



**Dartmoor**  
Hill Farm Project

## INTERIM NEWSLETTER September 2017

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Events and Training

<p><b>Digital training and Support Sessions</b> 22<sup>nd</sup> November 13<sup>th</sup> December 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018</p>	<p>See page 4.  Cost: Free Venue: Hill Farm Project office, Old Duchy Hotel, Princetown <b>Book via HFP office.</b></p>
<p><b>360 Degree Excavator Course</b> 11<sup>th</sup> October (9.30am – 5pm)</p>	<p>This is for experienced operators and the excavation will reflect the standard associated with footings or foundation work.  Cost: Contributor - £174 inc VAT Non-Contributor - £210 inc VAT Venue: Tor Royal Farm, Princetown. <b>Book via HFP office.</b></p>
<p><b>Dartmoor Hill Farm Discussion Group:</b> 25<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> November – 12<sup>th</sup> December –</p>	<p>See page 6.  Rural Crime and Protecting your Business Derrick Knight from Animax trace-sure boluses. Phil Stocker CEO National Sheep Association.</p>
<p><b>DWIF (Dartmoor Women In Farming) Trip.</b> 18<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p>Cathy Case (Heath) has invited Dartmoor women to come and see her farm near Kingsbridge, this will be to have a walk and talk about looking at diversification and at how they work with the public. Leaving Princetown at 9.15, pickups across the moor. Return to Princetown for 3. <b>Bookings needed by 11<sup>th</sup> October. Book via HFP office.</b></p>
<p><b>Introduction to Beekeeping – Taster Day</b> 4<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 4pm</p>	<p>This day is an opportunity to discover the fascinating world of beekeeping providing an insight into the management and care of bees. Led by Clare Densley at Buckfast Abbey we will also discuss the content for a Dartmoor focussed beekeeping course for 2018. This will be a unique opportunity to place your bees in a local context so do come along and join us. <b>Book via HFP office.</b></p>
<p><b>LANTRA Pesticides Course – Units PA1 (23<sup>rd</sup> November), PA2, PA3, PA4s, PA6 &amp; PA6W (24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> November)</b></p>	<p>See Page 7  Cost: Contributor - £370 inc. Vat Non-Contributor - £462 inc. VAT This is the cost of 2 units (i.e. PA1 + 1 other) Venue: PA1 - Room 1, Old Duchy Hotel, Princetown. Practical's – tbc <b>Book via HFP office.</b></p>

## Shows

<b>Beef South West</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Organised by the <b>National Beef Association South West</b> , this Festival of British Agriculture will showcase the breadth and depth of quality breeding and production. Held at <b>West Point Arena, Exeter, EX5 1DJ</b> . <a href="http://www.agrifestsouthwest.co.uk/">http://www.agrifestsouthwest.co.uk/</a>
<b>Farm Business Innovation Show</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	The nation's biggest event committed to providing the guidance, education, suppliers, and opportunities needed to help farmers and rural business owners diversify and increase their income. Held at <b>NEC Birmingham, B40 1NT</b> <a href="http://www.farmbusinessshow.co.uk/">http://www.farmbusinessshow.co.uk/</a>

**12<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November – South Dartmoor Sheep Clear Period**

**19<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December – North Dartmoor Sheep clear Period**

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## **Cross Compliance Key Dates (October, November)**

### ***October***

**1<sup>st</sup>** You can burn heather, rough grass, bracken, gorse or vaccinium on land in upland areas from this date. (GAEC 6)

**1<sup>st</sup>** Start of closed period for applying organic manure with a high readily available nitrogen content (for example, slurry, poultry manures or liquid digested sewage sludge) to tillage land on soils which are not shallow or sandy. (SMR 1)

**15<sup>th</sup>** Start of closed period for applying organic manure with a high readily available nitrogen content (for example, slurry, poultry manures or liquid digested sewage sludge) to grassland on soils which are not shallow or sandy. (SMR 1)

**31<sup>st</sup>** If you hold a summer water abstraction licence (authorising abstraction wholly within the months of April to October), the Environment Agency will make actual abstraction return forms available to you from 31 October. You then have 28 days to send your readings to the Environment Agency. (GAEC 2)

### ***November***

**1<sup>st</sup>** You can burn heather, rough grass, bracken, gorse or vaccinium on land, other than in upland areas, from this date. (GAEC 6)

**30<sup>th</sup>** If you have a two-part tariff agreement for your water abstraction licence, expect to receive your second part charge after 30 November. (GAEC 2)

(Source Cross Compliance 2017 Handbook)

## **REQUEST FOR UPDATED INFORMATION**

We are asking that if you have updated your email address or phone numbers, and would still like to receive newsletters and information from us, to let us know. Either send an email to

[hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk)

Or

Call the office on: **01822 890912**

## **Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil (SSAFO) storage.**

If you have any slurry on your farm, **you must** store it in a tank, lagoon or other suitable facility. These requirements are set out in the Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (SSAFO) (England) Regulations 2010. If you are thinking of building a new silage clamp, slurry tank or lagoon, or substantially altering an existing store, you need to tell the Environment Agency at least 2 weeks before you start construction. **Read more** or visit [www.farmingadvice.service.org.uk](http://www.farmingadvice.service.org.uk) and look at august 2017 newsletter.

## **DARTMOOR FARMER'S LAMB**

The opportunity for supplying lambs from Dartmoor to a supermarket is progressing. Final discussions on spec and premium are being had. If you already take lambs to Jasper's abattoir at Launceston, or would like to be involved please contact Matt Cole (077966304556) as soon as possible.

### **Digital training and Support Sessions**

Run by COSMIC, experts at delivering digital skill workshops and mentoring on a 1:1 basis. They have recently received new funding from the Princes Countryside Fund to work with farmers, landowners and rural businesses in Exmoor and Dartmoor.

Training can cover basic computer skills through advice on social media, online marketing and website development. Each session can be tailored to meet your needs and those of your farm business. There are four slots available on each of the nominated Wednesday afternoons starting in November and running through to the New Year. 1pm – 5pm (4 x 1 hour bookable slots).

Feedback from 2016 was extremely positive so please book early to avoid disappointment.



## **The prince's Farm** **Resilience Programme**

The Princes Countryside Fund was established by HRH, The Prince of Wales in 2010. The fund aims to:

- Improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses
- Support aid delivery in emergency and build resilience.
- Sustain rural communities and drive economic vibrancy and opportunity in the countryside.

The programme provides business advice and support to help improve your farm business.

Through a series of essential and practical workshops you will be able to explore the options that are right for you, your family and farm business for a more efficient and resilient future.

The programme is aimed at small-medium family dairy, livestock and mixed farm businesses that are looking at ways to improve their businesses management and make efficiencies. The programme looks at farm businesses as a whole so is relevant to farms who have already diversified, as well as those looking to make the most of their existing assets. Up to 20 farm businesses are able to join within the Dartmoor area.

If you are interested in finding out more about The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme, please get in touch with your local co-ordinator, Sandra Dodd here at the DHFP, on:

T. 01822 890912 M. 07513801272 E. [sdodd@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:sdodd@dartmoor.gov.uk)

**Dead line for enquiries 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

# **DARTMOOR HILL FARM DISCUSSION GROUP**

**'RUNNING SINCE 1963'**

**2017**

**DEAR MEMBERS, HILL FARMERS, LADIES or GENTLEMEN**

This winter's programme is as follows:

**OCTOBER Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Rural Crime and Protecting your Business. Tavistock computer and Network Solutions. Cornish Mutual. Police. (Kindly supported by The Dartmoor Hill Farm Project)

**NOVEMBER Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** Derrick Knight from Animax trace-sure boluses. How can boluses improve your bottom line? (Kindly supported by Animax)

**DECEMBER Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** Phil Stocker CEO National Sheep Association. Has he got a crystal ball? We could all do with one!!!

**January, February and March 2018 to be announced soon.**

All Evenings are 7.30pm to start at 8.00pm. Supper at 9.00pm

Annual Subscription £30.00, payable before Christmas. £35.00 late payment. This includes six evening talks starting at THE FOREST INN, Hexworthy, PL20 6SD. Plus a tasty supper.

We are Delighted to say The Dartmoor Hill Farm Project are assisting and supporting the Discussion group and any contributors to the DHFP will get a discount of £5.00 towards membership of the DHFDG.

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## **LANTRA Pesticides Course – Units PA1, PA2, PA3, PA4s, PA6 & PA6W**

This pesticide course is for anyone employed in agriculture, horticulture or the environment (commercial/amenity) involved in the storage, handling and application of pesticides. PA1 is the foundation theory module, assessing knowledge of basic legislation for pesticides after which candidates can choose from a variety of units to cover knapsack sprayers, weed wipers etc. If you already hold PA1 you can choose to take any of the other individual units on offer.

The cost of the course will vary depending on the units chosen, but as a guide for two units (PA1 plus 1 other) the course fee will be £370 Incl. VAT for Hill Farm Project Contributors or £462 Inc. VAT for non-contributors. Please call the office to discuss your requirements or for guidance on the course.

### **FEC PAK**

Farmers can hire one of our two **FECPAKs** for 3 months to investigate the worm burden of the sheep on farm. A deposit of £30 is required and you get the support of a farmer mentor to show you how to set it up and use it. It allows easy faecal egg count processing to happen on farm, which in turn allows a quicker response to the use of drenches.

### **Next Full Newsletter**

The next full newsletter will be out in November 2017. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to include, or if you would like to take out an advertisement. Please call 01822 890913 for more information.

### **Let us Know**

We would be very grateful if you could email us with suggestions of events/training you would like to do or areas we could look at that you feel would be beneficial to you, your business and to Dartmoor farmers in general. Email us at: [hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk)



### **DHFP Computer & Printer**

The farmer drop-in computer is available at our Princetown office for any farmers who would like to use it for their BPS applications or for any other farm business related purposes. Please book a time slot with DHFP as the office is not manned every day.

## The Farming Community Network

*Helping farming people through difficult times*  
Open 7.00am – 11.00pm every day of the year

**03000 111 999**

[chris@fcn.org.uk](mailto:chris@fcn.org.uk)      [www.fcn.org.uk](http://www.fcn.org.uk)

### ARC – Addington Fund

*Supporting Britain's Farming Communities*

**02476 690587**

[enquiries@arc-addingtonfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@arc-addingtonfund.org.uk)

[www.arc-addingtonfund.org.uk](http://www.arc-addingtonfund.org.uk)

## Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

*Supporting Farming Families*

**General Enquiries: 01865 724931**

**Welfare Enquiries: 0300 303 7373**

[info@rabi.org.uk](mailto:info@rabi.org.uk)      [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk)

### The Samaritans

*"Talk to us if things are getting to you"*

*24 hours a day, 365 days a year*

**UK: 08457 909090**

[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

### Rural Payments Helpline

**03000 200 301**

*Mon – Fri 8.30am-5.00pm*

