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## Improvements good, direction wrong - FUW responds to latest farm payments consultation



IN responding to the Welsh Government's latest Sustainable Farming consultation, the FUW has supported a number of proposed technical changes to the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) - but is adamant that plans to move Rural Development principles and objectives away from supporting farming, rural economies and jobs are wrong.

The *Sustainable Farming and our Land: Simplifying Agricultural Support* consultation set out eleven technical proposals relating to the BPS, which is expected to remain in place for a number of years while a new 'Sustainable Farming Scheme' (SFS) is developed.

However, a second section of the consultation proposed radical changes to the principles, mission, objectives and priorities of the Rural Development Programme (RDP).

"Around two thirds of Wales' total BPS and RDP budget is paid to farmers through the Basic Payment Scheme, so the RDP currently accounts for about a third of the budget," said FUW President Glyn Roberts, *(pictured above)*.

Schemes funded through the RDP include the Glastir schemes, Farming Connect, the Timber Business Investment Scheme, the Food Business Investment Scheme and LEADER.

"The Welsh Government proposes phasing out the BPS altogether and moving all of the funding to what we currently call the RDP.

"This is a concern in itself highlighted repeatedly by the FUW, given that those farmers in other countries we will be competing against will continue to receive some sort of Basic Payment.

"However, if funding is to be delivered to farms through the RDP in a way which protects farm businesses, rural economies and jobs, it is essential that the principles, mission, objectives and priorities of the RDP retain a focus on doing just that."

Mr Roberts said that while the current EU derived RDP objectives and priorities included *fostering the competitiveness of agriculture, ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources, and climate action and developing rural economies and communities including the creation and maintenance of employment* the Welsh Government proposed a significant move of the focus towards environmental priorities and objectives.

"The current RDP objectives already include meeting local and global environmental needs, and we fully support the retention of these.

"However, the FUW believes that the Welsh Government's new proposed objectives and priorities are so focussed on environmental outcomes that they fail to address the economic and social/cultural needs of rural communities, to the extent that they risk damaging the economic, social and cultural sustainability of Welsh communities," said Mr Roberts.

**"The Welsh Government proposes phasing out the BPS altogether and moving all of the funding to what we currently call the RDP - this is a concern."**

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# Summary of FUW response to key proposals



## BPS payment rates and annual allocation

### Proposal:

To set the Welsh BPS ceiling annually, and provide flexibility for Welsh Ministers to allocate any remaining funding allocated to BPS

### FUW Response

- UK Government should give assurances funding will be provided at at least the levels expected had the UK remained within the EU
- Commitment should be given that the BPS budget will not be reduced and unspent funds will not be diverted away from agriculture and active farmers
- Agricultural spending should be ringfenced.

## Cross border single application rule

### Proposal:

Only Welsh land will be into account for calculating BPS claims in Wales allowing payments to be made as soon as checks in Wales are completed. Where less than 5 hectares of Welsh eligible land is available, the Welsh claim would be considered ineligible and rejected

### FUW Response

- Agree that the Welsh part of cross-border BPS claims should be treated as 'standalone' claims so payments can be made at the same time as all other Welsh payments
- It would not be acceptable to discriminate against those with less than 5 hectares in Wales but who farm more than 5 hectares in total, given that this would mean a loss of hundreds of pounds for those businesses.

## Greening

### Proposal:

Remove the Crop Diversification element of Greening and move the Permanent Grassland and Environmental Focus Area requirements into the Cross Compliance system

### FUW Response

- Support the proposal to do away with the Crop Diversification rule
- Assess benefits provided by EFAs to judge whether they should be continued as part of Cross Compliance.

## Young Farmer Scheme

### Proposal:

Close the Young Farmer scheme to new applications from 2021 onwards but continue to make Young Farmers a priority category eligible to apply for BPS Entitlements from the National Reserve

### FUW Response

- Retain and improve the Young Farmers Scheme to ensure it better targets businesses in which young farmers are involved and funding is needed, and that funding is provided at sufficient levels.

## Inspection Rates

### Proposal:

Require an overall 3% selected sample of the full combined scheme population to be inspected, as opposed to up to 5% of individual and separate schemes

### FUW Response

- Agreed with the proposed reduction in BPS inspection rates
- Take the opportunity to make penalties fairer.

## BPS Payment window for un-validated claims

### Proposal:

Change the payment model and remove the need for claims to be fully validated before making an advance of payment of 70% of the anticipated claim value in October every year, with the balance payment made from February the following year once full validation checks are completed

### FUW Response

- Make advance payments/BPS loans available in October where desired, but continue to pay balance payments in early December.

## Active Farmer Requirement

### Proposal:

Remove the Active Farmer 'negative list' check, but retain the checks to ensure BPS beneficiaries are undertaking minimum levels of 'Agricultural Activity'

### FUW Response

- Retain minimal levels of 'Agricultural Activity' and the Active Farmer negative list.

## Domestic Rural Development Proposals

### Principles, mission, objectives and priorities:

Abandon EU RDP principles, which specify support for actions such as *improving agricultural competitiveness; ensuring sustainable management of natural resources and climate action; development of rural employment, economies and communities; promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas; enhancing the viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture, and promoting innovative farm technologies and sustainable forest management.*

Replace them with more environmentally focussed principles based on the Environment (Wales) Act, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and the United Nations principles of Sustainable Land Management - for example *maintain and enhance the resilience of ecosystems and the benefits they provide; contribute to the 'principles of sustainable management of natural resources'; take account of the resilience of ecosystems; managing adaptively, by planning, monitoring, reviewing and, where appropriate, changing action; considering the appropriate spatial scale for action; promoting and engaging in collaboration and co-operation; making appropriate arrangements for public participation in decision-making*

### FUW Response

- Reject the proposal to replace EU principles which specifically encompass family farms, agricultural development, rural economies and employment and meeting environmental targets with a set of far narrower environmentally focussed principles
- Propose that EU objectives and principles should be modified to recognise the fact that Wales is no longer a part of the EU without undermining their overarching focus on farming, people, communities and the environment.

## Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

### Proposal:

To retain regulatory requirements to monitor and evaluate public expenditure on rural development, but to enhance and integrate processes and indicators; set objective indicators better aligned to the Environment (Wales) Act and Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act; and retain the requirement to report annually on the implementation of any domestic rural development programme.

### FUW Policy Department Comments

- Major concerns regarding any changes to the governance of the RDP over and above those necessary to recognise the UK's departure from the EU
- Concerns raised by the FUW regarding RDP transparency and spending have been vindicated by the Wales Audit Office/Audit Wales, which has called for Welsh Government to strengthen its scrutiny and risk management of the RDP and found in June 2020 that £53 million of funds had been awarded without ensuring grants would deliver value for money
- Establish a dedicated independent RDP Programme Monitoring Committee with a strengthened role to ensure acceptable transparency and governance.

A full copy of the FUW's response can be found of the FUW website at [www.fuw.org.uk](http://www.fuw.org.uk)

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# Essential that we make our views heard to MPs

by Glyn Roberts, FUW President

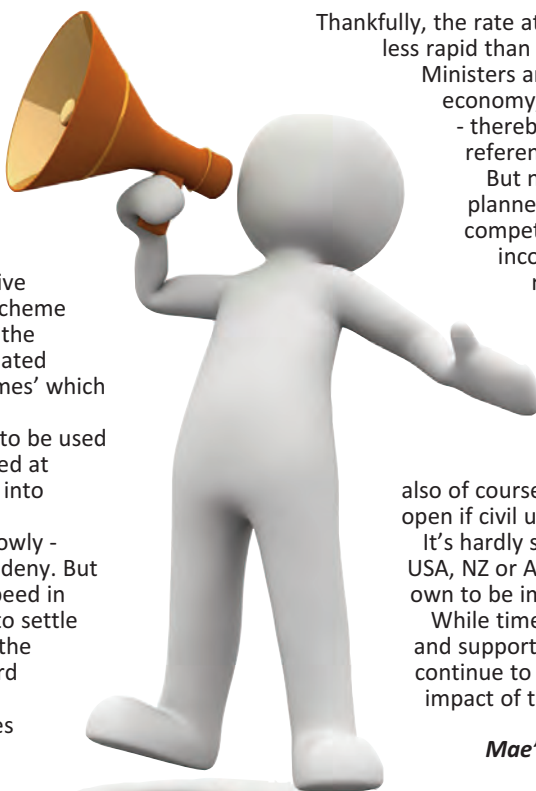
ON Wednesday October 21, the Council of the European Union agreed its position on reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), and two days later the EU Parliament adopted its own negotiating position, meaning negotiations between the two can now start.

While there are significant differences between the two positions, the direction of travel is clearly in the environmental direction, as it has been for decades, with the only questions being how, when and by how much - and at what, if any, cost to EU farmers.

Both the EU Council and EU Parliament supported an increase in the environmental rules that would have to be followed for farmers to receive direct income support (currently delivered through the Basic Payment Scheme - the BPS) with the EU Parliament proposing to dedicate at least 35% of the Rural Development budget to all types of environmental and climate-related measures, and at least 30% of the direct payments budget to 'eco-schemes' which would be voluntary, but could increase farmers' incomes.

The EU Parliament also wants at least 6% of national direct payments to be used to support small and medium-sized farms, and for payments to be capped at €100,000, while allowing 50% of agriculture-related salaries to be taken into account in this figure.

The EU is being accused by environmental groups of moving far too slowly - something EU farmers, who are very worried by the proposals, strongly deny. But by comparison, the Welsh Government, like DEFRA, is moving at light speed in developing its own post Brexit rural policies: While the EU seems likely to settle on tighter cross compliance type rules, putting a fifth or even a third of the BPS budget into an environmental scheme and dedicating perhaps a third of RDP budgets to other environmental actions, the Welsh Government proposes moving the entire BPS budget into RDP environmental schemes - and we already spend more than 50% of our current RDP budget on environmental actions.



Thankfully, the rate at which Welsh Government proposes to implement this change is much less rapid than was proposed in the 2018 *Brexit and our Land* consultation, and Welsh Ministers are increasingly referring to the need to take account of the rural economy, jobs, communities and culture, and to conduct economic assessments - thereby reflecting what the FUW has been lobbying for since the Brexit referendum.

But nevertheless, if the changes are implemented in Wales as currently planned, Welsh farmers may by the second half of the decade find themselves competing against farmers on the continent who continue to receive direct income support and have to comply with far less stringent restrictions and rules in order to access funding.

Notwithstanding the impact of losing our lamb export market, some argue that this imbalance is why failure to reach a trade deal with the EU might be a good outcome for farmers, as it would reduce unfair state aided EU competition on our own markets.

However, the likelihood that the UK Government would drop tariffs on imports to keep supplies coming in is high - and there is also of course the Northern Irish back-door for imports which is likely to remain open if civil unrest is to be avoided.

It's hardly surprising that the additional threat of trade deals with the likes of the USA, NZ or Australia, which would allow food produced to lower standards than our own to be imported, continues to cause extreme anger amongst farmers.

While time is running out to ensure that the UK Government comes to its senses and supports legislation to stop this happening, as farmers it is essential that we continue to make our views heard to MPs who will be carefully considering the impact of their voting record when it comes to reelection.

*Mae'r erthygl yma yn Gymraeg ar wefan yr FUW - Newyddion - Newyddion Y Tir: "Hanfodol bod ASau yn clywed ein barn."*

## Rejection to protect food import standards a betrayal



THE FUW has reacted with anger and dismay at the House of Commons rejection to enshrine in law measures that would protect consumers and producers from sub-standard food imports.

MPs voted by 332 votes to 279 - a majority 53 - to reject the amendment to the Agricultural Bill which would have ensured food under any future trade deal would have to meet UK animal welfare and food safety rules.

FUW President Glyn Roberts, (pictured left), said: "This Government sacrificed our industry at the altar, paving the way for lower-quality food to come into this country, rather than standing by their manifesto commitments.

"We believe it was a grave error on their part to oppose the amendments in this way and once again their promises to look after our industry and protect consumers and producers alike are just empty words."

Mr Roberts added that blocking the amendment, which would protect UK farmers and consumers from food produced to lower health, welfare and environmental standards, at a time when the importance of protecting

the food security and health of the Nation was at the top of the agenda, beggars belief.

Furthermore, without such strict standards enshrined in law, there is a chance we will see an increase in unfair competition and lower standards, while also threatening a trade deal with the EU or increasing costly checks at the EU border.

"This bill is considered to be the most important piece of UK legislation in relation to food and farming for more than 70 years and it is a sad indictment of the Brexit process and those who made numerous promises regarding protecting our markets and standards after the Withdrawal Period to deliberately allow a lowering of current standards and instigate a 'race to the bottom'," he said.

The Government, he added, made a manifesto commitment to maintain standards which protect our animal welfare, plants, environment and people in future trade deals, a commitment that has been neglected repeatedly.

"They have so far failed the public and have gone back on their word, breaking their manifesto commitment. When we met with Minister for International Trade Ranil Jayawardena in September, there was a lot of talk of trusting the Government to do the right thing - this is not it."

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# It's all fun and games

by Gareth Parry, FUW Policy Communications Officer

If there is at least one thing that we can learn from this ongoing pandemic, it is that Covid-19 and Brexit actually have something in common. Like the transition period, many questions have been asked as to whether the 'Fire Break' lockdown across the whole of Wales will actually suppress the virus or if it will simply delay the number of infections by two weeks? Either way, by the time you read this article, that two week period may have actually been extended; however, hindsight can be a wonderful thing.

Having said that, we seem to face the same array of questions when it comes to Brexit as the end of the transition period is now only weeks away.

Most meetings our Policy Department Staff have virtually attended throughout October have included the same items on the agenda - Brexit, the UK Agricultural Bill and trade deals to name just a few - whether those meetings have been designed to discuss just those, animal health and welfare or even something completely different.

When it comes to Brexit, many points and important questions have been raised. What will the final tariff schedule look like? What additional checks will be required for imports and exports? Will vet capacity be sufficient to meet the demand of Export Health Certificates?

Another great example includes investment into infrastructure at major GB and Irish ports to deal with the additional border bureaucracy. For instance, Dublin port has invested £27 million and dedicated an area of 10 acres for new custom posts and facilities, while Holyhead - which in 2018 saw around 40% of Irish trade - has done very little when it comes to Brexit preparedness. Whether this is due to lack of political interest, money or space is another matter entirely.

There are so many of these types of questions that are yet to be answered, yet preparations are being made wherever possible for whatever the likely requirements and outcomes will be from January 1 2021.

The fact of the matter is that Covid-19 is exactly the same; Governments are implementing lockdowns and restrictions where they believe is required based on the limited evidence available from the past eight months, but no one really knows the best way of dealing with the Virus due to its unpredictability, just as is the case with the future UK-EU trading relationship.



Gareth Parry.

## A game of Ping Pong?

When it comes to unpredictability, the UK Government is currently locked in one of the most unpredictable games - a 'parliamentary process' - of ping pong. Both the House of Commons and House of Lords are unable to agree on the final handful of amendments to the UK Agricultural Bill, including the Clauses that everyone has been shouting about which would protect consumers and producers from imported food produced to lower health, welfare and environmental standards under any future trade deals.

With the Commons defeating amendments on two occasions and the Lords voting to reverse their decision each time, it is hoped that some form of compromise will be reached allowing both Houses to agree on a Bill that does protect our standards before it receives Royal Assent.

By the time you read this, the game might be over given that the next round of ping pong is set for November 4 - but if the UK Government doesn't change its mind there will be other games in the league and we cannot give up.

The UK Agricultural Bill and future trade deals come under the same 'Brexit' umbrella, and like facemasks and hand sanitiser, we need both to protect us from dire consequences.

## October deadline a bluff

As many had anticipated, Boris Johnson's 'walk away' deadline for UK-EU trade negotiations was a bluff as despite very little progress, talks have resumed regardless.

UK negotiator Lord Frost had a "constructive" call with EU's Michel Barnier on October 20, and the EU has stated that the door remains ajar for talks. However, both sides await a fundamental change in approach from the other party to break the stalemate. Key areas of disagreement remain unchanged, with fishing rights, post-Brexit State Aid rules and the controversial approach to amending the Northern Ireland Protocol centre stage.

With the EU yet to grant the UK with third-country listing which would significantly reduce friction for food imports into the Single Market, crashing out with no deal and having to fall back on bare bones World Trade Organisation rules is a worst case scenario for any industry.

Despite speculation that the UK may have

already scored an own goal by agreeing to stricter State Aid measures as part of the UK - Japan free trade agreement, it must be noted that the estimated boost to trade between the UK and Japan as part of this deal is over £15 billion. A step in the right direction? Potentially, but the UK Government needs to wake up and recognise how important a free trade agreement with the EU will be for each and every industry, given the fact that total UK exports to the EU were valued at £300 billion last year, while existing exports to Japan are valued at £29 billion.

Irrespective of whether a UK-EU deal is reached or not, a tremendous amount of work continues in the background to prepare for January 1. Assuming that many ports in France, Belgium and the Netherlands, including Calais, invest in Sanitary and Phytosanitary checking facilities in order to accept live imports from the UK to begin with, businesses will need to be aware of a number of new requirements such as the pre-notifying of live animal exports as well as vet-approved Export Health Certificates.

## Where are the animal health projects?

The Covid-19 pandemic has played havoc with almost every UK business with many, including FUW staff, having to work from home. This has been no different for Welsh Government and as a result, there have been very few updates when it comes to both the sheep scab project and BVD legislation.

Many reading this will remember that in January 2019, Welsh Government announced a £5 million package as part of the Rural Development Programme to tackle sheep scab in Wales. This followed an earlier call for funding as the industry-led Sheep Scab Group presented a report of recommendations on the future of scab control which included an £8.5 million eradication programme.

Despite an RDP expression of interest window running from August to September last year, it was already likely that the funding wouldn't be available until 2020 given the timelines, but an announcement of forthcoming RDP schemes and £106 million in funding last month failed to make any reference to the sheep scab project - but out of the blue, it did include a £4 million "anti-microbial resistance (AMR) programme which will work with animal keepers and vets to keep antibiotics effective for future generations" and consider "environmental aspects of AMR control". So has the sheep scab project money been moved to an AMR project, despite the years of work put into the scab project by the FUW and others?

When it comes to BVD, farmers across Wales have been able to access funds through the RDP for free BVD testing as part of the Gwaredu BVD programme since September 2018.

Since Minister Lesley Griffiths announced that Welsh Government would give "serious consideration" to the introduction of BVD legislation in Wales at last year's Royal Welsh Show, the industry has awaited a consultation which was believed to propose introducing legislation by September 2020.

The FUW has since welcomed an extension to Gwaredu BVD up until March 31 2021 which will allow the remaining 23% or so cattle herds which have not taken part so far to engage with the free testing programme and to prepare for future legislation. Financial support to hunt persistently infected animals has also been confirmed up until the end of 2022.

Given the fact that we still await a consultation from Welsh Government, and the major pressures on Welsh Government lawyers to focus on Covid-19 and Brexit related legislation, there is growing concern that legislation will be prepared and implemented by the end of March 2021.

If it's the case that there has been no advancement by the end of this Welsh parliamentary period, the industry will need to apply the pressure to ensure that this commitment is acted upon by the succeeding Government - and we have already made clear to Lesley Griffiths the need for the Gwaredu BVD project to be extended if there is such a delay, so we can keep the momentum up.

Despite all of the work that is being done behind the scenes, it is in fact a waiting game until we fully understand what we will have to work with from January onwards, whether this will be finding new markets or increasing production for the ones we already have, alongside Welsh Government's proposals to change the BPS and RDP as summarised on page 2. In actual fact, some parts of this article may have been superseded by the time it arrives on your doorstep within the next week or so as matters are evolving rapidly.

What we do know is that all FUW staff continue to work virtually from home and that all services remain as unchanged as possible under the circumstances. So please do not hesitate to contact your local FUW county staff over the phone during these difficult times.

## Upcoming EOI window details

Scheme	Summary	Window closes
<b>Farming Connect: Prosper from Pasture</b>	Farming Connect's Prosper from Pasture programme is fully funded and will include entry, intermediate and advanced levels for those wishing to learn more about different grassland techniques.	<b>26 November 2020</b>
<b>Welsh Government 2020 BPS support scheme</b>	The scheme will pay a loan of up to 90% of the business' anticipated BPS claim value from December 7 to successful applicants and to those whose full BPS claim is not processed. RPW will ensure that claimants whose support scheme applications are rejected are prioritised for processing to ensure that everyone receives either a full or support payment as early as possible. <b>The FUW would urge all members to apply for the support scheme and to contact local FUW County staff for assistance if required.</b>	<b>27 November 2020</b> <b>Opt-in via RPW Online</b>
<b>Farm Business Grant - Yard Coverings</b>	The Farm Business Grant Yard Coverings scheme seeks to support farmers to improve their current infrastructure for yard coverings - covering feeding areas, slurry pits etc - where rainwater can be separated from slurry/manure. The scheme will have two windows and offer support of between £3,000 and £12,000. Further information and guidance will become available on the Welsh Government website this month.	<b>9 November - 18 December 2020</b> <b>(£1.5 million)</b>

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Dywedodd Llywydd FUW, Glyn Roberts: "Mae'r Llywodraeth hon wedi aberthu ein diwydiant, gan roi rhwydd hyn i fwyd o ansawdd is ddod i'r wlad hon, yn hytrach na glynu at eu hymrwymadau maniffesto.

"Credwn fod hyn yn gamgymeriad trychinebus o'u rhan nhw i wrthwynebu'r gwelliannau fel hyn, ac unwaith eto dim ond geiriau gwag yw eu haddewidion i ofalu am ein diwydiant ac amddiffyn defnyddwyr a chynhyrchwyr fel ei gilydd."

Ychwanegodd Mr Roberts fod blocio'r gwelliant, a fyddai'n amddiffyn ffermwyr a defnyddwyr y DU rhag bwyd a gynhyrchir i safonau iechyd, lles ac amgylcheddol is, ar adeg pan mae pwysigrwydd diogelu'r cyflenwad bwyd ac iechyd y Genedl ar frig yr agenda, yn gwbl anghredadwy.

Hefyd, heb safonau mor gaeth wedi'u hymgorffori yn y gyfraith, mae siawns y gwelwn gynydd mewn cystadleuaeth annheg a safonau is, tra hefyd yn bygwth cytundeb fasnach gyda'r UE neu gynyddu gwiriadau costus ar ffin yr UE.

"Mae'r bil hwn yn cael ei ystyried fel y darn pwysicaf o ddeddfwriaeth y DU mewn cysylltiad â bwyd a ffermio ers dros 70 mlynedd, ac mae'n anghyfiawnder trist o'r broses Brexit a'r rhai a wnaeth addeudion niferus ynghylch amddiffyn ein marchnadoedd a'n safonau ar ôl y Cyfnod Ymadael i ganiatáu gostwng y

safonau cyfredol yn friadol a chychwyn y 'ras i'r gwaelod'," meddai.

Ychwanegodd bod y Llywodraeth wedi gwneud ymrwymiad maniffesto i gynnal safonau sy'n amddiffyn lles ein hanifeiliaid, planhigion, yr amgylchedd a phobl mewn cytundebau masnach yn y dyfodol, ymrwymiad sydd wedi'i esgeuluso dro ar ôl tro.

"Hyd yn hyn maent wedi methu'r cyhoedd ac wedi mynd yn ôl ar eu gair, gan dorri eu hymrwymiad maniffesto. Pan wnaethon ni gwrdd â'r Gweinidog Masnach Ryngwladol Ranil Jayawardena yn ddiweddar, bu llawer o sôn am ymddiried yn y Llywodraeth i wneud y peth iawn - nid yw hyn wedi digwydd," meddai Mr Roberts.

**"Credwn fod hyn yn gamgymeriad trychinebus o'u rhan nhw i wrthwynebu'r gwelliannau fel hyn, ac unwaith eto dim ond geiriau gwag yw eu haddewidion i ofalu am ein diwydiant ac amddiffyn defnyddwyr a chynhyrchwyr fel ei gilydd."**

*This article is in English on page 3: "Rejection to protect food import standards a betrayal."*

## Ymateb blin i gynigion Y Gymdeithas Cig Eidion Genedlaethol

ROEDD yna ymateb blin iawn mewn cyfarfod o bwyllgorau da byw a ffermio mynydd FUW i gynig gan y Gymdeithas Cig Eidion Genedlaethol (NBA) y dylid cyfyngu'r diffiniad o wartheg wedi'u pesgi i rai o dan 28 mis oed, ac y dylid cyflwyno "treth garbon" ar anifeiliaid sy'n cael eu lladd uwchlaw'r oedran hwnnw.

Dywedodd Llywydd FUW Glyn Roberts, sy'n rhedeg fferm biff a defaid gyda'i ferch Beca yn Ysbyty Ifan, Gogledd Cymru: "Rydyn ni wedi derbyn llawer o alwadau gan aelodau blin ers i'r NBA gyhoeddi'r cynigion yma.

"Tynnodd llawer sylw at yr effaith benodol y byddai'r cynig yn ei gael ar fridiau traddodiadol a rhai systemau ffermio sydd o bwysigrwydd arbennig i'r amgylchedd."

Dywedodd Mr Roberts er bod yna fuddion carbon o besgi anifeiliaid yn gyflymach ar gyfer rhai systemau ffermio penodol, i'r systemau mwy traddodiadol eraill lle mae anifeiliaid yn cael eu pesgi dros gyfnod hirach, nid oedd cynig mor ddu a gwyn yn gwneud synnwyr o safbwynt amgylcheddol, gan gynnwys mewn perthynas â charbon.

"Cafodd y pryderon hyn eu codi mewn cyfarfod ar y cyd rhwng ein Pwyllgorau Da Byw, Gwlân a Marchnadoedd a Ffermio Mynydd a Thir Ymylol yn ddiweddar.

"Roedd rhai ymatebion blin iawn i gynigion yr NBA yn unol â'r rhai a fynegwyd eisoes gan Gymdeithas Cig Eidion yr Alban," ychwanegodd Mr Roberts.

*This article is in English on the FUW website: "Angry reaction to NBA proposals expected in FUW livestock and hill farming meeting."*



CORNEL CLECS

# Cydblethu amaethu a chanu yn berffaith

gan Angharad Evans, Golygydd y Gymraeg

SGEN di dalent?! Canu, adrodd, actio? Nid wyf yn cyfri'n hunan yn berson talentog iawn, rhyw botsian mewn sawl peth a ddim yn arbenigo mewn dim byd penodol! Er fy mod wrth fy modd yn gwrandao ar gerddoriaeth o bob math, allai ddim canu nodyn i achub fy nghroen! Pleser felly yw cael ymfalchïo yn nhalentau eraill, a dyma'n union beth sy'n cael ei ddathlu mewn llyfr newydd sbon, *O'r Gwlân i'r Gân* sydd newydd gael ei gyhoeddi gan Y Lolfa.

Dyma i chi hanes y ffermwr Aled Wyn Davies, neu Aled Pentremawr fel mae'n cael ei adnabod. Er mae dyn ei filltir sgwâr yn Llanbryn-mair yw Aled, mae wedi cael cyfle i deithio'r byd, diolch i'w dalent fel canwr.

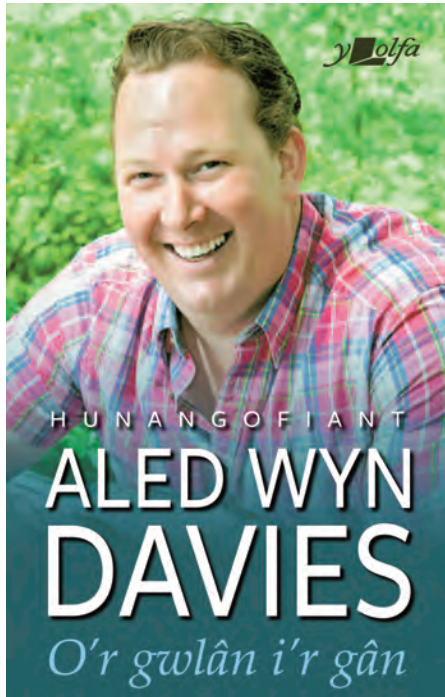
Yr hyn sy'n amlwg iawn trwy'r hunangofiant yw'r ffordd mae ffermio a chanu wedi cydblethu'n berffaith drwy'r amser. Chwaraeodd Mudiad y Ffermyr Ifanc rôl bwysig yn nyddiau cynnar Aled fel canwr wrth iddo gystadlu mewn amryw o gystadlaethau cerddorol, yn ogystal â'r rhai doniol hefyd - y sgets, y ddeuawd ddoniol a'r meim i gerddoriaeth.

Cawn wybod mwy am sut ddatblygodd yr ochr canu a arweiniodd at ennill y Rhuban Glas yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Abertawe a'r Cylch yn 2006. Ond er bod talent canu Aled wedi mynd ag ef ar deithiau lu ar draws y byd, roedd y fferm, amaethu a'i filltir sgwâr yn ormod o dynfa nôl, a dewisodd aros adref i ffermio, yn hytrach na mentro fel canwr llawn-amser, a hynny diolch i'r ysbrydoliaeth a gafodd o bapur newydd *Ninnau* yng Ngogledd America, hanes difyr iawn!

Mae hanes teulu Pentremawr, sydd wedi bod yn aelodau o'r Undeb ers dechrau'r 1960au, a'r ochr amaethyddol yr un mor bwysig a diddorol a'r canu.

Cyfeiriodd Cornel Clecs mis Medi eleni at Frianne, ac aberth teuluoedd amaethyddol yr ardal i adael eu ffermydd er mwyn adeiladu cronfa ddŵr. Dyma'n union beth ddigwyddodd i deulu Aled, wrth i'r teulu orfod gadael Aberbiga, fferm a foddwyd er mwyn adeiladu cronfa ddŵr Clywedog yn 1964-67.

Er bod y teulu wedi byw yno am bron chwarter canrif, doedd dim dewis ganddynt ond gadael, er bod y trigolion lleol wedi ymgyrchu'n chwyrn i rwystro'r argae. Ofer fu'r



ymdrechion a chaewyd drws tŷ Aberbiga am y tro diwethaf yn 1964 ynghyd a nifer o ffermdai arall.

Symudodd y teulu i Bentremawr, a dyma sylfaen angerdd Aled at ffermio a chefn gwlad Cymru. Ynghyd a'i dalent cerddorol, mae Aled hefyd yn gneifiwr o fri, ac mae'n rhannu ei brofiadau difyr yn y maes. Cawn fwynhau'r daith o'r sioe leol yn Llanbryn-mair i ddarganfod ei ochr gystadlu ac ymlaen i ennill gwobr goffa ei ffrind Huw Harding yn y Sioe Frenhinol.

Mae yna elfen gref arall i fywyd Aled, yr un bwysigaf oll. Cawn fewnwelediad manwl i fywyd teuluol Aled, o'i fagwraeth hapus ef a'i chwaer ar aelwyd Pentremawr, i'w deulu bach ef nawr, sef ei wraig Karina, a'r plant Aria ac Aron. Daw'n amlwg iawn pa mor bwysig yw teulu, a hyd yn oed wrth weld holl atyniadau'r byd, wedi pythefnos i ffwrdd, mae Aled yn cyfaddef bod yr hiraeth am adre a'r teulu'n ormod - 'Yma wyf inna' i fod.

Ond pam dewis nawr i roi'r cyfan lawr ar bapur? Dyma Aled i egluro mwy, ac am ei angerdd tuag at ei filltir sgwar:

"Mae'n deimlad arbennig cael dweud fy stori mewn cyfrol fel hon - rhywbeth na feddyliais i fyth y bydden i'n ei wneud yn 46 blwydd oed - ond wedi blynyddoedd o gystadlu mewn gwahanol feysydd a chael profiadau lu wrth deithio'r byd, roedd o'n amser delfrydol i gofnodi f'atgofion cyn i mi eu hanghofio!

"Mae fy nghalon wedi bod yma ym myd amaeth yng nghanolbarth Cymru erioed, a bydde angen rhywbeth go fawr i'm denu i fyw mewn dinas brysur, ymhell o harddwch a mwyrder Maldwyn. Dwi'n caru'r ffaith fy mod yn gallu cyfuno'r canu a'r ffermio a chael cydbwysedd rhwng y ddau gyfrwng."

Mae *O'r Gwlân i'r Gân* yn gyfrol 268 tudalen llawn hwyl a hiwmor, ac mae'n sicr y bydd pawb sy'n ei darllen yn gallu uniaethu gyda sawl stori fach wahanol! Mae iaith ac arddull gartrefol Aled yn ennyn y diddordeb, ac mae'n gyfrol ddelfrydol i'w darllen o flaen y tan gyda phaned o de, bargaen am £12.99.

*This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "A perfect combination of farming and singing."*

## Cydnabod pwysigrwydd amaeth i'r Gymraeg

'RHAID cydnabod pwysigrwydd amaeth i'r Gymraeg' oedd neges Aled Roberts Comisiynydd yr Iaith Gymraeg ar Radio Cymru ar y 7fed o Hydref 2020. Mae angen i gynlluniau Llywodraeth Cymru gefnogi'r diwydiant amaeth ar ôl Brexit gydnabod "ei bwysigrwydd i ddyfodol y Gymraeg".

Dywed Mr Roberts bod angen targedu cymorthdaliadau tuag at helpu ffermydd teuluol i oroesi. Mae ffigyrau'r Cyfrifiad yn dangos bod 43% o weithwyr amaethyddol yn siarad Cymraeg, o gymharu â 19% o'r boblogaeth yn gyffredinol. Roedd Mr Roberts yn ymateb i argymhellion adroddiad diweddar ynglŷn â sut y gall ffermyr helpu'r llywodraeth i gyrraedd ei nod o filiwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg erbyn 2050.

Croesawir y neges yma gan Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru, ac mae'r canfyddiadau yma yn ategu'r cyfryw o bwyntiau yn ein hadroddiad "Ffermio yng Nghymru a'r Gymraeg" (ar gael ar wefan yr Undeb, [www.fuw.org.uk](http://www.fuw.org.uk)).

Dyma rhai o ganfyddiadau Comisiynydd yr Iaith Gymraeg mewn ymateb i adroddiad haeddianol Menter a Busnes "Iaith y Pridd" a fu'n casglu gwybodaeth ar hyd a lled Cymru mewn sioeau a digwyddiadau yn 2019.

- Tynnu sylw cynllunwyr polisi ym maes amaeth at y cysylltiad anwadadwy rhwng parhad yr iaith a pharhad ein cymunedau amaethyddol.
- Sicrhau bod polisiâu a'r system gymorthdaliadau yn cefnogi gweithgarwch ar y fferm deuluol.
- Sicrhau bod y gyfundrefn gynllunio yn cefnogi mentrau a chymunedau gwledig.
- Gweithio gyda'r sector ôl 16 i gryfhau'r ddarpariaeth Gymraeg ar gyrsiau sydd yn gysylltiedig ag amaeth.
- Ariannu cyfundrefn i gyhoeddi a chyfieithu adnoddau addysg amaeth ar gyfer y sector.
- Ariannu swydd hwylysydd i gydlynu'r partneriaid sydd â diddordeb mewn cynnal a thyfu'r Gymraeg ym myd amaeth.

Ategai Glyn Roberts, Llywydd Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru: "Rwy'n croesawu ymateb y Comisiynydd Iaith i'r adroddiad, ac yn gwerthfawrogi cyfraniad Menter a Busnes yn eu gwaith ymchwil i'r adroddiad. Rwy'n falch

hefyd fod yna ymwybyddiaeth ehangach o bwysigrwydd y sector amaeth i'r iaith Gymraeg. Mae'r Undeb hon yn credu fod dyfodol y fferm deuluol o fewn cymuned gynaliadwy yn rhan annatod o barhad yr hil a'r iaith ar ddiwylliant Cymreig.

"Mae'n amlwg i ni sy'n byw yng nghymunedau gwledig Cymru fod gan amaethyddiaeth ran annatod a hanfodol i ddyfodol yr iaith. Y diwydiant amaeth yw asgwrn cefn cynifer o gymunedau gwledig. Mae dyfodol ein cymunedau, a'n hysgolion gwledig ar yr iaith Gymraeg yn yr ardaloedd hyn yn mynd llaw yn llaw a ffyniant y fferm deuluol, dyfodol sydd yn mynd fwyfwy ansicr yn wyneb stormydd gwleidyddol ein hoes. Edrychaf ymlaen at weithio gyda Llywodraeth Cymru a'r Comisiynydd Iaith er mwyn sicrhau dyfodol llwyddiannus i ffermydd teuluol Cymru."

*This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "Recognising the importance of agriculture to the Welsh language."*

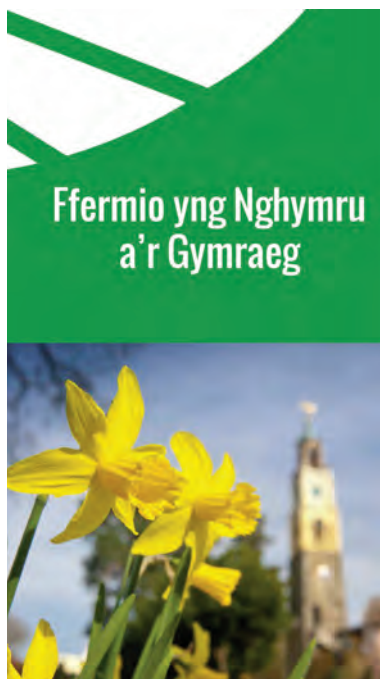
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# The Royal Welsh Winter Fair opens an online Christmas Market and Business Hub

The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society have again teamed up with Business News Wales to create an online platform with the support of HSBC UK and Welsh Government to showcase this year's virtual Royal Welsh Winter Fair!

WHILE Coronavirus restrictions have stopped the 2020 event from taking place on the showground, the Society are yet again eager to celebrate the agricultural industry and its importance in food production, and have created an elaborate Christmas Market that will ensure the perfect gift can be sought out for Christmas. This year's virtual experience could not have been made possible without the generosity of HSBC UK and the Welsh Government, and the Society are extremely grateful for their continued relationship and sponsorship towards this year's virtual Winter Fair along with our other sponsors.

The online Christmas shopping experience will include a directory of over 180 of last year's tradestands and food hall exhibitors for members and the general public to shop online from their favourite stalls and discover the unique gifts usually on offer at the Winter Fair. The shopping facility will launch on November 10 and will be open for a 6 week period to ensure that all gifts purchased will arrive in time for Christmas.

Not only will the virtual Winter Fair offer a platform for our tradestands to engage with the Society's numerous year on year visitors, it will provide another opportunity to display the agricultural industry and educate the general public about agriculture, Welsh produce and the environment. By offering a Christmas Market online we will be encouraging our Royal Welsh

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community to shop local and support local business' through buying produce that has been made and created in Wales and across the UK.

Steve Hughson, Chief Executive of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society added: "Whilst virtual events and meetings can never replace the feeling of being at a live event, we are committed to doing everything to keep our events alive and support our many exhibitors, traders and wider supporters.

"The success of the virtual Royal Welsh Show demonstrated what can be achieved and I am sure that the visitors to our virtual Winter Fair will be able to get a taste of our unique Christmas atmosphere and buy those locally produced gifts and produce that you can't always find on the high street. We hope to be able to welcome you back to the showground as soon as restrictions allow."

The usual two-day event will also be showcased online on the virtual platform on November 30 and December 1 with numerous partners involved. The event will become a hub for agricultural business' to access vital information, create new contacts within the industry and also offer a range of informative sessions over the two days. There will also be competitions and videos online to get the whole family involved with Christmas crafts you can do at home as we prepare for the festive season.

"If you would like to become a sponsor or wonder how you can get involved in the 2020 virtual Winter Fair please contact us. We very much hope that you will join us in the build-up to Christmas 2020," Steve Hughson added.



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# Are you ready for winter?

by Dave Bates, Business Development Manager, FUW Insurance Services Ltd



## Preparing your farm for the winter season

Now that the nights are drawing in and the winter months are fast approaching, it's time for farmers up and down Wales and the rest of the UK to get ready for the harsher months ahead. With unpredictable weather conditions on the way, we take a look at what steps you can take to prepare against most eventualities.

## Keep your water moving

Every farm needs a reliable supply of water, particularly if you home livestock and equine. Yet, when the weather drops below 0 degrees, your pipes are at risk of freezing and blocking that supply. To prevent this, consider fitting insulating products or using a water pump to keep water moving. Thawing a frozen pipe can be a lot more time consuming and costly, than taking these preventative steps in advance.

In the event of escape of water in areas that are less frequently used over the winter months, ensure you know where each of your stop valves are located.

If you are faced with an emergency, it helps to have the number of a reliable plumber on hand and ensure you have a contingency plan in place. Do you have a neighbouring farm that can help if your supply runs dry? You may be able to agree to help each other in advance.

## Service your machinery and vehicles

Many insurers notice a significant risk in insurance claims in spring, due to damage caused by poorly maintained farm machinery over winter. This can stem from lack of servicing and cleaning vehicles, resulting in fires, weather damage and more.

That's why it's important to fully service your vehicles and machinery before the winter season begins and ensure they are properly stored to avoid weather damage. If you have any tools or machinery that will not be used over this period, ensure they are properly and safely locked away to not only keep them dry, but also to keep them protected against opportunistic thieves and vandals.

## Assess your outbuildings

It's also a good idea to check the condition of your outbuildings and whether they are still fit to withstand harsher weather conditions. Having secure shelter in place will ensure that your livestock and equipment stay protected over these colder months.

Consider areas like your roofing and the stability of the interiors, as well as the types of locks and security measures you will be using to protect them. If you're not already part of a community watch scheme, now could be the time to get involved to help keep criminals at bay.

## Stock up on food and bedding

During winter, farmers will need to provide more food for livestock as there will be less quality grass for them to graze on and they will likely be spending more time indoors under shelter. Ensure that your livestock have sufficient food over the winter months and plan for times where food and water provisions aren't immediately available.

You will need to check that these are kept in a safe place, away from the elements and somewhere that is immediately accessible whatever the weather.

## Get your insurance in order

It's important to ensure that when you're operating in a period of heightened risk, your current Farm Insurance is still up to date. If you have made any changes to your operation over 2020, due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis or otherwise, you may well be due a review.

To speak to a member of the team about your Farm Insurance and whether it's still up to the job, please don't hesitate to get in touch today. Contact your local Farmers' Union of Wales Account Executive on the numbers below or call 0344 800 3110 or visit [www.fuwinsurance.co.uk](http://www.fuwinsurance.co.uk)

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# Key points from All Wales Mental Health Conference outlined to Minister

ON the eve of World Mental Health day (Friday, October 9) the FUW hosted a virtual All Wales Mental Health conference, which explored the wider context of poor mental health in rural communities and what steps need to be taken by Government, decision makers and policy shapers to address the situation, especially as Covid-19 is likely to put further pressure not just on people's mental but also their finances.

Speakers for the morning session, which was chaired by Farmers Guardian Chief Reporter Abi Kay, (pictured below), included Sara Lloyd, Team Leader, South Ceredigion Community Mental Health Team; Cath Fallon, Head of Enterprise and Community Animation Enterprise Directorate, Monmouthshire County Council; Lee Philips, Wales Manager, Money and Pensions Service; John Forbes-Jones, Corporate Manager Mental Wellbeing Services, Ceredigion County Council and Vicky Beers from The Farming Community Network, as well as North Wales farmer and DPJ Foundation volunteer Sam Taylor.

The afternoon session, which was chaired by well known TV Presenter Alun Elidyr, (pictured right), took a practical approach and heard from various dedicated mental health charities offering hands-on advice for those who are supporting a loved one going through mental issues as well as those who are currently experiencing poor mental health.



The event was also supported by Welsh Government's Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, and New Zealand farmer and mental health champion Doug Avery through video message.

Speaking after the event, FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "We made a commitment at the Royal Welsh Show in 2017 to do everything we can to help break the stigma that still prevents farmers from speaking about their mental health and seeking the help they often desperately need and deserve. The figures sadly speak for themselves, with 1 farmer a week dying by suicide and many more suffering in silence.

"I would like to thank all the speakers and chairs, and of course those who joined us for the day as part of the audience, to keep this conversation going and establish an action plan of things that can be done at Welsh Government level to help those who are suffering in the future."

Mr Roberts added that the FUW has written to the Minister for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Welsh Language, Eluned Morgan, to outline some of the key points which were raised during the conference.

"A point that was made repeatedly during the event was that farmers must be considered as a group of people who have different requirements and needs when it comes to their mental health and wellbeing. Going forward we must put a strategy in place that when a farmer accesses help for their poor mental health through their GP, they do not get treated with the blanket approach that is currently policy," said the Union President.

It is worth highlighting, Mr Roberts added, that through the very nature of farming, a job that requires a farmer to be at work 365 days a year, the suggestions of taking a few weeks off work is not going to be helpful and as the second option for many GP's is to follow this up with medication, it must also be recognised that this is not the answer for every individual.

The conference also highlighted that the route to mental health support through a GP is not always the most straightforward of routes and can often take a very long time before the person has access to the support they need.

"We have therefore asked the Minister to consider that in every local authority in Wales, measures are put in place that allow direct access to mental health services, which do not require GP referral," he said.

Furthermore, it is imperative that the Government works with existing partners to get the right support into the very heart of all of our communities, that a map of services is available easily and that those services can be accessed from the early stages of poor mental health, before the person reaches a crisis point.

A further point that was raised during the conference was that whilst systems are in place through the NHS and many charitable organisations to help deal with the symptoms of poor mental health, the root causes are rarely addressed.

"As we all know the problems on farms are plentiful and some can be addressed by talking about them, others however require the Welsh Government to re-evaluate their current and future agricultural policies - future financial farm support, bovine Tb and water quality regulations are just a drop in the ocean. We will therefore continue to work with the Welsh Government to ensure that everything possible is done, so that new and existing agricultural policies do not continue to negatively impact on our farmers mental health," said Mr Roberts.



## Working together to help deal with isolation and loneliness

by Vicky Beers, The Farming Community Network

WHILE many people look with envy on the peace and tranquillity of the countryside, they lose sight of the fact that farming is a seven-days-of-the-week job and the opportunities for a social life or even a chat with a neighbour can be few and far between.

Adding loneliness to your problems does not make them any easier to bear. Lone working can exacerbate feelings of hopelessness when things are not going well, contributing to the onset of depression. Without support, it can become difficult to see a way forward.

Everyone will experience loneliness at some point in their life, but some will experience it more often than others. Some causes of loneliness can be triggered by: Bereavement, debt/shortage of money, no family or friends, abuse, living alone, disease on the farm and living in an isolated area.

Feeling lonely has been linked to both physical and mental

health problems. Loneliness can trigger anxiety or depression as they share similar symptoms such as helplessness, low self-esteem and negative thoughts. Conversely, mental health problems can lead to loneliness.

If you are suffering from a mental health problem such as social anxiety, this may prevent you from being around people and cause loneliness. We all need to work together in support of our farmers, agricultural workers and their families and reach out to lonely and isolated people.

We can reach out through phone calls, video calls - checking in on friends, neighbours and clients. Providing opportunities to make new connections through events, talks, discussion groups or coffee. Actively communicating and encouraging contact with available support organisations.

The Farming Community Network (FCN) confidential helpline is open every day from 7am - 11pm - 03000 111 999.

"We can reach out through phone calls, video calls - checking in on friends, neighbours and clients."



## Mental Health, Financial Wellbeing and the Rural Economy

by Lee Philips, Wales Manager, Money and Pensions Service

SOMETIMES money worries can be a sign of poor mental wellbeing or poor mental wellbeing can be as a result of money worries. The two are complex and linked, for example, we know that mental wellbeing can lower motivation that then can impact on budgeting, shopping around and other activities.

Pre Covid-19 we knew that two thirds of people in Wales were left worried for the Mental Health of a loved one due to money, and six in ten had had concerns over their own Mental Health due to money. In Wales 84% of adults (2.1m) thought it is important to save money for a rainy day, but 27% of adults (0.7m) have less than £100 in savings and investments. 62% of adults in Wales (1.5m) do not focus on the long term when it comes to money.

The impact of Covid-19 will very likely see significantly higher number of people needing access to support from organisations and many more accessing support from government schemes in rural areas. We know that sometimes trying to focus on your cashflow, profit and loss can be very difficult when your mental wellbeing is low.

Talking and offering support on money matters is more important than ever for Mental Health and financial wellbeing and that is what we at the Money and Pensions Service and many others will be doing in our "Talk Money Week" beginning November 9. It's easy to get involved. We provide organisations with a participation pack full of ideas and branded resources to help you get involved and host your own activities for employees and customers.

We are also developing a new 'Money Navigator Tool'. The MNT has been developed to help people who have seen their finances impacted by Covid-19, by providing them with guidance personalised to their needs. It takes around 30 seconds to answer some questions, resulting in guidance personalised to your needs - [shorturl.at/htzCM](http://shorturl.at/htzCM) (URL has been shortened.)



"We know that sometimes trying to focus on your cashflow, profit and loss can be very difficult when your mental wellbeing is low."

# Tir Dewi helps to untangle that huge knot

by Gareth Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Tir Dewi



FOR many of us, most of the time, farming is the very best of lifestyles in the most beautiful of surroundings, full of challenges but also full of rewards.

But what about when it is going wrong? What about when the challenges become problems and they mount up, one on top of the other...? The list of things to do on a farm is endless and is different for every farmer, as is their ability to cope and the point at which they stop coping....

Tir Dewi is a Farm Support organisation. We help farmers with their unique set of circumstances, helping them to recover to a

position where they can cope again. More than ever, farmers are making decisions on their own - all day, every day!

All of this can tangle up into one great big knot, so entangled that you can't see the beginning, the first move to untie it. Add in a trigger

event like an illness, bereavement, a family argument, a failed TB test, a flood... anything can cause you to stop coping and lead to poor mental health. All of these, in any combination can be Causal Factors.

Tir Dewi helps to untangle the huge knot, so that you see all of your problems clearly. Then we help you to prioritise them and get on with solving them, together. If we do this early enough, if we deal with these Causal Factors, then poor mental health might just be avoided.

If you are already suffering with your mental health then you may feel tired, lethargic, unable to concentrate or prioritise, confused or panicked by decisions, all alone, physically sick, have no appetite.... Any of these symptoms might stop you from doing jobs on the farm - and they don't go away so the pressure mounts.

These are what we are referring to as Consequences of poor mental health. If these aren't dealt with, then recovery will be much more difficult. In much the same way as above, Tir Dewi can work with you to sort these out. Together we can give you the chance that you need, the space required to get well again.

Keep Tir Dewi's number in your phone and if you, or a neighbour or friend needs help, call us - we'll point you in the right direction. Our help is free, completely confidential and we won't judge you - we are here to help! - 0800 121 47 22.

I was asked in a conversation last month, why are things so bad in farming now - hasn't it always been this tough? - I'm sure you can all come up with answers, but I listed a few:

- Inspections and regulations - Farming is inspected more than ever.
  - Admin - I don't know a single farmer who became a farmer because they like doing admin.
  - bTB - devastating and with no end in sight.
  - Brexit - Will we have a market to sell to in 3 months time? And at what price?
  - Changes to BPS - to what? And how do we get there?
- And, many, many more.

## Monmouthshire working hard to help local and vulnerable people

by Cath Fallon, Head of Enterprise and Community Animation  
Enterprise Directorate, Monmouthshire County Council

AS one of the first Councils to appoint a Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Monmouthshire takes its support for the mental health and well-being of its residents seriously, working with partners on a broad programme of activity designed to make a real difference to the lives of local and vulnerable people.

As a rural County, Monmouthshire is blessed with a beautiful landscape, however its rurality can leave some residents feeling isolated and disconnected. To help address this, we have helped fund a MIND Monmouthshire Farming and Rural Support Worker, based at Raglan Livestock Market, providing information, advice and assistance to farmers within their own environment.

We have also allocated Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding to site an exhibition trailer at the Market. The trailer or 'Monmouthshire Rural Support Centre' will provide a confidential, 'drop in' service for our farming community, offering advice from partner agencies on financial issues which may be leading to underlying mental health issues, offering personal health consultations and basic health checks, as well as broadband and technology advice to help enable farmers and their families get on line.

We hope that this visible, accessible support will help remove some of the stigma associated with mental health issues, providing assistance where it is needed.

We believe that good digital connectivity can also help address issues associated with poor mental health by reducing anxiety and social isolation. As a partner in a new 5G Connected Communities Pathfinder, we will trial some ground breaking technologies in support of our rural economy.

The purpose of the project is to reduce stress heightened by isolated locations and feelings of



personal vulnerability, by applying digital farm security solutions whilst also using technology to reduce time spent on farms to enable farmers to socialise more or generate additional income streams.

There is also an added focus of 'Getting people connected' and reducing the negative impacts of living isolated lives' by using voice activated devices e.g. Amazon Alexa, or Amazon Show.

We are keen to do more focussed work with young people in our rural areas whilst also building our volunteer base through our Community

Support Network, Ourmonmouthshire.org, providing more localised advice and support where it is really needed.

We'd also ask our partners to support us in our ambition for digital equality across Wales by joining the newly formed Digital Inclusion Alliance for Wales. This group is committed to raising the profile of digital inclusion by bringing together people from all sectors in Wales to coordinate and promote digital inclusion activity across Wales under one national banner. It would be great if you could join us!

**"We hope that this visible, accessible support will help remove some of the stigma associated with mental health issues, providing assistance where it is needed."**



Useful  
resources  
to know  
about

For training, information and support around Suicide

• **Zero Suicide Alliance:** [www.zerosuicidealliance.com/](http://www.zerosuicidealliance.com/)

• **Samaritans:** [www.samaritans.org/wales](http://www.samaritans.org/wales)

\* In English: 116 123

\* In Welsh: 0808 164 0123

For young people who may be suicidal

• **Papyrus:** 0800 068 41 41 - [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)

**Mind**

• Advice on how to support someone facing various different issues: [www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helping-someone-else/](http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helping-someone-else/)

**NHS**

• Guided Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to help you to develop skills to manage your psychological wellbeing with more confidence, from the convenience of your own location and in your own time. Available across Wales: [www.pthb.nhs.wales/services](http://www.pthb.nhs.wales/services) - click on Adult and Older People's Mental Health Services

• Hywel Dda health board resource, but including useful links that are Wales-wide: [www.iawn.wales.nhs.uk/home](http://www.iawn.wales.nhs.uk/home)

For Young People

• **Young Minds** - A charity for children and young people's mental health (including resources for parents/carers).

\* [www.youngminds.org.uk/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/) \* Crisis line: Text YM to 85258

\* Parents Line: 0808 802 5544

• **Wales YFC:** a support structure for wellbeing right across Wales -

\* [www.yfc.wales/](http://www.yfc.wales/)

\* [www.cffi.cymru/](http://www.cffi.cymru/)

**The Mental Health Foundation**

• This website has a great range of resources: [www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)

# Why I decided to volunteer with the DPJ Foundation?

by Rhian Jones, Regional Champion



I've always worked in the Agri sector, from working on the family farm as a child, to working as an Animal Health Officer, and now teaching Agriculture for Coleg Cambria at Llysfasi whilst also helping out on my husband's farm.

A couple of years ago, a worker of ours who had worked on the farm for over 40 years started suffering with mental health issues. He'd reached out for help and realised he was unwell but sadly ended up taking his own life. Having lost a close friend to suicide in the past I could see the differences in the grieving process from a suicide. There are so many questions you keep asking yourself, and those questions will never be answered. It's a very difficult thing to go through. There was no support I could think of at the time that would help either with someone suffering mental health issues or after a suicide loss.

I first heard about the DPJ Foundation about a year ago when someone asked if I'd like to be a Share the Load volunteer for them. I didn't think I could dedicate time answering phone calls, but then when a post was advertised for a Regional Champion I went for it. I was keen to make a difference to those suffering with mental health problems.

How the experience has been?

I've met some wonderful people through my role as a regional champion for the DPJ. The other regional champions are supportive and we all work together well to spread the word about the DPJ. As part of my role I've given a talk to local Agri college students about the services the DPJ offers. I've also helped people by pointing them in the direction of the services the DPJ offers such as counselling and mental health training.

I act as a point of contact in the community if anyone wants to know anything about the DPJ Foundation, and I'm glad I can be here to make a difference.

If you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer with the DPJ Foundation, the first step is to attend one of our Mental Health Awareness Training courses (please see our social media or contact Kay@thedpjfoundation.co.uk for dates) and then to complete a volunteer application form. Alternatively, please contact Kate Miles, Charity Manager on kate@thedpjfoundation.co.uk or 07984 169652.

# New project helps farmers plan ahead and stay resilient through change

A NEW project led by The Farming Community Network (FCN) will help farmers in England and Wales plan ahead for the future.

FCN's 'Time to Plan' project helps to raise awareness about the importance of forward planning and encourages farmers to prepare for change from both personal and business perspectives.

A lack of medium and long-term business planning and later life planning are contributory factors in many cases that present to FCN each year. This can often lead to increased stress as well as contributing to family relationship issues, financial problems and difficulties in managing the farm in older age.

Jude McCann, FCN CEO, said:

"British farming faces an uncertain future, and the need for farmers to plan ahead and know their options is vital. Taking time to plan ahead can help farmers to remain resilient through change - this could include managing the handover between generations, or being prepared for unexpected challenges like Brexit, Covid-19 or serious weather events.

"Time To Plan will see FCN working with a range of industry partners to develop helpful resources about planning ahead which will be available to the farming community through our free FarmWell platform. A core part of FCN's mission is to help improve farmers' personal and business resilience, and this project plays a key role in this objective."

As part of the project, FCN is running an awareness campaign from October 2020 - March 2021. Each month content will be created in partnership with other organisations focusing on different themes, including: managing through change successfully; planning for the unexpected; diversification; the new post-Brexit support regime; succession planning and retirement; and wellbeing and safety.

In the longer term, FCN will be developing a 'Planning Toolkit' to help farming families take positive steps to prepare for the future, building on FCN's FarmWell (www.farmwell.org.uk/) initiative and FarmWell Wales (www.farmwell.wales/) - launched earlier this year by the Wales Farm Support Group and part funded by the Welsh Government.

To find out more about the project visit: [www.farmwell.org.uk/time-to-plan/](http://www.farmwell.org.uk/time-to-plan/)  
FCN is keen to work with industry partners for this project. Please contact mark@fcn.org.uk if you would like to get involved and share expertise around planning ahead.



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Over the year ahead FCN will be working with industry partners to:

- Connect farmers with the most relevant sources of information to help them make the best decisions
- Provide tips and insights on developing personal and business resilience
- Help members of the farming community to plot a successful course for the future of their farm business
- Support them in planning for succession and retirement
- Assist them to look after their own wellbeing and that of their family and staff
- Provide information around working safely and productively
- Link them to help and support if needed.

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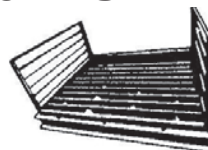


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# Bilingual cookbook full of traditional and modern recipes

THE pandemic has changed many habits for the better, and during lockdown cooking came to the fore as a popular way of relaxing during a worrying time. Many people also realised the importance of supporting local independent shops, which became “an essential haven” according to Nerys Howell, a food industry specialist and author of a new bilingual cookbook *Bwyd Cymru yn ei Dymor / Welsh Food by Season*. It's full of traditional and modern recipes, using the best Welsh produce created by Nerys Howell.

Nerys has appeared on BBC Radio Wales, BBC Radio Cymru, a regular face on S4C's popular daytime TV programme, *Prynhawn Da* and at Welsh food festivals. The book is a celebration of local, sustainable Welsh produce and aims to encourage people to eat seasonally. Here's a taster of what's on offer in the book - Baked Apple and Ginger with Penderyn custard, a twist on the traditional apple dumpling where cooking apples were filled with sugar and dried fruit and covered in pastry, what's not to like?!

*Bwyd Cymru yn ei Dymor / Welsh Food by Season*, published by Y Lolfa, is available now from book shops across Wales for £14.99. With the year we've all had, maybe the mention of Christmas is either a light relief or causes you to break out in a cold sweat. Either way, this book is the perfect gift, and will be useful in the kitchen all year round!



## Baked apple and ginger with Penderyn custard

### Ingredients

- 4 medium eating apples, such as Cox or Braeburn
- 3 tbsps of Welsh Lady ginger preserve
- 1 tbsp of Penderyn whisky
- 300g of ready rolled puff pastry
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp of Demerara sugar

### Custard

- 200ml of whole milk
- 200ml of single cream
- 4 egg yolks
- 60g of caster sugar
- 2 tbsps of Penderyn whisky

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C / Gas mark 6 and line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.
2. Peel and remove the core of the apple, leaving a little at the bottom to contain the filling. Mix the ginger preserve with the whisky and spoon into each apple.
3. Cut the puff pastry into long strips, 1cm wide. Starting with the base, wrap each apple with pastry so that it overlaps slightly as it spirals around the fruit.
4. Whisk the egg with 1 tablespoon of water. Brush the pastry with the egg and sprinkle with sugar. Place on the prepared baking tray and bake for 15 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 180°C / Gas mark 5 and bake the apples for another 10 minutes, until the pastry is a rich golden brown.

Serves 4



5. To make the custard, heat the milk and cream in a heavy based saucepan and bring just to the boil. Meanwhile whisk the egg yolks and sugar together in a bowl until pale. Pour over the warmed milk and mix well.

6. Place the mixture in a clean saucepan and slowly bring the custard to a gentle simmer, stirring all the time with a wooden spoon until it thickens and coats the back of the spoon. Do not allow the custard to boil as it may curdle. Remove from the heat and add the whisky.

7. Serve with the cooked apples. Enjoy!

## Work to tackle ash dieback disease continues in Carmarthenshire

CARMARTHENSHERE County Council is continuing its work to tackle ash dieback disease by removing infected trees along the highway for which it is directly responsible and where they are at risk of falling.

The council's highways inspectors have also identified trees in private ownership along many county roads which pose a similar risk yet remain the responsibility of the landowner.

Information and advice about ash dieback can be found on the council website, and landowners are being urged to take action where the trees they own present a similar danger to the public.

It is generally accepted that where ash trees pose a risk to the public or property, and when they have lost at least 50% of their crown, trees should be felled. Trees that have lost 75% or more of their canopy are considered to pose an immediate risk.

The council has been felling trees along the county's A and B roads for which it is directly responsible, with further works planned through the winter.

The removal of trees with ash dieback is a dangerous and specialised job and should only be carried out by experienced tree surgeons. Affected trees can collapse when being felled. Many will be unsafe to climb and will need to be removed by operatives working from elevated platforms or using tree shears.

Landowners are advised to employ a professional tree surgeon to advise on the management of trees affected by ash dieback. Approved tree surgeons can be found on the Arboricultural Association

website [trees.org.uk](http://trees.org.uk) and click on 'Find a Professional'.

With the bird nesting season at its end, this is a good time to review the management of trees for which you are responsible. Felling during the autumn and winter would help to reduce any negative impact on wildlife. Bats may be using cavities in trees, but appropriate surveys and working methods at this time of year can assist in ensuring that you remain on the right side of the law.

Executive Board Member for the Environment Cllr Hazel Evans said: "Cutting down any tree is a huge loss to our county, but this is something we must do if it poses a risk to road users. Other landowners need to take similar action to protect members of the public, as well as themselves, from falling trees or branches; and the council commends those landowners who have already started this important work."

Visit [carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ashdieback](http://carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ashdieback)

“Landowners are advised to employ a professional tree surgeon to advise on the management of trees affected by ash dieback.”

## Queen's Birthday Honours list - Congratulations to some familiar faces



### The Venerable Eileen Davies

Eileen Davies has been awarded an MBE for her services to farming in West Wales as a founder of Tir Dewi. It was formed in 2015 in response to a growing and serious need for someone to help the farmers of West Wales in difficult times. By now, Tir Dewi has launched into Powys, Gwynedd, Conwy and Anglesey. It has launched a project working with Young Farmers and it continues to grow. Including staff and volunteers, it is now a team of over 60 people.

Congratulations Eileen, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for Tir Dewi and the farmers of Wales.



### Emma Picton-Jones

DPJ Foundation founder Emma Picton-Jones has been awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to charity (Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire).

Emma has worked tirelessly over the past 4 years to establish the DPJ Foundation, to raise awareness of mental health issues in agriculture and to help people in the farming community with their mental health.

Emma is an inspiration to us all of what can be achieved, even in the darkest of times. Well done Emma and thank you for all that you do!



### Professor Christianne Glossop

Professor Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales, has been awarded an OBE for services to animal health and welfare.

Appointed the first Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales following the devolution of animal health and welfare powers in 2005, Professor Glossop is responsible for developing and implementing policy and strategy for all animals kept in Wales. Congratulations!





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## Time is of the essence when faced with a notice to quit

TENANT farmers are being warned to act quickly if they receive a Notice to Quit from their landlords.

The alert comes from Eifion Bibby of Davis Meade Property Consultants, (pictured left), who has been advising FUW members who have received such communications.

"It is essential that tenants take advice immediately upon receiving a notice to quit," Eifion said.

"There will be a limited time - sometimes, for instance, just a month - to take action, such as by serving a counter notice, where appropriate.

"There have been circumstances arising where tenants have unnecessarily lost their tenanted rights by not acting rapidly," he warned.

He said he was aware of notices to quit sometimes being sent speculatively in the hope that they may be overlooked or ignored.

"Time is of the essence," he added.

For more information contact Eifion Bibby at the Colwyn Bay office of Davis Meade Property Consultants on 01492 510360, email eifionbibby@dmpcuk.com



"There have been circumstances arising where tenants have unnecessarily lost their tenanted rights by not acting rapidly."

## Rheolau ar wahardd symud / Standstill rules

BYDD y cyfnod gwahardd symud am 6 diwrnod yn dechrau gyda diwrnod 1 sef y diwrnod ar ôl i'r anifail gyrraedd. Felly os bydd anifail yn cyrraedd ar ddydd Llun, diwrnod 1 fydd dydd Mawrth a diwrnod 6 fydd dydd Sul. Byddwch yn rhydd i symud anifeiliaid ar ôl y 6ed diwrnod, ac yn yr achos yma, mi fyddai hynny ar ddydd Llun.

Bydd symud mochyn i mewn i'r eiddo yn gweithredu rheol gwahardd symud 20 diwrnod ar unrhyw fochyn a rheol gwahardd symud 6 niwrnod ar ddefaid, gwartheg neu eifr ar yr eiddo hwnnw.

Bydd symud gwartheg, defaid neu eifr i eiddo lle cedwir un neu fwy o foch yn gweithredu rheol gwahardd symud 6 niwrnod ar y moch hynny.

**The 6-day standstill begins with day 1 - the day following the arrival of any animal. Therefore if an animal arrives on Monday, day 1 is Tuesday and day 6 is Sunday. You will be free to move after the 6th day, which in this case would be Monday. The movement of a pig onto premises will trigger a 20 day standstill on any pigs, and 6 day standstill on sheep, cattle or goats on those premises. The movement of cattle, sheep or goats onto premises on which one or more pigs is kept will trigger a 6 day standstill on those pigs.**

Anifail/Animal	Cyfnod gwahardd/Standstill period
Defaid/Sheep	6 diwrnod/6 days
Geifr/Goats	6 diwrnod/6 days
Gwartheg/Cattle	6 diwrnod/6 days
Moch/Pigs	20 diwrnod/20 days

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## ANGLESEY

### Paratoi ar gyfer y tymor ŵyna

Ar nos Fawrth yr 8fed o Ragfyr am 7yh byddwn yn cynnal noson wybodaeth arbennig i aelodau drwy gyfrwng Zoom. Bydd y milfeddyg Mr Alwyn Llewelyn Jones BVMS, DipACVP, FRCPath, MRCVS yn ymuno â ni i rannu cyngor ac ymarferion gorau ar gyfer paratoi eich diadell ar gyfer y cyfnod ŵyna.

Mae Mr Jones bellach yn batholegydd milfeddygol yn yr Alban ond bydd yn wyneb cyfarwydd i lawer ohonoch wedi iddo dreulio cyfnod yn gweithio fel milfeddyg mewn Milfeddygfa ar yr ynys.

Hefyd yn bresennol bydd Mr Dyfrig Hughes o gwmi dwysfwd anifeiliaid ForFarmers i ateb unrhyw gwestiynau sydd gennych ynglŷn â maetholion. Mae'n argoeli i fod yn noson hynod ddifyr felly peidiwch oedi i gysylltu â ni i archebu eich lle drwy alw 01248 750 250 / ynysmon@fuw.org.uk Croeso cynnes i bawb

**On Tuesday evening December 8 at 7pm we will be hosting an exclusive online information evening for members through Zoom. Joining us will be veterinary surgeon Mr Alwyn Llewelyn Jones BVMS, DipACVP, FRCPath, MRCVS who will be sharing hints, tips and best practices for preparing your flock for the lambing season.**

**Mr Jones is a veterinary pathologist on the Scottish Borders but will be a familiar face to many of you as he spent a number of years working at a veterinary practice on the island.**

**Also on hand to answer all your nutrient related questions will be Mr Dyfrig Hughes on behalf of animal feed producers ForFarmers.**

**It promises to be a great evening, book your place by contacting us on 01248 750 250 / anglesey@fuw.org.uk**

**All members welcome.**

### Clefyd Coed Onnen (Ash Dieback)

Mae'r clefyd hwn yn cael ei ddarganfod ar nifer fawr o goed ar draws Ynys Môn a rhagwelir y bydd 80% o goed onnen y DU yn cael eu colli o ganlyniad i'r afiechyd.

**Ydych chi'n gwybod beth yw'r arwyddion?**

Ar nos Iau 19eg o Dachwedd am 7yh bydd Mr Jacob Milner, Cydlynnydd Clefyd Coed Onnen, Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn yn ymuno â ni am noson wybodaeth arbennig i aelodau drwy gyfrwng Zoom. Dyma gyfle i ddysgu mwy am yr afiechyd, sut i adnabod yr arwyddion a'r camau dylid eu cymryd. Mae'r cyfarfod yn agored i unrhyw un sy'n aelod o'r Undeb felly peidiwch oedi cyn cysylltu â ni i archebu eich lle. 01248 750 250 / ynysmon@fuw.org.uk

**Ash dieback is being discovered on a high number of trees on Anglesey, and it is anticipated that the UK will lose around 80% of ash trees to this disease.**

**Do you recognise the symptoms? We will be hosting a special virtual information evening for members on Thursday November 19 at 7pm through Zoom. Joining us will be Mr Jacob Milner, Ash Dieback Coordinator for Anglesey County Council. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the disease, know how to spot the signs and understand what you need to do if you receive a notice from the local authority. All members are welcome to join us, please contact us to book your place on 01248 750 250 / anglesey@fuw.org.uk**

### Cyfarfod gyda Rhun ap Iorwerth



Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod llwyddiannus drwy Zoom yn ddiweddar gyda'r Aelod o'r Senedd dros Fôn, Rhun ap Iorwerth. Braf oedd cael y cyfle i rannu pryderon a thrafod materion cyfoes sy'n wynebu'r diwydiant. Cafwyd nifer o drafodaethau difyr gan gynnwys, cynlluniau'r Gymdeithas Cig Eidion Genedlaethol (NBA) i godi 'treth garbon' ar anifeiliaid hŷn na 28 mis oed a goblygiadau hyn ar y sector, datblygiadau diweddaraf y Bil Amaethyddol, etholiad y Cynulliad a phroblem ail gartrefi ar yr Ynys.

**A successful Zoom meeting was held recently with Anglesey Member of the Senedd Rhun ap Iorwerth. It was great to have the opportunity to share concerns and discuss current issues facing the industry. There were a number of interesting discussions including, the National Beef Association's (NBA) plans to impose a 'carbon tax' on animals over 28 months old and the implications of this on the sector, the latest developments with the Agricultural Bill, the Assembly election and the problem of second homes on the Island.**

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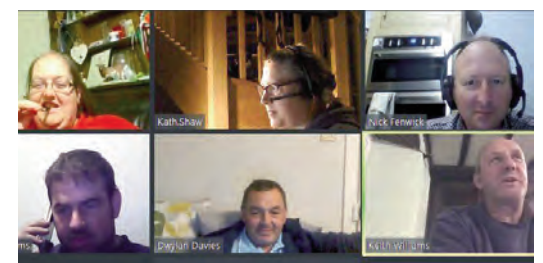
## BRECON & RADNOR

### Successful Zoom meeting

Brecon and Radnor members met on Thursday October 8, via Zoom, to discuss the latest Welsh Government consultation; Sustainable Farming and Our Land: simplifying agricultural support.

Dr Nick Fenwick, Head of FUW Policy also attended to help explain the document. The discussion will form part of the county's response to the consultation. We would like to thank everyone that attended for their input and look forward to our next meeting on November 3.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. All members will receive an invitation containing a link to join us on Zoom via email, please check your spam box if you haven't received it by the end of the preceding month or contact the office if you would like it resent.



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## CAERNARFON

## Croesi bysedd - Dim Eryrod yn Eryri

Yn dilyn ymgynghoriad answyddogol *Wilder Britain* ar y syniad o ail gyflwyno'r Eryr nôl i Eryri, cawsom gyfarfodydd bywiog iawn gyda Dr Paul O'Donoghue pan fynychodd nifer o ffermwyr y sesiynau galw mewn i fynegi eu barn. Siomedig oedd nodi bod y cyfarfodydd yn uniaith Saesneg a dim pwt o gydymdeimlad tuag at yr iaith na diwylliant yr ardal gan y cynrychiolwyr a oedd yn bresennol ar ran *Wilder Britain*.

Cawsom gyfle i egluro ein pryderon ond nawddoglyd iawn oedd yr ymateb. Os cewch gyfle i siarad a thrafod gyda chynrychiolwyr *Wilder Britain*, gwnewch yn siŵr eich bod yn cymryd mantais ohono er mwyn ceisio eu darbwyllo nad yw'n syniad y mae ffermwyr yr ardal yn hoff iawn ohono. Rydym wedi trefnu cyfarfodydd gyda'n gwleidyddion lleol i drafod y mater ymhellach.

*Following the unofficial Wilder Britain consultation on the proposal of reintroducing the Eagle to Snowdonia, we had very lively meetings with Dr Paul O'Donoghue, when a number of farmers attended the drop in sessions to express their views. It was disappointing to note that the meetings were in English only and there was no*

*sympathy for the language or the area's culture from the Wilder Britain delegates who were present. We had an opportunity to explain our concerns, but the response was very patronizing. If you have an opportunity to talk and discuss with representatives from Wilder Britain, make sure you take advantage by trying to persuade them that it is not an idea that farmers in the area favour. We have arranged meetings with our local politicians to discuss the matter further.*

## Nodyn atgoffa

Hoffwn atgoffa ein haelodau bod y ffenestr ar gyfer Benthyciadau BPS 2020 ar agor tan y 27ain o Dachwedd, ac mae croeso i chi gysylltu gyda'r swyddfa os ydych angen i ni gwblhau y cais ar eich rhan.

*We'd like to remind our members that the window for BPS Loans 2020 is open until November 27, and you're welcome to contact the office if you'd like us to complete the application on your behalf.*

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## CARMARTHEN

## Llandeilo Livestock market is open



Llandeilo Livestock market is open offering a weekly Monday mart for rearing calves and slaughter sheep, fortnightly Monday sales of older cattle with seasonal breeding sheep sales and dairy sales as required.

The facility is now operated by Huw Evans Auctioneers with all enquiries to Huw on 07721 386617 / 07920 465580 / huwevansauctioneer@hotmail.com or Huw Evans Auctioneer facebook page.

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## CEREDIGION



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- 2: 233 - Mr Lewis, Morawel
- 3: 123 - Mr Owen, Glyniscoed
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- 2: 56 - Mrs William, Brynhownant
- 3: 165 - Mr James, Fronfraith Fach

## Croeso i Elsi Mair

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i Gadeirydd y Sir, Morys loan ai wraig Helen ar enedigaeth ei merch fach, Elsi Mair.

*Congratulations to our County Chairman, Morys loan and his wife Helen on the birth of their daughter, Elsi Mair.*

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## DENBIGH &amp; FLINT

## We are still here to assist

If you need any assistance with paperwork or have any queries - don't forget that even though we are currently not able to meet with you in our office due to Covid-19, we are available at the end of the phone or e-mail.

*Os oes angen unrhyw gymorth arnoch gyda gwaith papur neu os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau - peidiwch ag anghofio, er nad ydym yn gallu cwrdd â chi yn ein swyddfa ar hyn o bryd oherwydd Covid-19, rydym ar gael ar ddiwedd y ffôn neu ar e-bost.*



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## GLAMORGAN

## Date for the diary

Our next County Executive meeting will be on Tuesday November 17 at 7.30pm, with guest speaker Brian Rees providing a farm safety presentation. For further details and for an invite on Zoom please contact the County Office.



## Walter Rowlands Award winner chosen

The Walter Rowlands Award is a £200 educational grant for agricultural students in the Glamorgan area studying an agricultural based course in college or university.

FUW Glamorgan County Executive Committee considered all applications at their monthly meeting in September and were impressed with the high calibre of applications received.

Emily Morgan who is entering her 4th and final year at Harper Adams University studying BSc Bio Veterinary Science was chosen to receive the award.

Congratulations to Emily and all the best with your future studies and career, also thank you to all the applicants for their time and effort in applying this year.

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## GWENT

## Gwent branch here for you

As we enter our seventh month of lockdown due to the Covid crisis, it is perhaps time to reflect on how the lockdown has impacted on the work of the Gwent branch.

Obviously, Helen and I have been working from home, which at first was fine, but we have missed the personal contact with members, at our office, whilst I have particularly missed the engagement with members at the livestock market. It would be good to get back to some form of normality, or is this the new normal?

We have kept our service to members up and running, including the completion and submission of SAF, and dealing with any subsequent queries, executive meetings have been held via Zoom, with an increasing degree of success, which proves you can teach an old dog new tricks.

We have been available on the end of the phone to deal with any issues which may arise, and have made greater use of social media to keep in touch with members.

The changing times ahead due to Brexit, has perhaps not received the

attention it should have, with it impossible to hold open meetings to fully discuss proposals. I would urge all members to keep in touch with the latest developments via the FUW website and social media.

Helen and I both live in Caerphilly borough, which was the first area in Wales to be placed under additional local lockdown measures. This has caused great confusion, and anxiety amongst members who are unclear what the exact regulations are.

We have one member, who now has to make a 12 mile round trip to shop, instead of the usual 2 miles, because the nearest supermarket is in another council area. Authorities are recording the licence numbers of vehicles in car parks to check if they are from another borough, with fines of up to £1,000 being issued.

Desperate measures in desperate times. Let us hope this will all soon be over, but be assured the FUW will always be here for you, in its role of protecting the rural communities of Wales, who in turn keep on feeding the nation. Keep safe.

## 100 club winners

**1st prize -**  
Mrs Pat Thomas -  
Bwlfa Farm

**2nd Prize -**  
Mr John Reames -  
11 Clydach Dingle

**3rd Prize -**  
Mrs Gloria Williams -  
Glanshon Farm.



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## MEIRIONNYDD

## Ymweliadau gyda Liz Saville Roberts AS

Yn ystod dechrau mis Hydref, trefnwyd cyfarfodydd gan y gangen sirol mewn sawl ardal yng ngogledd Meirionnydd gyda Liz Saville Roberts AS er mwyn trafod gwaith o fewn yr Ardaloedd Draenio Mewnol, ac yn arbennig y sylw sydd ei angen i'r afonydd.

Roedd hyn yn dilyn cyfarfodydd blaenorol gyda swyddogion Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru lle rhoddwyd amlinelliad o'r problemau, a'r cyfrifoldeb sydd arnynt o dan y Ddeddf Draenio Tir 1991 a'r Ddeddf Rheolaeth Dŵr 2010.

Aethpwyd i weld safleoedd yr Afon Gaseg a'r Afon Croesor yn Llanfrothen, yr Afon Ddwryd yn Maentwrog, a'r Afon Glyn ger Talsarnau.

Diolch yn arbennig i Liz Saville Roberts AS am ymuno efo ni, a'i chefnogaeth gyson i'n gwaith.



Olwen Ford yn trafod gyda Liz Saville Roberts ger yr Afon Gaseg yn Llanfrothen.



Eurwyn Jones yn trafod gyda Liz Saville Roberts ger yr Afon Ddwryd.



Tecwyn Williams yn trafod gyda Liz Saville Roberts ger yr Afon Glyn ger Glanywern, Harlech.

During early October, the county branch arranged meetings in several areas of north Meirionnydd with Liz Saville Roberts MP to discuss work within the Internal Drainage District (IDD), and in particular the attention required to the rivers.

This followed previous meetings with officers from Natural Resources Wales where the problems were outlined, and their responsibilities under the Land

Drainage Act 1991 and the Water Management Act 2010.

We visited Afon Gaseg and Afon Croesor at Llanfrothen, Afon Ddwryd at Maentwrog, and Afon Glyn near Talsarnau. Many thanks to Liz Saville Roberts MP for joining us, and her constant support of our work.

## Pwyllgor Gwaith

Cyfarfu Pwyllgor Gwaith y sir ddechrau mis Hydref drwy gyfrwng Zoom, ac unwaith eto, daeth nifer dda o gynrychiolwyr yn rhan o'r cyfarfod. Ein gŵr gwadd arbennig y tro hwn oedd Glyn Roberts, Llywydd Cenedlaethol, ac ymysg nifer o faterion yn ei gyflwyniad a'r drafodaeth oedd y diweddaraf gyda'r Mesur Amaeth, a'r Mesur Marchnad Fewnol. Rydym yn gwerthfawrogi ei amser a'i ymroddiad i'r Undeb, a chlywsom hefyd am ymweliad Arweinydd y Blaid Lafur Syr Kier Starmer â Dylasau.

Hefyd mynegwyd ein cydymdeimlad dwysaf a theulu'r diweddar Mrs Hilda James, sef priod y diweddar John Dyer James a fu yn Ysgrifennydd Sirol yr Undeb ym Meirionnydd rhwng 1974 a 1988, ac a wnaeth gyfraniad enfawr. Cadwodd Mrs James gysylltiad agos gyda'r Undeb, a bu yn cynorthwyo a chefnogi gwaith yr Undeb ymhob ffordd posib.

**We held our county meeting through Zoom at the beginning of October, and yet again, a good number of delegates were part of the meeting. Our guest speaker on this occasion was Glyn Roberts, President, and amongst the many issues in his presentation and discussion were the latest developments with the Agriculture Bill, and the Internal Market Bill. We appreciate his time and commitment to the Union, and we also heard about the Labour leader, Sir Kier Starmer's visit to Dylasau. Our deepest condolences were also expressed to the family of the late Mrs Hilda James, wife of the late John Dyer James who was the Union's County Secretary in Meirionnydd between 1974 and 1988, and who made a huge contribution. Mrs James maintained in close contact with the Union, and assisted and supported the Union's work in every way possible.**

## Teyrnged i Morgan L Vaughan OBE

Ar ddechrau mis Hydref daeth y newyddion hynod o drist am farwolaeth Morgan L Vaughan MBE, Pall Mall, Tywyn. Bu a chysylltiad agos gyda'r Undeb dros nifer fawr o flynyddoedd, a chydymdeimlwn yn ddwys iawn gyda'r teulu.

Fe wnaeth wasanaeth aruthrol i'w ardal a thu hwnt, a hynny mewn ystod eang o feysydd, ac roedd yn uchel iawn ei barch. Bu yn flaenllaw mewn llywodraeth leol ar hyd ei oes, ac yn gyn Gadeirydd Cyngor Gwynedd.

Dyma gymwynaswr bro go iawn, a bu yn fraint arbennig i ni gydweithio ag ef ar nifer o faterion. Bu'n hynod weithgar a diwyd, gan lwyddo i gael y maen i'r wal ar gymaint o achosion. Cofiaf ei gyfraniad ar y Bwrdd Afonydd (fel yr oedd ar y pryd) a Phwyllgor yr Afonydd ar lefel cenedlaethol. Bu'n gefnogol dros ben i ymgyrchoedd a gweithgarwch yr Undeb.

Cofiw'n hefyd am ei gefnogaeth frwd i Fudiad y Ffermyr Ifanc. Coffa da amdano.



**At the beginning of October, we heard the sad news about the death of Morgan L Vaughan MBE, Pall Mall, Tywyn. He had been closely associated with the Union over many years, and we extend our deepest sympathies to the family. He gave a tremendous service in many ways to his area and beyond, and was highly regarded. He was a prominent figure in local government all his life, and was the former Chairman of Gwynedd Council. He was a real community benefactor, and it was a great privilege to work with him on a number of issues. He was extremely active and diligent, succeeding in so many cases. I**

**remember his contribution to the River Board (as it was then) and the Rivers Committee, at a national level. He was extremely supportive of the Union's campaigns and activities. We also remember his enthusiastic support for the Young Farmers Clubs. We have fond memories of him.**

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## PEMBROKESHIRE

## A message from the 200+ Club

Due to the Covid-19 safety measures which have had to be put in place, it would be a great help if all cash members of the 200+ Club could arrange for their membership fee of £5 per number to be paid by Standing Order. Please contact the county office for a standing order form.

In addition, if you have made any changes to the bank account name that is registered with the 200+ Club please let the county office know as this will avoid any prize cheques being refused by the bank.

The 200+ Club would also like to apologise to those who may have had to ask for a replacement cheque after payment was refused due to failures in the automatic scanning and data transfer system which the banks are now using.

If you are not currently a member of the 200+ club but would like to be in with a chance of winning one of three cash prizes every month, for just £5 per year, contact the county office for further details on 01437 762913 or by e-mailing pembrokeshire@fuw.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.  
Diolch am eich cefnogaeth parhaol.

## Basic Payment Scheme 2020

If you receive any queries from Rural Payments Wales (RPW) regarding your 2020 Single Application Form, please respond to them as soon as possible as your BPS payment will not be released until all queries have been resolved.

In addition, if you would like us to submit a BPS Support Scheme application don't forget to get in touch before November 27 2020.

## Keeping your CPH number land up-to-date

Don't forget if you take on or give up any buildings or land for your livestock, you need to ensure that the land recorded against your CPH number is updated accordingly to prevent any problems with movement reporting and animal disease controls. If you require any assistance with making the required changes through your RPW Online account get in touch.

## MEAT MATTERS

# Love Lamb Week Campaign - the results are in

by Rhys Llywelyn, HCC Marketing Manager

IT'S heartening to be able to report that once again, the Love Lamb Week campaign held on 1-7 September proved a success with consumers.

Love Lamb Week 2020 focused on emphasising the fantastic nutritional benefits of lamb as well as its unique role in sustainable meat production. Unable to deliver our usual mix of face-to-face consumer events due to Covid-19 restrictions, the whole focus of the 2020 Love Lamb Week campaign rested on digital content specifically created for social media platforms.

Early results proved that digital activities around Love Lamb Week were highly successful resulting in a 172% growth in impressions and a whopping 1,025% growth in video views compared to last year.

A spike in visits to the EatWelshLambandBeef.com website was also experienced with 36% more hits during the campaign period and visitors spending on average a longer period of time on the website.

The 2020 Love Lamb Week campaign saw a wealth of digital content created to entice families and foodies alike to buy, cook and eat Welsh Lamb. As well as an array of new recipes posted on Facebook and Instagram, the campaign also utilised influencers including a collaboration between Chris Roberts and Black Axe Mangal targeting younger social media savvy foodies.

Further influencers taking part in the 2020 campaign included chef Dean Edwards who created a Kachumber salad with Spiced rump of Welsh lamb; John Gregory Smith which created four recipes

including Lamb kofta Hummus bowls; Pippa Payne who created a Greek style slow cooked leg of Welsh lamb dish and presenter and chef John Torode who enticed viewers with a Crumbled lamb cutlet dish.

Due to a combination of promotions and the social changes due to COVID restrictions, 2020 has seen a significant rise in retail lamb sales in Britain. This has helped offset the problems which have been faced by the important hospitality sector.

Encouragingly, the largest growth in lamb purchasing has come from larger households - particularly families with children. Our Love Lamb Week promotions were designed to keep these new consumers interested in doing new things with lamb, and we'll be aiming to continue with this marketing push in the lead-up to Christmas, with media work backed up by promotions in partnership with retailers.

*Mae'n galonogol gallu dweud bod ymgyrch Wythnos Caru Cig Oen a gynhaliwyd rhwng 1 a 7 o Fedi wedi bod yn llwyddiant gyda chwsmeriaid unwaith eto. Canolbwyntiodd Wythnos Caru Cig Oen 2020 ar bwysleisio buddion maeth gwych cig oen yn ogystal â'i rôl unigryw wrth gynhyrchu cig yn gynaliadwy. Mae'n wych gweld bod y twf mwyaf mewn prynu cig oen wedi dod o aelwydydd mwy - yn enwedig teuluoedd â phlant. Mi fydd HCC yn anelu at barhau â'r ymgyrch farchnata hon yn y cyfnod cyn y Nadolig, gyda gwaith cyfryngau yn cael ei ategu gan hyrwyddiadau mewn partneriaeth â manwerthwyr.*

## PROPERTY MATTERS

# Keep on track with public rights of way

by Kathryn Williams, Director at Davis Meade Property Consultants

WITH more people holidaying at home during the Coronavirus crisis and enjoying the countryside footpath network, we are reminding farmers and landowners how to protect themselves against the creation of unwanted public rights of way across their land.

The use of a specific route by members of the public for a period of time - usually 20 years plus - can lead to an application for a permanent right of way.

This is of particular concern for landowners adjoining housing estates or with certain landscape features such as rivers, lakes and woods or those with tracks accessing items such as solar panels, masts or wind farms

To prevent this, under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 landowners can deposit a statement and a declaration with their Local Authority acknowledging public rights of way across their land and stating that, at that time, they have no intention to dedicate any further public rights of way.

The requirements for establishing that a claimed route should be added to the definitive map as a public right of way are that it has been used freely by the public, without permission and for an uninterrupted period of at least 20 years.

A valid deposit under section 31(6) stops time running forward for the acquisition of public rights by usage, and constitutes an effective challenge for any future claims, unless it can be shown that the route was used for at least 20 years before the date of the statement or declaration, or the claim is based on documentary evidence.

The Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 (effective from October 1 2013) introduced a new set of prescribed application forms and extended the period for which a deposit is valid to 20 years for statements and declarations deposited after that date. Previously it was 10 years.

The procedure for making a deposit under section 31(6) has two stages: firstly the deposit statement and secondly the statutory declaration which must be deposited after the statement and accompanying map. It is not valid to deposit both at the same time.

We can assist clients with obtaining and marking up the relevant plans, compiling the deposit statement and the statutory declaration and also keeping ongoing records of signage evidence, and setting reminders for further future renewal submissions to the Local Authority for clients or their successors in title.

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# Mae angen cyfeillgarwch nawr yn fwy nag erioed

gan Tegwen Morris, Cyfarwyddwraig Cenedlaethol, Merched y Wawr

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*The Virtual Winter Fair is on the horizon and this year Merched y Wawr have held various competitions, it's great to hear that members are busy with the preparations.*

# Accidents can happen - especially when you work with large animals

HANDLING cattle always involves a risk of injury. To reduce the risk when handling cattle to you and your employees, as well as visitors such as vets, you should have:

- proper handling facilities, which you keep in good working order;
- a race and a crush suitable for the animals you handle;
- trained and competent workers; and
- a rigorous culling policy for temperamental animals.

## Cattle - what are the risks?

- Handling cattle always involves a risk of injury from crushing, kicking, butting or goring.
- The risk is greater if the animals have not been handled frequently, such as those from hills or moorland, sucklers or newly calved cattle.
- Certain jobs may increase the risk, eg veterinary work.
- Attempting to carry out stock tasks on unrestrained cattle or with makeshift equipment is particularly hazardous.
- Never underestimate the risk from cattle, even with good precautions in place.

## Cattle - the race

- Animals should be able to readily enter the race, which should have a funnel end.
- Make sure there is enough room in the collecting pen for them to feed into the funnel easily.
- A circular collecting pen means workers can stand safely behind a forcing gate as they move animals into the race, and keep the animals moving.
- Animals need to see clearly to the crush and beyond, so that they will readily move along the race.
- The race may be curved, but should not include tight turns.
- Animals prefer to move towards a light area than into the dark.
- The sides of the race should be high enough to prevent animals from jumping over them; secure them properly secured to the ground and to each other for maximum strength.
- Sheet the sides of the race to help keep cattle moving by reducing visual disturbances such as shadows and other animals.
- Contain the lead animal in the race while it waits its turn to enter the crush.
- Hinged or sliding doors are suitable, make sure you operate them from the working side of the race.
- Never work on an animal in the crush with an unsecured animal waiting in the race behind.



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### Handling livestock

Every year, many of the deaths on farms happen because farmers become complacent and do not take precautions to make sure they are protected against livestock.

**When you are working with livestock think about what increases the risks**

1. **Select and use well designed handling facilities in the yard, buildings and field. Keep them maintained.**
2. **Never enter an enclosure with a loose bull or when an unrestrained cow is with a calf.**
3. **Wherever possible separate livestock from the public and select fields without rights of way when cattle have calves at foot.**

**NEVER ASSUME ANIMALS ARE GOING TO DO WHAT YOU EXPECT THEM TO DO**

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## Cattle - the crush

A crush should allow you to do most straightforward tasks in safety (including oral treatments, ear tagging and work from the rear end). It should:

- have a locking front gate and yoke (ideally self-locking) allowing you to hold the animal's head firmly. Additional head restraint will prevent the animal tossing its head up and injuring people;
- have a rump rail, chain or bar to minimise forward and backward movement of the animal. Always use this;
- be secured to the ground or, if mobile, to a vehicle;

- be positioned to allow you to work safely around it, without the risk of contact with other animals, and have good natural or artificial lighting;

- allow gates to open smoothly with the minimum of effort and noise. Regular maintenance will help;
- have a slip-resistant floor, made of sound hardwood bolted into place (nails are not suitable), metal chequerplate, or with a rubber mat over the base.

For specialised tasks, such as belly or foot trimming, you will need a purpose-designed crush with adequate restraint and enough room to work safely.

## Other equipment

- Consider the need for shedding gates after the crush to allow animals to be sorted into groups.
- Work around the crush will be more convenient if it is under cover with a workbench nearby (for example, documentation, veterinary medicines or instruments).
- Do not use makeshift gates and hurdles - they will make handling more difficult and increase the risk of injury.
- Never use sticks and prods to strike an animal - this may breach welfare legislation as well as agitating the animal.
- Before beginning work on any animal, check that you can restrain it from kicking. Consider whether you should use an anti-kicking device.

## Keeping bulls

Accidents, some of them fatal, happen every year because bulls are not treated with respect. Remember, a bull can kill you when he is being playful just as easily as when he is angry. Make sure you can handle your bull safely:

- Train bulls to associate people with feeding, grooming or exercise.
- Ring bulls at 10 months old, and inspect the ring regularly.
- Find out how bulls new to the farm have been handled, the equipment they are used to, and take time to get to know them.
- Check handlers are competent (with training and supervision), fit, knowledgeable about safety equipment and aware of the dangers.
- Use handling aids such as bull poles and halters.
- Avoid running stock bulls through the milking parlour.
- Provide a purpose-built pen for dairy bulls.

No one should ever enter the enclosure when the bull is loose.

Detailed advice on livestock handling is available from the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) website at [www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/topics/livestock.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/topics/livestock.htm)

You can also download the helpful HSE booklet 'What a good farm looks like' from the Farming Connect website at [www.gov.uk/farmingconnect](http://www.gov.uk/farmingconnect) for detailed advice on handling large animals and all other aspects of farm safety.

# Managing changing freshwater availability and water scarcity on-farm

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THE effects of climate change on agricultural production in Wales have the potential to be substantial. The clearest change is expected to be shifts in weather patterns, primarily rainfall. 95% of agricultural land is currently rain fed. In the future as rainfall patterns become more unpredictable and shift towards a 'feast and famine' regime in terms of rainfall intensity, the potential for declining water availability and the potential for water scarcity is likely to have a negative effect on agricultural production.

Future weather prediction for Wales indicate that summers will be hotter and drier and winters warmer and wetter. Model-based predictions from the MET office show that precipitation changes in Wales by 2070 will range from between 39% drier to 3% wetter in summer and 3% drier to 22% wetter in winter (for their most conservative scenarios).

Some of the effects of a changing climate are already being observed, with spring 2020 breaking records as one of the sunniest and driest recorded. This follows a pattern of now noticeable change over recent years, with weather extremes increasingly commonplace and with events such as the temporary drying-out of local river systems, formerly unheard of, now no longer surprising. These effects have the potential to affect or disrupt on-farm activities as agriculture is entirely reliant on freshwater availability.

Water scarcity can be managed on-farm via the application of technology, or through investment in appropriate infrastructure. In order to reduce reliance on water reserves, rainwater collection technologies may prove an important future component of farm design.

Rainwater captured from yard or barn roofs over winter could be stored in tanks for deployment during summer months. In addition, condensation technologies could be deployed in-field to capture moisture from the air. Condensation irrigation works by funnelling warm moist air into condensing chambers below the ground level. The moisture then collects in a storage reservoir. This can be used as a direct way to get water into soil for plant uptake.

Farm adaptation is possible by introducing infrastructure or technology which can capture rainwater or reuse existing water resources. Certain technological approaches can also help to manage resources through increased precision or enhanced observation and predictive insight. This will help to reduce the environmental impact of freshwater extraction, reducing any negative image of farming as an excessive water user.

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