

# Herefordshire Rural Hub

## Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

### November 2018 Newsletter

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#### Disclaimer

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#### Notes from the Chair

In the aftermath of foot and mouth in the early 2000's Cathy Meredith was a key figure in the significant regeneration of the county. The development of the Rural Hub network in the West Midlands was supported by the RDPE programme and in 2011 Herefordshire Rural Hub was set up as a Community Interest Company. Cathy says "in Herefordshire the Rural Hub would not exist without the support of a committed team of individuals". However, with Cathy at the helm the Hub has developed into a valuable resource for the farming and rural community in the county.

Due to commitments at home Cathy is planning to retire from her role as Hub Co-ordinator in the New Year. She will remain as a Hub Director and will support a new co-ordinator into the vacated post. If you have an in-depth knowledge and interest of Herefordshire's rural economy, agriculture and environment could this be the job for you?

Further details are at the end of this newsletter and on the Hub website <https://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/classified/herefordshire-rural-hub-co-ordinator/>

*Liz Lloyd*

#### Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**At the Three Counties Hotel, Belmont Rd, Hereford HR2 7BP**

**FREE ENTRY** Come along any time between 12noon & 6pm

To find out more, please see the attached flyer or go to the website:

[www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/whats-on/herefordshire-rural-business-advice-day-2018](http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/whats-on/herefordshire-rural-business-advice-day-2018)

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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> November 2018

### Making Tax Digital for VAT

If you run a VAT-registered business with a taxable turnover above the VAT registration threshold (currently £85,000) you will be required to keep digital VAT business records and send returns using Making Tax Digital (MTD) compatible software for VAT periods starting on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

Businesses with a taxable turnover below the VAT threshold can also sign up for MTD for VAT voluntarily. This also applies to other VAT entities, such as charities, government bodies and limited companies.

HMRC is working with more than 150 software suppliers who have said they will provide software for Making Tax Digital for VAT in time for April 2019.

If your taxable turnover is above the VAT registration threshold you must follow the rules set out in VAT Notice 700/22 (below) by 1st April 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vat-notice-70022-making-tax-digital-for-vat/vat-notice-70022-making-tax-digital-for-vat>

Come along to the RBA Day on 21<sup>st</sup> November for more help and advice on Making Tax Digital for VAT

### Forestry Commission Felling Licence Online

This new Forestry Commission online service is now available and can be used to apply for, track, manage and print approved felling licences online. You can access the service and guidance via [www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-online-for-a-felling-licence](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-online-for-a-felling-licence)

If you have made a felling licence application since January 2018 please contact the Forestry Commission before you apply for a new licence using Felling Licence Online, as they may be able to save you time by transferring your land profile (mapping and property profile data) to your user account. Email: [fellinglicenceonline@forestrycommission.gov.uk](mailto:fellinglicenceonline@forestrycommission.gov.uk) to arrange this.

### AHDB - consultation survey

Farmers, growers, processors and industry representatives are being asked for their views on the role of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB). To submit your views please complete the online survey **by 9th November** at

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/farming/views-on-ahdb/>



### Next Steps for Healthy Soils

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, 10.00am-3.00pm

at The Bunch of Carrots, Hampton Bishop, HR1 4JR



Catchment Sensitive Farming and Farm Herefordshire would like to invite you to a one-day workshop looking at **soil health** and practical ways in which you can **reduce inputs** and **increase profitability** on your land. Topics will include:

- The science behind biological and physical soil health,
- Methods to build soil organic matter, including composts,
- The benefits of cover crops and intercropping,
- Methods to increase nutrient availability and suppress disease,
- Cultivation techniques for optimum soil health.

The day will be led by guest speaker **Joel Williams**, an internationally renowned crop and soil health specialist. Joel works with conventional farmers, applying a nutritional and biological approach to managing soil and plant health.

The morning session will be indoors at the Bunch of Carrots pub, followed by a practical outdoor session in the field.

Teas and coffees on arrival from 9.30am      Buffet lunch provided      Basis points available

Booking is essential – please contact Herefordshire Rural Hub Email: [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) Tel: 01432 353465

### AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds - Hereford Monitor Farm Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> November 2018, from 1pm (hot lunch included)

At Bishops Frome Village Hall, Bishops Frome, WR6 5AZ

Topic: **Machinery costing**

Do you know how much your machinery is costing your business? Are you interested in comparing these costs and doing the calculations for your farm business?

Join Harry Henderson, AHDB and Charlie Ireland, Strutt & Parker along with Martin and Russell, as we talk through the outcomes of their Monitor Farm labour and machinery reviews. This is a key meeting in our Monitor Farm programme and tangible outcomes for your business - manage your fixed costs for the future. We will also be discussing the outcomes of the try-outs conducted by Martin & Russell (establishment, seed treatment & organic matter).

Book on: 07717 493015 or [Richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:Richard.meredith@ahdb.org.uk)

**Three Counties Farming Conference**  
**Thursday 15th November 2018, from 2pm till 9pm**  
at the **Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW**

- Afternoon workshops from 2.15pm
- Trade stands
- **Evening Conference at 6.30pm “POST BREXIT OPPORTUNITIES - Planning ahead for the future of farming”**  
Come and join the debate, chaired by Adam Henson, local farmer and TV presenter. with a specially selected panel of experts -Minette Batters (NFU President), David Drew (MP), Neil Parish (MP).

A hot buffet will be served between 5pm and 6.30pm (included in your ticket price)  
Tickets in advance - Adult £20; Student/YFC £10 Full details and booking at [www.farmingconference.co.uk](http://www.farmingconference.co.uk)

**Protect Your Farm, Protect Yourself**

**Thursday 22 November 2018, 4-7pm at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern**

All members of the farming community are invited to a free marketplace event, where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions and receive advice from key organisations on a number of farming issues, including:

**Rural crime and property protection <> Well-being and farm safety <> Economy and finance**

A live Q&A session with a selected panel of experts hosted by former H&W BBC radio presenter, Mike George, will be taking place between 5:15-5:45pm.

For more information, contact Sophie Jackson, Community Services Engagement Officer, Malvern Hills District Council  
via phone: **01684 862417** or email: [communityservices@malvernhills.gov.uk](mailto:communityservices@malvernhills.gov.uk).  
<https://www.malvernhills.gov.uk/protect-your-farm>



**Using mobile technology in the “field”**

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 1.00pm – 4.00pm**  
**Bishops Frome Village Hall, Bishops Frome, WR6 5AZ**



The potential to make efficiencies and improve communications through the use of mobile technology can be significant. Improvements in performance, monitoring and day to day work routines are possible but how do you find the technology to suit you? Ian Beecher Jones, an independent precision farming consultant, will lead an interactive session to help **ARABLE** farmers in Herefordshire to make informed decisions on the use of mobile technology for their business.

The workshop will cover:-

- Use of farming related applications for mobiles and tablets for:  
Weather prediction <> Crop management <> Market insight
- Social media – friend or foe? - Maximising the power of this tool

**This event is FREE to attend** Light refreshments will be provided

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.*

**Operating a Farm in an uncertain subsidy world**

**Thursday 6th December, from 5.30pm till 8pm**

**At: H Weston & Sons, Westons Cider, The Bounds, Much Marcle, HR8 2NQ**

**All are welcome to come to this free event to hear about the current opportunities & issues in the agricultural sector.**

**You will also be invited to a cider tour & tasting.**

The key speaker is **Roddy McLean**, Director of Agriculture for NatWest, who will be presenting on:-  
'2018 & Beyond – The Challenges and Opportunities for Agriculture'.

**Rosie Hopkins** from the Business Barn will be talking about Diversification and other topical ideas.

There will be a Q&A session at the end, to allow you to ask any of our speakers any burning questions you may have.

Click [HERE](#) for further details and booking

**Farm Business Innovation Show 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
<http://www.farmbusinessshow.co.uk/>

**Royal Welsh Winter Fair 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
[www.rwas.wales/winter-fair/](http://www.rwas.wales/winter-fair/)

## Update from the Wye & Usk Foundation

### Pesticide Project:

We are still out and about visiting fields identified by Severn Trent as high risk for metaldehyde use and providing advice on pesticide handling and disposal. If you would like help to improve your pesticide handling area please get in contact.

### New Natural Flood Management Project:

Funded by the Environment Agency & Herefordshire Council we will be providing advice and support to farms in target catchments that could help to reduce flooding of properties downstream. This could involve addressing compaction issues in your soil, using cover crops to protect bare ground, holding back water in streams, tree planting – all sorts of options. We will be working in the following streams over the coming months: Cheaton, Ridgemore, Bodenham, Pentaloe, Red, Twyford, Tedstone, Dulas and Yazor. If you farm in one of these catchments and would like to know more please get in touch.

For more information or to discuss a visit please contact one of the WUF advisers:

Mike Williams (07920 441 215); Lucinda Lewis (07824 904 877); Tom Jolley (07545 253 155); Jonny Pugh (07825 743 447)  
Kate Adams (07766 330 959)

## 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 2 months are **8<sup>th</sup> November**

Meetings are held at New Barn, Dewesall, Hereford HR2 8DA

Check Eventbrite online for more details and to book, or join us on Facebook – search for Duchy WiRE Herefordshire  
Alternatively email [annie@lambcommunications.co.uk](mailto:annie@lambcommunications.co.uk) or [Colita@litabix.com](mailto:Colita@litabix.com) to be added to the mailing list.



## Did you know?

Herefordshire Rural Hub now has over 3,000 twitter followers.

Are you one of them??

## Rodent Control Course

**Monday 12th November 2018, at Wynnes Of Dinmore Country Store, Hope-under-Dinmore, HR6 0PX**  
For those who need a qualification to comply with new legislation, we also offer the CRRU examination on the day

### Course content:

Why Control is necessary <> Rodent Biology <> Assessing site prior to treatment

Methods of control <> Health & Safety and record keeping

**Total cost including course, lunch, refreshments, Exam Fee, Certificate (£100 + VAT) £120 per person**

**Booking is essential**

For further details and to book your place, please contact Ann or Roxy at Wynnes of Dinmore

Tel: **01568 797 314** or Email: [info@wynnes.co.uk](mailto:info@wynnes.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 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

## Woodland creation grant: Countryside Stewardship

The grant is for a 2 year capital works programme to plant and protect young trees.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-creation-grant-countryside-stewardship>

## RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme

Funding for projects in England which improve productivity in the farming & forestry sectors & help create jobs and growth in the rural economy. It is administered by the RPA. Under the RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme, there are grants for:

**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: [www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme)

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

## The Marches Growth Hub

can provide advice & support to businesses wishing to apply for funding (including the RDPE funding)

Tel: 0345 6000 727 Email: [enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk) Website: [www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk](http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk)

Marches Growth Hub Calendar of Events [www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/calendar/](http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/calendar/)

## St Michael's Hospice

St Michael's Hospice is running Laughter yoga sessions for adults (a combination of laughter & breathing exercises) in the New Year, taking place on **Sunday 27th January 2019** and **Sunday 24th February 2019**. All sessions run from 11am – 12.30pm in the Education Centre. Sessions are free but a donation to St Michael's would be very welcome.

Booking is not essential but recommended. Email Elaine at [epawley@smhospicehereford.org](mailto:epawley@smhospicehereford.org)

## Three Centuries of East Herefordshire Farms and Families

If you have an interest in farming in Herefordshire over the last three centuries or can relate to the long standing farming families in the east of the county then you may well enjoy reading this publication written by Jean Ila Currie. Although born in India at the time of the Raj, Jean had links with East Herefordshire from an early age and much of childhood in the post-war period was spent there. The first section of the book describes farming in East Herefordshire from the early 18th to the early 21st centuries and then describes the different farming in East Herefordshire and the farming families with glimpses of their lives.

For further information on the book and how to purchase visit the website: <http://eastherefordshirefarmsandfamilies.co.uk/>



Holme Lacy Campus  
Equestrian Centre



## Dressage Competitions 2019

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019** Entries close 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019** Entries close 1<sup>st</sup> April

For full details of the dressage competitions, classes, entry forms & fees, rules etc,

<http://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/news-pages-sub/595f6e2ce30ef/Equestrian-Dept-Dressage-Competitions>

## Stop That Thief !

### Burglary of sheds and outbuilding is still one of the main concerns amongst the rural community.

Burglary of sheds and outbuildings is still one of the main concerns amongst the rural community. Although the number of incidents remain low, it is still a major worry by people living in remote locations. Our Priority is to keep you and your property safe from harm and theft, we are therefore providing advice on how the community can help themselves from becoming victims of crime.

West Mercia Police have a scheme called "Stop That Thief" aimed at helping businesses and farms from becoming victims of crime. This can add another layer of security to your home, farm or other business where vulnerabilities are identified during a site specific assessment. These start with a visit from your local Officer or the Rural Business Crime Officer and if appropriate a referral to a Stop That Thief! specialist who will carry out a technical survey, to look at ways to help protect your property. This will be fully discussed with you to make sure it fulfils your requirements. Any security measures required are installed by a trained technician, on a try before you buy basis. This compliments the advice provided during a visit by your local officer on crime reduction measures including security marking and property listing. All visits and advice are offered free and without obligation. Costs for the fitting of any equipment, if agreed, will be made clear during the specialist survey.

For further information contact:-

**Paul Crumpton** the Rural Business Crime Officer, **your local policing team** or direct to "Stop That Thief"

Email: [paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) Mob: **07773 044781**

## Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce

**Monday 5 November Herefordshire Locals Race day** 12.15-4.30pm Hereford Race Course, Roman Road, Hereford HR4 9QU  
£20.00+VAT for Members and £35.00+VAT Non-members

**Tuesday 13 November On the Border Networking Breakfast** 7.30-9.30am Sapey Golf Club, Upper Sapey, Worcester WR6 6XT  
FREE for Members and £20.00+VAT Non-members

**Thursday 15 November Thursday Connections in association with Harrison Clark Rickerbys** 5.30-7.00pm  
Cellar Door, 25 Widemarsh Street, Hereford HR4 9EA FREE for Members & £10.00+VAT Non-members

**Thursday 22 November HR Professionals Conference 2018 in association with Hewett Recruitment** 9.00am-3.00pm  
Bank House Hotel, Bransford, Worcester WR6 5JD  
£37.50+VAT for Chamber Members or clients of Hewett Recruitment & £50.00+VAT for Non-members

For further details and to book your place contact Yasmin Bent Tel: **01905 673 600** Email: [yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk](mailto:yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk)

## 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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance &amp; Cross Cutting</b> 2 days + assessment	10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CS31 Felling &amp; Processing Trees up to 380mm</b> 3 days + assessment	12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CS38 Accessing a tree using a rope and harness</b> 5 days + assessment	10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers</b> 1 day + assessment	29 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>PA6 Handheld Applicators</b> 1 day + assessment	28 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Introduction to Dog Grooming</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> November 15 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Pet First Aid</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> December

### Courses arranged on demand

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

## 7Y Training Services

Wharton Court, Leominster, HR6 0NX Contact: Paula Strangwood [paula@7Ytraining.co.uk](mailto:paula@7Ytraining.co.uk) 07808 670110

Course	Dates <i>may be subject to change if candidate numbers are low</i>
C & G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	November and December dates available
C & G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	
C & G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	
C & G Slug Pellets (PA4s) & Granular Application	7 <sup>th</sup> November
First Aid at Work refresher	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Emergency First Aid	14 <sup>th</sup> December
Manual Handling (a.m) & Fire Awareness (p.m)	23 <sup>rd</sup> November

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

ATVs Sit-astride Quad Bikes <> ATVs Sit-in Quad Bikes <> Lantra/ITSSAR Rough Terrain Telescopic  
Lantra/ITSSAR Counterbalance <> Level 2 H & S in the workplace <> Plant Machinery

## Wyvern Training Ltd

Email: [enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com](mailto:enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com) Tel: 07468 465 303

PA6 Knapsack/Handheld Applicators	19 <sup>th</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> December
Rough Terrain Telescopic Refresher	20 <sup>th</sup> November	27 <sup>th</sup> November 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Abrasive Wheels	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	5 <sup>th</sup> December
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	
Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)	13 <sup>th</sup> December	
ATV Sit astride	20 <sup>th</sup> December	
Rough Terrain Telescopic	21 <sup>st</sup> December	

### Some of the other training being planned for the Autumn and Winter

First Aid at Work 1 & 3 day courses & refreshers	Chainsaw & Felling courses	PA2 Fixed Boom Sprayers
Managing Health & Safety and Risk Assessment	Level 2 Food Safety	Powered Pole Pruners
Rodent Control on Farms (rat & mouse)	Sit-astride and Sit-in ATVs	Internal Auditors
PA6 Knapsack/Handheld Applicators	PA3 Air Assisted Sprayers	180 and 360 diggers

## North Shropshire College

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

CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting 2 days + assessment	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> December
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm 3 days + assessment	21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> December
CS30/31 Maint, CC, Felling Trees up to 380 mm 5 days + assessment	19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> December
NPTC level 3 – Felling trees over 380mm 3 days + assessment	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> November	
Lantra Chainsaw Maintenance & Operations Occasional Users	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> November	
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation	19 <sup>th</sup> November	
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers 1 day + assessment	20 <sup>th</sup> November	
PA6 Handheld Applicators 1 day + assessment	7 <sup>th</sup> December	
Level 2 Forklift Truck Operations	29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> November	
NPTC Level 2 Vertebrate Pest Control	20 <sup>th</sup> November	

### 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)

**Introduction to the Internet – for beginners** - Learn how to search the internet safely and effectively. Our tutor will also take you through accessing our services online. Laptops will be provided for the workshop.

**At Leominster Library, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 10am to 12pm. Book at Leominster Library or phone 01432 383290.**

**How to use your Tablet Computer** - Learn the basics of how to use your tablet, from learning about apps, picking-up emails, using the internet and how to connect to free Wi-Fi at the Library. Bring your own tablet.

**At Kington Library, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 10am to 12pm. Book at Kington Library or phone 01432 260600.**

**At Ledbury Library, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm to 6pm. Book at Ledbury Library or phone 01432 383499.**

**At Ross-on-Wye Library, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm to 7pm. Book at Ross-on-Wye Library or phone 01432 383280.**

**Places are FREE but booking is essential for these beginners' workshops.**

*These free monthly workshops are provided by Fastershire – the partnership between Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire County Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties. [www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com)*

### **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](mailto:advice@farmingadvice.org.uk) website: [www.farmingadvice.org.uk](http://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 (AHPA)** 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 Rural Hub – Classified Page**

### **Herefordshire Rural Hub Co-ordinator**

Herefordshire Rural Hub is recruiting a Co-ordinator for the day to day activity of the organisation, managing and delivering projects, organising on-farm events, and working with partners.

The role requires a self-employed individual to work approximately 60 hours a month on a flexible basis.

Further information on the role can be found on the Hub website at

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

or by emailing: [Hub@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:Hub@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk).

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

**01432 268428**

[www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advertise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/](http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advertise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/)

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

[www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/](http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/)

**Berrys <> DJM Consulting <> Moule & Co <> Hope to Achieve**

**Okells Francis Law <> 7Y Training <> Achieve-Ability Plus**

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

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

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