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### Herefordshire Rural Hub website.

**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> October 2017**



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### Herefordshire Rural Hub's Mentor Programme - Volunteer help needed.

Herefordshire Rural Hub's "Achieving the 2020 vision for Herefordshire Farming businesses" is up and running and we have 12 family farming businesses on board. The project's aim is to work with these businesses over a 3 year period to help them achieve long term viability. Mentoring will be a key part of the support to be given and the Rural Hub is **now recruiting volunteer mentors**.

We are looking for people who can give a small amount of their time to help us with this exciting project and make a difference.

**An introductory session is being held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm at the Cart Shed, Devereux Wootton, Norton Canon, HR4 8QN.**

If you have the ability to provide a listening ear, support and reassurance, and a sounding board for ideas, please come along on the 16<sup>th</sup> and hear more about the programme and the support and training that you will be given.

Contact: **Cathy Meredith** email: [hub@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:hub@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) or tel: **07970 181628** to register your interest or for further details.

Date for your diary

**Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, 12noon till 7pm**  
**At the Three Counties Hotel, Belmont Road, Hereford**  
<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/whats-on/herefordshire-rural-business-advice-day-2017/>

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### Did you know?

We had a good response to our IT training & Broadband survey, so thank you to all those who took part. The responses to the broadband questions have been passed on to Fastershire.

The most popular training requests were for - Basic computer housekeeping, Basic spreadsheets, and Advanced spreadsheets. We are in the process of organizing some of the courses. Respondents have been/or will be notified when courses are arranged.

In the meantime, you may be interested in some of the training offered during the

### Herefordshire "Get Online Week" - 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October

Details of the Herefordshire Get Online Week workshops can be found at

[Get Online Week events](#)

You can find out more about the training offered by Fastershire at [www.fastershire.com/training](http://www.fastershire.com/training)



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

FREE advice is available from the Green Futures team:- **Environment Agency, Farming Advice Service, Natural England, CLA, NFU** Getting advice and assistance from those that know the details of the rules will help ensure your business stays compliant. You may be cautious about asking for help from a regulatory body such as the Environment Agency, but they are always willing to advise and help you. Herefordshire Rural Hub can help signpost which organisation can help you. Don't hold back from asking for help. It's free and could save your Basic Payment.

- **Farming Advice Service** 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 (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 (Tues, Weds, Thurs) Tel: 02030 251692  
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- **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** 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)

### Duty of care for managing Agricultural Waste.

Commercial businesses have a legal requirement to manage their waste responsibility. This legal requirement is termed 'Duty of Care'. This requires the producer of the waste to ensure it is stored and recovered or disposed of appropriately and within the law. This leaflet, which can be accessed on our website at: <http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/simple-guide-duty-care-managing-agricultural-waste/> explains 'Duty of Care' and outlines some useful advice that can help prevent you from becoming a victim of illegal waste activity.

### Key dates for Cross Compliance

- 1 October** You can burn heather, rough grass, bracken, gorse or vaccinium on land in upland areas from this date. (GAEC\* 6)
- 1 October** Start of closed period for applying organic manure with a high readily available nitrogen content (for example, slurry, poultry manures or liquid digested sewage sludge) to tillage land on soils which are not shallow or sandy. (SMR\*\* 1)
- 1 October** Ecological Focus Areas (EFA) catch crops must be retained until at least this date.  
([Basic Payment Scheme Rules: rules for 2017](#))
- 1 October** EFA cover crops must be established by this date. ([Basic Payment Scheme Rules: rules for 2017](#))
- 15 October** Start of closed period for applying organic manure with a high readily available nitrogen content (for example, slurry, poultry manures or liquid digested sewage sludge) to grassland on soils which are not shallow or sandy (SMR 1)
- 31 October** If you hold a summer water abstraction licence (authorising abstraction wholly within the months of April to October), the Environment Agency will make actual abstraction return forms available to you from 31 October. You then have 28 days to send your readings to the Environment Agency. (GAEC 2)

### Health & Safety Executive - Autumn Inspection work

This autumn HSE's inspectors will be focusing on potato harvesting. It is a high risk activity if badly managed. They will be looking at the risks of injury associated with workplace transport and falls from height. In relation to machinery they will be looking at guards and isolation procedures.

### **New slug control guide**

Launched by The Metaldehyde Stewardship Group  
A guide to Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and slug control

<https://www.getpelletwise.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/MSG-IPM-guide-APP-low-res.pdf>

### **Woodland Creation Grant**

Farmers, foresters & land managers across the UK can apply for up to £6,800 per hectare to plant, weed and protect trees in the next round of the Countryside Stewardship Woodland Creation Grant

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/13-million-fund-to-increase-englands-woodland>

### **Code of Practice for species control**

Defra's new Code of Practice for species control outlines how new powers can be used to control Invasive Alien Species through Species Control Agreements which are voluntary and Species Control Orders.

#### **Species Control Provisions: Code of Practice for England**

The "Species Control Provisions: Code of Practice for England" sets out how the provisions for species control agreements and orders contained in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 should be applied by environmental authorities. These powers ensure that, in appropriate circumstances, landowners take action on invasive non-native species or permit others to enter the land and carry out those operations, to prevent their establishment and spread.

For details go to: [www.nonnativespecies.org/news/index.cfm?id=249](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/news/index.cfm?id=249)

### **BIAC (The British Institute of Agricultural Consultants) Rural Planning Conference 2017**

**'Rural planning is transforming the countryside - fake news or reality?'**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at The Williams Conference Centre, Wantage OX12 0DQ

Please visit [www.biac.co.uk/events](http://www.biac.co.uk/events) for full details and to book your place.

### **Herefordshire CPRE Autumn Conference "BREXIT – opportunities and risks for the countryside"**

**Friday 13th October 2017 11.00 to 16.45 Registration opens at 10.30 am**

The Kindle Centre, ASDA Supermarket, Belmont Road, Hereford HR2 7JE

The Conference follows the Herefordshire CPRE Annual General Meeting 9.30 -10.45am

Full details on the hub website at:-

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/whats-on/herefordshire-cpre-autumn-conference/>

### **HFYFC invite you to a talk on**

**Training, Information & Advice on Grain Marketing**

**"No need to face the markets unprepared or alone..."**

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm – 9pm**

**At HFYFC, Beech Business Park, Tillington Rd, Hereford, HR4 9QJ**

With Jeremy Higgs, from ODA an independent grain market consultancy company [www.oda-groupe.com/en/homepage](http://www.oda-groupe.com/en/homepage)

- Brief introduction to ODA.
- The scope for UK farm businesses to develop their grain marketing.
- Market volatility – Opportunity or threat?
- BREXIT from a marketing perspective.
- Developing your understanding of BASIS – How well do you understand the importance of your futures reference markets to the price you achieve on farm?
- Q & A Session

Please book your place with Frances at Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: [bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk) Tel: 01432 353465

### **Ledbury WiRE (Women in Rural Enterprise) Meetings**

All meetings are held in the Stowford Press Room, Westons Cider, Much Marcle, HR8 2NQ

**Wednesday 18th October** 9.30am – 11.30am. Speaker Martin Firman of [www.reviewbiz.net](http://www.reviewbiz.net)

**Wednesday 15th November** 9.30am - 11.30am. Speaker Jo Clark on "Blog writing"

For further details, call Janey Cotton on 01531 660322 or email [janey@greatmoorcourt.co.uk](mailto:janey@greatmoorcourt.co.uk)

For more information about Ledbury WiRE network go to [www.wireuk.org/networks/ledbury-wire-network/](http://www.wireuk.org/networks/ledbury-wire-network/)

For more information on WiRE, tel: 01952 815338 or email: [info@wireuk.org](mailto:info@wireuk.org) or visit the website [www.wireuk.org](http://www.wireuk.org)

## 1 Day Rodent Course

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am – 4pm

**At Wynnes of Dinmore Farm Shop, Upper Buskwood Farm, Hope-under-Dinmore, Leominster, HR6 0PX**

**Course Tutor:** Trevor Green. Technical & Training Manager 1env Solutions Ltd (a leading Supplier to Pest Control)

One day introduction to the basis of Rodent Control which covers the CRRU stewardship requirements.

Suitable for those new to the industry and for those who require a proof of competence certificate to allow them to buy and use rodenticides under current legislative requirements.

- Introduction to the basis of rodent control, including CRRU stewardship requirements.
- Why rodent control is necessary
- Rodent biology
- Assessing a site prior to treatment
- Understand methods of control
- Health & safety, record keeping

1 Day Rodent Course cost (including lunch & refreshments) £75 + VAT

If you require the **'Safe Use of Rodenticide' Qualification**, the CRRU approved examination will be taken on the day.

Exam Fee & Certificate: £25 + VAT.

Please contact **Wynnes of Dinmore** for a booking form – tel **01568 797314** or email [info@wynnes.co.uk](mailto:info@wynnes.co.uk)

## Herefordshire Meadows

Herefordshire Meadows is an informal group of meadow owners managing and conserving flower rich grassland from tiny meadows to large arable reversion fields. We meet on each other's land to discuss all aspects of meadow management, restoration and creation. We are grappling with the challenges of machinery and grazing livestock for small meadows as well as the exchange of local green hay and wildflower seed to support those who are looking for local seed sources.

Please contact **Caroline Hanks** for more information if you'd like to be part of Herefordshire Meadows indicating if your main interest is

- To share skills with meadow owners in your part of Herefordshire
- To find out about Herefordshire Hay Exchange
- To improve your knowledge about meadows
- To join our mailing list to be invited to events

Email: [caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk](mailto:caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk) Tel: **01981 251016** Mobile: **07779 080940**

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

*Herefordshire Meadows is supported by Natural England's Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund*

## Contemplating Farm Diversification?

Harper Adams University are looking for several farmers to act as "hosts" for final year module called Rural Business Opportunities, which investigates the potential for a diversification enterprise.

The aim is to look at what other new business opportunities might be feasible for the host farmers such as adding value to crops or livestock, leisure and tourism, retail, developing buildings, renewable energy.... etc. The format in the past has been that the students visit the farm, look at what resources they have to work with: buildings, land, finance, proximity to markets, roads, other attractions, local planning strategy etc. They then go away and produce a report which looks at the new business opportunities, produce market research and then produce business plans for their chosen idea. The reports often have different emphasis so the host farmer gets lots of ideas for what could happen on the farm which have been researched for "free" by the students.

In the last 2 years the Harper Adams students' reports were selected to go forward for a national prize called the Pinnacle Awards, which is open for students in agricultural universities and colleges to enter with a piece of work on a farm business management theme. The following web address gives more detail: <http://www.thefarmersclub.com/charities-and-awards/pinnacle-awards>

In 2016 one of the students from Harper Adams, Katie Woolliscroft, won the top prize, and in 2017 Meredith Hoskin won a Silver award. Traditionally the students and the hosts get a lot from these "live case studies" and your co-operation to continue using current, local and applicable case studies will help ensure the mutual benefit of everyone involved.

**If you would like to discuss this in greater detail then please email Tony Asson at Harper Adams University: [tasson@harper-adams.ac.uk](mailto:tasson@harper-adams.ac.uk) before the end of October.**

## 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 too 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)

## Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce

### Chamber Business Expo In association with Hewett Recruitment

Thursday 5 October, 9.30am-3.00pm, at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern WR14 6NW

**FREE to attend, FREE Tea & Coffee, FREE Parking, FREE Wifi, FREE Seminars**

With over 120 exhibitors from lots of business sectors, a dedicated Network Zone with free tea and coffee kindly supplied by Watercooler World - don't miss the chance to raise your profile with others in the Herefordshire & Worcestershire business community. Back by popular demand, Food and Drink Producers Zone sponsored by MFG Solicitors, will be a main feature of the event. Local Food and Drink companies will be showcasing their products and proving free samples throughout the day. Visit the website to pre-register your attendance and find out more <http://hwchamber.co.uk/events/business-expo>

### Hereford Women's Business Forum in association with Thorne Widgery Accountancy

Tuesday 31 October, 9.30 - 11.30am, at Thorne Widgery, 2 Wyevale Business Park, Kings Acre, Hereford HR4 7BS

**Speaker:** Helen Astill, Cherington HR **Topic:** "May Day or Pan Pan? How lessons from life can be applied to manage crises in business." This informative talk will show attendees how to deal with the sort of crises that can arise in business. It will cover how to try to prevent them arising in the first place as well as dealing with them when they do occur.

**£10.00+VAT Members and £20.00+VAT Non-members**

**Contact:** Yasmin Bent Tel: **01905 673 600** Email: [yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk](mailto:yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk)

## St Michael's Hospice

invites you to dedicate a light and attend one of 20 special events.

By Illuminating and celebrating the life of your loved one, you can also help St Michael's Hospice care for local families.

**For more information, please call the Support Team on 01432 851 000.**

<http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event-type/light-up-a-life/>

### POSTCARDS FROM LIFE 2017 - EXHIBITION AND ART AUCTION

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

The Great Hall, The Bishop's Palace, Hereford HR4 9BL

<http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/postcards-from-life/>

## Marches Building Investment Grant Scheme

For details go to the "Grants & Funding" section in "Useful Links" on the Herefordshire Rural Hub website at

<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/useful-links-information/>

Or visit the website: <https://www.gov.uk/european-growth-funding>

For updates on other funding opportunities in the County, please visit <http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/> or contact the dedicated business support hotline on 0345 6000727.

## 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.**



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 2017 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 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: [administrator@herefordshirecf.org](mailto:administrator@herefordshirecf.org) Phone: 01432 272550  
Details are on the hub website at under Grants & Funding 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:

**Water resource management and reservoirs**  
**Improving forestry productivity**

For full details go to: [www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme)

**Applications close on 3rd April 2018.**

*The grants are funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).*



## Herefordshire LEADER programme 2015 – 2020

Contact the team on **01432 383023/39** or email [leader@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:leader@herefordshire.gov.uk)

Full details are on the website at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leader](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leader)

### What will the LEADER Programme do?

The main objective is to create jobs and economic growth by supporting rural businesses.

The programme themes are:

- Support for micro and small enterprises, including farm diversification
- Support for rural tourism
- Support for increasing farm productivity
- Support for increasing forestry provision
- Provision of rural services
- Support for cultural and heritage activities

### Who can apply?

Project applications will be eligible from:

- Micro businesses (0-9 employees) and small businesses (10-49 employees)
- Qualifying micro and small farming and forestry businesses
- Social enterprises
- Voluntary organisations
- Community groups
- Parish councils based in rural Herefordshire

### How will I know if our project is eligible?

LEADER funding contributes to around 40% of total project costs. Cash match funding will be needed for around 60% of each project. This is a predominantly capital grant programme. Training, skills and running costs are not eligible for funding. Business addresses must be registered in the Herefordshire LEADER area.

Each project should read the Herefordshire LEADER Handbook please follow link to our webpage for further details of eligible and ineligible costs: [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leader](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leader)

### What outputs could my project achieve?

An output is a measurable assessment of performance and success.

The main outputs for the program are: a) Jobs created & b) Businesses or holdings benefitting

**How much can we apply for?** Projects may be eligible for a grant of £2,500 up to a maximum of normally £35,000 to fund specific activities. Higher grants may be awarded to projects demonstrating exceptional output levels.

**The RDPE Growth Programme administered by DEFRA has launched calls for applications for:-  
Capital Grants to support tourism projects and food & drink processing activities in the Marches LEP area**

Two major strands include funding for food and drink businesses that process agricultural and horticultural products, and a rural tourism grant for small businesses and farmers who want to diversify. Grants will usually be in excess of £35,000

- £1m is available to develop visitor attractions, tourist information, and recreational and small scale infrastructure projects including holiday accommodation.
- £2.5m has been allocated to grow and enhance the food and drink sector by supporting micro, small and medium-sized food producers and processors looking to expand and create jobs.

*Grants funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), part of the European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF).*

**Further information about making an application, forms and guidance, can be found online at:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme>

**The Marches Growth Hub** Tel: **0345 6000 727** Email: [enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk)

can provide advice & support to businesses wishing to apply for this and other funding.

Visit their website at:- [www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk](http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk)

**News from the Blues – West Mercia Police  
Messages from Paul Crumpton**

- May I take an opportunity to promote the **'Stop that Thief' Scheme** supported by the NFU, please take advantage of some FREE crime reduction advice.
- Interesting stats on **Theft of Quads**.....less than 2% of those stolen were part of the CESAR scheme  
<http://www.cesarscheme.org/cesar-systems.html>
- If 10 or more are protected by **DATATAG**, it is heavily discounted.
- **Have you been hacked or suffered an online fraud?** Here is where to report it <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> and here is how to stop it <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>
- **I have been asked what it is that I do?** A Rural & Business Officer can give you advice on how to stay safe, reduce the threat, harm and risk of crime and signpost you to relevant information....and it's all FREE !.....email me on [paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)
- Finally, Question - **When is a Padlock not a Padlock?** Answer – When it can talk to your phone !!  
- At the time of writing I am about to have a demo of a Padlock that will alert you if its moved/bolt cropped; Will alert you if its moved between certain times you set; Can be tracked; Can be set to alert you if it goes out of a specific area.....more on this next time.
- **As the temperatures are dropping** and the wood burners being prepared ready for that time of the year....maybe the old electric blanket is coming out of the top shelf in the airing cupboard, if so,  
<http://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/guides-and-advice/electrical-items/electric-blankets/>

**Herefordshire & Ludlow College - Apprenticeships – Great for Business**

Herefordshire & Ludlow College's Holme Lacy Campus offers land-based apprenticeships in Forestry, Equine, Animal Care and also Agriculture. There is now a vacancies section on the college website where you can see all the latest apprenticeship vacancies [www.hlcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies](http://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies). Whether you are thinking about becoming an apprentice or hiring one, then this is a great place to start.

If you are looking for an apprentice that can help grow the business and administration side of your company then there are numerous apprenticeships available in Business, Administration and Management at the Hereford Campus. You can visit [www.hlcollege.ac.uk](http://www.hlcollege.ac.uk) for more information on the apprenticeships available.

You can also come along to one of our next Open Events:

**Holme Lacy Campus**, Saturday 11th November 2017, 10am - 12 noon

**Hereford Campus**, Tuesday 14th November 2017, 4.30pm - 7.30pm

## Wyvern Training Ltd

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

Course	Dates	Venue
Counterbalance Lift Truck refresher	4 <sup>th</sup> October	
Emergency First Aid	18 <sup>th</sup> October      14 <sup>th</sup> December	
ATV Sit Astride refresher	15 <sup>th</sup> November	
Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck refresher	17 <sup>th</sup> November      24 <sup>th</sup> November	
Abrasive Wheels	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	
ATV Sit Astride – novice operator	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> December	
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides ( <i>C &amp; G assessment arranged subsequently</i> )	13 <sup>th</sup> December	
Chainsaw Crosscutting and Maintenance refresher	13 <sup>th</sup> December	
PA6 Knapsack/Handheld Applicators	14 <sup>th</sup> December	
Manual Handling	15 <sup>th</sup> December	

### Courses planned for November / December / January

Rodent control on farms <> Mole control – trapping <> Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide <> Industrial Masted refresher  
ATV Sit-astride refresher & novice <> Rough Terrain Telescopic refresher <> Chainsaw Cross Cutting and Maintenance  
Chainsaws – basic felling techniques (up to 200 mm) <> Food Safety <> Managing Health & Safety and Risk Assessment

**Please get in touch to discuss these or any other training requirements**

## Sastak 7Y

Please contact Paula Strangwood Tel: 07717 895 009 Email: [paula@sastak7y.com](mailto:paula@sastak7y.com)

Course	Dates	Venue
City & Guilds Safe Use of Pesticides PA1	10 <sup>th</sup> October      7 <sup>th</sup> November	Wharton Court, Leominster
City & Guilds Boom Sprayer PA2	11 <sup>th</sup> October      8 <sup>th</sup> November	Wharton Court, Leominster
City & Guilds Hand-Held Applicator PA6	12 <sup>th</sup> October      9 <sup>th</sup> November	Wharton Court, Leominster
Emergency First Aid at Work	13 <sup>th</sup> October	Wharton Court, Leominster
First Aid at Work ( <i>3 days</i> )	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Wharton Court, Leominster
Lantra Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cut ( <i>2 days</i> )	25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Wharton Court, Leominster
City & Guilds Safe Use of Pesticides PA1	11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harper Adams, Shropshire
City & Guilds Boom Sprayer PA2	12 <sup>th</sup> October	Harper Adams, Shropshire
City & Guilds Chainsaw & Felling	9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harper Adams, Shropshire
City & Guilds Handheld Applicator PA6	13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harper Adams, Shropshire
City & Guilds Occasional Chainsaw User	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harper Adams, Shropshire
Brushcutters/Trimmers	27 <sup>th</sup> October	Harper Adams, Shropshire

### New Year dates available for full or refresher courses in:-

Lifting Equipment such as Telescopic, Fork lift trucks <> ITSSAR or IPAF MEWP – Cherry picker and scissors  
Health & Safety courses e.g. First Aid, AED, Manual Handling and Fire

For the Lantra or ITSSAR Telescopic or Counterbalance courses we can arrange a short assessment to determine how many days training is required – this ranges from 1-5 days.

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

For further information, please contact **Paula Strangwood** on 07717 895 009 or email on [paula@sastak7y.com](mailto:paula@sastak7y.com)



## Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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Course	Dates
Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting CS30 2 days + assessment	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Felling & processing trees up to 380mm CS31 3 days + assessment	27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Maintenance, Cross cutting & felling trees up to 380mm CS30/31 5 days + assessment	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Accessing a tree using Rope & Harness CS38 5 days + assessment	30 <sup>th</sup> October – 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Chainsaw Maint & Operations – occasional users	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Safe Use of Brushcutters & Strimmers	12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> October
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers, incorp PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides 2 days + assessment	17 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> October 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> November
PA6 Handheld Applicators, incorp PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides 2 days + assessment	17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> October 21 <sup>st</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw – hobby user	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> October
ATV handling – experienced operators 1 day + assessment	25 <sup>th</sup> October
Tractor Driving 16yrs and over	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Tractor Driving 13-16yrs	24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> October

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

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