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**New Hub Co-ordinator**

We are delighted to announce that Caron Johnson is joining the Hub as our Co-ordinator.

Caron, who has wide experience of project management including with the Eden project, recently moved from Cornwall to Symonds Yat with her husband and family.

She will be attending a range of upcoming Hub meetings and events with Cathy and is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible.

Cathy is continuing in her role as a Hub Director, and will be supporting Caron over the coming months.

*Liz Lloyd* (Hub Chair)

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:- [www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk)**

*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](https://twitter.com/Hfds_RuralHub)

and on **Facebook**  - search *Herefordshire Rural Hub*

**Copy deadline for the next newsletter is: -  
15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

The Guide Cross Compliance in England 2019 is now available to view/download on GOV.UK

Click [HERE](#)

### Property and landowners – how to avoid becoming a victim of waste criminals

The Environment Agency is warning property and landowners, commercial property agents, trade associations and local authorities to be aware of the dangers posed by waste criminals. Industrial units are targeted by waste criminals, leaving premises full of waste, often structurally damaged and with a costly clean-up bill.

Below are some steps you can take to prevent yourself from becoming a waste crime victim.

Click [HERE](#) for full details

### Herefordshire Green Futures 2019

You are invited to attend the seminar on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

2-4pm or 7-9pm

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

See the attached flyer and booking form for full details

### Making the most of your soils

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Edgmond Village Hall, Shrewsbury Road, Edgmond, Newport, TF10 8HU

A practical interactive workshop on soil health with CSF and Innovation for Agriculture. Lunch provided.

To book a place please go to: [Eventbrite website](#)

or contact CSFO Jo Baird on 07770 608093 or email [Joanna.Baird@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Joanna.Baird@naturalengland.org.uk)

### Hereford Grassland Society Meeting

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 7.30pm

“Evolution Farming”

With guest speaker – Tom Rawson

At Hereford Livestock Market, Roman Road, Hereford HR4 7AN

Tea and coffee served before the meeting, and light refreshments following.

Meeting sponsored by Russell Price Farm Services [www.rpfs.co.uk](http://www.rpfs.co.uk) Tel: 01531 640518

Meetings open to all. Annual membership of HGS only £10

HGS Secretary Andrew Edwards Tel: 07825 066859 / 01432 356161 Email: [a.edwards@sunderlands.co.uk](mailto:a.edwards@sunderlands.co.uk)



### “How to manage the farm office in the digital age”



A practical workshop to enable you to manage the digital office, gain confidence with online systems and protect your business

- Are your computer systems secure?
- Do you have a business email address?
- Is your email inbox out of control?
- Managing the files on your computer – can you find that missing file?
- Can you reduce the amount of paper in your office?

If practical bring along your laptop/tablet that you use within your business

Light refreshments provided at lunchtime

Book in for either:-

Date: **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
Time: **10.30am – 3pm**  
Venue: **Burton Hotel, Kington, HR5 3BQ**

OR

Date: **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
Time: **10.30am – 3pm**  
Venue: **Hope Centre, Hereford Rd, Bromyard, HR7 4QU**

These workshops are for Herefordshire/Gloucestershire farming businesses. **FREE to attend**

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

These workshops are funded by FasterShire [www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com) - a partnership between Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire County Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties.

## Big Farmland Bird Count 2019

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust Big Farmland Bird Count runs from **February 8<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> 2019**.

**It takes just 30 minutes out on the farm from a vantage point of your choice.**

You can do the short 30 minute count yourself or team up with a more experienced birder near you. It's a great way to see how birds are doing on your land in the middle of the winter and to demonstrate the benefits of the work you're doing to provide year-round food and habitat for birds. Over 50 Herefordshire farmers took part last year and we hope to increase the number in 2019.

You can find out more about the Big Farmland Bird Count, register your interest in taking part, download or order recording forms at [www.gwct.org.uk/farming/big-farmland-bird-count/](http://www.gwct.org.uk/farming/big-farmland-bird-count/)

For any queries contact:-

**Tony Norman** [tony@theleen.co.uk](mailto:tony@theleen.co.uk) or **Caroline Hanks** [caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk](mailto:caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk)



## "Swards for the Future"

### Herefordshire Meadows Forum 2019

**Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bishops Frome Village Hall, WR6 5AR 9.45am - 2pm**

#### Nutritional Benefits of herbal leys and wildflower meadows

Thinking about herbal leys? Do you want to get more out of your permanent pasture and meadows?  
Come and hear how diverse swards can benefit your farm business and the environment

#### Speakers:

- **Luppo Diepenbroek** of Straight Line Nutrition – The Nutritional Value of Herbal Leys and how to make the most of them. Luppo works with farmers across the UK to grow top quality swards and herbal leys
- **Rob Havard** (Worcestershire cattle farmer and Natural England adviser) - Profiting from Native Pastures and Meadows
- **Paul Muto** (Senior Specialist grassland agronomy at NE) – Managing the seed resource from flower rich grasslands
- **Herefordshire Meadows** members sharing best practice from their work in 2018

**All Welcome**

*light buffet lunch provided at 1pm*

**Booking essential** through Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) or telephone **01432 353465**

Enquiries to Caroline Hanks [caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk](mailto:caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk) 07779 080940 and 01981 251016

[www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk](http://www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk)

## The Wye & Usk Foundation– Here to Help

**Natural Flood Management:** Our advisers are working with landowners in target catchments to help deliver Natural Flood Management interventions through a DEFRA funded project. The target catchments are the Dulas, Bodenham, Pentalo, Tedstone, Cheaton, Ridgemore and Red/Twyford Brook. The project is run in partnership with Herefordshire Council and we are able to offer soil structure assessments, infiltration rate tests, worm counts and organic matter testing. If you farm in one of the target catchment and would like to find out more please call one of our advisers or visit:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/345/flooding/6>

**Metaldehyde:** It was recently announced that Metaldehyde will be banned from 2020. It has been a concern in the Wye for many years due to its impact on Drinking Water abstractions belonging to Severn Trent lower down the catchment. We are asking users to continue to follow safe spreading and handling procedures with any Metaldehyde based slug pellets they have left to use up during this transition period. Alternative products which use ferric phosphate as the active ingredient are just as effective for slug control thankfully!

**Stewardship Schemes:** Agreement offers are slowly trickling out for the schemes applied for last summer, if we assisted with your application and you would like us to check your agreement document please contact your adviser. We are also already getting requests for 2019 scheme applications – start thinking about it now and give us a call if you'd like us to help!

**Our Advisers:** Our team has expanded again and we are now a team of 8 – Kate, Mike, Lucinda, Tom and Jonny are all working across Herefordshire – we have now been joined by Abi Croshaw who was previously with CSF. Liz Price currently delivers farm advice in the Welsh Wye and has now been joined by Bridie Whittle.

**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); **Jonny Pugh** (07825 743 447)

**Liz Price** (07776 197740); **Abi Croshaw** (07990 068941); **Bridie Whittle** (07799 049373)

## Catchment Sensitive Farming

The Countryside Stewardship Scheme is anticipated to open for applications for Mid Tier and Water Capital Grants again on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Please keep an eye on <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-paid-for-environmental-land-management> for further information.

Some capital and in field options within the scheme are only available with the support of a Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) to priority farms. If your farm is within the Wye or Teme catchments and you would like further information on whether you are eligible for these, and a free advisory visit, please contact your local CSFO:

### River Wye

Rachel Bosanquet (south) Tel: 07770 331 669  
Sue Buckingham (east/north) Tel: 07833 095 708  
Wayne Davies (west/north) Tel: 01588 640 980

### River Teme

Anne Marie Jones (east of A49) Tel: 02080 261 240  
Sally Powell (west of A49) Tel: 07770 645 037

Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers **Rachel Bosanquet** and **Sue Buckingham** will be at Hereford Market the first Wednesday of each month. Please drop in for a chat about the grants and free specialist advice that they have available.

## Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs – Event

**Fri 1st Feb** - Lugg Valley Pub of the Month @ England's Gate

**Sun 17th Feb** - Entertainments Tech Day

**Thu 21st - Sat 23rd Feb** - Entertainments Festival

**Sun 24th Feb** - WMA Speaking, Ballroom & Choir Area Finals

**Fri 1st March** - Teme Valley Pub of the Month @ Mortimers Cross

**Sat 2nd March** - WMA Entertainments Preview Day

**Sun 3rd March** - WMA Entertainments & MOTY Area Finals

**Sat 23rd March** - Southern Area Speaking Finals

**Sun 24th March** - Southern Area Entertainments Finals

**30th March** - YFC Sports

For more details visit [www.hfyfc.org.uk](http://www.hfyfc.org.uk) or the contact the County Office Tel: **01432 274187** Email: [countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk](mailto:countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk)

### Dairy-Tech 2019

6<sup>th</sup> February, at Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, Warwickshire  
<https://dairy-tech.uk/>

### Energy & Rural Business Show 2019

6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February, at the Telford International Centre, Shropshire  
<http://www.energyandruralbusiness.co.uk/>

### Spring Tractor World & Classic Commercial Show

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February, at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern  
<http://www.tractorworldshows.co.uk/spring-tractor-world-classic-commercial-show>

### Farm Shop & Deli Show / The Ingredients Show plus 2 other shows

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April, at the NEC, Birmingham  
<https://www.farmshopanddelishow.co.uk/>

### Countrytastic

18<sup>th</sup> April, at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern  
<https://www.countrytastic.co.uk/>

## 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.**

Some examples of training that has been funded so far:-

**B+E Trailer, Chainsaw Certification, Pesticide Applications, Shearing, Artificial Insemination, Tractor Driving, Forklift Truck Driving**  
You could even apply for funding towards a **Rodent Control** course

Whatever training you are applying for, **please ensure that you submit your application in good time before your course is due to take place, as training cannot be funded retrospectively.**

Please note, the appraisal panel meets on the first Monday of the month.

For further details and an application form please contact: **Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC,**

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

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



THE PRINCE'S  
COUNTRYSIDE  
FUND

## **The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation**

The Jack Hughes Fund will fund up to a maximum of 70% of 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 aged over 40**

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 & 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: [administrator@herefordshirecf.org](mailto:administrator@herefordshirecf.org) Phone: 01432 272550

## **The Merry Millers**

As many of you will know, the Merry Millers are possibly the largest farm-orientated fundraisers in the area with approx. £90,000 having been raised for local charities in Herefordshire, Powys, Monmouthshire and Worcestershire since 2012. They have just £10,000 to go to reach their target of £100,000.

### **So how can you help?**

They are looking for generous farmers who would be willing to donate an animal or animals to the Merry Millers Charity. No animals? Then a cash donation is always welcome!

### **The Merry Millers are extremely grateful to the auctioneers at**

Hereford Market, RG & RB Williams in Ross on Wye and Monmouthshire Livestock Centre who have agreed to sell any class of livestock that has been donated by farmers.

**If you can help, please get in touch with any of the people below** and let them know when the animals will be arriving in the market.

- **Hereford Market Auctioneers** 01432 761882 (For further info go to [www.herefordmarket.co.uk](http://www.herefordmarket.co.uk) Market Report 23/01/19)
- **Martyn Evans** at RG & RB Williams, Ross on Wye 01989 762225 (For further info go to <https://www.rgandrwilliams.co.uk/> Market Report 21/01/19)
- **Monmouthshire Auctioneers** 01291 690962 or **John Biggs** 07546 279637 (For further info go to Monmouthshire Livestock Centre Facebook Page 25/01/19)
- **Ian Pugh** (Merry Millers) 07970 090000
- **Janey Cotton** (Merry Millers) 07790 374387

Find the Merry Millers on **Facebook** and **Twitter** @ianmerrymillers

## **The last ever Merry Millers fund raising event will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 Charity Dinner Dance and Auction at Three Counties Hotel, Hereford**

Over 240 tickets have been reserved already, with just 100 tickets left.

Get in touch with Ian or Janey if you'd like to attend or to make a donation.

## **St Michael's Hospice**

**Facebook community group:** For those who use social media, St Michael's Hospice has launched a community forum on Facebook. It is a closed group for supportive conversation between families, patients and people connected to the Hospice. If you think you might benefit from this group, you can request to join by searching 'St Michael's Hospice Community Forum' on the Facebook search icon, and then click 'Groups'.

**Big Spring Walk – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019:** Spring will soon be with us. Celebrate this wonderful time of year by enjoying a stroll through our glorious, scenic countryside. The St Michael's Hospice Big Spring Walk guides you along your choice of four circular routes (2k, 5k, 11k, 16k), all beginning at Fownhope Recreation Ground. Your walk will be fully signposted, and our team of marshals will be positioned along the paths ready to help you on your way. There is no cost for this event as long as places are booked in advance online at [www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/big-spring-walk/](http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/big-spring-walk/)

## **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: [advice@farmingadvice.service.org.uk](mailto:advice@farmingadvice.service.org.uk) website: [www.farmingadvice.service.org.uk](http://www.farmingadvice.service.org.uk)  
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 (APHA)** enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 5pm.
- **Natural England** 0300 060 1115 [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)



- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Mon, Tues, Weds) Tel: 02030 251692  
Email: [sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener Tel: 01432 807464 Mob: 07771 626080 Email: [Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk](mailto:Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk)
- **C.L.A.** Richard Goodwin 01785 337010 [richard.goodwin@cla.org.uk](mailto:richard.goodwin@cla.org.uk)
- **Animal Health & Trading Standards** (Herefordshire) Tim Barber Tel: 01432 383145 Fax: 01432 383169

## Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

**All courses are held at Holme Lacy Campus, Holme Lacy, HR2 6LL**

Course	Dates in 2019
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting <i>2 days + assessment</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> March                      29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Chainsaw Maintenance & Operations – occasional user	28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> March
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <i>3 days + assessment</i>	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March
CS30/31 CM & CC, Felling up to 380mm <i>5 days + assessment</i>	Dates to be confirmed
CS38 Accessing a tree using a rope and harness <i>5 days + assessment</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User) <i>2 days</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Safe Use of Brushcutters & Strimmers <i>2 days</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module	26 <sup>th</sup> March
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers <i>1 day + assessment</i>	28 <sup>th</sup> March
PA6 Handheld Applicators <i>1 day + assessment</i>	27 <sup>th</sup> March
PA4s Slug Pellet Applicator <i>1 day + assessment</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> March
Introduction to Dog Grooming	2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
All Terrain Vehicle Handling (Experienced)	1 <sup>st</sup> March
Tractor Driving 16+	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Tractor Driving 13-16 year olds	30 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May

### Courses arranged on demand

Ground based chainsaw refresher <> CS32 Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm <> PA Boom Sprayer Air Assisted  
PA6 refresher <> PA6AW Handheld Applicators in or near Water <> FLT Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler)

## Wyvern Training Ltd

Email: [enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com](mailto:enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com) Tel: 07468 465 303 Website: [www.wyvernts-ltd.co.uk](http://www.wyvernts-ltd.co.uk)

Rodent Control on farms	6 <sup>th</sup> February
Industrial Counterbalance Masted FLT <i>2 days</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> February
C&G PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides	18 <sup>th</sup> February                      6 <sup>th</sup> March
C&G PA6 Knapsack/Handheld Applicators	19 <sup>th</sup> February
Lantra Sit-Astride ATVs	20 <sup>th</sup> February
Abrasive Wheels Machines	25 <sup>th</sup> February
Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)	28 <sup>th</sup> February                      28 <sup>th</sup> March
C&G PA3a Air Assisted Sprayers	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Abrasive Wheels	1 <sup>st</sup> February
First Aid at Work 3 day course	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Level 2 Food Safety	11 <sup>th</sup> April

### Further courses planned for March – dates to be confirmed

Rodent Control on Farms <> Safe use of Aluminium Phosphides <> PA4s Slug Pellet Applicators <> Level 2 Food Safety  
**Contact Wyvern Training Ltd if you are interested in these or other courses.**

## 7Y Training Services

7Y Training Centre, Wharton Farms, Wharton, Leominster, HR6 0NX  
 Contact: Paula Strangwood [paula@7ytraining.co.uk](mailto:paula@7ytraining.co.uk) 07808 670110

Course	Dates	Venue
C&G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	13 <sup>th</sup> February	Harper Adams
	19 <sup>th</sup> February	Leominster
C&G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	14 <sup>th</sup> February	Harper Adams
C&G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Harper Adams
	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Leominster
C & G Air Assisted – PA3a & PA3b	Dates to be confirmed	On site
C & G Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting	March date to be confirmed	Leominster
C & G Chainsaw CS30 & CS31	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Harper Adams
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Harper Adams
Tractor Driving	25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Harper Adams
360 Excavator (below 5 tonnes)	20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Harper Adams
Emergency First Aid	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Leominster
First Aid at Work	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> February      2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Leominster

**Please contact Paula to register your interest for the following courses & for costs & dates**

Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <> ATVs Sit-astride Quad Bikes <> Lantra Counterbalance <> Confined Spaces  
 Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic <> Level 2 Health & Safety in the workplace <> Manual Handling <> Fire Awareness

## North Shropshire College

Contact: Sue Martyn [s.a.martyn@nsc.ac.uk](mailto:s.a.martyn@nsc.ac.uk) 01939 262102

CS38 Accessing a Tree Using a Rope & Harness <i>5 days + assessment</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
CS39 Aerial Cutting of Trees using Free Fall Techniques <i>3 days + assessment</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
NPTC Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide for Vertebrate Pest Control	16 <sup>th</sup> April
NPTC Level 2 Vertebrate Pest Control	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2019

### 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: <http://www.rabi.org.uk/>
- **Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy** 07958 591 646 website: [www.borderchaplain.org](http://www.borderchaplain.org)
- **You Are Not Alone (YANA)** 0300 323 0400 website: [www.yanahelp.org/](http://www.yanahelp.org/)
- **Farming Help** 0845 367 9990 website: [www.farminghelp.org.uk/](http://www.farminghelp.org.uk/)
- **Addington Fund** 01926 620 135 website: [www.addingtonfund.org.uk/](http://www.addingtonfund.org.uk/)
- **Herefordshire Samaritans** website: [www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans](http://www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans)

### From Paul Crumpton - West Mercia Police

Just before Christmas I was invited to deliver a Crime Reduction presentation to the Ledbury Young Farmers Club where we discussed a range of topics from Thefts from farms through to Cyber Crime, and a very vocal group they were too! But they also listened, because over the next few days I was contacted by a few of the parents of those that were present to go and give them some crime reduction advice at their farms.

I have completed those crime reduction surveys, and a common point was made,  
*"We didn't know you did all this, we just thought you came out when a crime has happened".*

Please spread this message far and wide that I will come to your farm, home, business, field etc. In fact anywhere in Herefordshire and provide bespoke crime reduction advice for you, based on training and 33yrs of policing experience of what works and what does not BEFORE you become a victim of crime or if you sadly have, to help reduce the likelihood of it happening again.

What you will get is an appropriate and realistic assessment as we walk around your farm. You will receive that assessment in writing, and it's all FREE. Contact me direct on the details below to arrange a time that suits you best for me to visit.

So on this topic and over the next few newsletters I will be giving a 'Top Tip of the Month' based upon the principles of crime reduction, to help you keep the crooks away from your property.

TOP TIP – ACCESS CONTROL

**If you can control the access, you can control most of what happens inside.** Sounds obvious doesn't it? Take our farm in the picture, you can just make out the public road at the bottom of the image and the entrance to the farm yard that runs between a hedgerow and some fencing.

You can see the farmhouse on the left and barns on the right. You could also potentially see items of machinery and plant. You can see quite a bit from the road.....and so can the THIEF.

What's more, the thief can just drive straight in, have a recce, turn around and drive off again and now the crook has not only the intent and capability to commit a theft, but also knows what opportunities exist within the farm to steal.

The most expensive security measures you can implement.....are the ones that do not work.

So whilst there are many variations to farm layouts and business needs to take into account, there is always one fundamental principle I apply with security and that is to DETER or DEFLECT criminal activity before seeking to DETECT it.

In this example part of my advice would be to install some lockable gates at the pinch point between the hedge and fencing.

In other words, keeping the opportunist thief driving passed your farm and not into your yard in the first place.

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