



## May 2022

### **Latest News**

Advance Payment of Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) 2022 - The RPA has announced that due to the price of agricultural commodities they will bring forward 50% of this year's BPS payment as an advance injection of cash to farm businesses from the end of July. The balance will be paid in the payment window from December. They intend to make this a permanent change, with BPS being paid in twice yearly instalments going forward. View details here [Bringing BPS payments forward - Future Farming \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://blog.gov.uk/bringing-bps-payments-forward/)

### **BPS Deadline Date**

Don't forget, the deadline to submit your [2022 BPS application](#) is **Monday 16 May 2022**. There are penalties for late applications.

### **Peer Support Groups**

#### **Exmoor Women in Farming Group - Farm Diversification - May Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 **Time:** 7pm -9pm **Venue:** Brandish Street Farm, Allerford TA24 8HR by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Chris Williams.

Join us on the Holnicote Estate, home of the Williams Family at Brandish Street Farm. In addition to their beef and sheep enterprise, the family have recently diversified into shepherds' huts. An idea which has flourished since a Women in Farming Group visit to the Royal Welsh Show in 2015, is now up and running after a successful grant application to the Rural Growth Programme in late 2020. 18 months on and Orchard Escapes was formed in Autumn 2021 with Bramley and Victoria shepherd huts nestled perfectly in their fruit orchard on the farm.

We will learn about the opportunities and challenges faced along this exciting journey to include:

- Background
- Funding opportunities
- Grant process
- Adding value to existing farm business
- Marketing
- Reflections

Along with an opportunity to look around the huts and facilities, we will also have a short walk to look at some of the changes implemented on the farm in recent years. Finishing with tea or coffee and cake. Please bring appropriate footwear. Booking essential via [admin@ehfn.org.uk](mailto:admin@ehfn.org.uk) by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May for catering purposes.

#### **Next Generation Group (Under 40's) – May Farm Visit**

**Topic:** Farm Walk and Tour, highlighting the importance of hedgerow management

**Date:** Wednesday 25th May 2022

**Time:** 7pm prompt start – 9pm

**Venue:** Yearnor Farm, Porlock, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 8JL by kind permission of the Richards Family.

Join us for an informative farm tour and talk. The Richards family farms 1000 mainly purebred Exmoor Horn ewes and 50 pedigree Ruby Red Devon cows at Yearnor Farm above Porlock Weir. The family have farmed at Yearnor since the 1800's. John's main passion is to keep traditional Exmoor breeds, maintain and enhance the wonderful stone walls and hedgerows, filled with an abundance of thriving nature. John runs an active

Instagram page where he highlights his farming activity above the Bristol channel. We will hear about some of the opportunities and challenges that the farm has faced as well as his thoughts on the future of hill farming. Bacons rolls and cake will be provided. Please let us know if you are intending to join the meeting for catering purposes - [admin@ehfn.org.uk](mailto:admin@ehfn.org.uk) .

### **Forward Farming Group**

Thankyou to everyone who supported the new members evening held last night at Westwater Farm. It was a great opportunity to come together and resume networking amongst likeminded people. The atmosphere was buzzing, and we look forward to resuming a farm visit next month. Many thanks to Keith Branfield for hosting over 35 members at the farm. If anyone has any ideas of visits, please get in touch.



### **Open Event**

#### **Red Tractor Assurance**

An Introduction to Red Tractor Assurance. Save the date: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August- 7pm – 9pm, Exford area. Join representatives from SAI Global for an information evening on what is involved during an inspection, cross compliance, record keeping with an opportunity for Q and A session. Further details to follow nearer the time. Please save the date for now.

### **Training Opportunities**



Rural Enterprise Exmoor is full steam ahead with the next phase of the project. The vision has been launched and we are working together with stakeholders and local businesses to start contributing to the future economy. During our previous social media campaign #wearexmoor, we found businesses were benefitting from a personable approach to support so, Kerrie has come back on board to deliver this.

**FREE** 1-2-1 business support tailored entirely to your business for your benefit and it all starts with a phone call or a chat over a cup of coffee.

- Are you struggling with streamlining the paper work side of your business?
- Are you looking to collaborate with other local businesses?
- Do you have a project idea you would like advice on?
- Would you like to find out what grants are available for your business?
- Would you like to diversify into a different sector?
- Anything all all, we will do all we can to support you. If we can't, we will signpost and connect you with experts that can!

Get in touch with Kerrie 07547550842 [threetop@outlook.com](mailto:threetop@outlook.com) Instagram, Twitter or Facebook @ruralentexmoor

We will also be running a variety of workshops, compiling a business toolkit as well as publishing our Exmoor business directory. Please do sign up following the link on social

media. **ITS FREE!** Watch this space for more of what we can do to help you! Let's work together.

### **Mastering Medicines - *new date for June 2022***

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. We are taking bookings for a **June** date due to popular demand if this of interest please get in touch with us. **Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 **Venue:** Cutcombe Market **Time:** 1pm for 1.15am start– 4pm. To book your place, please contact the office.

### **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; **PA2** Foundation Course for Ground Crop Sprayers Mounted or Trailed training, on farm with tractor and sprayer and **PA6** - Hand Held Applicator training at Cutcombe Market. Please register your interest.

### **Other Interest**



### **NSA Next Generation Shepherd Competition and Farm Walk**

All are welcome to join us at the event being held on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> May at Gupworthy Farm, Wheddon Cross, TA24 7DA. Courtesy of Richard Webber and Family. The competition will begin at 11am for all those between 16 and 26 interested in taking part. A tour around the Webber's farm will begin between 1 and 1:30. Drinks and a pasty will be available. Please contact Ian May for further information ([ian@nationalsheep.org.uk](mailto:ian@nationalsheep.org.uk)).

### **NSA Next Generation Shepherd**

NSA South West Region invites young sheep farming enthusiasts to its NSA Next Generation Shepherd competition day!

Enter now for your chance of winning prize money from the pot of £1000! Kindly sponsored by Mole Valley Farmers Ltd **Date:** Saturday 21st May, 11am **Venue:** Gupworthy Farm, Somerset, TA24 7DA Entry forms are now available: <https://go.nationalsheep.org.uk/ojCQcP>



**Exmoor Rural  
Health Hub**

The Health Hub will be operating from The Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross on the following dates next month: **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** between **11.30am -3.30pm**. No booking necessary. For further information please visit [Dates for your diary – Exmoor Rural Health Hub \(erhh.co.uk\)](https://erhh.co.uk)

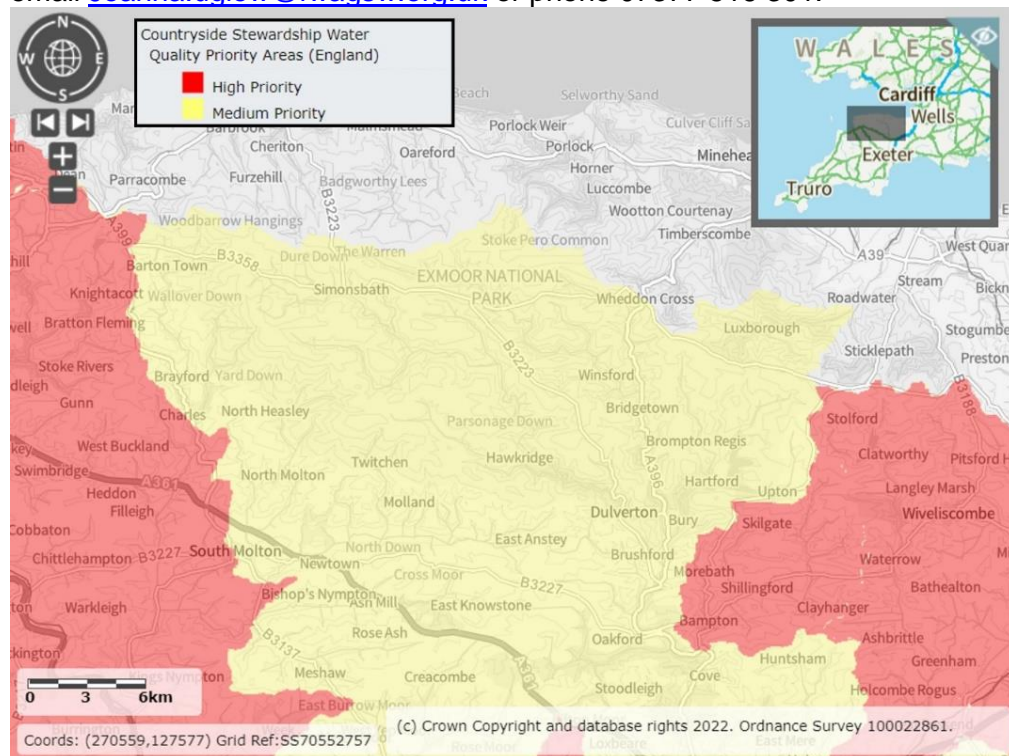
### Countryside Stewardship CSF Grants – Additional items now available for more farms

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) grants for capital works are now available for some of Exmoor within the Exe, Barle, Haddeo and Upper Washford catchments – see the map below for High and Medium Priority areas (shown in red and yellow) or visit [Magic Map](#). Countryside Stewardship capital grants cover items that improve water quality, air quality and hedgerows & boundaries. Many items are available and could include livestock troughs and associated pipework, concrete yard renewal, roofing, covers for slurry stores, hedge laying and coppicing. A full list can be found on the [Countryside Stewardship](#) grants page. Some of these items require endorsement from a CSF Officer, these items are listed in [Annex 2 of the manual](#). A minimum of 10 weeks must be allowed to request endorsement before submitting your application.

Grants are available through two routes:

1. **Standalone Capital Grants** – up to £20,000 for each category: water quality, air quality and hedgerows and boundaries to be completed in 2 years. The application window is rolling. See the [Capital Grants Manual](#) for details.
2. As part of a **Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier Agreement** – 5 year land management options plus up to £120,000 of capital items to be completed in the first 2 years. For items that require CSF Officer endorsement the deadline is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. The deadline for applications is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022. See the [Mid Tier Manual](#) for details.

Upstream Thinking (Headwaters of the Exe project) can offer farm visits and initial advice about your options free of charge. If you would like assistance, please get in touch with via email [Joanna.uglow@fwagsw.org.uk](mailto:Joanna.uglow@fwagsw.org.uk) or phone 07377 516 301.





## Show time

With the local and regional shows returning to full capacity this year, have you considered a day away from the farm?

**Devon County Show 30<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

**Royal Bath and West Show 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Royal Cornwall Show 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Dunster Show 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022** - EHFN will be in attendance, and we look forward to welcoming you to our stand. Further details to follow nearer the time.

## Commercial Adverts

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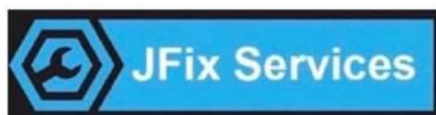
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