



November 2022

Latest News

Avon and Somerset Constabulary Engagement

We were recently joined by local PCSO Michelle Haimes.

Top Tips when considering rural theft, personal safety and domestic violence

1. Do not put yourself in danger, if urgent call 999
2. A registration number is always helpful but do not put yourself in danger
3. Sign up to Farmwatch here [Farm Watch | Avon and Somerset Police](#) or [Farm watch | Devon and Cornwall Police \(devon-cornwall.police.uk\)](#)
4. Avon and Somerset (A &S) are able to offer farm visits to chat over lowering risks to your farms and offer monthly drop in's at the Cutcombe Market.
5. Little Book of Big Scams [The Little Book of Big Scams – 5th Edition \(westyorkshire.police.uk\)](#)
6. Check email addresses thoroughly, scammers use odd formats in the addresses
7. Look after the elderly, scammers are very convincing.
8. Wear reflective gear so you can be seen to ensure your own personal safety
9. Be mindful of wearing headphones
10. If exercising, tell someone your route and estimated time of arrival
11. Internet dating – meet in a public place, consider taking a friend or let them know where you are.
12. Don't leave your drink unattended and know the signs of drink spiking [Spiking – how to protect yourself on a night out | FRANK \(talktofrank.com\)](#)
13. Useful apps for tracking [Hollie Guard Personal Safety APP](#)
14. Domestic abuse is a hidden crime, 1 in 5 are reported to the police
15. Notice the signs of Cohesive behaviour – controlling and isolating the victim
16. Useful information can be found at [Somerset Survivors](#) or [Home - Devon County Council](#)



Pictured above: Michelle Haimes attending the recent Women in Farming meeting

Crime Prevention Event - Free Livestock Trailer Marking Update

Earlier this week, on the second day of the suckled calf sale, 20 trailers were marked using security or forensic markings to deter criminals from stealing. This Autumn marks a milestone with a total of 100 farming businesses across three Somerset livestock markets Frome, Sedgemoor and Cutcombe benefiting from this initiative. We hope to work with officers from the Rural Affairs Unit to arrange another event in Spring 2023.

Pictured right: Officers from the Rural Affairs Unit





Final reminder to register your interest

Farm for the Future– *meeting information and dates attached*

We are delivering Farm for the Future to help you navigate the policy changes -**sign up today!**

Aim of the programme: The aim is to help you reflect on your current position, assess how you may move forward given the reduction of BPS, and current external pressures in order to continue farming in a viable and sustainable way.

Welcome Meeting	Date and Time All meetings will be held at 7pm – 9.30pm	Venue
Welcome Meetings delivered by Lydia Cox, NFU Somerset County Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes to farm support- What we know so far?• Opportunities to consider for your farm• Overview of Farm for the Future Programme	Wednesday 9th November	The Exmoor Forest Inn, Simonsbath
	Tuesday 15th November	The Rest and Be Thankful, Wheddon Cross

We are inviting local farm businesses to join Farm for the Future, which we are delivering with The Prince's Countryside Fund.

Farm for the Future will help farms within the Greater Exmoor area to navigate changes in policy and become more resilient and sustainable. The programme will provide business support so farmers can manage the upcoming changes and make informed decisions about their future, and discover opportunities with the ELM schemes that may financially and practically benefit the farm.

Every farmer who participates will become a member of The Prince's Countryside Fund's Farm Resilience Network which provides a bank of resources and ongoing support. The programme consists of a welcome meeting, two workshops and one to one support. Any tenant or owner-occupied farm currently in receipt of BPS in England is eligible to join – even if you have already participated in a programme run by The Prince's Countryside Fund. Farm for the Future is funded by Defra's Future Farming Resilience Fund.

Sign up here [Farm for the Future Sign up Form \(tfaforms.com\)](https://tfaforms.com) or contact Katherine Williams, Network Manager katherine@ehfn.org.uk or 07970 795808 for further information.

Peer Support Groups

Forward Farming Group – *final reminder*

Topic: Lamb classification evening with local livestock agents John Nott and Ross Crang .

Date: Monday 7th November 2022

Venue: Lower Blackland Farm, Withypool, Minehead TA24 7RZ by kind permission of Charlie and Mark Williams

Time: 7pm prompt - 9pm followed by refreshments

Peer Support Contribution: £5pp or annual membership £50. A map will follow on receipt of booking if required.

Join us to understand more about better returns from your sheep enterprise

- What are buyers and processors looking for? liveweight vs deadweight
- Grading process, conformation, fatness
- Price differentials
- Common deductions
- EUROP Grid <https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/understanding-lambs-and-carcases-for-better-returns>
- Choosing your outlet to suit your farm business
- Q and A session

Booking essential for catering purposes by Friday 4th November admin@ehfn.org.uk

Women in Farming Group

Topic: Visit to Miles Tea and Coffee Company **Date:** Wednesday 16th November 2022

Time: 7pm – 8.30pm approx.

Venue: D J Miles & Co Ltd, Porlock House, Stephenson Road, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5EB (behind Tesco)

Peer Support Contribution: £5pp Cars can be arranged from Cutcombe Market at 6.30pm, please let us know if you will be meeting there. **Description:** A talk about the history of Miles Tea, how and why the business was established and the production process. Booking is essential by Monday 14th November admin@ehfn.org.uk .

Next Generation Group (under 40's)

Topic: Visit to Shearwell Data **Venue:** Putham Farm, Wheddon Cross by kind permission of the Webber Family.

Date: Wednesday 30th November **Time:** 6.45pm prompt – 8.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Shearwell Data Ltd is about to celebrate its 30th Anniversary – from small beginnings this family, farmer owned business has grown in to a market leading animal identification and software management business. It is recognised as being an expert in RFID technology around the world and is a founder member of ALIDMA, the industry body for UK animal identification manufacturers and suppliers. It also has manufacturing facilities in Australia and the USA, together with sales representatives in New Zealand and Canada. Employing over 130 staff at its head office at Wheddon Cross, the business continues to develop and manufacture products that support livestock farmers to improve data collection and interpretation. From visual and RFID tags, stick readers and stock recorders, weighing and handling systems, husbandry products to software and apps, Shearwell Data's mission is "Working to help the livestock farmer". Booking is essential by Monday 28th November admin@ehfn.org.uk.

Open Event

NEW** Joint with the National Sheep Association - An update on the Future Farming and Countryside Programme with Defra representatives – invitation attached.

Date: Wednesday 7th December 2022 **Time:** 7pm – 9.30pm **Venue:** North Molton Sports Club



Training Opportunities

Cross Cut and Maintenance Chainsaw – 2-day course

Dates: January 2023 . **Venue:** tbc.

Please register your interest for further information.

Mastering Medicines (few remaining places available)

As of 1st November 2021, Red Tractor has introduced a new compulsory standard, where at least one member of staff has undertaken a Mastering Medicines training course and holds a certificate of competence. **Date:** Monday 21st November **Venue:** Cutcombe Market **Time:** 1pm for 1.15am start– 4pm. To book your place, please contact the office admin@ehfn.org.uk .

Other Interest



Blackmoor Gate Market - Monday 7th November 10.30am – 3260 Sheep

View: [Catalogues \(exmoorfarmers.co.uk\)](https://exmoorfarmers.co.uk)



2 Day Suckled Calf Reports

A fast trade for steers and heifers earlier this week made a total of 1028 suckled calves sold over the two days. Our next suckled calf sale is on **Monday 14th November** with a special native entry. Click to view the full sale reports: [Market Reports \(exmoorfarmers.co.uk\)](https://exmoorfarmers.co.uk)

Masons Kings Open Day – Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at Exebridge – poster attached EHFN will be in attendance, do come along and support your local agricultural dealership

Masons Kings
YOU ARE INVITED TO:
Masons Kings Open Days 2022

Join us for our 2022 Open Days!
Celebrating a successful year and our plans for 2023.

22nd November | 2pm - 9pm

Masons Kings, Exebridge Industrial Estate, Exebridge, Nr Dulverton, Somerset, TA22 9BL

- Showcasing the new John Deere 6R range & Timberwolf TW 280HB Hybrid
- Exclusive offers across our depots
- Winter servicing deals on your machinery
- Meet our team & manufacturer representatives
- New 2023 John Deere tool collection & offers
- Enjoy FREE hospitality & refreshments

Open to all, existing & new customers

Exclusive Offers

Demonstrations



Exmoor Rural Health Hub

The **Health Hub** will be operating from the Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross on the following date
Wednesday 16th November 1.30pm – 5pm . For more information please visit:

<https://www.erhh.co.uk/serviceupdates/dates-for-your-diary/>

IN AID OF SOMERSET YFC COUNTY RALLY

£12 per person including a cooked two course meal and bottle of wine on table

Licensed bar

To book contact Alice Cherry:
Email: alicecherry96@icloud.com
Phone/Text: 07949666505



Big Breakfast 

IN AID OF SOMERSET YFC COUNTY RALLY



Sunday 4th December

**Moorland Hall
Wheddon Cross
TA24 7DU**

8:30 am – Midday

£10 Large
£7 Small

FULL ENGLISH - TOAST - COFFEE - TEA - JUICE

NEW**



AGRICULTURAL – COMMERICAL – EQUESTRIAN – FORESTRY

- Tree shears
- Crushing
- Quarry works
- Forestry works
- Coastal works
- Slurry lagoons
- Muck shifts
- House footings
- Groundworks
- Shed sites
- Landscaping
- Clay lining
- Ditching
- Arenas
- Land draining
- Ponds
- Water irrigation
- Treatment plants



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Job Advert - Full/part time jobs available on busy small family run business. Job to include collection of all types of fallen stock. The candidate ideally needs a class 2 lorry driving licence/or cpc for 7.5 ton lorry but statutory tests will be arranged for the right person. A shotgun certificate is required, and firearms is a bonus. All training will be given. We require a reliable trustworthy person for this role , if you think this might be you then please get in touch. We also run a beef and sheep farm so the opportunity of some farm work may also be available if desired. Please contact Ian 07974740885 or James 0783796868

Job Advert - Part- or full-time labourer required from late October due to current worker travelling overseas. Duties to include tractor driving , hedge trimming and laying , fencing with local agricultural contractor based in Porlock and the immediate areas. Training can be given. Please call Alan for an informal chat on 01643 862607 (evenings) 07909 760729.

Looking for a full-time job in farming/animal husbandry sector such as milking, feeding animals, cleaning, dog walking and pet sitting on Exmoor. I volunteer at a vet clinic in Minehead, own a smallholding and have completed a lambing season locally. Happy to provide a reference if needed. **Contact details:** Lena M helend1412@gmail.com
Instagram: @talesfromthemoors WhatsApp only: 07835234636 (due to remote location, wifi caller)

To book on any of the above events please or for more information contact Kirsty at admin@ehfn.org.uk or 01643 841455.

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