



March 2022



Don't forget next week 9/03 - no booking required

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC



 **Exmoor Rural Health Hub** 

somerseccg.nhs.uk/covid-vaccines

9th March & 13th April | 11.30am - 3.30pm
Exmoor Rural Health Hub, Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross, Minehead, TA24 7DU



 **EXMOOR HILL FARMING NETWORK**

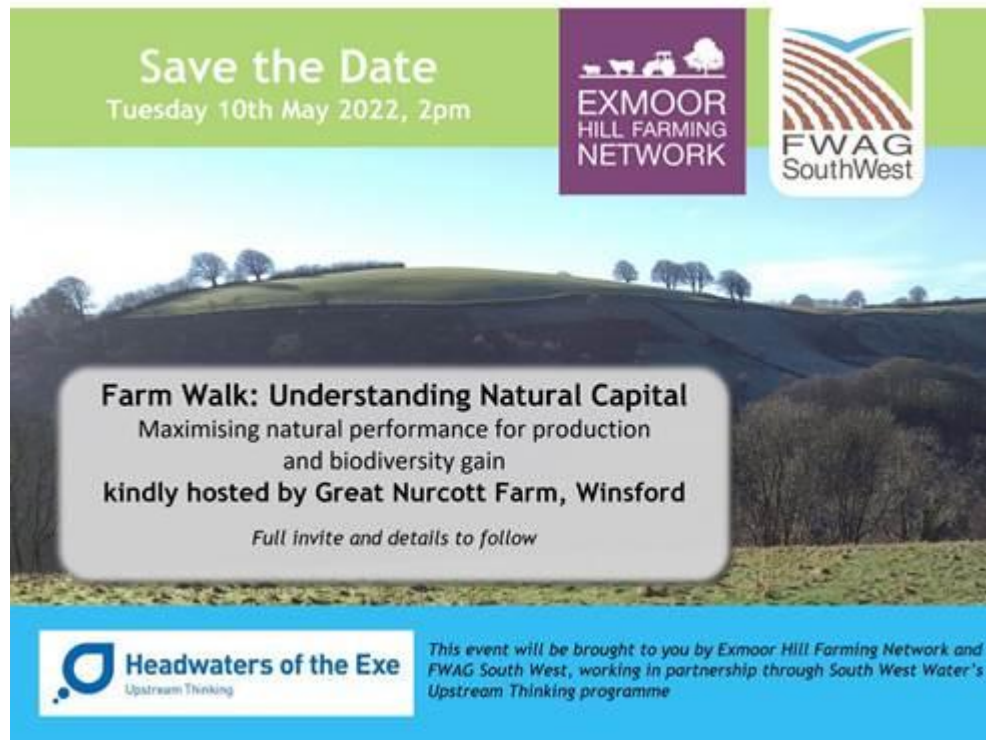
**PRE LAMBING
VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT**

**Thank you
Pre-Lambing Virtual Quiz
Night**

Thank you to those who took part in our quiz night last week. It was a fun, interactive evening, well done to the winning team - the Vigars family from Exford who received a £25 Mole Valley Farmers voucher. Thank you also to the families who took part in the children's quiz at 7pm too, Easter eggs are on their way!

Open Event

Save the Date Farm Walk: Understanding Natural Capital May 2022



Peer Support Groups

Next Generation Group visit

15 members turned out on a wet and foggy evening earlier this week for our final meeting before lambing. Hosted in the sheep shed at Higher North Radworthy Farm by kind permission of Dennis and Rob Jones, a huge thank you for hosting this most informative meeting about their own lambing experiences, talking openly about their opportunities and challenges as well as grassland management systems on the farm. We look forward to resuming group activities from early May.



Exmoor Women in Farming Group Study Trip – Royal Welsh Show 2022

Preliminary information (dates confirmed, info may change)

Date: Monday 18th July 2022 – Wednesday 20th July 2022

Location: Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells and Brecon.

Time: Leaving Cutcombe Market on morning of 18th July (8.30am) and returning evening of 20th July (meet at Taunton office with minibuses)

Cost: £100 (non-refundable deposit), further expenditure to be confirmed

Working with NFU Cymru and Hereford Rural Hub to assist with a group visit to a beef and sheep hill farm on route, guest speaker with evening meal (18th). Staying near Hereford as places are limited in Wales with the number of attendees. We will attend the show on Tuesday and Wednesday returning later in the evening.

Once deposits have been received, I will be able to make firm arrangements without confirmed numbers, it is difficult to cost out the accommodation, car / mini bus hire and final costs. I will endeavour to keep the costs to a minimum. Extra money will be required for food and spending if you so wish. Please get in touch if this is of interest by Monday 7th March at the latest. We are limited to a max of 16 attendees, first come, first served basis.

Other Interest



Monday 7th March Blackmoor Gate Sheep Sale – 350 Sheep

Wednesday 9th March Cattle Sale at Cutcombe Market – 428 Cattle

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

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR ANIMAL TRANSPORTER AUTHORISATION

Transporter authorisations are valid for 5 years and a significant number are due for renewal in 2022. Authorisations are required on journeys over 65km with two types: Type 1 (short journey) required for journeys up to 8 hours and Type 2 (long journey) for journeys over 8 hours. Check the expiry of your current authorisation and apply for renewal at the earliest possible opportunity - you do not need to retake the assessment. Transporters found to be operating without valid authorisation risk heavy penalties. Contact APHA's Welfare in Transport team for a renewal pack or to discuss any queries. <https://www.gov.uk/.../animal.../about/access-and-opening...>

Livestock Worrying

Why is this important?

You are responsible for your dog. Livestock worrying is a crime and livestock that are chased or attacked by dogs are frequently killed or injured. This has a financial and emotional impact on all concerned and can affect the livestock long after the incident has taken place. Action may be taken against you and your dog.

What do you need to do?

Ensure responsible dog ownership. Dogs should not be unaccompanied outside of the home and their behaviour should be managed at all times. On access land your dog **MUST** be on a lead between the 1st of March and 31st July and at all times when livestock is present.

How can you prevent this?

- Enjoy the countryside but keep your dog on a lead if livestock is present. Release your dog if chased by cattle.
- Livestock worrying taking place at the time is considered an emergency dial 999 and explain there is a dog attacking livestock with a precise location.
- Livestock owners can advise dog walkers by giving clear notices advising of the presence of livestock, Location of footpaths and appropriate fencing.
- Email 101@dc.police.uk if livestock has been chased or attacked and the dogs have left the location.
- Farmers have the right to protect their livestock. Ensure you are aware of the legislation and your legal responsibilities.
- Anyone able to offer information relating to livestock worrying is asked to email 101@dc.police.uk, call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
- Join Devon & Cornwall Alert, Watch schemes and local social media groups so that you can find out what is happening in your area

The Devon and Cornwall police rural affairs team have produced a calendar which highlights rural issues throughout the year to focus problem solving activity for police, partners and public with key messages and prevention activity.



Devon & Cornwall Police

Landscapes Review – consultation ends 9th April

You may be aware that the Government recently published it's long-awaited response to the Landscapes Review which is being consulted on until 9 April. Defra are seeking public views on support for these proposed legislative changes, and their potential effects. For further details view here with the

Announcement - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ambitious-proposals-to-strengthen-our-protected-landscapes-announced>

Document - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-government-response>

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Salary: £30,000 - £40,000 (Dependant on experience)

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John Deere Training provided

For more information contact Peter Endacott on 07968 123061 or to apply, Email your CV to: sarah.brimblecombe@masonskings.co.uk

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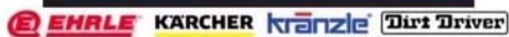
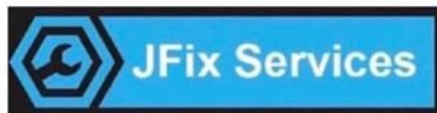
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- Gnvq level 3 in estate management and deer management
- Dmq certificate
- 3rd party insurance
- Covering all areas of Exmoor National Park. Please email matthewturley04@gmail.com Or 07742 475845

Seasonal Calving/ Lambing Help

With the season shortly upon us, if you have an opportunity arising or would be interested in work. We do have individuals looking for work opportunities. Please register your interest with us (in strictest confidence). We are happy to circulate vacancies or services to our database of members. A commercial advert fee applies. Call 01643841455 or katherine@ehfn.org.uk to discuss further.



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