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We wish you all a very
Happy and Healthy
Christmas and New Year

Cathy & Frances

Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-
15th January 2017

**BERRYS are supporting
Herefordshire Rural Hub as the
“Featured Go To Business” for January 2017**

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Website: www.berrys.uk.com

Contact: Ben Corbett 01544 598080

Email: ben.corbett@berrys.uk.com

The team at Berrys' Hereford office are knowledgeable, experienced and ready to help with any property, business or planning issue. The team of surveyors work alongside the only Chartered Town Planner operating in Hereford to provide expert help with your rural property or business. Contact them today to let them assist with your project.

Berrys “Offer of the Month”

Have you been thinking about a planning project? Or considering ways to improve the productivity of your farm business?

Because of the high levels of interest, we are re-running our
‘1 hour free consultation’ offer for January.

Talk your ideas through with a professional advisor to help you make an informed decision on your project.

This offer is available on a first come, first served basis and slots are limited – **call today on 01743 271697 to book your space**

Are you unsure about details of any rules or regulations or do you need help with understanding record keeping?

Remember that FREE advice is always available from the Green Futures team:-

Farming Advice Service, Natural England, CLA, NFU & the Environment Agency.

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.service.org.uk website: www.farmingadvice.service.org.uk

Farmers requiring telephone advice from FAS can now contact the Rural Services Helpline on **03000 200 301**. The Rural Services Helpline 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 between 8.30am and 5pm.

Natural England 0300 060 1115 enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

Environment Agency Sharon Chisholm (Tues, Weds, Thurs) 02030 251692 sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk

N.F.U. (Herefordshire) Clare Greener 01432 807464 07771 626080 Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk

C.L.A. Richard Goodwin 01785 337010 richard.goodwin@cla.org.uk

Animal Health & Trading Standards (Herefordshire) Tim Barber Tel: 01432 383145 Fax: 01432 383169

Do you need, support or do you know someone who may 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

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 www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans

Some useful website links

Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) 2017 - The Greening rules - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bps-2017>

RLE1 form and guidance -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tell-the-rural-payments-agency-about-land-changes-and-entitlement-transfers>

New Farm Animal Movement Rules - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/livestock-movements-simpler-rules-from-2016-to-2017/livestock-movements-simpler-rules-from-2016-to-2017>

Animal Plant & Health Agency (APHA) - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency

Cross Compliance Guidance England 2016 - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guide-to-cross-compliance-in-england-2016>

Countryside Stewardship Mid & Higher Tier - manuals, application forms and supporting guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-paid-for-environmental-land-management>

Countryside Stewardship for Woodlands: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/beeH-9t6ff5>

Magic Maps: <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>

What's in Your Backyard: <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/>

Registering/Renewing Your Waste Exemptions Online <https://www.gov.uk/register-your-waste-exemption-online>

NVZ Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nitrate-vulnerable-zones-in-england-guidance-on-complying-with-the-rules-for-2013-to-2016>

EIA (Agriculture) regulations: apply to make changes to rural land - How to request an Environmental Impact Assessment screening decision and if necessary, apply for consent to cultivate previously uncultivated land or semi-natural areas, or restructure land features. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eia-agriculture-regulations-apply-to-make-changes-to-rural-land>

Farming Inspections - Information about who will inspect your farm, what they're looking for and any penalties you may get. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-inspections>

National Living Wage – minimum pay rate for workers aged 25 and over, go to: <https://www.livingwage.gov.uk/>

National Minimum Wage Rates: <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

Workplace Pensions / Auto Enrolment: www.gov.uk/workplace-pensions-employers

Details about your start date can be found by visiting www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/employers/staging-date.aspx

Working Tax Credits: For information on go to: <https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit/overview>

Universal Credit:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/404232/uc-works-for-employers.pdf

Herefordshire Rural Hub has got a new website.
Check it out at:- 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.

DEFRA - Avian Influenza Prevention Zone

The Government Chief Vet has declared a Prevention Zone introducing enhanced biosecurity requirements for poultry and captive birds, helping to protect them from avian flu circulating in mainland Europe. The zone covers England and will remain in place for 30 days. The Scottish and Welsh governments have also imposed housing orders. Keepers of poultry and other captive birds are now required to keep their birds indoors, or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds. Outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N8) have been confirmed in poultry and wild birds in several countries across Europe. No cases of H5N8 have been found in the UK and this order is a precautionary measure to help prevent potential infection from wild birds. Public Health England (PHE) advises that the threat to human health remains very low. Even when birds are housed a risk of infection remains so this must be coupled with good biosecurity. Poultry keepers are advised to be vigilant for any signs of disease in their birds and any wild birds, and seek prompt advice from their vet if they have any concerns.

Click on the link below for details:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/575130/ai-prevention-zone-161206.pdf

Annual Sheep and goat inventory - Reminder

In England, 31st December 2016 is the deadline for submitting annual Sheep & Goat Inventory to Defra when numbers on holdings as at 1st December must be confirmed, either online or by returning the form. In Wales, the deadline is 31st January 2017 for numbers as at 1st January 2017.

Farmers are also required to list that count of all sheep and goats in the holding registers (a cross compliance requirement). This is a legal requirement and failure to respond by the deadline will increase your risk of being selected for a farm inspection in future.

Check whether your land is in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone

Go to "What's in your back yard" <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/> and select Nitrate Vulnerable Zones. **Some NVZ designations are due to be changed in 2017**, and the formal notification process and appeals window has been will begin in the New Year. Appeals will be phased, with the Severn catchment among the first. There have been significant changes in Staffordshire with additional areas added, boundaries have changed in Shropshire and some areas of Worcestershire have been removed.

Get funding for covers to existing slurry stores to improve slurry as a fertiliser and reduce ammonia emissions from beef and dairy farms in England.

You can apply for this grant to help pay for covers to existing slurry stores on dairy and beef farms in England.

Slurry store covers provide the benefit of:

- protecting the store from rainwater and reducing storage and field application costs
- reducing the loss of nitrogen and increase the quality of slurry as a fertiliser
- reducing ammonia emissions and improving air quality
- minimising odour emissions

You'll receive one-to-one advice from a farm adviser on ways to reduce ammonia emissions and conserve nitrogen which could increase the efficiency and reduce costs of your farm system.

You'll get:

- £61.00 per square metre for self-supporting covers for slurry stores
- £11.20 per square metre for floating covers for slurry stores and lagoons

Apply from 1st December 2016 to 31st January 2017. Late applications will not be accepted.

For full details and an application form go to:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beef-and-dairy-farmers-apply-for-a-farming-ammonia-reduction-grant>

Green Futures - Herefordshire meetings

Tuesday 31st January 2017, 2-4pm and 7-9pm

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

To book your place email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk or tel: 01432 353465

When phoning or emailing, please state the name(s) of those wishing to attend, the event you wish to attend, and your contact telephone number & address

Please see the attached flyer & booking form for full details of all other Green Futures meetings in the West Midlands



Cover Crops and Conservation Seed Mixtures

10th January 2017, 11.15 am – 1.30 pm

at Wistaston Farm, Kings Pyon, HR4 8PZ *Courtesy of Garnstone Farms*

With host Steve Klenk and Neil Harris of Kings

A chance to see cover crops in the field plus demonstration plots of cover crops and wildlife and conservation seed mixtures

Short on farm practical discussion to:

- Discover the benefits of using cover crops for soil and crop health
- Discuss the pros and cons of using different seed mixtures
- Find out which mixtures work as EFAs or in Countryside Stewardship Mid and Higher Tier schemes
- See cover crops growing and hear about the effects on other crops in the rotation and on the farm business

Please book through **Herefordshire Rural Hub** Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: **01432 353465**



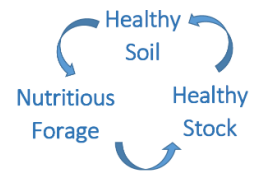
Healthy Livestock from Healthy Soils

Tuesday 24th January 2017, 10.30am – 1pm

at Mahollam Farm, Kington, HR5 3PT

(by kind permission of the Evans family)

Teas & Coffees on arrival from 10am. Lunch provided



Find out how good soil management can help to boost profitability & health of your cattle & sheep?

Come to a practical workshop to get advice on:

- Accurate application of fertilisers and soil testing
- Managing soil structure and biology for profitable grassland
- Maximising quality and quantity of forage production
- Responsible wormer use for healthy soil invertebrates
- Mineral balance in livestock

Speakers include: Kate Adams, Wayne Davies, and a local vet

Further details/booking, Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: **01432 353465**



Big Farm Bird Count 2017 3rd - 12th Feb 2017

A great opportunity to find out more about birds and record the birds on your farm.

To take part and download record sheets please visit:-

<http://www.gwct.org.uk/farming/big-farmland-bird-count/>

For the **Big Farm Bird Count 2017** this year, there will be a practical **Farmland Bird ID training day** in Herefordshire on **3rd February, 8 am - 12pm**. Hosted by Lower Hope Farms, at **Sidnall Farm, Pencombe, HR7 4RP**.

This is for farmers and landowners who would like to improve Farmland Bird ID skills

Starting indoors with breakfast, there will be slides and bird song recordings

followed by a farm walk with farmland bird specialists.

To book your place please go to **GWCT website**

<http://www.gwct.org.uk/events/calendar/2017/february/farmland-bird-id-day-herefordshire/>

or phone **Amelia Woodford** on **01572 718730**

Big Farm Bird Count 2017 – “Growing Farmland Birds - How to provide the Big 3 for Farmland Birds”

3rd February, 12.30 - 3.00 pm

A walk at Lower Hope Fruit Ltd, Sidnall Farm, Pencombe, HR7 4RP. *By kind permission of Simon Wells.*

Light lunch followed by farm walk with farmland bird specialists Matt Willmott (Natural England) and Neil Harris (Kings).

An excellent chance to find out how to grow winter and summer food and nesting habitat for birds on your farm.

Discover the benefits of having wildlife habitat on the farm and discuss the different seed mixes available and the challenges in growing them well to provide bird cover and food throughout the year.

All welcome. Please book your place with Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: **01432 353465**

Herefordshire Grassland Society Events

All at the New Market Canteen, Livestock Centre, Roman Road, Hereford HR4 7AN

Tea & coffee served before the meeting, and light refreshments after.

“UK Sheep Farming – Where do we go from here?” Tuesday 10th January, 7.30pm

Speaker: **Phil Stocker**, Chief Executive of the National Sheep Association

This meeting is sponsored by Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors www.lblaw.co.uk 01432 352345

“Eradicating Bovine TB in Europe” Tuesday 7th February, 7.30pm

Speaker: **Dafydd Saunders-Jones**, Nuffield Scholar, Farmer Chair of South East Wales TB Eradication Board

This meeting is sponsored by Whistance Feeds www.whistancefeeds.co.uk 01981 540437

The AGM will also be held this evening.

“Re-engaging with Soils: Fear, Finances, Regulations or Education” Tuesday 14th March, 7.30pm

Speaker: **Kate Adams**, Nuffield Scholar, Head of Land Use for the Wye & Usk Foundation

This meeting is sponsored by the Wye & Usk Foundation www.wyeuskfoundation.org 01874 711714

Secretary contact: **Andrew Edwards** MRICS (Sunderlands & Thompsons LLP)

Tel: **01432 356161** Email: d.griffiths@st-hereford.co.uk

Meetings open to all. Annual membership of Herefordshire Grassland Society only £10

The Wye & Usk Foundation

The Wye & Usk Foundation continue to offer free farm visits across Herefordshire to advise on soil health, metaldehyde use, yard infrastructure, pesticide disposal options or any other issues you would like to discuss confidentially.

We offer three free soil tests, including organic matter levels and free erosion risk maps of your farm.

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

Kate Adams (07766 330 959) **Mike Williams** (07920 441 215) **Tom Jolley** (07545 253 155) **Liz Price** (07776 197 740)

Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce Events

Hereford Networking Breakfast - Wednesday 18 January, 7.30-9.30am

at Burghill Valley Golf, Tillington Road, Burghill, Hereford HR4 7RW

Come along and raise your business profile and make some valuable business contacts with the other delegates.

£17.50+VAT Members and £35.00+VAT Non-members

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

Tuesday 7 February, 9.30 - 11.30am. At Thorne Widgery, 2 Wyevale Business Park, Kings Acre, Hereford HR4 7BS

This forum operates at family friendly hours, allowing attendees to network outside of school drop off and

collection times. The event continues to prove very popular with Herefordshire business people and allows

for plenty of networking whilst listening to informative and interesting speakers on a variety of business topics.

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

For further details contact: **Yasmin Bent** (Events Co-ordinator, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce)

Tel: 01905 673 600 / 01905 673 612 Email: yasminb@hwchamber.co.uk Website: www.hwchamber.co.uk

WISH (Wellbeing Information and Signposting for Herefordshire)

WISH can help you find the information you need to help your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, such as Care and support for adults and children; Directory of Services; Community activities across the county.

Contact WISH online, by telephone, or face-to-face Email – info@WISHerefordshire.org Tel: **01432 383880**

Visit the regular and ad-hoc WISH pop-ups, or the Hereford WISH office at **9, St Peter's Street, Hereford, HR1 2LE**

For details of the pop-ups & office opening times, please phone or email WISH or visit the website: www.WISHerefordshire.org

Good Neighbour Scheme Toolkit

The Good Neighbour Scheme Toolkit has been produced to help Herefordshire communities to decide what is needed to combat the huge impact of loneliness on local people, affecting physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing, to find out about available funding, and to set up their own local schemes. You can download the toolkit from:- <https://bit.do/hgns>

St Michael's: The Hospice That Love Built

St Michael's Hospice has been built by its community. From cutting the first sod to the recent unveiling of your state-of-the-art Hospice, the past 30-plus years have been quite a journey. It's a story full of dedicated, selfless people who come from every corner of Herefordshire and beyond. St Michael's Hospice can present this story to a group of any size and we may even be able to fill in last-minute gaps in your schedule with a short illustrated talk. To find out more, please contact Rachel Entwisle on 01432 851 000 or rentwisle@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk to book a St Michael's Hospice talk.

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 member of HFYFC (aged 10yrs – 26yrs) 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 Tel: **01432 268 428**

The Jack Hughes Fund administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

This is available for farmers **aged over 40 yrs** 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.** If your application is approved you will be able to reclaim **70%** of your training and test costs, up to a maximum of **£250**.

For further details and an application form please contact:

Herefordshire Community Foundation, The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford HR4 9HP.

Tel: **01432 272550** or email: info@herefordshirefoundation.org



Land-based Apprenticeships

Holme Lacy Campus, Herefordshire & Ludlow College, offers Apprenticeships in Agriculture, Forestry, Arboriculture and Production Horticulture.

An Apprenticeship is a work-based training programme designed around the needs of employers, which leads to a nationally recognised qualification. Employers can use Apprenticeships to train both new and existing employees. The Apprentices study a Framework of qualifications including a Work-based Diploma in the relevant subject, Functional Skills (English and Maths), Certificates of Competence, and in some cases a Technical Certificate (theory based units). Apprentices are in full time employment and attend college or 'off the job training' as day or block release. Most of the training is 'on the job' – at your premises and work sites. For the Work-based Diploma, the Apprentices put together a portfolio of evidence of their practical skills and knowledge gained. Apprentices (existing employees or new recruits) need to be at least 16 years old, have a practical aptitude demonstrating a keen interest in agriculture/forestry etc. All apprentices must be employed in their place of work. The National Apprenticeship Service may provide **Grant funding of £1500** to small and medium-sized employers who have not employed apprentices in the last 3 years, and who recruit apprentices aged 16-24 years. For further information on:-

Agricultural Apprenticeships contact: **Robin Knott** Email: KnottR@hlcollege.ac.uk Tel: **01432 870032** Mobile: **07973 472520**

Forestry, Arboriculture and Production Horticulture Apprenticeships contact: **Charles Cartwright** Tel: **0800 032 1986**

Or visit the college website: <http://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/Courses/apprenticeships.html>

Sastak 7Y

Please contact **Paula Strangwood** Tel: **07717 895 009** Email: paula@sastak7y.com

Course	Dates	Venue
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic	4 th January	Venue t.b.c
Emergency First Aid at Work	9 th January 27 th January	Wharton Court, Leominster
Fire Awareness	10 th January	Wharton Court, Leominster
Lantra Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting	12 th & 13 th January	Wharton Court, Leominster
Rodent Control	13 th January	Venue t.b.c
First Aid at Work requalification	19 th & 20 th January	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC PA1 Safe handling and application of Pesticides	24 th January	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC PA6 Handheld Applicators (Knapsack sprayers)	25 th January	Wharton Court, Leominster
NPTC PA2 Ground crop sprayers	26 th January	Wharton Court, Leominster
First Aid at Work	30 th January – 1 st February	Wharton Court, Leominster

January and February dates available in Leominster for:- Lifting Equipment and Health & Safety courses.

CS30-31 Chainsaw & Fell Small Trees, MEWP Cherry pickers etc, B+E Trailer training

Health & Safety courses such as Food Hygiene, COSHH, and HACCP

For further information, please contact **Paula Strangwood** on **07717 895 009** or email on paula@sastak7y.com

Wyvern Training Services

Email: enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com Telephone: **07468 465 303**

Lantra Industrial Masted FLT Refresher	23 rd January at Much Marcle 6 th February venue t.b.c
Lantra Rough Terrain Telescopic Handlers Refresher	9 th January at Ledbury 11 th January at Bartestree 20 th January at Ross on Wye 7 th Feb at Ross on Wye
NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides PA1	18 th January 13 th February
NPTC Fixed boom/field crop sprayers PA2	14 th February
NPTC Knapsack/Handheld Applicators PA6	19 th January 17 th February
NPTC Air Assisted PA3a	15 th February
Introduction to MIG Welding – novice/inexperienced operators	6 th January at Lyonshall
Lantra Sit Astride ATVs – experienced operators	25 th January
West Mids Ambulance Service – Level 3 First Aid at Work	10 th –12 th January at Storridge
CoSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)	11 th January
Lantra Rodent Control on Farms (meets new legislation for purchasing rodenticides)	13 th January
Lantra 2 days Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance – novice/inexperienced	18 th & 19 th January
Lantra Abrasive Wheels – handheld electrical and bench mounted	18 th January at Marden
Lantra Manual Handling Awareness ½ day	19 th January at Hereford
Performance Management – developing & delivering staff appraisals	19 th January at Sutton St Nicholas
Lantra 1 day Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Maintenance – refresher/experienced	20 th January Worcestershire 13 th February at Ross on Wye
Fruit technical workshop – “Bio control: New & old ideas” (primarily soft fruit, but open to all)	24 th January at Harewood End
MEWPs Scissor Lift – safe use and health & safety	24 th January at Tillington
CIEH Level 2 Food Safety (Basic Food Hygiene)	25 th January venue t.b.c 7 th March in Worcestershire
West Mids Ambulance Service – Level 3 First Aid at Work refresher/re-certification	25 th & 26 th January at Storridge
Leading your team for managers/supervisors	26 th January at Sutton St Nicholas
West Mids Ambulance Service – Level 2 Emergency First Aid at Work	31 st January at Storridge 2 nd February at Sutton St Nicholas 22 nd February at Storridge 2 nd March at Sutton St Nicholas
Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide	1 st February
Fruit Technical workshop – Orchard pesticides – sustainable use	7 th February
Basic Principles of HACCPs (Hazard Control Critical Control Points)	8 th February
Passing on the skill management/leadership workshop	23 rd February Sutton St Nicholas
Fruit technical workshop – Improving post-harvest quality (orchard crops)	28 th February
Lantra Rodent Control on Farms (meets new legislation for purchasing rodenticides)	3 rd March

Additional courses planned for early 2017

Chainsaws – felling techniques for trees up to 200mm, and 380mm; Powered pole pruners; Basic Tractor Driving; Internal Auditors (appropriate for BRC version 7); Sit-astride ATVs (quad bikes) 1 & 2 day courses.

Holme Lacy Campus Equine Department - Dressage Competition - Sunday 19th March 2017

For full details and entry forms visit the college website:-

<http://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/News/event-dressage-1617.html>

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

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

Course	Dates	Venue
Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30) 2 days plus assessment	28 th Feb – 1 st March	Holme Lacy Campus
Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm (CS31) 3 days plus assessment	16 th – 18 th January	Holme Lacy Campus
Combined CS30 & CS31 5 days plus assessment	6 th – 10 th February 27 th Feb – 3 rd March	Holme Lacy Campus
Felling & Processing trees over 380mm (CS32) 3 days	5 th – 7 th April	Holme Lacy Campus
Accessing a tree using rope & harness (CS38) 5 days plus assessment	9 th – 13 th January 20 th – 24 th February	Holme Lacy Campus
Aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques (CS39) 3 days plus assessment	23 rd – 25 th January 20 th – 22 nd March	Holme Lacy Campus
Safe use of Brushcutters and Strimmers 2 days	3 rd – 4 th April	Holme Lacy Campus
Maintain & operate your chainsaw - hobby user 2 days	4 th – 5 th March	Holme Lacy Campus
NPTC Safe use of Pesticides – Ground Crop Sprayers PA2 incorporating PA1 2 days plus assessment	Day 1 – 27 th January Day 2 – 7 th February	Holme Lacy Campus
NPTC Safe use of Pesticides – Handheld Applicators PA6 incorporating PA1 2 days plus assessment	Day 1 – 24 th January Day 2 – 31 st January	Holme Lacy Campus
Tractor Driving & Handling – Adults (over 16 yrs) 2 days	4 th – 5 th March	Holme Lacy Campus
Tractor Driving 13-16 yr olds 2 days	13 th – 14 th February 20 th – 21 st April	Holme Lacy Campus

News from the Blues

THINK....

- P** – phone 999 only if
- O** – offenders are nearby
- L** – life is at risk
- I** – injury caused or threatened
- C** – crime is in progress
- E** – everything else call 101
- OR** call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Community Messaging Service (CMS) - This can be specific to your area/interest/needs. To register your interest in one of the CMS Schemes being run by West Mercia police, use the following link to register, then follow the on-screen instructions:-
<http://www.westmercia.police.uk/register>

West Mercia Police currently provide FREE security advice to farmers across the County, including general security measures and online safety from cyber crime. Contact Paul Crumpton Tel: 07852 511418
Email: Paul.Crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
and you will receive a site specific and comprehensive security assessment.

Keep yourself and your business safe Online - lots of advice, hints and tips at:- <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Herefordshire Rural Hub – Classified Page

Please mention Herefordshire Rural Hub when responding to an advertisement on our Classified page.

If you would like to place an Advert, for e.g. Services / Job Vacancy / Items for sale or if you are looking for work / available for work

please contact Frances admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk 01432 268 428
for full details of the advertising packages on our Herefordshire Rural Hub **Classified Page**
For details of advertising on our new website go to
<http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advertise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/>

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