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Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

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TB Helpline

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Welsh Farmers Experience and Perspectives Survey

A survey of farmers in Wales is being launched to explore how farmers are experiencing changes in agriculture. This will help farming communities, government, and agriculture bodies navigate and respond to current and future needs.

Conducted by Wavehill, the survey is open to all farmers, partners and farm workers. Your perspectives are invaluable in shaping the future of agriculture in Wales. To take part in the anonymous survey, please visit tinyurl.com/welshfarmersperspectivessurvey or scan the QR code.



Please note that the information in the Winter Update 2024 was accurate and up to date up until the date of publishing on 18 November 2024. For up to date news and information please visit the Welsh Government website: gov.wales.

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RURAL PAYMENTS WALES

Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) Data Confirmation 2024

The SFS Data Confirmation 2024 form is available on RPW Online until 6 December 2024. The Data Confirmation Form displays the current map data we hold for farms and gives you the opportunity to review, amend and confirm the habitat and tree canopy areas on your farm.

If you haven't accessed your form yet we would encourage you to before the closing date to ensure that the data, we hold for you is up to date.

If you intend to apply for Habitat Wales Scheme (HWS) 2025, the Data Confirmation form is your only opportunity to confirm or change the habitat areas on your farm for the scheme. You will not be able to amend the published habitat within a field parcel when claiming for the scheme on the Single Application Form (SAF) 2025. Guidance on HWS 2025 is available on the Welsh Government website.



BPS 2024 payments

Advance payments worth up to 70% of the anticipated final BPS 2024 claim value have been paid to customers where it was possible to confirm claim eligibility, and all necessary Supporting Documents had been received in time to make the payment. There may be reasons why a BPS Advance Payment has not been made, for example, due to an ongoing land dispute, breaches identified at inspection or outstanding probate matters.

Subject to completion of the full validation, BPS 2024 balance payments, or full payments for those who have not received an advance payment, will commence from 12 December 2024.

Transfer of BPS Entitlements 2025

The 2025 transfer window of BPS entitlements opened on 2 September 2024. Transfer of Entitlements forms are available via your RPW Online account.

Entitlement values displayed on your RPW Online account may be subject to annual changes to take account of the value of unclaimed entitlements and unallocated National Reserve budget in 2025. Any increase applied to the entitlement value in 2025 will only apply in 2025.

Customers must submit the Transfer of Entitlements form before midnight on 15 May 2025 for the entitlements to be available to claim on BPS 2025.

Cross Compliance 2024

Our 2024 factsheets reflect changes in requirements, good practice and to clarify wording. There have also been some changes to the Cross Compliance 2024 Verifiable Standards for classifying breaches of Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAEC) and Statutory Management Requirements (SMR).

SMR 1 – Water Protection, has been updated to reflect requirements

applying to all land from 1 August 2024 under the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. These changes include requirements to comply with closed periods for spreading organic manures with high readily available nitrogen (includes slurry and poultry manure) and ensure sufficient storage capacity for manure during the storage period.

gov.wales/cross-compliance-2024

RPW Online – GOV.UK One Login

To modernise our RPW Online service and enable new features in the future, we are moving away from the Government Gateway. Rural Payments Wales (RPW) is currently developing a new system for customers to access RPW Online using **GOV.UK One Login**.

As all individuals using RPW Online will need their own login information, please ensure in advance all individual details are up to date and correct on your RPW Online account Individual Details tab.



AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SCHEMES

Application dates for all agricultural support scheme can be found at: gov.wales/rural-schemes-application-dates.

Details of all guidance documents for the Agricultural Support Schemes can be found at gov.wales/rural-grants-payments, shortly before the round becomes available to apply.

The Deputy First Minister with responsibility for Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca-Davies announced that the 2025 preparatory phase will include a number of schemes which will provide advice and support to farmers in advance of the introduction of SFS.

Scheme	Opening date	Closing date
Growing for the Environment	4 November 2024	13 December 2024
Horticulture Start up	4 November 2024	10 January 2025
Horticulture Development	4 November 2024	17 January 2025
Small Grants Environment	13 January 2025	21 February 2025
Small Grants Efficiency	3 March 2025	11 April 2025

Habitat Wales Scheme 2025

The Habitat Wales scheme will be offered in 2025, with all eligible individual farming businesses able to apply. If you intend to claim for the Habitat Wales Scheme 2025, it is important that all the habitat on your farm is confirmed by completing the SFS Data Confirmation 2024 form by the deadline of 6 December 2024. This is your **only** opportunity to confirm the habitat areas on your farm in advance of the scheme opening.

You will not be able to amend the published habitat within a field parcel when claiming for the scheme on the Single Application Form (SAF) 2025.

Confirming habitat is not a commitment to manage that land in 2025, you can decide if you want to claim and manage the habitat on a parcel in line with published habitat category requirements for the Habitat Wales Scheme 2025. Guidance on the scheme is published on the Welsh Government website at gov.wales/rural-grants-payments.

Commons in the Habitat Wales Scheme in 2024 will be offered a one-year extension to their existing grant awards for their continued participation in 2025.

Organic Support 2025

The Organic Support Payment will be available to claim on the Single Application Form (SAF) 2025. To be eligible, land must be under continuous organic certification from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

FORESTRY



- ✓ longer application window with monthly selections by Rural Payments Wales;
- ✓ more time to undertake the capital works, going across two financial years.

As with previous rounds, applicants will need a Statutory Plant Health Notice, Felling Licence or Felling License Application in order to be eligible to apply. All successful applicants will be required to complete works by 31 March 2026.

For more information please visit:
gov.wales/forestry-grants

Woodland Restoration Scheme

The Woodland Restoration Scheme (WRS) opened on 11 November and will close on 28 February 2025 or once the £1million budget has been allocated. The WRS supports landowners to restore woodlands which have been affected by the presence of the tree disease *Phytophthora ramorum*.

Welsh Government has worked with Forest Research to update the WRS, to provide an improved offer to woodland owners. Key changes include:

- ✓ a substantial uplift to the payment rates;
- ✓ for the first time, funding towards the felling of young larch under 25 years affected by *Phytophthora ramorum*;

Pre-Application Advice on Woodland Creation

The Woodland Creation Planning Scheme remains open throughout the year to begin the woodland creation process.

There's a free 'pre-application service' available from NRW. This service is designed to offer information about the suitability of your land for woodland creation. To access the free advice or for further information email

**GwirioCynllunCoetir@
cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk**

ASH DIEBACK: POLICY APPROACH 2024-2029

A document is now available that sets out the high-level Welsh Government approach and provides links to sources of advice. You are strongly advised to consult and engage the services of a fully insured tree management professional such as a qualified forester or arboriculturist when undertaking any work.

The purpose of this document is to explain Welsh Government's policy approach to the management of ash dieback across Wales. It confirms a risk-based approach should be taken by landowners and managers to manage the societal, environmental and economic impacts of the disease.

Ash dieback is a very visible reminder across the landscapes of Wales of the damage which tree pests and diseases can do, and of the importance of resilient ecosystems.

This document sits under the GB Plant Biosecurity Strategy (gov.wales/plant-biosecurity-strategy-great-britain-2023-2028), which Welsh Ministers have agreed alongside their counterparts with responsibility for plant health in England and Scotland. It also reflects the context of the climate and nature emergencies declared by Welsh Ministers in the last five years.

We know pests, pathogens and invasive non-native species have the potential to impact on the health and resilience of the natural environment in Wales and that these risks will only increase with climate change. We must all act in a responsible way, in line with the principles set out in the Wellbeing and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, working to maintaining resilient, biodiverse ecosystems across Wales.

For the full document visit gov.wales/ash-dieback-policy-approach-2024-2029.



AGRICULTURAL TENANCY LEGISLATION UPDATE

On 15 July 2024 the following two new pieces of legislation took effect:

1. The Agricultural Holdings (Requests for Landlord's Consent or Variation of Terms and the Suitability Test) (Wales) Regulations 2024

- ✓ This regulation aims to help tenants access financial support or comply with a statutory duty.
- ✓ Tenants can now seek arbitration if their landlord refuses requests for consent to activities restricted by their tenancy agreement.
- ✓ This also applies to changing the terms of their tenancy agreement.
- ✓ The request must relate to accessing financial support or meeting a legal obligation.
- ✓ It also introduced new Suitability Test Criteria from 1 September 2024.
- ✓ Succession applicants will now need to prove they have the experience and financial standing to farm well and take care of the environment.
- ✓ In addition, the Commercial Unit Test has been removed, meaning applicants can now have an interest in another holding.

2. Agricultural Tenancies (Requests for Landlord's Consent or Variation of Terms) (Wales) Regulations 2024

- ✓ This regulation introduces new dispute resolution procedures for tenants with Farm Business Tenancies (FBTs), which are similar to those described above under the Agricultural Holdings Act.

These updates aim to modernise and support the agricultural tenanted sector in Wales, ensuring tenants can effectively manage their holdings and access financial support.

Tenant farmers can get more information on these changes from the Tenant Farmers Association, Farmers' Union of Wales and the National Farmers Union Cymru.

Landowners can find more information through the Country Land and Business Association.

For specialised information, contact:

- ✓ **Surveying:** The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and the Association of Chief Estates Surveyors;
- ✓ **Agricultural Valuation:** The Central Association of Agricultural Valuers;
- ✓ **Legal Advice:** The Agricultural Law Association.

AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION REGULATIONS



Control of Agricultural Pollution Regulations

The Regulations were introduced in 2021 using a phased approach and the requirements of the Regulations apply to all holdings in Wales.

The final phase has applied from 1 August 2024 and includes requirements for the storage capacity for slurry and the introduction of closed periods for the spreading of manures with high readily available nitrogen. This is to reduce the risk to the environment when crop growth, including grass, is significantly reduced over the late autumn and winter period.

Closed periods for the spreading of high nitrogen livestock manures

The Regulations introduced new closed periods for the spreading of livestock manures with high readily available nitrogen.

The manures which cannot be spreading during the closed period include cattle slurry, pig slurry and poultry manure or any other manure with 30% or more of the available nitrogen content available at the time of spreading.

Soil Type	Grassland	Tillage land
Sandy or shallow soil	1 September – 31 December	1 August – 31 December
All other soils	15 October – 15 January	1 October – 31 January

The spreading of solid farmyard manure is not impacted by the closed period restrictions as it has a lower nitrogen content.

Post closed period spreading restrictions

From the end of the closed period until the end of February the maximum amount of slurry that may be spread

at any one time is 30 cubic metres per hectare and the maximum amount of poultry manure that may be spread at any one time is 8 tonnes per hectare. There must be at least three weeks between each spreading.

Exemptions

Limited exemptions, alternative dates and application rates apply to certified organic producers.

Review of the Regulations

The Welsh Government has appointed Dr Susannah Bolton as Independent Chair of the Review of the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 and the review must be completed by Spring 2025.

All the requirements of the regulations still apply during this review period.

Guidance and support

It is important that you have undertaken the required actions for your holding to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the regulations ahead of any inspection. Common non-compliance issues identified during NRW visits include –

Risk Maps – Many farms lack maps, or they are incomplete. Omissions often include:

- ✓ field identifiers (name/number) and field area (ha);
- ✓ buffer zones (all types);
- ✓ field heap locations;

- ✓ land with an incline greater than 12°; and
- ✓ it must be clear to the inspector what the markings mean (e.g. by including a key).

Farm records – Many farms have no documentation available to the inspector or rely on application records without an appropriate plan. Omissions often include:

- ✓ accurate Soil Nitrogen Supply (SNS) and optimum nitrogen calculations;
- ✓ organic manure application rates should be clearly expressed, usually in tonnes or cubic meters per hectare;
- ✓ the amount of nitrogen in manufactured nitrogen fertiliser must be recorded, not just the application rate;
- ✓ slurry storage calculations must include areas that drain into the slurry system; and
- ✓ exports and import records must include the date and name and address of the supplier or recipient.

Full guidance is available on the Welsh Government website at gov.wales/land-management.

Technical support is available from the Control of Agricultural Pollution Regulations helpline operated by ADAS on 01974 847000.

Supporting resources are also available via Farming Connect.

NOTICE TO ALL SHEEP AND GOAT KEEPERS



**The Sheep and Goats Annual Inventory is almost here:
1 December 2024.**

The date of the next Sheep and Goat Annual Inventory will be 1 December 2024. The closing date for submission is 31 December 2024.

How to complete the inventory

- ✓ Keepers with a registered EIDCymru account - the inventory will be available on your account at eidcymru.org on the 1 December 2024.
- ✓ Keepers who do not have a registered EIDCymru account are invited to complete the inventory

on the EIDCymru online portal. Details of how to access the Portal are set out in the recent letters that have been issued to those keepers without an EIDCymru account.

You can still register for an EIDCymru account if you would prefer to complete your inventory this way. Please contact EIDCymru staff on 01970 636959 or email contact@eidcymru.org who will be available to take you through the process.

Information required to complete the inventory

To complete the inventory, please record the number of sheep and/or goats you own on 1 December and the CPH where they are located on this date. This should include common land and any temporary CPH.



Further support and guidance, including a handy checklist to help gather the information required for the inventory, can be found at gov.wales/sheep-and-goat-keepers-annual-inventory-december-2024.

We have also arranged the following drop-in sessions at livestock markets during the first half of December where staff from the Farm Liaison Service and Farming Connect will be able to provide help in completing your inventory.

Date	Venue	Time
2 and 9 December 2024	Welshpool Livestock Market	10.00am – 3.00pm
3 December 2024	Ruthin Livestock Market	10.00am – 3.00pm
3 and 10 December 2024	Brecon Livestock Market	10.00am – 3.00pm
4 and 11 December 2024	Raglan Livestock Market	10.00am – 3.00pm
5 December 2024	St Asaph Livestock Market	10.00am – 3.00pm
6 and 13 December 2024	Carmarthen Livestock Market	10.00am – 3.00pm
6 and 13 December 2024	Dolgellau Livestock Market	10.00am – 3.00pm

EIDCymru, Farm Liaison Service and Farming Connect will be at the Winter Fair to answer any questions you may have.

We encourage you to complete your inventory as early as possible after 1 December, and to take advantage of the support that is available. EIDCymru's opening hours over the festive period are available on their website eidcymru.org.

ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE



Bluetongue Virus: Key Updates

The first case of Bluetongue serotype 3 (BTV-3) in Wales was confirmed on the evening of 27 September by the Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer (DCVO). It was found in three sheep moved to a holding in Gwynedd from the east of England. The three infected sheep have been culled and all other resident cattle and sheep on the holding have tested negative.

We urge farmers to remain vigilant for the signs of Bluetongue and to source livestock responsibly. For more information please visit gov.wales/bluetongue-virus-btv.

The “emergency use” of three unauthorised vaccines, under licence

is permitted in England. Defra has published a general licence for vaccine use in the high-risk counties of England and a specific licence from APHA is available for English keepers outside the high-risk counties. Bluetongue serotype 3 vaccines are not licenced for use in Wales at present.

The Exotic Disease (Application and Amendment of Enactments) (Wales) Order (legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2024/971/made) came into force on 23 September 2024. This new Order amends existing legislation allowing Welsh Government and APHA to take a more flexible, proportionate and risk-based approach to an incursion of Bluetongue Virus.

Testing your herd for BVD is now a legal requirement in Wales

The industry led BVD legislation that Welsh Government introduced on 1 July 2024 requires keepers to:

- ✓ screen their herds for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) annually,
- ✓ isolate Persistently Infected (PI) animals from the rest of the herd for the remainder of their lives.

Keepers have until 1 July 2025, to complete their first annual screening test, otherwise, herds that have not completed their screening test will be placed under movement restrictions pending a negative test result. You can find more information on mandatory annual screening at www.gov.wales/welsh-bovine-viral-diarrhoea-eradication-scheme-guidance-html#145872.

How it works:

1. The test sample is taken.
2. The sample along with the form will be sent to the laboratory for analysis.
3. If all the form requirements are completed accurately then the laboratory results will be loaded onto the BVDCymru system.
4. Both farmer and vet will be notified of the status using the contact details on the submission form.
5. Both keeper and vet can view the test results and status of the animal/herd online.



The BVDCymru system has been developed as an additional interface on the EIDCymru sheep and goat movement recording system for Wales. The BVDCymru system will perform the following functions:

- ✓ capture and store BVD test results from laboratories;
- ✓ assign and record BVD statuses at both herd and individual animal levels;
- ✓ issue email notifications regarding BVD statuses to herd keepers and veterinarians, post-test result processing.

Testing improves herd health and profitability by allowing swift identification of infected animals, disease control and informed, safer cattle trading.

The benefits of being BVD-free include increased productivity, fertility and reduced carbon footprint. Maintaining a BVD-free status improves herd health by reducing antibiotic usage and promoting better calf health.

Contact your vet to book your BVD test.

Poultry and Other Captive Birds Compulsory Registration

As of 1 October, it became a legal requirement for all bird keepers in Wales and England to register themselves with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), on the poultry and other captive bird register.

gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms

Only birds that are kept as pets and live solely indoors are exempt from registration. Keepers of all other birds, regardless of how many they keep, must now register them, if they have not already done so.

By registering you will receive important updates and guidance if there's a disease outbreak, such as bird flu, in your area. You will also be helping to prevent the spread of disease and protect all kept birds, including backyard flocks.

Bird keepers will be required to review their registration annually, to ensure their details remain up to date.

Poultry and avian flu outbreak response workers are now eligible for a flu vaccine

Poultry workers have been added to the list of those eligible for an NHS Wales seasonal flu vaccine this winter.

Based on recommendations from the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunization (JCVI), this precautionary measure aims to lower the risk of coinfection between avian and human flu viruses, which could lead to the spread of a virus that is transmissible to humans.

Poultry workers who fall within the eligibility criteria (phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/flu-vaccine/eligibility/) are encouraged to take up the offer of a vaccination at a community pharmacy.

Employers can download a letter to share with their staff confirming eligibility, which can then be presented at a community pharmacy to receive vaccination.



NEW COURSE ADDRESSING DOG ATTACKS ON LIVESTOCK

Dog attacks on livestock are incredibly distressing and we want to make sure we do all we can to tackle it.

The leading animal charity Blue Cross has introduced a 'behaviour around livestock' module to its existing responsible dog ownership course.

The course aims to educate owners and help reduce instances of dog attacks on livestock. It will be made available to police across Wales for dog owners involved in a livestock attack.

Adapting and implementing the course has been championed by Rob Taylor, Wales' Wildlife and Rural Crime Coordinator, whose role is to strengthen the response to Wildlife and Rural Crime across the country.

More information about the work of the Wales Wildlife & Rural Crime coordinator can be found at gov.wales/wales-wildlife-and-rural-crime-group.

The Deputy First Minister with responsibility for Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca-Davies, recently met with a farmer whose livestock was recently attacked by dogs:

"Dog attacks on livestock is a significant and incredibly distressing issue and we want to assure farmers that we're taking this issue seriously.

Meeting with someone who has been a victim of this type of crime has given me the opportunity to discuss the issue in some depth directly with the communities affected.

We take these attacks very seriously and we want people to take responsibility for their pet's behaviour whether they live or walk near farmlands."

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**Wales' Wildlife and
Rural Crime Strategy
2023-2025**



TOP 5 TIPS

FOR REDUCING THE RISK OF OVERTURNING AN ATV



ALL RIDERS
must be trained
and competent



ALWAYS
wear a helmet

For further information visit gov.wales/farmingconnect or hse.gov.uk/agriculture. Alternatively, look up [@farmsafetywales](https://twitter.com/farmsafetywales) on    to find out what free resources you can access to make your farm a safer place.



NEVER
carry passengers



CARRY OUT
routine, regular
maintenance and
safety checks



Stick to
**PLANNED
ROUTES**

PREPARE YOUR FARM FOR WINTER FLOODING

NRW has recently refreshed their advice for preparing for flooding for agricultural customers, which can be found by visiting the website or scanning the QR code:



naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/business-sectors/farming/how-to-prepare-a-farm-or-agricultural-land-for-flooding

With winter bringing wet and cold weather, it's important to get ready for possible flooding on agricultural land. Flooding can cause serious damage to farms, putting livestock, crops, and livelihoods at risk.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) urges farmers to act now to reduce the impact of flooding. Simple steps can make a big difference in protecting your farm.



Check Your Flood Risk

Use NRW's flood risk tool to see if your land is at risk from rivers, the sea, surface water, or nearby streams.

Take note of low-lying areas where water tends to pool, land near watercourses, and fields with compacted soil, which won't absorb water as easily.

Create a Farm Flood Plan

Make sure you have a clear flood plan in place. This plan should outline what needs to be done and by whom. Share the plan with all staff and keep it somewhere safe and easy to access. Being prepared can help reduce damage to your farm.

Reduce Flooding Impact

It's the landowner's responsibility to manage flood risks, especially if your land is near a watercourse. Pay attention to what action can be taken to reduce the risk of agricultural pollution during flooding. Reduce soil compaction and focus on good drainage to help water flow away more easily. Think about ways to intercept or collect water before it causes damage.

Stay Updated

Check flood warnings regularly to stay informed and check if you can sign up to receive flood warnings.

For more detailed advice visit NRW's refreshed web information on how to prepare your farm for flooding.
bit.ly/prepareforfarmflooding



COME AND SEE US AT THE WINTER FAIR

Welsh Government staff including members of the Farm Liaison Service team as well as Farming Connect will be in attendance at the Welsh Government stand located in the South Glamorgan Hall. Staff will be available to provide you with the most up to date information on a range of current topics including the Sustainable Farming Scheme, agricultural support schemes, Woodland Creation schemes, the latest on the Water regulations and animal health and welfare. Come along and say hello!

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RURAL AFFAIRS WALES



The Wales Rural Network has rebranded with the launch of a new website and name! Rural Affairs Wales, part of Welsh Government's Rural Affairs Division, encourages and promotes rural development through the sharing of information, news, ideas and good practice. We work with, and for, anyone who lives, works or is interested in Rural Wales.

Further details will be available through the following channels listed below.



facebook.com/WalesRuralNet



[@WalesRuralNet](https://twitter.com/@WalesRuralNet)

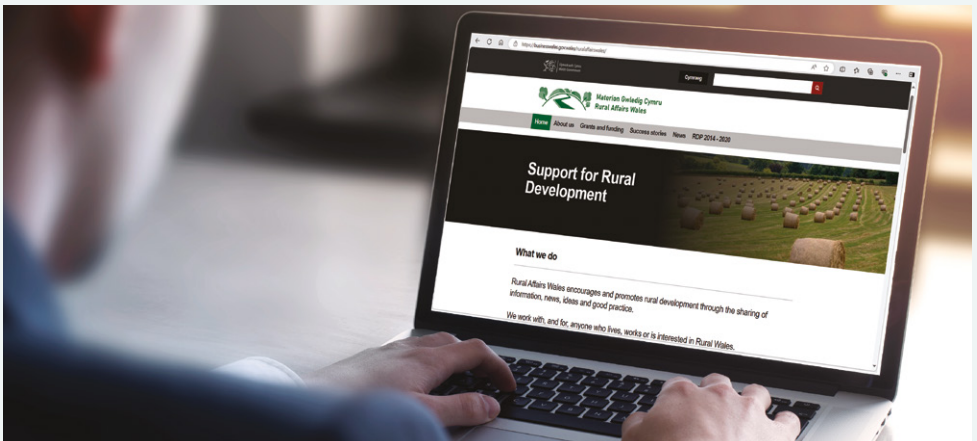


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(Instagram photos and videos)



businesswales.gov.wales/walesruralnetwork

Connect with us at any time via email Ruralnetwork@gov.wales or through any of the channels listed above. We will get back to you as soon as possible.



The Farming Connect Database

We want to ensure we have your correct information on file. You may have registered with us a few years ago and your details or business information has changed.

Ensuring the information we securely hold is kept up to date means we can provide you with the most relevant and timely updates about activities, services, and opportunities of interest to you.

By keeping your profile current, you'll benefit from:

- ✓ **Personalised updates:** Receiving tailored information about events, services, and resources that align with your specific farming needs.
- ✓ **Improved communication:** Ensuring that you're always in the loop about important announcements, opportunities and developments in the agricultural industry.
- ✓ **Access to valuable services:** Connecting with mentors, experts, and organisations that can support your business needs.

» To update your profile call us today on **03456 000 813**.



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We have recently added 4 new modules to our e-learning platform, take a look...

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» Sheep Mobility Scoring	» Cattle Mobility Scoring

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