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**The RDPE Countryside Productivity Small Grant Scheme
Round 2 is now open**

The scheme provides funding for farmers to purchase equipment to improve the productivity of their farm. This scheme is only open to farmers based in England.

Farmers can apply for funding towards specific items of equipment listed at Annex 3 of the Countryside Productivity Small Grants Scheme Round 2 handbook.

All the items have been identified following consultation with industry groups and suppliers as helping achieve improvements in either:

- technical efficiency
- animal health and welfare
- resource efficiency, or
- nutrient management

Who can apply

Farmers in England (including livestock, dairy, arable and horticultural sectors) can apply for this grant.

Full details and guidance at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme>

The Countryside Productivity Small Grant Scheme Round 2 deadline for applications is **midday on 3rd September 2019**.

Please remember to check your details on the Rural Payments service before you apply for this grant. You must make sure they exactly match with the details in your application form, or your application will be rejected.

**Thank you to our “Go To Businesses” who can be found
on our website at**

www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/

**Berrys --- DJM Consulting --- Moule & Co
Hope to Achieve --- Okells Francis Law
7Y Training --- CXCS
Davis Meade Property Consultants**

If you would like to be a “Go to Business” go to:-

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/apply-become-go-business/>

or contact Frances for more information –
Email admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

This monthly feature has been introduced into the Hub newsletter to provide insight into some of the local funding initiatives. Many have an interesting history that goes back over many years and these funds have supported farming and rural businesses for training and development.

Herefordshire's Prince's Countryside Fund for training

Over the past 3 Years Herefordshire Rural Hub has worked in partnership with the Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) to successfully deliver a Prince's Countryside Fund project. This has provided funding support for current HFYFC members and past members who have undertaken training. To date 180 past and present HFYFC members have had applications approved and there are still funds available for further applications. The funding is easy to access. Applicants must be a member of HFYFC (aged 10yrs – 26yrs) or a past HFYFC member (27 – 40 yrs). If you are eligible then 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. Training will not be funded retrospectively, so please apply in good time before your training is due. 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:

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The Deakin and Combe Memorial Trust

are inviting applications for assistance with the cost of further education from those that are:

- **Studying or about to study an agriculture related course in the academic year 2019/20**
- **Whose parent(s) have made a contribution to agriculture in England or Wales**

Last year, successful candidates received grants of £500 - £1,000 towards such items as training courses, laptops and books.

Closing date for applications is 23rd August 2019. Grants to successful applicants will be sent out in October 2019.

To request an application form phone **02476 858574** or email rachel.harper@nfu.org.uk

Water Abstraction licences

- If you abstract or impound water or plan to do so, you may need to apply for an abstraction or impoundment licence.
- If you used to abstract water under an exemption, you must apply for a new licence (also known as a new authorisation). **You must apply before 31 December 2019.** Please apply as soon as you can so that the Environment Agency has enough time to accept and validate it before 31 December 2019
- Information, guidance & forms – click [HERE](#)

Environment Agency hotline for previously exempt abstractors

The Environment Agency has established a free hotline and bookable appointments service to help previously exempt abstractors complete their New Authorisation application forms by 1 October in order to meet the deadline of 31/12/2019. The dedicated team will be supporting New Authorisations applicants by:

- answering any specific questions you may have
- helping you to decide if you need to apply for a licence
- talking you through completing your application form
- arranging a convenient call-back time to take them through their application
- The hotline and bookable appointments service can be accessed by calling our normal National Customer Contact Centre service on **03708 506506** and asking for New Authorisations, or by email via enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.



Have you got this date in your diary??

Wednesday 20th November, 12noon till 6pm

It is the **10th Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day**

Three Counties Hotel, Belmont Rd, Hereford HR2 7BP

Presentations, 1-to-1 Advice Drop-ins, Lots of stands

Click [HERE](#) for more information

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AHDB "Talking Sheep 2019"

8th August, 10am – 4pm

Walford Campus, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2HL

A one day technical sheep event kindly hosted by Walford Campus and in collaboration with industry partners.

For further information, and to book your place, click [HERE](#)

Duchy Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE) Herefordshire

Meets every month on the second Thursday, at Dewsall Court HR2 8DA from 12pm – 2pm.

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. For more information find us on Facebook @herefordshire wire or email ali@crecendum.co.uk. Details of the next meetings:-

- 12th September - Ali Sherlock (Crescendum Ltd) on "Managing your emails"

Save the date – Herefordshire Samaritans Christmas Fair

Wednesday 6th November 2019, 10am – 3.30pm

At Lyde Arundel, Hereford, HR4 7SN

Over 30 stalls, with great ideas for Christmas.

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, Ridgemoor and Red/Twyford Brook. The project is run in partnership with Herefordshire Council and we can 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!

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)

Burwarton Show

1st August <https://www.burwartonshow.co.uk/>

Tenbury Countryside Show

3rd August <https://www.tenbury-countryside-show.co.uk/the-show>

Herefordshire Country Fair

4th August <https://www.herefordshirecountryfair.co.uk/>

Kington Show

14th September <https://kingtonshow.co.uk/>

Usk Show

14th September <http://www.uskshow.co.uk/>

English Winter Fair

16th – 17th November

<https://www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk/english-winter-fair/>

Welsh Winter Fair

25th – 26th November <http://www.rwas.wales/winter-fair/>

Ploughing matches

Saturday, 7th September - Pandy & Monnowside Ploughing Society

Further details from Hazel Williams on 01873 890160 or 07903 765689

Saturday 14th September - Llanwarne Ploughing & District Ploughing match at Caradoc, Sellack, Ross on Wye, HR9 6LS

Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th September. This year Llanwarne are also hosting the **Six Nations Ploughing Championships**

Each of the six nations (being England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Southern Ireland and The Isle of Man) are invited to send two competitors for each of the following classes Classic, Vintage mounted and vintage trailed.

In addition to this there will be Sheep Dog Trials, Horticultural, Fruit, Floral, Domestic and Handicraft Classes.

For further details or to request an entry from please contact Julia Garlick 01981 580515

September date to be confirmed - Mid Shropshire Vintage Ploughing Match

Rodington SY4 4QH www.midshropshirevintageclub.com/ploughing/

Saturday 21st September - Weobley and District Ploughing Match

Stocken Farm, Lucton, Leominster, HR6 9PJ. For further details contact Rachel Griffiths 01544 327343.

Sunday 22nd September - Eskleyside Ploughing Match

For further details contact: Wyndham Powell on 01873 860665. Includes a National Vintage Area Final.

Saturday, 28th September - Cruckton & District Ploughing & Hedging Society

Upper Eyton, Alberbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9AB.

<http://www.crucktonploughing.org.uk/>

Saturday, 28th September - Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match & Homecrafts 2018

Underhill, Collington, Bromyard, HR7 4NB www.stokeblissploughingandhomecrafts.org/

Thursday 3rd October - Trumpet & District Annual Ploughing Match

The Moors, Coddington, HR8 1JW <https://trumpetanddistrictagriculturalsociety.co.uk/>

Sunday 6th October - Ledbury & District Ploughing Match

For further details contact Alistair Young on 01531 634301

Saturday, 12th October - Sunday, 13th October, 2018 - 69th British National Ploughing Championships & Country Festival

Nocton, near Lincoln, LN4 2AE.

<http://www.ploughmen.co.uk/events/2019-british-national-ploughing-championships>

St Michael's Hospice

Mobile Hospice Support Vehicle:

St Michael's Hospice has a Mobile Hospice Support Vehicle which regularly visits all four corners of Herefordshire and beyond. The idea of the vehicle is to spread the word about all the various services offered by St Michael's.

If your parish has a forthcoming fete or event you think might suit the vehicle's presence, please contact Michelle Havard at St Michael's for more information on 01432 852 621 or email mhavard@smhospicehereford.org

For more information on the wider services provided by St Michael's, visit st-michaels-hospice.org.uk

Open Gardens season:

The St Michael's Hospice Open Gardens season draws to a close as we approach Autumn.

On Sunday 18th August (2-5.30pm), Shobdon Court and St John the Evangelist Church will open to the public.

This is a rare chance to explore the impressive estate which features a centrepiece lawn and an arboretum with a mature tree canopy.

The church is an opportunity to see a wonderful example of 18th Century Rococo Gothic architecture.

Then, on Wednesday 18th September, spend the day in three exceptional Herefordshire gardens.

Start at The Laskett Gardens in Much Birch, the home of Sir Roy Strong, before heading to Grendon Court in Upton Bishop for lunch and short poetry recitals. Your final port of call is Brockhampton Cottage where 20 years ago garden designer Tom Stuart-Smith helped create the garden alongside owner Peter Clay.

Tickets must be booked in advance. To book tickets, or for more information on this event and Shobdon Court, visit st-michaels-hospice.org.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.

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THE PRINCE'S
COUNTRYSIDE
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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 Phone: 01432 272550

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.org.uk website: www.farmingadvice.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
- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Mon, Tues, Weds) Tel: 02030 251692
Email: sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk
- **N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener Tel: 01432 807464 Mob: 07771 626080 Email: Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk
- **C.L.A.** (Midlands) Helen Dale Tel: 01785 337010 Email: helen.dale@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: <http://www.rabi.org.uk/>
- **Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy** 07966 927404 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/
- **Herefordshire Samaritans** website: www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans
- **Carerstrust 4 All – Hereford CarerLinks** 01432 663057 website: www.carerstrust4all.org.uk

From Paul Crumpton, West Mercia Police – on Rural & Business Crime

A couple of weeks ago I spent an evening with a very select group from the Institute of Agricultural Secretaries and Administrators at the NFU offices in Hereford. My 1hr input rapidly turned into 2hrs as we discussed Fraud & Cybercrime and how it might affect

- i. them as individuals
- ii. their businesses.

Nearly £25M was lost across West Mercia from around 10,000 reported Fraud & Cybercrimes crimes alone in the last 12mths. (and that's just the incidents that were reported)

I think it fair to say the input and discussions were well received and were hosted by the Rural Hub in partnership with the Fastershire project. If this is something you would wish to see more of, do not hesitate to contact the Hub as Frances & Caron would be very pleased to hear from you.

If you want to take your business through an exercise to see how protected or vulnerable you are to cybercrime, the National Cyber Security Centre has produced a comprehensive online tool called 'Exercise in a box' which is FREE, and can be found here <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/exercise-in-a-box>

If you would like to talk about Fraud, Cybercrime or any other crime reduction opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me, **Paul Crumpton** (Rural & Business Officer, Herefordshire, West Mercia Police)

tel: **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

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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates in 2019</u>	
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting <i>2 days + assessment</i>	9 th – 10 th September	4 th – 5 th November
Chainsaw Maintenance & Operations – occasional user	22 nd – 23 rd August	3 rd – 4 th October
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <i>3 days + assessment</i>	16 th – 18 th September	11 th – 13 th November
CS30/31 CM & CC, Felling up to 380mm <i>5 days + assessment</i>	14 th – 18 th October	25 th – 29 th November
CS38 Accessing a tree using a rope and harness <i>5 days + assessment</i>	23 rd – 27 th September	18 th – 22 nd November
CS39 Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques <i>3 days + assessment</i>	7 th – 9 th October	
Safe Use of Brushcutters & Strimmers <i>2 days</i>	21 st – 22 nd October	
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw (Hobby User) <i>2 days</i>	19 th – 20 th October	
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module	15 th October	
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers <i>1 day + assessment</i>	17 th October	
PA6 Handheld Applicators <i>1 day + assessment</i>	16 th October	
ATV (Experienced Operators)	2 nd October	
Tractor Driving 16+	19 th – 20 th October	
Tractor Driving 13-16 year olds	28 th – 29 th October	

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)
ATV refresher <> Safe use of pedestrian mower <> Safe use of ride-on self-propelled mower
Rodent Control (Rats & Mice) <> Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide <> Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper

7Y Training Services

7Y Training Centre, Wharton Farms, Wharton, Leominster, HR6 0NX

Contact: Paula Strangwood Email: paula@7ytraining.co.uk Tel: 07808 670110

Dates are subject to change if candidate numbers are low

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Venue</u>
C&G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	10 th September	Leominster
C&G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	11 th September	Leominster
C&G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	12 th September	t.b.c
C&G Air-Assisted Sprayer (PA3a & PA3b)	5 th or 6 th August	On site
C&G Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance	4 th – 5 th September 9 th – 10 th October	Leominster
ITSSAR Rough Terrain Telescopic refresher	13 th August	Leominster
ITSSAR Counterbalance refresher	7 th August	Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	8th August 4th October	Leominster
First Aid at Work	22 nd - 24 th October	Leominster
First Aid at Work refresher	2 nd & 3 rd October	Leominster
Manual Handling (a.m)	3 rd September	Leominster
Fire Awareness (p.m)	3 rd September	Leominster
Working at heights (Tower Scaffold, Ladders, Harness)	21 st October	Leominster

Contact Paula (details above) to register your interest, and find out more about the following courses:-

C&G Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm <> Brushcutters & Strimmers <> ATV Sit-astride Quad Bikes
ITSSAR Counterbalance <> Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic <> 360 Elevator (below 5 tonnes)
ITSSAR MEWP Cherry Pickers <> Working in Confined Spaces
Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) <> Level 2 Health & Safety in the Workplace

Wyvern Training Ltd

Email: enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com Tel: 07468 465 303 Website: www.wyvernts-ltd.co.uk

See our range of courses on offer at <http://www.wyvernts-ltd.co.uk/wts-courses.html>

We can arrange courses at your site – please get in touch to find out more

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

If you have your own website please add a link to our website,
and 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

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Copy deadline for the next newsletter is: -

15th August 2019

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