



## December 2022



**On behalf of the Exmoor Hill Farming Network Directors, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you for your support with our network activities this year.**

### Latest News

#### **Future Farming Blog**

Farming is going through the biggest change in a generation. The Government's approach to working with the sector is changing too.

On this blog, Defra will share what they are working on, learning and how you can get involved. Find out first here and sign up for the regular updates [Future Farming \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://futurefarming.blog.gov.uk/)

#### **New Entrant Support Scheme – Pilot Announced**

Defra are looking for applications for the New Entrants Support Scheme pilots which are now open.

The pilot is available for:

- individuals with some farming experience, but not their own land-based farming businesses
- individuals with 4-10 years' experience running and land-based farming business.

The pilot will run until spring 2023. Pilot activities will take place in the evenings and on weekends, they can be carried out online at a time that works for you. There is no cost to participants. The School for Social Entrepreneurs are running the southwest pilot details at <https://www.the-sse.org/courses/new-entrant-scheme-pilot/>. Further context in the Defra blog <https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/.../new-entrant-support.../>

### Peer Support Groups

#### **Save the Date**

##### **Exmoor Women in Farming Group Post Christmas Meal**

**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 **Venue:** The Royal Oak Inn, Withypool **Time:** 7pm

Two course meal followed by coffee. Please save the date for now, further details to follow next week.

#### **Save the Date**

##### **Forward Farming Group Post Christmas Meal**

**Date:** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 **Venue:** The Rest and Be Thankful Inn, Wheddon Cross

**Time:** 7pm **Guest Speaker:** Philip Beauvais, Defence Capability Manager, Met Office, Exeter. Please save the date for now, further booking details to follow.

### Training Opportunities

#### **Emergency at Work First Aid Course – limited places available.**

**Date:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 **Venue:** Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross **Cost:** £55pp

**Time:** 9am for 9.15am start-4pm.

**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. Please contact the office to book your place.

### Other Interest

## Weed control in Grassland Workshop

Raleghs Cross Inn, Brendon Hill, TA23 0LN  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 10.30am - 2.30pm

*NRoSO & BASIS points will be available*

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**FWAG SouthWest**

Join us to discuss weed control in grassland to make the best of your pasture.

We have several speakers who will be covering:

- Selection of the best product for your grassland and new products
- Safe responsible handling and application of products
- Nonchemical cultural control of weeds in new and established grassland
- An update on the current legislation regarding the use of plant protection products
- Opportunities for funding available for farmers to protect water quality and the environment.

We are also running a free pesticide amnesty in the Upper Tone catchment offering land managers the opportunity to dispose of unwanted pesticides, to reduce the risk these chemicals pose to water quality and the environment.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided, please provide us with dietary requirements upon booking.  
You will be asked for your SBI number upon booking, please have that ready upon booking.  
Booking is essential for this free event. Call 01823 660684, email [info@fwagsw.org.uk](mailto:info@fwagsw.org.uk) or you can book via our website [www.fwagsw.org.uk](http://www.fwagsw.org.uk)



**Cutcombe Cattle Sale 100 Head** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
**Cutcombe Christmas Show** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Visit <https://exmoorfarmers.co.uk/catalogues> for more information



**Exmoor Rural  
Health Hub**

The **Health Hub** will be operating on the  
Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> December**.

For more information please visit:

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

### Christmas Opening Hours



The office will be closed from **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022** and re-open on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**. EHFN staff will be working very limited hours over the festive period. If the matter is urgent, please contact Katherine Williams on 07970 795808  
[katherine@ehfn.org.uk](mailto:katherine@ehfn.org.uk)

### Commercial Adverts

**\*NEW\***

### **FWAG SW are recruiting Farm Environment Advisor**

Do you have an interest and experience in upland farming systems? We are looking for an Adviser to join our existing team on Exmoor, to support our clients delivering environmental objectives, realise their vision and meet business goals in this in this beautiful and special area.

**Closing Date for applications:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 6pm **Interview Date:**

12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 **Salary:** £24,500 - £30,500pa (pro rata for part time hours)

**The Job Description and Person Specification can be downloaded here**

[Farm Environment Adviser – Exmoor, Somerset | Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West Limited \(fwagsw.org.uk\)](#)

Please send your CV and a covering letter to [HR@fwagsw.org.uk](mailto:HR@fwagsw.org.uk) to apply.

**\*NEW\***

### **BOOK-KEEPER, WITH OPTIONAL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ROLE FOR ESTATE OFFICE NEAR TIMBERSCOMBE.**

1 / 2.5 days a week. Mondays and Tuesday mornings preferred; other hours flexible based at estate office.

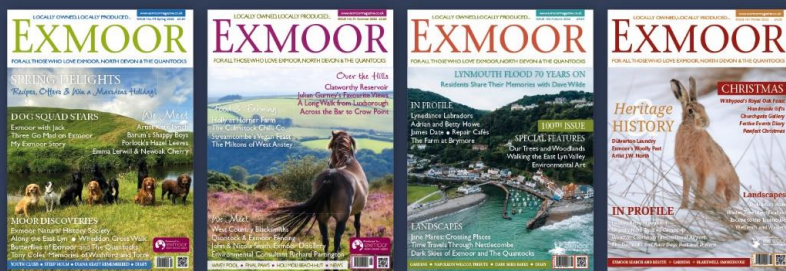
Relevant book-keeping experience, familiarity with accounts packages and Microsoft office essential plus a well-organised, methodical approach with good attention to detail.

Please feel free to telephone for an informal discussion on 07920 180771 (no voicemails please) or send an e-mail to [info@oakfloor.co.uk](mailto:info@oakfloor.co.uk).

### **Lifestyle and Business Opportunity on Exmoor - Wootton Courtenay Villagers' Stores**

We are looking for a sociable individual, couple or family to run our Village Shop and Post Office on a self-employed, part-time basis. There is three bedroom accommodation above the shop. For further information please ring Dee on 07776474435 or email her at [brockwellfarmd@gmail.com](mailto:brockwellfarmd@gmail.com)

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