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Hot off the Press – Save the Date

The **Exmoor Hill Farming Network** and The **Farming Community Network** invite you to a Pre-Lambing Breakfast. **Venue:** The Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross TA24 7DU **Date:** Sunday 26th February 2023 between 9am – 11.30am. Booking advisable along with any dietary requirements admin@ehfn.org.uk / 01643 841455. All proceeds to The Farming Community Network. Details are being finalized and will be launched next week but please save the date for now.



Latest News

Over 30 members of the Forward Farming Group enjoyed a post-Christmas meal at The Rest and Be Thankful last week. We were joined by Philip Beauvais from the Met Office who offered an interesting insight into the trends and interpreting of the weather forecast. Fingers crossed we have good weather for lambing and calving which will soon be here. We raised £109 from our prize draw for EHFN funds. Thank you.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary update



Poaching Incidents

There have been a number of poaching incidents reported recently around the Dulverton/Hawkridge/Ashwick areas. Please report any ongoing incidents via 999. If non urgent, via 101 or the Avon & Somerset website. Your information helps us to assess where the incidents are happening and to take the appropriate action.

Open Events

Update on the latest ELM changes with Adam Lockyear, FWAG

Following on from Defra's announcement last week, they have published further information on the growth and rollout of their environmental land management scheme which includes the full range of actions, payment rates and when they'll be available. **Date:** Thursday 16th February 2023 via zoom **Time:** 7pm. Please register your interest for the log in details.

Peer Support Groups

Exmoor Women in Farming Group – February Meeting

Topic: Beginners FarmFIT session and nutrition discussion. **Date:** Monday 13th February 2023 **Venue:** Oare House, Oare, Lynton EX35 6NX **Support Contribution:** £5pp **Time:**

7pm – 8.30pm. Travel arrangements can be made from Ashcombe Car Park, Simonsbath, meeting at 6.30pm.

Join Hadyn Potts from Root Project, for a taster fitness session and open discussion on nutrition. The evening will consist of :

- A practical introduction to fitness, suitable for all abilities.
- An open chat on nutrition, habit forming and what Root Project is working on with the support of FIPL for 2023. Booking is essential by **Friday 10th February** admin@ehfn.org.uk. If you have any questions prior to the evening, please send over in confidence to the network team. No names will be disclosed.

Training Opportunities

City and Guilds NPTC PA Qualifications -SAFE USE OF PESTICIDES.

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; **Date:** Thursday 23rd February 2023 **Venue:** Cutcombe Market Canteen **Time:** 9.30am - 3pm **PA2** Foundation Course for Ground Crop Sprayers Mounted or Trailed training, on farm with tractor and sprayer (date tbc)**PA6** - Hand Held Applicator **Date:** Tuesday 28th February 2023 **Venue:** Cutcombe Market **Time:** 9.30am – 2pm) Please register your interest.

NPTC level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Transport of Animals

Are you looking to complete your NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Transport of Animals by Road (short journeys). This is for anyone who transports animals as an economic activity on journeys over 65km in distance and up to 8 hours in duration. **Date:** Thursday 23rd February **Venue:** Cutcombe Market office, Wheddon Cross, Minehead **Time:** 1pm -2pm. Please register your interest.

Emergency at Work First Aid Course

Date: Tuesday 28th February 2023 **Venue:** Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross **Cost:** £55pp **Time:** 9am for 9.15am start-4pm. Please register your interest

Areas covered include: Aims and principles of first aid, legalities, responsibilities, record keeping and reporting, assessment of the situation, basic hygiene in first aid, shock, dealing with an unconscious casualty, seizure, resuscitation/ CPR/ defibrillators, minor injuries, bleeding control, coronavirus, choking, heart attacks and angina.

Exmoor Lamb Producers... Do you supply direct to the Consumer? Are your lambs born and reared in the Exmoor National Park?

We are updating our Farm to Fork register for Exmoor grass fed lamb producers who are supplying direct to the public. A register with a list of producers is available in the public domain by Exmoor National Park Authority and some of their consumer facing partners and social media platforms. Traceability and food miles is key to our message to consumers using local abattoirs. Pricing and collection/delivery systems would be solely down to each producer as they will have direct contact with the public. Please contact us to add your farm business to the register by **noon on Tuesday 7th February 2023** . View here: [About us \(ehfn.org.uk\)](https://ehfn.org.uk)

Other Interest



Swaling fire safety advice

If you're organising a swale or controlled burn, we need you to:

1. Let us know your plans through our online form
2. Read our swaling fire safety checklist
- 3 .Call us on the day of your burn before you start burning.

Please visit: [Swaling fire safety advice | Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service \(dsfire.gov.uk\)](#)

Barnstaple Response Group t. 07976960372 or 07870990217 w. www.dsfire.gov.uk

E: idonovan@dsfire.gov.uk



875 Head Blackmoor Gate Sheep Sale Monday 6th February 11am

241 Cattle Sale Wednesday 8th February 10.30am

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

Genuine Farm sale Woods Farm, Molland by kind permission of Mr and Mrs D Barrow – Saturday 25th February. Further

details to follow soon view here [Farm Sales \(exmoorfarmers.co.uk\)](http://Farm Sales (exmoorfarmers.co.uk))



**Exmoor Rural
Health Hub**

The **Health Hub** will be operating

Wednesday 8th February - 11:00 to 14:00

from their new portacabin site at the market (located opposite the wash out).

For more information please visit:

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



Chartered Surveyors, Valuers & Land Agents

**** Save the Date**** Genuine end of tenancy farm dispersal sale, **Stream Farm, Williton**, TA4 **Date:** Friday 17th March 2023. Sale commencing 10.30am . Any queries please contact enquiries@batemanhosegood.co.uk **Office:** 01884 839980

Commercial Adverts

NEW

FULL TIME STOCK PERSON REQUIRED MIXED BEEF AND SHEEP ENTERPRISE

A full-time position for an experienced individual is available on our 300-acre farm near Raleghs Cross just outside Exmoor National Park. We are part way through building our suckler herd and flock from a standing start two years ago, on an organic farm assured enterprise with a thriving holiday let business already established. New buildings and equipment are already in place, with a new cattle shed going up in the spring to complete the investment. This role completes our team of full-time staff and calls for a person with a genuine interest in both cattle and sheep, sharing the ambition of the owners to develop the livestock business into both a breeding and commercial success. Tractor driving experience is also called for, for haylage making and general yard work. Excellent conditions and a competitive package are on offer, together with an opportunity to share in the success of the enterprise going forward. There is no full time accommodation offered with this role, but a company Ford Ranger is potentially available, together with excellent accommodation when required for lambing duties. Please call Ray Vincent on 07721 219918 for an informal conversation in the first instance.

NEW

EXMOOR PREMIUM MUTTON

DOONE VALLEY

Our Mutton comes from our Scotch Blackface hill sheep which is very much different to farmed sheep in a field. They spend their entire lives which is about 3/4 years living wild & stress-free happily grazing the hill in the Doone Valley on all the delicious heather, herbs, wild grasses & flora. This is the perfect recipe for a tasty meat, which produces a richer, firmer meat that is so delicious & has a wonderful depth of flavour

Whole Carcase - £250.00

2 whole legs (in half joints), 2 rolled shoulders (in half joints), 4 packs of mince, 4 packs of diced, chops.
Including free pack of burgers

Half Carcase - £130.00

Whole leg (in half joints), rolled shoulder (in half joints), 2 packs of mince, 2 packs of diced, chops.
Including free pack of burgers

Taster Box - £80.00

½ a leg joint, ½ rolled should joint, 1 pack of mince, 1 pack of diced, chops, pack of burgers

Mini Taster Box - £45.00

Roasting joint, 1 pack of mince, chops, pack of burgers

Burgers, pack of 4 - £6.50

Gluten Free, Mint or Moroccan

Tom & Sarah Burge
W J Burge & Son, Oaremead
Oare, Lynton, EX35 6NU.
Tom – 07976 824828
Sarah – 07813 733738



Lambing Assistant required

A farm located on the Brendon Hills, Exmoor are looking for an additional lambing assistant for 6 weeks (full or part time, various day/night hours available) from 20 March for Shropshire and Welsh ewes, which are lambed indoors and outdoors. Accommodation can be provided. For more information, please contact Ray on 07721 219918

Farm Manager seeking new position

Farm Manager position required within the Greater Exmoor area, experience with pedigree and commercial livestock. I have been involved with embryo work on both cattle and sheep with training qualifications in all and hoof trimming. Would consider a shepherd/stockman role. Relocating due to family farm sale in South Devon. Please call Jim for further information on 07845 586417 or jameshardinglivestock@hotmail.com.



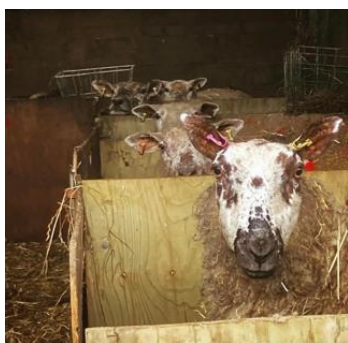
Part time General Farm Worker

Another position has become available for a part time general farm worker required for 3 days a week on mixed farm near South Molton. This position will start from February until May 2023. This varied role will involve feeding, bedding up and scraping out using machinery. The candidate must be happy to work alone on occasions. Please call Matt for an informal chat on 07792 453706.

Full time secretary - Acorn Rural Property Consultants

We are recruiting for a full-time secretary based in our Tiverton office.

To view the job advertisement, please see Secretary job advert Jan. 23. <https://acornrpc.co.uk/jobs/> A brief job description and the key skill requirements can be viewed here Secretary job description Jan. 23. If you would like more information before applying, please do ring us for an initial discussion. **Email:** INFO@ACORNRPC.CO.UK or please call +44 (0)1884 212 380



Seasonal Lambing Help

With the season shortly upon us, if you have an opportunity arising or would be interested in lambing work.

Please register your interest by calling 01643 841455 or admin@ehfn.org.uk (in strictest confidence).

We are happy to circulate vacancies or services to our database of members, advert fee applies.

House share opportunity available in Barbrook within a 2-bed bungalow.

Double room with shared facilities. Pets will be considered. All bills included with superfast broadband and a spacious garden.

£500pcm. For further information, please contact Alice on 07715 626918.

Bloodstock Shipping Administrator

We are a bloodstock shipping agency looking for a full-time experienced administrator to join our small friendly team. Shelley Ashman Shipping Specializes in the movement of horses globally via land, sea and air and in doing so offers our clients a personalised service to suit their needs. We are based on the outskirts of Tiverton, Devon close to the M5.



The role entails taking on a portfolio of events for which you will be responsible from start to finish. You will need to liaise with clients, vets, customs agents, and border control posts to ensure trips runs smoothly and efficiently for both horses & riders. Alongside this you would also be asked to provide support for the day to day running of the office. This is a busy, varied role in a fast-paced environment, the ability to multitask and work under pressure is essential. We are looking for someone with a strong administrative background to work full time Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. The successful candidate will be able to work as part of a team using their own initiative but also work independently when necessary. You will need to have the ability to handle pressure and prioritise your workload. The successful candidate must be computer literate with a professional, friendly, and confident telephone manner. Experience within the equestrian industry is not essential as full training will be provided. This is an office-based role. Salary £22,000 to £24,000 (negotiable based on experience). If you have any questions relating to this role please feel free to email or call. jamie@shelleyashmanshipping.co.uk / Tel: 01884 849008 Please send you C/V to: jamie@shelleyashmanshipping.co.uk

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

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