

Farming Newsletter



WELCOME!



In our newsletter this month you will find out about webinars you can attend, and recent changes to farm schemes and regulations, as well as free workshops all about the Sustainable Farm Incentive. Read on to find out more about what's on offer this month, and you can also keep up to date with our [Farming Hub](#) online.

ELMS 2024 WEBINAR

On Friday 26th January the Farming Advice Service will be hosting a webinar for farmers to review the actions and payments available through the Environmental Land Management schemes in 2024. Defra Farming and Countryside Director, Janet Hughes, and the policy lead working on the Sustainable Farming Incentive, Jonathan Marsden, will be speaking, and staff from the RPA will be able to explain the offer and answer your questions. To register please follow the link [here](#)



BIGGEST UPGRADE TO UK FARM SCHEMES



On 4th January, the Secretary of State Steve Barclay attended the Oxford Farming Conference and gave a speech. He announced the biggest upgrade to farming schemes since the start of the agricultural transition. This means more will be paid for SFI and CS actions, 50 new actions are being added to ELMS schemes in 2024, and applications for some SFI and CS actions can be done with just with one form. To view the press release please click [here](#).

CLA WEBINAR: BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN



With Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) becoming mandatory on the 12th February 2024, join a panel of CLA advisors on 20th February as they explain what to expect in this new era for planning and the environment. There are various ways to be involved with BNG, such as using your land to create units for sale to a developer or housebuilder. To register for this webinar click [here](#).

FARMING REGULATION FROM 2024

December 2023 saw the end of BPS payments and Cross Compliance. Farmers who received payments under the BPS and some other agri-environment schemes had to meet minimum standards to receive those payments, which was known as cross compliance. New rules are now in place protect the environment, animal and plant health, animal welfare and public health, and delinked payments will replace BPS. For more information please visit [here](#).



Farmers in Utkinton and Cotebrook, and those in Crewe, Crewe Green and Barthomley are all eligible for a **FREE farm water management plan** produced by Mersey Rivers Trust. To chat to a Farm Advisor about this, please contact us [here](#).

YIELD ENHANCEMENT NETWORK' WEBINAR



ADAS founded the Yield Enhancement Network (YEN) to help farmers deliver large yields with a smaller carbon footprint, by closely measuring a farm's crop performance and then comparing that data with hundreds of other farms. YEN can help identify farming inefficiencies and share effective cultivating strategies. This webinar on 6th February will explore how YEN works in practice, please register [here](#).



FREE EVENING FARM TALKS

All you need about to know about Sustainable Farm Incentive (SFI) and how to deliver it!



Everyone welcome
To book your place please scan the QR code above.

Will now include newly released actions for 2024

Nutrient plans and clover leys

Thursday
1 FEB

- Your nutrient plans, what are they and what you need
- How to establish a clover ley and demonstrate you have delivered nutrient efficiency.

Soil plans, cover crops and herbal leys

Wednesday
28 FEB

- The SFI Actions for soils:
- How to write your soil plan
 - Using multi species cover crops
 - What is an SFI compliant herbal ley
 - How to establish, maintain and demonstrate delivery.

SFI pesticide and biodiversity actions?

Wednesday
27 MAR

- Your grassland and arable IPM, what are they and who needs one.
- Impact of no insecticide and alternatives
- How to integrate your biodiversity actions into your IPM.

Location: Kelsall Hill Equestrian, Organsdale Farm, Middlewich Rd, Cheshire, Tarporley CW6 0SR.

FREE bacon butty at 6.30pm, talks start at 6.45pm



Talks delivered by local, independent, experienced agri-environment advisors ELM Associates.

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Water for the North West

To book a place on any of these talks please visit the link [here](#)