Users (2 days)	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Harper Adams			
City & Guilds Chainsaws CS30 & CS31 (5 days)	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Harper Adams			
City & Guilds Safe Use of Pesticides PA1	11 <sup>th</sup> April	Harper Adams			
City & Guilds Ground Crop Sprayer PA2	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Harper Adams			
City & Guilds Handheld Applicator PA6	13 <sup>th</sup> April	Harper Adams			
City & Guilds Granular Applicator PA4g & Slug Pellet PA4s	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Harper Adams			

Spring dates available for full or refresher courses at Leominster for:- Lifting Equipment such as Telescopic, Fork lift trucks ITSSAR or IPAF MEWP – Cherry Picker and Scissors <> Plant Equipment – Dumper, Mini Digger, Excavator <> Health & Safety courses e.g. First Aid, AED, Manual Handling and Fire Awareness.

ITSSAR or IPAF MEWP – Cherry Pickers and Scissors <> Plant Equipment – Dumper, Mini Digger, Excavator

If you are interested in any courses that are not listed please contact Paula.

# Wyvern Training Ltd

### Email: enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com Tel: 07468 465 303

We are currently building our Winter/Spring 2018 programme and the following events form part of this. If you have any specific training needs, please contact us.

<u>Course</u>	Dates	Venue
Abrasive Wheels	6 <sup>th</sup> April	
Emergency First Aid at Work	12 <sup>th</sup> April	To Be Confirmed
Level 2 Food Safety	12 <sup>th</sup> April	
Industrial Masted FLTs	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Please contact Wyvern Training
Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	

#### Some other courses being planned for Spring 2018:-

PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides <> PA2 Fixed Boom Sprayers <> PA3 Air Assisted Sprayers <> PA4s Slug Pellet Applicators PA6 Knapsack/Handheld Applicators <> First Aid at Work 3 day course <> HACCP's Level 2 <> Internal Auditors Felling Medium Trees (up to 380mm) <> Managing Health & Safety and Risk Assessment <> Powered Pole Pruners

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

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 Email: <u>advice@farmingadviceservice.org.uk</u> website: <u>www.farmingadviceservice.org.uk</u> The Rural Services Helpline 03000 200 301 provides a single number for all Farming Advice Service, Rural Payments Agency or Animal and Plant Health Agency (AHPA) enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 5pm.
- Natural England 0300 060 1115 <u>enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk</u>
- Environment Agency Sharon Chisholm (Tues, Weds, Thurs) Tel: 02030 251692 Email: <u>sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk</u>
- N.F.U. (Herefordshire) Clare Greener Tel: 01432 807464 Mob: 07771 626080 Email: <u>Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk</u>
- 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

### Could you or someone you know benefit from support:-

- Farming Community Network 03000 111 999 website: http://www.fcn.org.uk/
- Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) 0808 2819490 website: <u>http://www.rabi.org.uk/</u>
- Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy 07958 591 646 website: www.borderchaplain.org
- You Are Not Alone (YANA) 0300 323 0400 website: <u>www.yanahelp.org/</u>
- Farming Help 0845 367 9990 website: www.farminghelp.org.uk/
- Addington Fund 01926 620 135 website: <u>www.addingtonfund.org.uk/</u>
- > Herefordshire Samaritans website: www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans

For the full list of useful website links/contacts/information on the Herefordshire Rural Hub website visit the "Useful Links" page on the Herefordshire Rural Hub Website http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/useful-links-information/

# Herefordshire Rural Hub – Classified Page



Would you like to place an Advert, for e.g. Services / Job Vacancy / Items for sale / looking for work ??

Then please contact **Frances** for full details of the advertising packages on our Classified Page

admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk 01432 268428

www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advert ise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/