

## **AUGUST 2019**

### **Countryside Productivity Scheme Demonstration Event**

Due to the success of the demonstration afternoon arranged in February 2018 for the Round 1 scheme. Farmers from all over Exmoor were invited back to a further demonstration afternoon at Cutcombe Market this week, with over 100 farmers in attendance from all over Exmoor, some travelling from further afield such as South Somerset and West Devon. The event was held to provide free professional advice about the latest round of grants available to those working in the agricultural industry. Many thanks to our sponsors, local suppliers and businesses for their support with the event and Adam Lockyear from FWAG for providing the technical guidance.

Round 2 of the Countryside Productivity Small Grant Scheme is now open until **3rd September**, offering grants of up to £12,000 to support investments in improving animal health and welfare, resource efficiency and nutrient management. The scheme handbook is available at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/814977/CPSG\\_Scheme\\_Handbook\\_Round\\_2\\_v1.0.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/814977/CPSG_Scheme_Handbook_Round_2_v1.0.pdf)

To apply go to the online portal at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme>

### **Key changes from the previous round:**

Can I apply for Round 2 even if I applied in Round 1? Applicants who had Round 1 funding can also submit a new application to receive funding in Round 2. The total value of both applications must not be more than £12,000.

Annex 3 - Specification and Standard Costs. Twenty six new items have been added for Round 2 and these have been prefixed with R2. All eligible items and their specifications are listed at Annex 3 Specifications for some of the items from Round 1 have been updated. Please make sure you read annex 3 carefully.

Sending photos with your claim. Your claim must be supported with photos of each item purchased. Submit these with your claim. Examples of acceptable photos are shown at Annex 5.

### **Exmoor Hill Farming Network 2014-2019**

You are invited to celebrate the Exmoor Hill Farming Network 'Fifth Anniversary Celebration' **At:** Dunster Show **Date:** Friday 16th August 2019. Find us at **A1-11**. Join us for refreshments and a glass of Pimms from 1pm. The cutting of the celebration cake will take place at 3pm prompt with representatives from the Dunster Show Society. We very much look forward to welcoming you during the afternoon.

## **Events**

### **Exmoor Women in Farming Group - August 2019**

A summer walk breathing in our beautiful Exmoor landscape from Landacre Bridge car park finishing at Withypool Bridge with a bring and share picnic. We will follow the River

Barle for a scenic walk.

**Date:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 **Time:** 6.30pm – 9.30pm **Peer Support Contribution:** £5pp

Walk is approx. 1 hour

Meet at Withypool Car Park leaving at 6.30pm prompt and we will drive over to Landacre and walk one way to Withypool. Cars can be collected after the picnic.

Please bring a chair with you to sit by the river. We will follow the footpath from Landacre - Brightworthy – Withypool. Plan B will be arranged in event of bad weather. So please let me know if you are planning to attend. See link for tick awareness on Exmoor: <https://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/enjoying/out-and-about-essentials/tick-awareness-on-exmoor>

If you are happy to let me know what you would like to bring for the picnic and I will ensure we don't double up.

### **Exmoor Coastal Streams Facilitation Fund and Pasture for Life - Silvopasture event**

Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 from 1pm-4pm Venue: Kipscombe Farm, Countisbury, EX35 6NE. Kindly hosted by the National Trust.

**Booking essential for a free lunch: [kwilliams@northdevonplus.co.uk](mailto:kwilliams@northdevonplus.co.uk) or 07970 795808.**

National Trust staff will be sharing the National Trust's progress towards silvopasture practices on their farm at Kipscombe. Lindsay Whistance from the Organic Research Centre and Rob Wolton from the Devon Hedge Group will also be sharing their expertise. Introducing silvopasture, discussing what it is, the associated benefits and potential downsides. We will consider the existing features on the farm and discuss how these could be managed to increase the benefits of trees to livestock. National Trust staff will talk us through the measures they have implemented already, including rotational grazing, and discuss the measures that they will be implementing in the future. This will provide an opportunity to look at the benefits and logistics of setting this type of system up as well as current policy, grants and support available. Lindsay Whistance will discuss the numerous ways in which livestock use and benefit from trees including shelter, health and nutrition and also shade, behaviour and general welfare as fundamental considerations of designing good animal environments. Rob Wolton will discuss hedges and managing them for provision of shade, shelter, browse, environmental benefits and natural capital. **Poster attached**

### **Training – Autumn 2019**

**Safe Use of Pesticides PA1– Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Cutcombe Market 9.15am -4pm**

We are coordinating the delivery of training on Exmoor for the City and Guilds courses: PA1 (Mandatory)- Foundation Course for all sprayer operators in safe use of pesticides; PA2 Foundation Course for Ground Crop Sprayers Mounted or Trailed; PA4 – Granular Applicator and PA6 - Hand Held Applicator training on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Cutcombe Market. To register please contact the office for further information.

**Calling all contractors with PA1 and PA2F certificates operating in the Exmoor area.**

Do you have up to date PA1 and PA2F (weed wiper) certificates? Do you have the relevant insurance? Do you operate in the Exmoor area? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please email [anne.may@fwagsw.org.uk](mailto:anne.may@fwagsw.org.uk) for more information.

### **The Prince's Countryside Fund – The Village Survival Guide 2019**

In 2018, The Prince's Countryside Fund published our latest research, *Recharging Rural*. Receiving over 3000 responses to our #HaveYourSay survey, letting us know what challenges and obstacles people faced living in the countryside – but most importantly, how they were overcoming these issues. That's why we've decided to publish [The Village Survival Guide](#). Based on the lived experience of rural residents from all across the UK, this book will help communities to tackle a multitude of issues and make sure that their community will thrive in the future. Covering a range of topics from transport schemes to village pubs, the guide will help to bust confusing jargon – *what exactly IS a CIC?* – and bring communities together, providing inspiring examples of success. For further information and to read or buy the latest publication visit:

<https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/research/village-survival-guide>

### **Commercial adverts**

#### **Farm Worker Required – Exmoor National Park**

Full time farm worker on large Exmoor hill beef and sheep farm required. Part time position would be considered. Duties to include general livestock duties and tractor/machinery work. Position available from September 2019. For further information please call John and Kathryn Tucker on 01643 831213 / 07854757328 ( Exford)

#### **Swiss Students seeking Lambing Experience Spring 2020**

Two veterinary medicine students in final year at University of Zurich seeking lambing experience after 10<sup>th</sup> March returning for studies by 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Both students fluent in English. For further information please contact Ueli Zellweger to discuss further 01643 851530 or [ueli.zellweger@gmail.com](mailto:ueli.zellweger@gmail.com)