

West Berks & Oxon Training Newsletter

April 2023

News.....

AGM

The AGM was a successful meeting, followed by an engaging talk by Tom Bishop from BCM on farm budgeting.

Annual Membership Invoices

The annual membership invoices have been sent out, if you haven't received yours, please let us know.

Training Records

We have updated your training records, if you would like an electronic copy of your training record please let us know and we can email this across.

Please let us know if there are any changes required to your records.

As always, we are more than happy to meet with you to discuss any training requirements you may have, just contact the office to make an appointment.

Check Spam/Junk

Please ensure you check your junk/spam folder and add our email address to your contacts as correspondence from us is still being missed.

Courses with Spaces

Mental Health Awareness – 4th April

Instagram Essentials & Strategy for New Businesses – 26th April

Rodent Control – 9th May

Please contact the office for more details or to book a place.

Animal Health Pathway

You will be aware that direct payments are declining, and the Government is looking to support healthier animals and higher welfare and productivity in partnership with farmers, vets, and the wider industry.

Part of this support is via the APHA Health and Welfare Pathway which has finally opened this month to all farmers who are eligible for the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS).

The Pathway is a long-term project aiming to support continual improvement in health and welfare of all livestock through quality veterinary advice, capital grants, disease eradication programs and production incentives.

Starting this month, all farmers can have a fully funded, annual farm visit from their own vet, as long as the farm is eligible for BPS and have more than 10 cattle, 20 sheep or 50 pigs, and as part of this review there is the opportunity to discuss the most appropriate investments in terms of grants for capital investments to support the delivery of these health and welfare priorities.

For more information, click the link https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/animal-healthand-welfare-pathway/animal-health-and-welfare-pathway



Forestry Training Fund Application for Grant Support

If you live or work in England, you can apply for 100% grant funding to help you gain new forestry and woodland skills. Funding is available for people considering a change of career or seeking to build and diversify their skills in forestry and who want to undertake a forestry-related training course.

The Demand for the Forestry Training Fund Grant has been extremely high. All available funding for training courses to be undertaken prior to 31st March 2024 is now fully allocated. Please therefore ensure that you are requesting grant funding for training to be undertaken from 1st April 2024 onwards otherwise we will not be able to support your request for grant funding and your application will be rejected.

For more information, click the link https://forestrytrainingfund.co.uk/

Training Dates

All course dates and availability are updated regularly on the website www.westberksandoxontraining.co.uk

Forklift and Machinery courses are arranged on demand, please contact the office for more information.

If there are courses you need but are not listed on the website, please do not hesitate to get in contact

Discussion Groups

We would like to hold regular discussion groups, we have some ideas to start with but would appreciate your suggestions, please let us know

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