



# SEPTEMBER 2016



## **Post Mortem Event – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Dulverton Farmers Hunt Kennels, East Anstey**

Due to the overwhelming response to our last event held in May. We are delighted to work with AHDB and Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) to bring together another session on the role of post mortems and the benefit they have to farm business, what can we learn from them and how can they be used as part of the health plan, followed by a practical session.

## **Headwaters of the Exe – Visit to Pynes Water Treatment Works – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

South West Water is inviting farmers from the upper Exe catchment to find out about water treatment processes with an exclusive free tour of Pynes Water Treatment Works, near Cowley Bridge, Exeter. Pynes was built in 1832 in response to an outbreak of cholera in Exeter, after which it was decided to move the city's water source from Exe Street near the city centre to the less polluted Pynes Leat. Drinking water standards have come a long way since the days of the deadly cholera outbreak which claimed 440 lives. Visitors to Pynes on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016** will be greeted by South West Water's water quality experts before being led around the fully operational site. Places on the free tour are limited and must be pre-booked. The tour will start at 11am and last for approximately two hours. A full safety briefing will be given on arrival at Pynes, but please wear sensible footwear such as walking boots or steel toe capped boots. Light refreshments will be provided after the tour.

## **NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Transport of Animals by Road (short journeys)**

This is for people who transport animals as an economic activity on journeys over 65km in distance and up to 8 hours in duration. Assessments will take place at our office based at **Cutcombe Market on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 11am**. Cost: 1 Species £ 73.00(no vat), 2 Species £ 93.00 (no vat). Assessed by completing a computer based multiple choice test of 27 questions. Further information attached, to obtain a booking form please contact the office.

## **Training Needs**

We have a number of people requesting to complete their telehandler training, chainsaw course and certificate of competence in rodenticides if any of these training courses are of interest to you. Please let me know and they will be arranged on demand.

## **Cross Compliance Evening at The Royal Oak Inn, Withypool – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 7.30pm**

John Morgan a local farm advisor from the Farming Advice Service (FAS) will provide an update on Cross Compliance. This event will focus on: Key Cross Compliance changes, Key Cross Compliance requirements for livestock farmers, Key Cross Compliance requirements for arable farmers, Common Cross Compliance failures and how to avoid them. Numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

## **NVZ (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) and NVZ Record Keeping – FREE one to one support available**

You are invited to attend a **FREE** one-to-one session if you farm land within an NVZ area. You have the opportunity to bring your records for help and advice on how to fill them in, or to just talk through what you need to do to comply with the NVZ regulations. All information you share will be held in total confidence. One hour individual appointments are offered throughout the day with

an expert adviser from the Farming Advice Service. **Date:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 between 10am and 3.30pm to be held at our Cutcombe Market office.

### **Beef SW – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

The next Beef South West event will take place at Westpoint, Exeter. Organised by the National Beef Association South West. The Network and Dartmoor Hill Farm Project will be in attendance. For further information please visit <http://www.beefsouthwest.co.uk>

### **Christmas Review – Save the Date – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Once again we will be holding our annual Christmas Review at Woolhanger Manor, nr Parracombe by kind permission of Mr and Mrs G Mellstrom. Further details to follow next month.

### **EHFN Job Vacancy Adverts**

Over the last few months local businesses/individuals have approached the network to advertise jobs on Exmoor. We would be delighted to assist you with any marketing and able to circulate by email to over 500 members on our database. Please email adverts or copy to the Network officer. We ask for a £20 fee which includes emailing out to our members, advertised on our jobs page on our website and EHFN Facebook page.

To book or for further information please contact the office on 01643 841455 or [kwilliams@northdevonplus.co.uk](mailto:kwilliams@northdevonplus.co.uk)



**Cross Compliance update  
From the Farming  
Advice Service**



#### Animal Transportation Information Sheet

Thank you for expressing an interest in the following:

**1. NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Transport of Animals by Road (short journeys)** – this is for people who transport animals as an economic activity on journeys over 65km in distance and up to 8 hours in duration.

This is assessed through GOLA on a laptop computer (a multiple choice test of 27 questions, you will need to get 21 correct to be competent). If you need help using a computer mouse please indicate this on the registration form.

#### Species

Each area is divided into sub-species  
Cattle and sheep, Pigs,  
Sheep, Cattle,  
Horses, Goats,  
Poultry, Game  
birds.

You will need to do a separate GOLA assessment in each species  
NPTC have checked with DEFRA and it seems that you will have to hold the relevant certificate for all species you transport.

#### Schedule:-

These can be viewed or downloaded from the NPTC website ([www.nptc.org.uk](http://www.nptc.org.uk)). There are training guides under Latest News.

The new requirements can be found on the Defra Website:-  
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/welfarefarm/ed/transport/transportreq.htm>

In preparation for the test, a schedule will be emailed to you on receipt of your payment. It is important to read this before your assessment.

#### Assessment Fees:-

The assessment fee for Short Journeys will be:

- 1 Species £ 73.00
- 2 Species £ 93.00
- E.g. Cattle & Sheep £73.00
- Cattle, Sheep & Pigs £93.00

#### Registration:-

Please complete the highlighted sections on the NPTC form and fill in the separate booking form enclosed and return in the self-addressed envelope.

We will need a completed application form and passport sized photo with your payment.

Please make cheques payable to **North Devon**

#### Assessment Venue and Date:-

Date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Time: 11am

The computer based assessments will be completed at Exmoor Hill Farming Network Office at Cutcombe Market. You have up to 1 hour to complete.

Any further information either contact NPTC (024 7685 7300) or Katherine Williams (01643 841455)

#### Assessment Providers:

Avilon Assessments Ltd  
Rybrook  
Silver Street  
Wrington  
N. Somerset  
**BS40 5QL**

This information sheet has been provided by Avilon Assessments

#### **Exmoor Hill Farming Network and the Farming Advice Service invite you to a FREE Cross Compliance update.**

John Morgan a local farm advisor from the Farming Advice Service (FAS) will provide an update on Cross Compliance for members of the Exmoor Hill Farming Network.

#### **The event will focus on:**

- Key Cross Compliance changes
- Key Cross Compliance requirements for livestock farmers
- Key Cross Compliance requirements for arable farmers
- Common Cross Compliance failures and how to avoid them

#### **Event Details**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tuesday 25th October 2016</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>7.30pm prompt -9pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>The Royal Oak Inn, Withypool, TA24 7QP</b>

Places are limited so please book now to avoid disappointment.

#### **Bookings via the Exmoor Hill Farming Network Office**

**Phone Number: 01643 841455 or email  
[kwilliams@northdevonplus.co.uk](mailto:kwilliams@northdevonplus.co.uk)**

