

FARM FUNDING AND TRAINING ROUNDUP

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Below is a list of upcoming events, webinars and funding available to support your farm business, and help you to get the best out of your land and livestock. Read on to find out more about what's on offer this month....

The Prince's Countryside Fund

The Farm Resilience Programme (FRP) is provided by the Prince's Countryside Fund. Support provided by the programme takes a whole-farm and whole-family approach, and participating individuals will receive a free programme of business skills training to help them with benchmarking, practical cost management, planning for the future and business planning.

You can read more about this programme, and apply [here](#)



An update on DEFRA Environmental Land Management schemes

Last week DEFRA published further information on the growth and rollout of our environmental land management schemes. They have set out all the future actions they will pay for, including payment rates for the ones coming this year across the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) and Countryside Stewardship. More information has been given on the evolved Countryside Stewardship scheme, and they have announced a new round of Landscape Recovery, opening this year. DEFRA has also sped up the rollout of the SFI by introducing 6 new standards, adding to the 3 existing ones, which will become available this summer.

You can read more about this [here](#)

Register for this online event [here](#)

Forestry Training Fund

A new Forestry Training Fund is available now to cover training costs for short, practical forestry courses. Funding is available for people who want to build and diversify their skills in forestry but who already work in land based careers (such as agriculture). DEFRA is offering 100% funding for eligible courses and funding will be paid directly to the training provider. This also includes some herbicide application courses too.

You can find out more about this and apply for a course [here](#)



Helping farmers to manage risks of bovine TB

ibTB is an interactive, online map set up to help cattle farmers and their vets understand the level of bovine TB in their area and manage the risks when purchasing cattle. This important, free-to-access tool in the fight against bovine TB can be found [here](#)



Setting up Heifers for a long and productive life

Join the ADHB and Dr Alex Bach to find out why effective youngstock management is a so important; and the links with variation in longevity within dairy herds to youngstock management practices.

Halton Farms, Chance Hall Farm, CW12 4TL

Tuesday 14th March 2023 11:00am - 2:30pm Book your place [here](#)



Pies, pints and parasites

Want to know more on mites, ticks, scab, blowfly or keds? How to spot and treat sheep scab and other ectoparasites effectively? United Utilities is hosting a session on how you can prevent and treat ectoparasites in your flock alongside the safe use of sheep dip, with a free pie and pint.

Ellesmere Comrades Club, Victoria Street, Ellesmere, SY120AB
Wednesday 22nd February, 6:30pm

For information or to book, please contact Jonathan Darnell on 07826 412073 southcatchmentteam@uuplc.co.uk

Untangling the farm accounts

Christine Thompson from Agricultural Business Training (ABT) will be following on from her online webinar of the same name by presenting an interactive in person workshop looking into farm accounting.

Thursday 16th Feb 09:30am— 12:30pm
Myerscough College, Bowland Suite, Preston PR3 0RY

For more information or to book your place, please click [here](#)



Free Farm Advice

Mersey Rivers Trust has two free farm advice projects you can benefit from this year. In the Upper Weaver we can fund capital works that benefit water quality, such as fencing, rainwater harvesting, leaky dams and so on, and we can provide up to £4k of funding per farm.

In the Bollin, Darley and Ash Brook catchments we can provide your farm with a free farm Water Management Plan, that looks at how water could be managed differently on the farm and in the field, again to benefit local water quality. To get involved in either of these projects please contact us on the details below.

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