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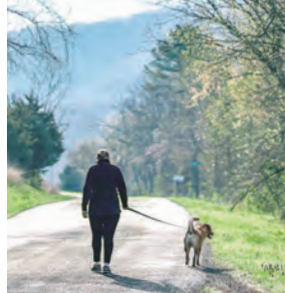
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## Ymchwil yn amlygu effeithiau trychinebus diwygiadau Defra ar gymunedau gwledig Lloegr - ac yn gosod rhybuddion clir i Gymru



MAE ymchwil newydd sy'n amcangyfrif y gallai de-orllewin Lloegr golli tua £800m o ganlyniad i ddiwygiadau Defra i gymorth amaethyddol Lloegr yn cadarnhau pryderon a godwyd gan UAC mewn ymateb i ymgynghoriadau'r llywodraeth yng Nghymru a Lloegr, meddai'r Undeb.

Edrychodd adroddiad terfynol 'Asesu Effaith Newid Amaethyddol yng Nghernyw ac Ynysoedd Sili, Dyfnaint, Dorset a Gwlad yr Haf' gan Sefydliad Ymchwil Cefn Gwlad a Chymuned (CCRI) Prifysgol Caerloyw, a gomisiynwyd gan bartneriaeth Great South West ar effeithiau a chyfleoedd polisi 'Newid Amaethyddol' presennol Lloegr ar ffermwyr, rheolwyr tir a'r gymuned wledig ehangach.

"Dangosodd yr ymchwil y bydd ffermwyr yr ardal yn colli cyfanswm o £884 miliwn mewn cymorth amaethyddol uniongyrchol dros y cyfnod pontio yn Lloegr erbyn diwedd 2027, gyda chyllid y cynllun disodli'n cyfrif am gyfran fach yn unig o'r golled hon hyd yn oed yn yr achos gorau," meddai Llywydd UAC Glyn Roberts, (**gweler uchod**).

"Mae'r ymchwil hefyd yn amlygu effaith ehangach ar draws yr economi wledig 'fel y crychdonnau yn y dŵr pan deflir carreg', gan adleisio'n union

yr hyn yr ydym wedi rhybuddio'n gyson amdano, gan gynnwys yn ein hymatebion i ymgynghoriadau ar gynigion a gynhaliwyd yng Nghymru a Lloegr."

Yn ei hymateb i gynigion 'Health and Harmony' Defra ar gyfer diwygiadau amaethyddol ym mis Chwefror 2018, dywedodd UAC: "...prin yw'r parch sydd wedi'i roi i lesiant unigolion, teuluoedd ffermio, busnesau gwledig a'r economi wledig ac ehangach, yn ogystal ag eraill sy'n ymwneud â chadwyni cyflenwi amaethyddol a bwyd...rydym yn gwrthwynebu unrhyw gynlluniau canolradd neu hirdymor i leihau taliadau uniongyrchol i sero yn absenoldeb cyflwyno polisïau yr ymchwiliwyd iddynt yn briodol a fydd yn lliniaru canlyniadau difrifol o roi'r gorau i gymorth uniongyrchol i ffermydd teuluol a busnesau gwledig."

Mae adroddiad Sefydliad Ymchwil Cefn Gwlad a Chymuned yn nodi: 'Mae'n anodd amcangyfrif yn fanwl gywir y lluo o sgil-effeithiau posibl ar economïau a chymunedau gwledig...gan dybio bod 25-50% o'r £883m o Gynllun y Taliad Sylfaenol a gollwyd wedi'i wario'n flaenorol ar fusnesau sy'n cefnogi'r sector ffermio, mae'r golled yn cynrychioli £220-440m yn y 5 mlynedd nesaf ar gyfer masnachwyr porthiant, manwerthwyr peiriannau, contractwyr, milfeddygon, cyfreithwyr a llawer mwy. Bydd hyn hefyd yn lleihau eu pŵer gwario eu hunain yn yr economi wledig ac felly mae effaith y newid amaethyddol yn parhau.'

Dywedodd Mr Roberts, er gwaethaf ymgynghori yn 2018 ar gynigion a oedd yn debyg iawn i'r rhai sy'n cael eu gweithredu ar hyn o bryd yn Lloegr, fod Llywodraeth Cymru wedi diwygio eu hamserlen a'u cynigion mewn ymateb i lobio cryf a rhybuddion gan UAC ac eraill.

"Fodd bynnag, mae'n hanfodol bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn ystyried y dystiolaeth a ddarparwyd yn y darn pwysig hwn o waith ac yn sicrhau nad yw ei Chynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy yn cael yr un effeithiau dinistriol sydd eisoes yn digwydd yn Lloegr," meddai.

Dywedodd Mr Roberts hefyd fod ganddo bryderon difrifol am effaith y cyfnod pontio Seisnig ar aelodau trawsffiniol UAC sy'n ffermio tir yng Nghymru a Lloegr, a galwodd ar Defra i adolygu ei pholisïau ar fyrder er mwyn amddiffyn y cymunedau Saesneg a trawsffiniol.

"Mae effeithiau newidiadau amaethyddol Lloegr, ynghyd ag archwaeth

Llywodraeth y DU am gytundebau masnach rydd gyda chynhyrchwyr amaethyddol yr ochr arall i'r byd, yn rhoi'r argraff bendant bod yna agenda bwriadol i danseilio ffermydd teuluol ac ardaloedd gwledig a disodli cynhyrchu bwyd DU.

"Fel y rhybuddion ni yn ein hymateb i Defra yn 2018, dylid cymryd gofal mawr i sicrhau nad yw cymunedau gwledig yn cael eu gadael mewn cyflwr gwaeth na dirwasgiadau amaethyddol y 19eg a'r 20fed Ganrif," ychwanegodd.

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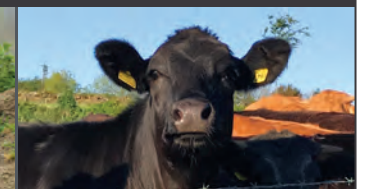
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## FUW UPDATE

# Yes, farming does need a friend

by Guto Bebb, FUW Group Managing Director

ONE of the advantages of working with the FUW is that you soon realise that there are individuals in all political parties who feel passionately about the importance of farming and supporting rural communities. They can be found in all the parties represented in the Senedd and we are fortunate to have them.

This year the FUW have attended the Welsh Labour, Plaid Cymru and Welsh Conservative conferences and we have been afforded a warm welcome by individuals who clearly share our concern for the future of farming. We appreciate that the parties will not agree on everything but there are people who have a lot of goodwill towards the agricultural sector who we can call upon in all the parties to lobby on behalf of our members and the wider agricultural community when necessary.

Whilst I was unable to attend the Welsh Conservative Conference, the FUW were there. We hosted a joint fringe meeting with NFU Cymru highlighting our key ideas for an Agricultural Policy for Wales that will build on the importance of farming to our rural economy. Our policy ideas also acknowledge the fact that agriculture remains a key industry for maintaining a certain way of life and culture here in Wales and would contribute significantly to maintaining vibrant Welsh speaking communities in many parts of rural Wales.

One undoubted friend of the farming sector in Wales is Sam Kurtz MS who was elected to represent Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire last year. Sam, as our members in Pembrokeshire will know, comes from good FUW stock which is reflected in the common sense that he imparts on farming issues whenever he is being interviewed be that in English or Welsh.

As I stated, I was not at the conference due to a prior personal engagement, but I was intrigued to read in *Golwg 360* of a panel discussion at the Welsh Conservative Conference on May 20. In a discussion about the future of farming and the threats we face from increased costs and uncertainty over the context for farming support moving forward I was struck by a comment made by Sam which was very simple but very true. In his own words Sam stated that “*farming needs a friend*”.

I have no doubt that in Sam we have just such a friend but I wonder whether his views are heard at Westminster? It's fair to say that many of our aspirations for a future farming policy for Wales are shared by individuals such as Sam but the

actions of the Westminster Government are certainly questionable in terms of showing an appreciation of farming.

We can argue about new free trade deals with Australia and New Zealand. However, significantly increasing market access to the food exports of both countries seems to me to be a matter of using our food market as a bargaining chip to secure the publicity that comes with a trade deal which does little or nothing for the wider UK economy despite the inherent risk to farming. Hardly the action of a ‘friend of farming’.

In the same vein, whilst we still await the Agricultural White Paper here in Wales, the Government at Westminster happily pursues a policy of basing agricultural support on the concept of ‘public goods’ with food production relegated to no more than an afterthought.

We should also remember that whilst our access to EU markets remain tariff free, it is certainly not frictionless as was promised. It concerns me that the negative impact on farming, which would be a clear consequence of losing our ‘new’ free trade deal with the EU as a result of the UK Government opting to unilaterally change the Northern Ireland protocol, is an issue that appears to generate little interest on the Government benches at Westminster.

We are fortunate to have people such as Sam Kurtz willing to make a case for farming and we need their friendship.

However, we also need their support in highlighting the fact that many of the actions of the current Government at Westminster when it comes to agricultural policy are not those of a friend.



## New agricultural minimum pay rates from 1st April 2022

THE Welsh Government website has been updated with the latest agricultural minimum wages rates from April 1 following a substantial change to the Agricultural Wages Order 2022 which has applied since April 22 2022.

The changes were due to come into effect on April 1 2021, however, they were delayed by 12 month due to the process of ensuring that the suggested changes of the Agricultural Wages Board were accepted by the Welsh Government.

It should be noted that due to delays to the 2021 Order coming into force and despite the efforts of the FUW and NFU Cymru who sit on the Board, those who employ agricultural workers may be required to retrospectively pay those who would have expected a pay increase from April 1 2021.

If hourly rates are already above the revised grades, there will be no need for a retrospective payment.

While the FUW acknowledges the need for employees to receive regular pay increases, the need

to make retrospective payments due to avoidable delays caused by the Welsh Government is wholly unacceptable and places further pressure on farming businesses which are already facing substantial increases in input costs.

Those who employ agricultural workers should be aware of the new grading structure and evaluate each worker's position under the new rates with their employees.

However, the Order includes a payment protection policy for employees which means that their current hourly rates cannot be reduced as a result of the new grading structure.

More information and guidance is available on the Welsh Government website: [www.gov.wales/agricultural-wages](http://www.gov.wales/agricultural-wages)  
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# Research highlights catastrophic impacts of Defra reforms for English rural communities - and sets out clear warnings for Wales



NEW research which estimates that around £800m could be lost from the southwest of England as a result of Defra's reforms of English agricultural support confirm concerns raised by the FUW in response to government consultations in both England and Wales, says the Union.

The 'Assessing the impact of Agricultural Transition in Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly, Devon, Dorset and Somerset' final report by the University of Gloucester's Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI), which was commissioned by the Great South West partnership, looked at the impacts and opportunities of the current English 'Agricultural Transition' policy on farmers, land managers and the wider rural community.

"The research found that over the English transition period a total of £884 million in direct agricultural support will be lost by farmers in the area by the end of 2027, with replacement scheme funding making up only a fraction of this loss even in best case scenarios," said FUW President Glyn Roberts, *(pictured below)*.

"The research also highlights a wider impact across the rural economy 'like the ripples in the water when a stone hits', precisely echoing what we have consistently warned of, including in our responses to consultations on proposals conducted in England and Wales."

In its response to Defra's February 2018 'Health and Harmony' proposals for agricultural reforms, the FUW stated that: *'...little more than lip-service has been paid to the wellbeing of individuals, farming families, rural businesses and the rural and wider economy, as well as others involved in agricultural and food supply chains...we oppose any intermediate or long term plans to reduce direct payments to zero in the absence of the introduction of properly investigated policies which will mitigate the otherwise severe consequences of abandoning direct support for family farms and rural businesses.'*

The CCRI report states that: *'The many potential knock-on effects for rural economies and communities are hard to estimate with precision...assuming that 25-50% of the £883m of BPS that is lost was previously spent on businesses supporting the farming sector the loss represents a hit of £220-440m lost in the next 5 years for feed merchants, machinery retailers, contractors, vets, solicitors and many others. This too will reduce their own spending power in the rural*

*economy and so the impact of the agricultural transition goes on.'*

Mr Roberts said that despite having consulted in 2018 on proposals that were very similar to those now being implemented in England, the Welsh Government had revised their timetable and proposals in response to strong lobbying and warnings by the FUW and others.

"However, it is essential that the Welsh Government consider the evidence provided in this important piece of work and ensure that its Sustainable Farming Scheme does not have the same devastating impacts that are already beginning to be felt in England," he said.

Mr Roberts also stated that he had grave concerns about the impact of the English transition on the FUW's cross-border members who farm land in both England and Wales, and called on Defra to urgently revise its policies in order to protect English and cross-border rural communities.

"The impacts of the English agricultural transitions, coupled with the UK Government's appetite for liberal trade deals with agricultural producers on the other side of the globe, gives the distinct impression that there is a deliberate

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agenda to undermine family farms and rural areas and displace UK food production.

"As we warned in our response to Defra in 2018, great care should be taken to ensure rural communities are not left in a worse state than the agricultural depressions of the 19th and 20th Centuries," he added.



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# Don't suffer in silence, help is out there and tomorrow is another day

by Glyn Roberts, FUW President



WHILST for many of us the thought of longer days means more sunshine, increased productivity in better weather and the anticipation of much-needed socialisation at the many shows and events coming up, for others seeing a way to get through to the end of the day is a huge task.

Over the past few years, we have all experienced loneliness and isolation from having so many restrictions placed on us by the pandemic and we have also felt the loss of not being able to have a cuppa and chat with our neighbours and fellow farmers at the markets and regular events which were closed down unceremoniously.

However, there are those who sadly find themselves overwhelmed by feelings of loneliness and isolation, for whom another long day stretching ahead of solitary activities, no company, nobody to share experiences and talk to about work or share worries, seems too much and more than they can bear.

We are well aware that agriculture carries one of the highest rates of suicide rates and that more and more men in particular, are finding themselves facing mental health problems as well as the stigma around being strong and in control and not showing weakness.

Whilst we as a Union have highlighted the struggles of our members previously, there is still a huge void where farmers who struggle are not being seen or heard and are therefore falling through the net of support that is provided by organisations such as The DPJ Foundation.

Set up as a response to Daniel Picton-Jones' suicide over five years ago, the charity led by Daniel's widow Emma provides vital services aimed at those who work in agriculture and who experience lack of support in rural areas. The

work is led by the three main areas which are providing support, raising awareness and offering training to anyone who is in contact with farmers and who could potentially spot early warning signs of crisis and intervene effectively.

Choosing The DPJ Foundation as my President's Charity was an easy decision for me, for so many of the reasons I have outlined above. My background and life is immersed in farming; I see the perils and pitfalls of loneliness and isolation everyday in my work and very much feel that there is an underlying stigma where asking for help is concerned.

We are seen as hardy, all-weather people who are tough and can deal with anything that farming throws at us-from heavy lifting and the physical work of shearing, fencing, moving livestock and taking them to market to dealing with the emotional trauma of fallen stock, losses from livestock worrying, lambing and calving - all of which are mainly carried out outside in all weathers mostly on our own and without support.

It should come as no surprise then that so many of us are carrying these burdens on our own on top of the financial worries of increasing feed and fertiliser price, the ongoing effects of the war in Ukraine and the current price hike in the cost of living which isn't always represented in the farmgate prices leaving us out of pocket and worried for our futures in the industry.

Asking for help isn't a sign of weakness; it is the first step to getting back on track with support and care and being able to function knowing that you are not alone and that you matter. If you feel overwhelmed and think that you have nobody to turn to, pick up the phone and call The DPJ Foundation and speak to someone who understands. Don't suffer in silence, help is out there and tomorrow is another day.

**Mae'r golofn yma yn Gymraeg ar dudalen 11: "Iechyd meddwl - peidiwch â dioddef yn dawel, mae help ar gael ac mae yfory yn ddiwrnod arall."**

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## Support for new multi-purpose agri-hub and market at Cowbridge

THE FUW has been at the heart of discussions to bring back a mart to Cowbridge as well as creating a multi-purpose resource which will not only benefit the farming community, but the much wider area as well.

It is widely accepted that the heart of our agricultural and rural communities is a livestock market, and Cowbridge was no exception. Known as a market town for 750 years, Cowbridge benefitted from farmers and their families visiting the town to carry out their weekly business - calling in at the feed merchants, doing their grocery shopping as well as the important trip to the bank whilst carrying out the business of buying and selling their livestock at the weekly market.

The effects of the closure of the Livestock Market in Cowbridge were felt across a wide area but especially by the local communities, with the loss of trade to high street businesses and the subsequent banking facilities closing and after years of selling livestock the market has now been demolished and is now used as a car park.

FUW member Charlotte Llewellyn of Cefnolystyn Farm, Pentyrch said: "If the Welsh Government is genuine about promoting sustainable farming and for local people to eat local produce, then butchers need local abattoirs processing local livestock from local markets produced by local farmers. In Glamorgan, the nearest livestock markets are Raglan, Ross or Brecon - this does not support farmers trying to be carbon neutral or negative, neither does it support restaurants trying to buy ingredients with low green miles nor public attempting to do their part to reduce global warming by choosing to consume local produce.

The benefits of having somewhere to chat to other farmers are huge. Farming can be a lonely business and day-to-day running of a busy farm can be stressful enough and therefore a local market is crucial for the welfare of farmers, their livestock and the environment."

The FUW agrees that there has never been a more important time for agriculture and rural communities to come together and to share their worries and concerns. With agriculture now focused on efficiency and sustainability, the industry must now look at how to reduce emissions. With the demolition of Cowbridge livestock market the alternative options to sell cattle or sheep are situated an hours' drive in either direction and with restrictions in place for hauling livestock over 65km, this is an additional cost for producers, along with the impact on their carbon footprint.

With ongoing conversations with local farmers, younger farmers and those in the surrounding communities, it is obvious that there is a desire to enable the surrounding areas to benefit from an asset which will form part of a Rural Hub or Agri Hub. The vision is that this resource will have a meeting room, hot desk facilities for all types of business, catering facilities and the building will be as multi-functioning as possible.

FUW are in discussion with the local councils to move this project forward and Sharon Pritchard, FUW County Executive Officer for Gwent & Glamorgan, (pictured above), said: "Glamorgan County is very enthusiastic about the potential new Agri Hub. With ideas for the project from YFC members and FUW members alike, we as a Union are working hard alongside The Vale of Glamorgan Council to bring the Agri Hub to fruition."





# Political Matters

by Libby Davies, FUW Senedd and Parliamentary Affairs Officer

THERE'S often talk in politics about the need for 'cross-cutting' policy rather than 'working in silos' which is something the Welsh Government have repeatedly said they're making an effort to do.

The Agriculture (Wales) Bill and Sustainable Farming Scheme falls under the portfolio of the Minister for Rural Affairs, yet the implications of getting it wrong could cut across the economy, employment levels, the Welsh language and culture, mental health, procurement, tourism and climate change to name just a few policy areas.

A recent report has likened the effect of BPS reductions in South West England to a stone hitting water; creating ripples that will be felt across the wider economy and communities. Therefore, it is vital all Members of the Senedd recognise the importance of this legislation and heed the warning of the FUW on the need for economic stability.

We discussed this recently with the Minister for Education and the Welsh Language, Jermey Miles MS. Agriculture makes an essential contribution to the Welsh language, with figures showing the proportion of Welsh speakers in the sector is higher than in any other employment category. Therefore, a Bill that delivers stability for the family farms of Wales will in turn support the Welsh Government's target of 1 million Welsh speakers.

We also raised concerns from the FUW Agricultural Education and Training Committee regarding the provision of agricultural education courses. This is imperative to keep young people in our rural communities, which we know has historically been a challenge. Further proof of interconnected policy portfolios.

The Agriculture Bill has been delayed until Autumn, in part, to consider the impact of the war in Ukraine on our food supply chain. It is encouraging to hear that the importance of food production is being acknowledged, however, I am aware this delay also brings uncertainty for our members. As a Union, we meet regularly with Senedd Members to raise such concerns on your behalf.

Over the last month we have met with Rhys ab Owen MS, Paul Davies MS, Samuel Kurtz MS, Jane Dodds MS and Cefin Campbell MS in the Senedd, (*see pictures below*).

At the top of the agenda was the impact of rising costs and shortages. We have identified actions to increase domestic yields and made clear they must be implemented

swiftly. It was reassuring to hear our concerns echoed by Members of the Senedd in opposition.

Conversation then turned to NVZ regulations. These regulations and the costs associated have taken a toll on the mental health of farmers and have caused some to consider their future in the industry. It is vital that those in power, whether responsible for Rural Affairs, Mental Health or Communities, listen to the Union and work with the industry to find a reasonable way forward. To this end, we look forward to seeing the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee's report on the regulations shortly.

Finally, bringing me back to the matter outlined earlier, we reiterated the need for a stability payment that is capped and tapered to support our active farmers and in turn our economy and communities as a whole. The Agriculture Bill and SFS must value food production as well as deliver social, cultural, economic and environmental sustainability.

Highlighting this again, we attended and co-hosted a fringe event with NFU Cymru at the Welsh Conservative Party Conference where we presented our joint proposal for the Sustainable Farming Scheme as well as attending panel discussions including 'Exporting rural Wales to the World' and 'Wales powering the green revolution.'

Coming up, we are meeting Hefin David MS for Caerphilly and will continue to highlight the importance of a thriving agricultural industry to politicians with a variety of policy portfolios.



From left, FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman, Cefin Campbell MS and FUW President Glyn Roberts.



From left, Ian Rickman, Rhys ab Owen MS and Glyn Roberts.



From left, FUW Senedd and Parliamentary Affairs Officer Libby Davies, Jane Dodds MS, Glyn Roberts and Ian Rickman.



From left, Libby Davies, Glyn Roberts, Paul Davies MS, Ian Rickman and FUW Head of Policy Nick Fenwick.



From left, Ian Rickman, Libby Davies, Glyn Roberts, Samuel Kurtz MS and Nick Fenwick.



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Pa ffordd well i ddechrau'r tymor sioeau na chynnal chwip o sioe yn Nefyn ar ddechrau mis Mai. Heidiodd y torfeydd nôl i gaeau Botacho Wyn am ddiwrnod bendigedig o gystadlu a chymdeithasu. Ond nid ar chwarae bach mae trefnu sioe mor llwyddiannus! Tu ôl i'r llwyddiant mae yna waith trefnu trylwyr yn digwydd, ac mae Eirian Lloyd Hughes, (**gweler uchod ar y dde**), Gweithredwr Yswiriant Gwasanaethau Yswiriant UAC Cyf yn Nolgellau yn gwybod hynny'n well na neb, gan mae hi yw Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol Sioe Nefyn.



cyn y cyfnod clo cyntaf, mi oedd yn angenrheidiol fod y sioe yma yn talu ei ffordd, a thrwy lwc, mi wnaeth."

Ac wedi'r gwaith trefnu a'r gwaith caled ar y diwrnod, beth oedd uchafbwynt Sioe Nefyn 2022 i Eirian? Esbonia Eirian: "Wel, yr uchafbwynt i mi oedd y ffaith ein bod wedi llwyddo i'w chynnal a bod cymaint o bobol wedi ein cefnogi drwy arddangos, cystadlu, dod a'u stondinau masnach draw, mynychu a gobeithio mwynhau cael cyfarfod hen ffrindiau a chymdeithasu eto. Tydw i erioed wedi gorfod agor dau gae parcio ychwanegol o'r blaen!"

Mae'n amlwg o lwyddiant ysgubol Sioe Nefyn bod dyfodol y sioeau bach yn ddiogel a thymor sioeau 2022 yn argoeli'n dda. Ond, yn ôl Eirian, beth yw'r pwysigrwydd o sicrhau bod sioeau bach ledled Cymru'n mynd o nerth i nerth?

"Mi fuom ni yn ffodus iawn fod y tywydd wedi bod o'n plaid ni a chafwyd diwrnod arbennig. Fel sioe gyntaf y tymor, mae yna gryn edrych ymlaen at Sioe Nefyn bob blwyddyn, ac 'roedd hon yn arbennig oherwydd nad oedd sioe wedi bod ers cymaint o amser. Mi ydw i wedi bod yn ymwneud a'r sioe ers dros 30 mlynedd, ac wedi gweld oedi o'r blaen amser y clwy traed a'r genau, ac yn anffodus, bu i nifer o sioeau bach ddod i ben yn ystod y cyfnod hwnnw.

"Mi ydw i yn mawr obeithio y bydd sioeau bach ledled Cymru yn goroesi y tro yma. Mae sioeau bach Cymru yn hanfodol bwysig am sawl rheswm, nid yn unig i amaethwyr gael cyfarfod a chymdeithasu, ond fel ffenest siop i'r diwydiant amaeth gan eu bod yn dangos cynnyrch amaethyddol Cymru ar ei orau. 'Rydym yn Nefyn yn rhoi pwysigrwydd mawr ar gystadlaethau ar gyfer plant a phobl ifanc er mwyn eu cychwyn ar eu taith yn y byd arddangos gan mai hwy fydd dyfodol ein sioeau.

"Heb y sioeau bach, fyddai dim Sioe Frenhinol. Mae gwirfoddolwyr ar bob pwyllgor ar hyd y wlad yn gweithio yn dawel a diflino er mwyn sicrhau fod eu sioe yn mynd ymlaen, a gobeithio y bydd pob yn yn cael yr un llwyddiant ac a welsom yn Nefyn eleni."

Diolch i Eirian a'r criw am sicrhau bod tymor y sioeau wedi cychwyn mewn ffordd mor wych, a mawr obeithio y daw'r un llwyddiant i weddill sioeau Cymru. Cofiwch alw draw i'n gweld yn yr amrywiol sioeau dros yr haf, bydd hi'n braf iawn gweld bob un ohonoch.

**This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "Shows: We're back!"**



Ar ôl prysurdeb y sioe, cafodd *Cornel Clecs* gyfle i longyfarch Eirian a'r tîm am gynnal sioe gofiadwy a'i holi ychydig am ba mor anodd oedd ail-gydio yn y gwaith trefnu ar ôl cyfnod o ddwy flynedd heb sioe oherwydd cyfyngiadau Covid? Beth oedd yr anawsterau mwyaf?

Dywedodd Eirian: "Mi oedd yn benderfyniad gafodd ei wneud tua diwedd mis Ionawr pan oedd y cyfyngiadau yn ymddangos i fod yn llacio dipyn, ac mi oedd yn dipyn bach o risg ar y pryd gan nad oedd pethau yn glir iawn, ond 'roedd pawb ohonom yn unfrydol fod angen ail-gydio yn y gwaith. Felly dim ond cwta tri mis a gawsom i wneud popeth yn lle'r chwe mis arferol, ond daeth pethau at ei gilydd yn rhyfeddol o dda yn y diwedd.

"Mae'r pwyllgor, er yn fach o ran nifer, yn andros o frwdfrydig ac mae gennym wirfoddolwyr sydd yn fwy na bodlon helpu allan ar y maes cyn ac yn ystod y sioe. Yn anffodus, nid oedd yn bosibl cael adran ieir eleni oherwydd y fflw adar ac roedd colled hebddynt. Mi wnaethom sylwi fod costau popeth wedi cynyddu ers ein sioe ddiwethaf yn 2019 a gan ein bod wedi gwneud colled yn 2020 oherwydd bod y sioe wedi ei threfnu



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# Your go-to-insurance-person

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

INSURANCE is one of life’s little inevitabilities for a great many of us, like booking your car in for an MOT, visiting the dentist, or filling out a tax return. It’s one of those things that comes round and round, giving even the most spontaneous people an essential routine that can’t be avoided no matter how hard they try.

A lot of us will have a go-to MOT garage, the same dentist, or a trusted accountant. But what about insurance? Has the internet become the default go-to “person” for arranging your car, home and travel insurance policies? It has for many, and it’s not hard to see why. There are no rewards for loyalty when everyone shops around, and so often the only way to avoid a hike in your premium after one year is to spend some time finding out which provider offers a deal worth jumping ship for.

But it doesn’t have to be this way. You can have a go-to person, who is actually a real person, your local Account Executive at any one of our local FUW Insurance Services branches.

It may seem strange, even outdated in the shadow of the internet and comparison websites, but an independent insurance broker really can help you get an insurance policy that is going to work best for you.

It may not always be the cheapest, but in terms of value it could potentially offer a lot more in its protection, and you’ll be saved from the annual loyalty premium penalty for not responding to your renewal letter. This is down to a number of reasons:

**Their knowledge comes from experience, not criteria**

An insurance broker knows the market, so if you come to them with your requirements, the thought process on which provider or product to go with will be set in motion before you’ve even wrapped up the consultation.

**They recognise you as a person, not a check box**

There may be complications in your circumstance, but with check boxes there is no room for negotiation. An insurance broker, however, will have spent a long time building strong relationships with a number of providers, so has the power to negotiate on your behalf for a policy that’s ideal for you but possibly beyond your reach otherwise.

**They don’t just fetch, they create**

How many results do you get when you put in your criteria online and click “go”. Probably dozens. But how many of those actually offer what you need? Probably very few.

You may go for a home insurance policy where you’re only looking for £10,000 contents cover but getting a minimum of £50,000 on the closest matching, cheapest

policy, in which case you’re already paying for something you don’t need.

The careful consideration an insurance broker gives to each client means that they won’t end up overpaying on cover they don’t need. If this means piecing together a policy with different products, then that’s what any insurance broker who is FCA compliant will do.

**The final say is still yours....**

Insurance brokers are intermediaries who will advise, not instruct. So you provide information about yourself that can help them find a number of options to suit you, ask any questions, and air any concerns, but the decision of which policy to go for ultimately lies with you.

**...But the decision will be easy**

When faced with your options, an insurance broker will explain the pros and cons in ways you can understand, which will save you the time trying to translate a lengthy policy document full of industry-related terminology.

**They’ll handle the crisis admin**

Many insurance brokers have an in-house claims support team, so if you need to make a claim, you ring them as soon as possible, give details of the circumstances, and leave it to them to negotiate your settlement from your policy provider, in a process that’s as quick and painless to you as possible.

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# The 'Split' between Wales and Croatia

by Gareth Parry, FUW Senior Policy and Communications Officer

As with any type of work or employment, it is essential to find a healthy work - life balance. But with an agricultural related job, and particularly with a Policy role, I'm sure you as FUW members and my colleagues in the Policy Team would agree that we can never switch off completely.

While I must admit it was nice to be able to switch off 'work mode' for the week I was in Croatia for my first holiday abroad that didn't involve rallying of some sort, I couldn't help but make the comparison between Croatia and Wales during our journey down the Dalmatian coast from Split to Dubrovnik where the infamous Game of Thrones was filmed.

Croatia has a land mass of 56,594 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of just over 4 million people meaning there are around 72 people per km<sup>2</sup>. In comparison, Wales' land mass is 20,779 km<sup>2</sup> with a population of 3 million people resulting in 151 people per km<sup>2</sup>.

Nevertheless, 1.8 million hectares, or 88% of the total land mass in Wales is used for agriculture compared with 1.5 million, or 27%, in Croatia, despite having favourable growing conditions for diverse farming and being self-sufficient in wheat, corn, poultry, eggs and wine.

However, the tourism boom in Croatia over recent decades has certainly changed the Government's way of thinking and as a result has impacted on other industries, including agriculture. For example, as their GDP from tourism reaches 30%, GDP from agriculture has fallen by around 0.5% to 3.2% over the past decade, while in comparison, our GDP from agriculture in Wales has increased by 0.4% to just below 1%.

Due to a lack of subsidies and support from the government, farming families - many of whom have resorted to selling their produce on the roadside - are being pushed out of the market by larger producers. As a result, the population of Croatia has declined by around 500,000 people over the past 20 years with a large proportion of young workers moving from rural areas to tourist hotspots in Croatia or to other European countries.

As such, and since joining the European Union in 2013 alongside the increase in



tourism, Croatia's imports of agricultural and food products from other EU countries continue to grow, as do the number of supermarkets.

Croatia is a perfect example where, because of - some would argue - the irrelevance of agriculture in comparison to tourism and the ease of importing agricultural and food products from other EU countries, a lack of government support has led to an agricultural industry the younger generation has no interest in.

What also became apparent in Croatia was its extensive landscape and woodland cover. With only particular parts of the country being suitable - in terms of the climate and topography - for agricultural production, and much of the Dalmatian coast now being used for tourism, 2.5 million hectares, or 44% of the total land area, of steep,

unproductive land is used for forestry without having to make sacrifices elsewhere.

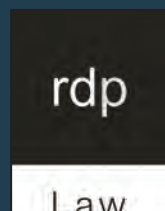
Even if we manage to meet the Welsh Government's tree planting targets of 180,000 hectares by 2050 increasing Wales' land area used for forestry to around 23%, Wales' natural landscape is best suited for agricultural production - as evidenced by current land use statistics - meaning that we would have to make unthinkable sacrifices if we were to get anywhere near the percentage of woodland cover of other countries to work towards what are global net zero targets.

The FUW continues to be clear that Wales' family farms lie at the centre of our rural economy, culture and landscape, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs and tens of thousands of businesses involved in the Welsh food supply industry, and making innumerable other contributions to the well-being of Welsh and UK residents - benefits central to which is the production of food, our most precious commodity alongside water.

As such, we must continue to promote Welsh agriculture and remove the barriers facing the next generation of farmers, and ensure that our industry does not succumb to policies which do not recognise the importance of thriving, sustainable family farms in Wales.

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# Iechyd meddwl - peidiwch â dioddef yn dawel, mae help ar gael ac mae yfory yn ddiwrnod arall

gan Glyn Roberts, Llywydd UAC

I LAWER ohonom, mae meddwl am ddyddiau hirach yn golygu mwy o heulwen, cyfle i wneud mwy o waith mewn tywydd gwell ac edrych ymlaen at gael cymdeithasu unwaith eto mewn sioeau a'r digwyddiadau niferus sydd i ddod. Ond i eraill, mae brwydro drwodd i ddiwedd y dydd yn dasg enfawr.

Dros yr ychydig flynyddoedd diwethaf, rydym i gyd wedi profi unigrwydd yn deillio o gymaint o gyfyngiadau wedi'u gosod arnom gan y pandemig, ac rydym hefyd wedi teimlo'r golled o fethu â chael paned a sgwrsio â'n cymdogion a'n cyd-ffermwyd yn y marchnadoedd a'r digwyddiadau rheolaidd a ddiflannodd dros nos.



Fodd bynnag, mae yna rai sydd, yn anffodus, yn cael eu llethu gan deimladau o unigrwydd, ac mae gorfod wynebu ddiwrnod hir arall o weithgareddau unig, heb gwmni, heb i rannu profiadau a siarad ag am waith neu rannu pryderon, yn medru bod yn ormod.

Rydym yn ymwybodol iawn bod gan amaethyddiaeth un o'r cyfraddau uchaf o hunanladdiad a bod mwy a mwy o ddynion yn arbennig, yn wynebu problemau iechyd meddwl yn ogystal â'r stigma ynghylch bod yn gryf ac mewn rheolaeth a pheidio â dangos gwendid.



Er ein bod ni fel Undeb wedi tynnu sylw at frwydrau ein haelodau o'r blaen, mae yna wagle enfawr o hyd lle nad yw ffermwyd sy'n cael trafferthion yn cael eu gweld na'u clywed ac felly'n disgyn drwy'r rhwyd o gefnogaeth a ddarperir gan sefydliadau fel Sefydliad DPJ.

Wedi'i sefydlu mewn ymateb i hunanladdiad Daniel Picton-Jones dros bum mlynedd yn ôl, mae'r elusen sy'n cael ei harwain gan weddw Daniel, Emma, yn darparu gwasanaethau hanfodol wedi'u hanelu at y rhai hynny sy'n gweithio ym myd amaethyddiaeth ac sy'n profi diffyg cefnogaeth mewn ardaloedd gwledig. Arweinir y gwaith gan dri phrif faes sef darparu cymorth, codi ymwybyddiaeth a chynnig hyfforddiant i unrhyw un sydd mewn cysylltiad â ffermwyd,

ac a allai o bosibl sylwi ar yr arwyddion cynnar o argyfwng ac yn medru ymyrryd yn effeithiol.

Roedd dewis Sefydliad DPJ fel Elusen y Llywydd yn benderfyniad hawdd i mi, am gymaint o'r rhesymau yr wyf wedi'u hamlinellu uchod. Mae fy nghefnidir a fy mywyd wedi'i thrwytho mewn ffermio; Rwy'n gweld peryglon unigrwydd bob dydd yn fy ngwaith ac yn teimlo bod yna stigma sylfaenol o ran gofyn am help.

Rydym yn cael ein hystyried yn bobl wydn, sy'n gallu delio ag unrhyw beth y mae ffermio yn ei daflu atom - o godi pethau trwm a'r gwaith corfforol o gneifio, ffensio, symud da byw a mynd â nhw i'r farchnad, i ddelio â thrawma emosiynol o stoc yn trigo, colledion yn sgil poeni da byw, wyna a lloia - y cyfan yn cael ei wneud yn bennaf y tu allan ym mhob tywydd, y rhan amlaf ar ein pen ein hunain a heb gymorth.

Nid yw'n syndod felly fod cymaint ohonom yn cario'r beichiau hyn ar ben ein hunain a hynny yn ychwanegol at y pryderon ariannol o bris cynyddol porthiant a gwrtaith, effeithiau parhaus y rhyfel yn y Wcráin a'r cynnydd presennol yng nghostau byw, sydd ddim bob amser yn cael ei adlewyrchu ym mhrisiau giât y fferm gan adael ni ar ein colled ac yn poeni am ein dyfodol yn y diwydiant.

Nid yw gofyn am help yn arwydd o wendid; dyma'r cam cyntaf i ddod yn ôl ar y trywydd cywir gyda chymorth a gofal ac yn gwybod nad ydych ar ben eich hun a'ch bod yn bwysig. Os ydych chi'n teimlo dan bwysau ac yn meddwl nad oes gyda chi neb i droi ato, codwch y ffôn a ffoniwch Sefydliad DPJ a siaradwch â rhywun sy'n deall. Peidiwch â dioddef yn dawel, mae help ar gael ac mae yfory yn ddiwrnod arall.

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# Fourth postponement of border checks a 'global disgrace'

THE FUW has described plans to delay border checks on goods imported from the European Union for a fourth time as a 'global disgrace' saying that the move will extend concessions for foreign businesses that 'may as well be deliberately aimed at undermining UK farmers and producers'.

Checks on imports from the EU should originally have been introduced in January 2021 when the Brexit transition period came to an end, but the failure of UK governments to prepare border inspection posts meant they were not implemented at that time and have been delayed three times in the subsequent 28 months.

Speaking in response to the news that Prime Minister Boris Johnson was considering a fourth delay, FUW President Glyn Roberts, (*pictured below*), said: "EU countries got their act together and started implementing full checks on our exports from the UK on January 1 2021.



Yet despite it being more than five years since Theresa May announced that the UK Government intended to pursue a hard Brexit policy, and that such border checks would be needed, the UK is still not ready. It's a global disgrace, as it means we are failing to implement checks on international trade that should be standard practice in order to protect our own industries and population."

Mr Roberts said that the Government's failure meant Welsh and UK exporters face significant and costly checks on goods moving to the EU, but that EU products had been waived through our ports and into the UK market without checks for more than a year.

"In other words, our exports, such as Welsh lamb, face extremely costly border bureaucracy while food producers importing from the EU to the UK face nothing of

the sort - the Government's failure to prepare for their own Brexit plan may as well be deliberately aimed at undermining UK farmers and producers," said Mr Roberts.

UK food and drink exports in 2021 were 12% below 2020 levels and 16% below 2019 levels - with falls for certain food products such as lamb far greater - mainly as a result of the checks imposed on UK exports entering the EU and associated costs.

In its June 2021 response to a Government consultation on further delaying checks at UK borders, the FUW stated: "Border checks are inherent to the UK Government's decision to leave the Single Market and Customs Union announced by Theresa May in January 2017, and concerns regarding Governments' failures to prepare for these over the subsequent three years have been highlighted repeatedly by the FUW and in four reports by the National Audit Office.

"By contrast, neighbouring EU countries have instigated far more thorough preparations, allowing them to implement full border checks when the transition period ended on December 31 2020...

"The failure to implement border checks is not only a source of great national embarrassment, but also one which increasingly breaches WTO rules, by favouring imports from EU countries over those from non-EU countries...we recognise the reality of the impacts caused by Governments' failures to prepare for the end of the transition period, and would therefore urge all relevant Governments and authorities to step up efforts to ensure all infrastructures are in place, such that checks that should already be taking place can be introduced before the end of the proposed new extension deadlines.



"Failure to do this will not only extend the period over which many Welsh and UK businesses are disadvantaged, but also further undermine the UK's negotiating power over the EU."

Mr Roberts said that during the period of almost a year since that consultation was launched, the failures had simply continued to the extent that a fourth delay was being mooted by the Prime Minister.

"It is highly embarrassing and a disgrace that while other countries were able to prepare for and implement plans for a Brexit they didn't want over just a couple of years, those who instigated Brexit have failed over a period of more than five years to implement an essential feature of what they wanted," said Mr Roberts.

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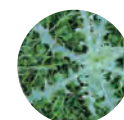
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# Supply chain must pay more to fully reflect unsustainable input costs

THE FUW's Milk and Dairy Produce Committee has agreed unanimously that farmgate milk prices need to rise significantly in order to make up for massive increases in input costs caused by increases in feed, fuel, fertiliser and energy costs - many of which are linked to the war in Ukraine.

Speaking after the committee meeting, FUW Milk and Dairy Produce Committee Chairman Dei Davies, (*pictured below*), said: "The Union recently wrote to the major retailers urging them to ensure that rising input costs do not threaten the long term viability of food producers in Wales and the UK, and that farmers are paid a fair price for their produce in light of developing circumstances."

"Increases in UK food prices are inevitable, and while retailers do have a part to play, we must ensure that this is reflected throughout the supply chain and reaches the farm gate."

The committee noted a recent AHDB forecast that the total milk produced across Great Britain could be down by as much as 649 million litres as a result of the pressures on the industry, and that despite average GB farmgate prices trending at around 20 per cent higher than last year, Kite Consultancy has predicted that milk processors will need to pay upwards of



50 pence per litre if they wish to reverse the decline in milk production.

"It was clear during the discussion that these predictions are in fact already becoming a reality for many of our dairy farmers."

While some producers are now receiving upwards of 40 pence per litre for their milk, one committee delegate had calculated that the cost of feed concentrates alone had doubled to the equivalent of 8 pence per litre, with others reporting similar figures.

"This is without taking into account many-fold increases in fertiliser, fuel and labour costs that will increasingly have an impact on production as the year progresses."

The committee expressed the urgent need for all those in the supply chain to recognise the impacts rising input costs are having on the short and long term sustainability of milk production in Wales.

"We are therefore urging milk processors, supermarkets and all others involved in the supply chain to recognise the extent to which input costs have increased over such a short period of time, and how these are impacting on farm costs and will impact on milk production later in the year, and to take action to ensure that the price paid for milk at the farmgate fully reflects this before businesses become even more adversely impacted," he said.

## Diwrnod o ddysgu a rhannu sgiliau yn y maes amaethyddol

BRAF oedd gweld torf o bobol ifanc o bob cwr o'r wlad yn ymgynnull ar Faes Mart Ruthun ar ddiwrnod braf diwedd mis Ebrill i gystadlu a chymdeithasu ar ôl cyfnod digon diflas.

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Mi fu ein cyd-weithwyr yma yn yr Undeb yn llwyddiannus hefyd, gydag Angharad Thomas ein Cydlynnydd Marchnata yn ennill 3ydd fel rhan o dîm Sir Gâr a Libby Davies ein Swyddog Materion Seneddol a Llywodraethol a thîm Brycheiniog yn cipio'r ail yng nghystadlaeth Stocmon Hŷn y Flwyddyn.

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Cyfle da hefyd i gymdeithasu, mae'r Diwrnod Gwaith Maes yn dod â phobol at ei gilydd ar ôl cyfnod hir heb fedru gweld cyfeillion a chymdogion ac fe gymerodd Glyn Roberts ein Llywydd fantais ar y cyfle i gael sgysiau difyr gyda Chris Lewis, Llywydd CFFI a Caryl Hâf, Cadeirydd CFFI wrth iddynt daro draw i'n gweld ar ein stondin.

**This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News:**  
**"A day of learning and sharing agricultural skills."**



2il yn Stocmon Hŷn y Flwyddyn: O'r chwith, Ffion Havard, Rhian Lewis, Libby Davies a Elin Havard o dîm Brycheiniog.



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O'r chwith, Llywydd CFFI Chris Lewis, Llywydd UAC Glyn Roberts a Cadeirydd CFFI Caryl Hâf ar stondin UAC.



# Call repeated for better control of dogs amidst recent spate of devastating attacks on livestock

THE FUW has joined North Wales Police in reminding members of the public to keep their dogs on a lead following a recent spate of deadly dog attacks on local farmer Wil Williams' sheep in Aberdaron.

Speaking with the Union recently, PC Dewi Rhys Evans of NW Rural Crime Team said: "It's frustrating to see so many incidents of livestock worrying recently, each of which could have been easily avoided with responsible dog ownership. Once again we are urging people to keep their dogs under control, on a lead. We are currently working with Liverpool John Moores University on a study that aims to identify the best methods of obtaining dog DNA from animal wounds."

Dr Hazel Wright, FUW Senior Policy Officer, (pictured above), added: "Dog attacks on livestock continue despite numerous industry campaigns aimed at educating dog walkers about the risks their dogs pose near livestock. The impact of a dog attack on a farming family is tremendous. Our farmers are repeatedly faced with a field of dead or dying stock following a dog attack and many are at financial and emotional breaking point."

Irresponsible dog owners remain a significant problem for FUW members and the Union has repeatedly called for greater powers for police, tougher penalties for offenders and for the UK Kept



Animals Bill to make it mandatory for dogs to be kept on a lead near livestock.

"Dog attacks are preventable and it is hoped that the UK Kept Animals Bill will create the legislative change needed to safeguard both dog and livestock welfare," added Dr Wright.

Mr Williams said: "It is clear that there is still so much education that needs to be done to teach dog owners about keeping their dogs on leads at all times around livestock, as well as stressing the importance of knowing where your dogs are at all times."

He added: "Dog owners must be responsible and must also make sure that their dogs are kept in a safe and secure environment at night."

Dafydd, Mr Williams' grandson agreed, saying: "It hurts when this happens. People need to realise how dangerous their dogs are when they are left off the lead."

Speaking on this issue, Wales Rural & Wildlife Crime Coordinator, Rob Taylor said: "We see more than 300 attacks per year with animals brutalised and often killed, as well as dogs being shot or euthanised and the owner appearing before the courts. Responsible dog ownership is key and it's important to ensure pets are under control at all times, or if left home alone, that the house or garden are secure."



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## Pilot project boosts business in rural Wales

A NEW, fully funded programme for rural-based businesses in Mid Wales is injecting funds and has created 14 placement opportunities for students living in the local community.

The Mid Wales Challenge Led Launchpad programme, delivered by AberInnovation and funded by the UK Government's Community Renewal Fund and the Welsh Government, provides successful start-up firms with £30,000 funding to help them develop novel solutions through research and innovation.

Dr Rhian Hayward MBE, AberInnovation CEO, explains that as well as the excellent opportunity to promote innovative businesses in the region, a key element of the funding is to provide young professionals with career development in their local communities.

"We do have a big challenge in Mid Wales in making sure that those who want to live and work here within research and development professions have the right skills," she explains.

Vertikit, an online retailer for vertical farming and controlled environment equipment, is one of the successful businesses awarded funding and a placement student.

"As we're a new business, we haven't got the resource to dedicate the time that's needed for sourcing and recruiting candidates, so additional support in this area has been vital for us," says William Stiles, Director of Vertikit.

Being a small business has also meant that William's placement student, MaryAnn Peel who is studying at Aberystwyth University, has worked on a defined project with a clear outcome, providing a rewarding experience as well as a boost to her CV.

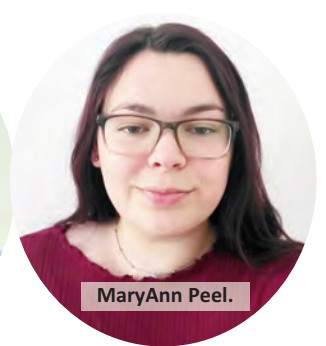
Placement opportunities to date have been available to 18- to 25-year-olds, and run for the duration of the funded project. It is hoped that longer term placements will become available and permanent job roles created over the longer-term.



Dr Rhian Hayward.



William Stiles.



MaryAnn Peel.



# Upcoming Schemes

Scheme	Summary	Window closes
<b>Woodland Creation Planning Scheme</b>	The Woodland Creation Planning Scheme offers grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to develop plans for new woodland creation. After a plan is successfully verified by NRW it will be eligible for Welsh Government funding for tree planting. More information here: <a href="https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme">https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme</a> The design of the scheme is based on the pilot which was run last year. The scheme will be open throughout the year (subject to budget) with applications selected every 6 weeks. Funding for woodland creation will be available from August 2022, with windows opening every 3 months from then onwards (subject to budget).	<b>Open until December 31 2022</b>
<b>Small Grants - Efficiency</b>	A scheme to support investment into new equipment and technology to enhance the technical, financial and environmental performance of farm businesses. This is similar to the Farm Business Grant scheme. The minimum grant amount has been reduced to £1,000 and the maximum is £12,000. Previous participation in the FBG does not affect eligibility. A maximum of 40% contribution is available against actual invoiced costs. Prices have been updated and verified at the end of March. This window has an indicative budget of £5m. More information: <a href="https://gov.wales/small-grants-efficiency">https://gov.wales/small-grants-efficiency</a>	<b>May 18 - June 29 2022</b>
<b>Small Grants - Environmental</b>	A scheme to support a range of land management interventions and provide capital support for on-farm environmental improvements to enhance the quality of Wales' natural resources. This is equivalent to the previous Glastir Small Grants scheme. It is a standalone scheme providing a maximum of £7,500 funding per window for Capital Works Projects. This round will address the theme of Water. Land parcels already under Glastir contracts will not be eligible. The indicative budget for this window is £3m.	<b>May 23 - July 1 2022 and August 24 - October 5 2022</b>
<b>Small Grants - Horticulture Start Up</b>	A scheme to support new entrants to establish new commercial horticulture enterprises. The grant available for each applicant is £3,000, awarded in the form of working capital. The indicative budget allocation for this window is £300,000.	<b>May 25 - June 29 2022</b>
<b>Small Grants - Growing for the Environment</b>	A pilot scheme to encourage the growing of crops and pastures to provide an environmental benefit such as protein crops, mixed leys and cover crops for environmental, biodiversity and production benefits. The first window will be limited to establishing an unsprayed cover crop following autumn harvesting of cereals or maize. A new window for planting in spring 2023 will open this autumn. Confirmation and further details to follow.	<b>(Autumn Sowing) June 20 - July 29 2022 Second window - August 24 - October 5 2022</b>
<b>Small Grants - Yard Coverings</b>	A scheme to provide support through capital grants to enhance nutrient management through investment in covering existing farmyard infrastructure.	<b>June 27 - August 5 2022</b>
<b>Organic Conversion Scheme</b>	A scheme to support farmers to convert to organic production systems. There will only be one EOI window. The scheme will include a two year conversion payment. Payment rates will be based on current land use and production system. The entire CPH has to be included and requires a total five year commitment to organic management.	<b>July 18 - August 26 2022</b>
<b>Nutrient Management Investment Scheme</b>	A scheme to provide support through capital grants for infrastructure investment to enhance on-farm nutrient management and storage.	<b>July 4 - August 12 2022</b>
<b>Woodland Creation (Planting)</b>	A scheme to support Welsh Government's commitment to create a National Forest for Wales.	<b>Opening August 2022</b>
<b>NRW Peatlands Grant Funding</b>	Capital development grants of between £10,000 - £30,000 available to reverse habitat loss and improve the condition of Welsh peatlands. The development grant will enable individuals and organisations to: * explore if their peatland restoration project is feasible * develop a costed peatland restoration project by April 2023 that has a realistic chance of delivery * gather the information they will need to apply for future delivery grant funding rounds.	<b>April 4 - July 4 2022</b>



# Diwrnod Gwaith Maes y Ffermwyr Ifanc ym Mart Rhuthun

gan Anna Jones, Swyddog Marchnata a Chyfathrebu, CFFI Cymru

AR 23 Ebrill, fe wnaeth Ffederasiwn Clwyd gynnal Diwrnod Gwaith Maes CFFI Cymru ym Mart Rhuthun. Cafwyd diwrnod difyr iawn â phresenoldeb gwych gan bob fferasiwn sirol. Unwaith yn rhagor, roedd safon y cystadlu'n uchel iawn, er gwaethaf bwlch o ddwy flynedd rhwng y Diwrnod Gwaith Maes diwethaf a digwyddiad eleni!

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Yn rhestr y marciau terfynol, Ffederasiwn Caerfyrddin oedd yn ail, a daeth Ffederasiwn Sir Benfro yn drydydd.

Ffederasiwn Maesyfed enillodd y tlws i'r tîm gorau yn y gystadleuaeth Barnu Stoc Hŷn, a Ffederasiwn Caerfyrddin enillodd tlws y tîm iau gorau.

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am gael ei dewis yn gystadleuydd unigol gorau yn yr Adran Cymorth Cyntaf.

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"Roedd hi'n ffrainc cael cynrychioli Ceredigion yn niwrnod gwaith maes CFFI Cymru, ac roeddwn i ar ben fy nigon pan wnaeth Lass a minnau lwyddo i ennill cystadleuaeth y Treialon Cŵn Defaid ar ran ein fferasiwn sirol. Byddaf bob amser yn mwynhau cystadlu gyda Lass oherwydd bydd hi'n perfformio'n dda yn gyson ac yn gwneud ei gorau glas ym mhob cystadleuaeth, ac mae hynny'n rhoi'r hyder a'r plwc i lwyddo i mi."

Yn ystod yr un penwythnos â llwyddiannau'r Diwrnod Gwaith Maes, cafodd eraill fuddugoliaethau anhygoel hefyd. Enillodd CFFI Maendy o Forgannwg gystadleuaeth Pantomeim FfCCFFI, ac enillodd Christina Thomas wob'r yr Actores Orau am bortreadu'r Tywysog. Daeth CFFI Bedwas o Went yn gydradd drydydd yn yr un gystadleuaeth, ac fe wnaeth Joseph Watkins ennill y wob'r i'r Actor Gorau am bortreadu Abanazar yn eu pantomeim, Aladdin. Hefyd, daeth Raiff Devlin, CFFI Pontfaen, Brycheiniog, yn ail yn rownd derfynol cystadleuaeth Aelod Hŷn y Flwyddyn FfCCFFI.

Hoffai CFFI Cymru ddiolch i Ffederasiwn Clwyd am gynnal Diwrnod Gwaith Maes mor llwyddiannus, ac i wirfoddolwyr, cefnogwyr a noddwyr y digwyddiad.

Diolch o galon hefyd i'n haelodau gweithgar a brwdfrydig, sydd oll ag ystod enfawr o ddoniau y gellir eu gweld yn lleol ac ar y lefel genedlaethol hefyd.

**This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "Young Farmers Field Day at Ruthin Livestock Market."**



Ail yn rownd derfynol cystadleuaeth Aelod Hŷn y Flwyddyn FfCCFFI - Raiff Devlin, CFFI Pontfaen, Brycheiniog.



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The form requires you to state which sector or sectors you work in.



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## How to register

Download and fill in a form to register as a business, organisation or sole trader that uses professional PPPs and any adjuvants in Great Britain - [www.gov.uk/government/publications/professional-plant-protection-products-ppps-register-as-a-user](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/professional-plant-protection-products-ppps-register-as-a-user)

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## Paper notes to become void - deadline reminder

THE Bank of England will be withdrawing legal tender status of the paper £20 and £50 notes after September 30 2022, **anyone who has these at home should spend or deposit them at their bank or Post Office.**

There are approximately £7 billion worth of paper £20 and £10.5 billion worth of paper £50 notes still in circulation. As they are returned to the Bank of England, these are being replaced with the new polymer £20 notes featuring J.M.W. Turner, and polymer £50 notes featuring Alan Turing. After September 30 2022, the new polymer notes will be the only ones with legal tender status.

Once this deadline has passed, people will no longer be able to spend Bank of England paper notes in shops, or use them to pay businesses.

People with a UK bank account will still be able to deposit withdrawn notes into their account. Some Post Offices may also accept withdrawn notes as payment for goods and services or as a deposit to an account accessed via them.



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## Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol

Rydym yn edrych ymlaen yn fawr i allu cynnal y Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol wyneb yn wyneb am y tro cyntaf ers tair blynedd, a hynny ar nos Fawrth y 28ain o Fehefin ym Mhafiliwn Cae Sioe Môn, gyda'r noson i gychwyn am 7.30y.h.

Y siaradwr gwadd fydd Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr Grŵp Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru, Mr Guto Bebb, (**gweler isod**). Dyma fydd y cyfle cyntaf i lawer ohonoch gwrdd â Mr Bebb mewn person ac mae'n argoeli i fod yn noson hynod ddifyr.



Bydd hefyd yn gyfle gwych i gael clywed am weithgareddau'r Undeb o fewn y Sir dros y deuddeg mis diwethaf ac wrth gwrs yn gyfle i ddal fyny gyda chyfeillion!

Mae croeso cynnes i holl Aelodau'r Undeb a bydd lluniaeth ysgafn ar gael felly dewch yn llw!

**We are really looking forward to being able to hold the AGM in person for the first time in three years, on Tuesday June 28 at the Anglesey Showground Pavilion, with the evening starting at 7.30pm.**

**The guest speaker will be FUW Group Managing Director, Mr Guto Bebb, (pictured left). This will be the first opportunity for many of you to meet Mr Bebb in person and it promises to be an enjoyable evening.**

**It will also be a great opportunity to hear about the Union's activities within the county over the last twelve months and of course catch up with friends!**

**All Union Members are warmly welcome and light refreshments will be available, we look forward to seeing you!**

### CARMARTHEN

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## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is being held at Llanarthney village hall on Thursday June 9 at 7.30pm. This will be the first in-person meeting since the beginning of Covid. Our guest speaker on the night is Nicola Davies, RWAS Chair of Council.

A warm welcome is extended to all and we look forward to seeing you on the night.



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## Ras Redig Sarn a'r Cylch a Sioe Nefyn yn llwyddiant ysgubol

Roedd yn wych cael croesawu dau ddigwyddiad pwysig yn ôl i'r calendr y flwyddyn yma, sef Ras Redig Sarn a'r Cylch a gynhaliwyd yn ardal Llanfihangel Bachellaeth, Rhydyclafdy, a hefyd Sioe Nefyn.

Mae'n amlwg roedd llawer yn teimlo'r un peth gan fod niferoedd mawr ohonoch wedi mynychu'r ddau ddigwyddiad ac wedi galw heibio ein stondin am sgwrs a phaned.

Roedd yn braf cael gweld pawb wyneb yn wyneb, ac i rai am y tro cyntaf ers blynnyddoedd.

Hoffwn longyfarch Richard Ingram ar ennill y dosbarth yr oedd yr Undeb yn ei noddi yn y Ras Redig, sef y "Vintage Hydraulic pre 1956".

Diolch i bawb am eich cefnogaeth ac i'r aelodau wnaeth ein cyflenwi gyda chacenau bendigedig ar gyfer y ddau achlysur.

**It was great to welcome back two important events to the calendar this year, the Sarn and District Ploughing Match held near Llanfihangel Bachellaeth, Rhydyclafdy, and also Nefyn Show.**

**Clearly many felt the same as large numbers of you attended both events and popped into our stand for a chat and a cuppa. It was nice to see everyone face to face, and to see some for the first time in years.**

**We'd like to congratulate Richard Ingram on winning the Union sponsored class in the Ploughing Match, the "Vintage Hydraulic pre 1956".**

**Thank you to everyone for your support and to the members who supplied us with wonderful cakes for both occasions.**

### Ras Redig Sarn a'r Cylch



O'r chwith, Cadeirydd Sir Gaernarfon John Alwyn Hughes a Richard Ingram gyda'i darian.



### Sioe Nefyn



O'r chwith, Mabon ap Gwynfor AS Plaid Cymru, Liz Saville Roberts AS Plaid Cymru, Swyddog Polisi UAC Teleri Fielden a Uwch Swyddog Gweithredol Sirol UAC Sir Gaernarfon Gwynedd Watkin yn trafod materion sydd yn achosi pryder i'r diwydiant amaethyddol a ffermwyr ledled Cymru yn Sioe Nefyn.



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## YFC Field Day success

A big well done to our Gwent FUW members, Jack Davies, Will Edwards and Ed Williams for representing Glamorgan YFC in the YFC All Wales Field Day Final event recently held at Ruthin Livestock Market.

They came a very well deserved 3rd place out of 10 very strong teams. Congratulations boys.



Jack Davies, Will Edwards and Ed Williams.

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## Nofel sydd ag amaethyddiaeth yn rhan ganolog ohoni

Mae teulu awdur y nofel 'Pridd', Llŷr Titus, yn aelodau'r Undeb ac yn ffermio fferm Cae Du, ardal Brynmawr, Pen Llyn.

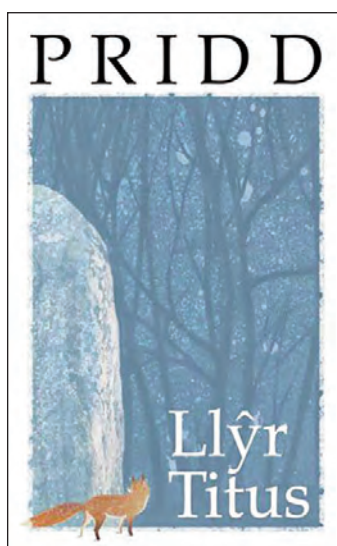
Nofel sydd ag amaethyddiaeth yn rhan ganolog ohoni wrth iddi drafod perthynas y prif gymeriad hefo'r tir. Nofel delynegol ydi hi sydd yn trafod bywyd yr Hen Ŵr ar dyddyn dros flwyddyn gan ddilyn y tymhorau wrth iddo fynd o gwmpas ei bethau, gyda'i fywyd yn newid wrth i Lwynog ymddangos.

Mewn cyfres o olygfeydd dros y pedwar tymor mae presennol, gorffennol a dyfodol yr Hen Ŵr yn cael eu datgelu ynghyd â ffordd benodol o fyw a chymuned sydd yn parhau i newid. Rhan o'r newid hwnnw ydi'r heriau sydd yn wynebu pob cymuned amaethyddol; iechyd meddwl, yr amgylchedd, unigrwydd a galar ond mae trafod ar bethau ysgafnach hefyd ac mae 'na hiwmor ynddi, a thynnerwch.

Er ei bod hi'n nofel leol iawn ar un ystyr mae hi'n adlewyrchiad ehangach o natur pobol a'u perthynas hefo lle ac mae'r syniad o berthyn boed hynny i le, ffordd o fyw neu deulu yn rhan fawr ohoni. Dyma nofel sydd yn rhyw fath o deyrnged i fath penodol o fywyd a chymeriadau ond sydd heb eu rhamantu nhw chwaith, gobeithio.

Mae modd prynu copi o 'Pridd' o'ch siopau lyfrau lleol.

*Llŷr Titus is the author of 'Pridd' and his family are members of the Union and farm Fferm Cae Du, Brynmawr, Pen Llyn. 'Pridd' is a novel with agriculture at its heart as it discusses the main character's relationship with the land. It is a lyrical novel that discusses the Old Man's life on a smallholding over a period of a year which follows the seasons as he goes about his life, with his life changing when he sees a fox. In a series of scenes over the four seasons, the Old Man's present, past and future are revealed along with a distinct way of life and an ever-changing community. Part of that change is the challenges facing all agricultural communities; mental health, the environment, loneliness and grief but lighter things are discussed too and there's humour, and gentleness. Although it is a very local novel in one sense, it is a broader reflection of people's nature and their relationship with a place and the idea of belonging whether that is to a place, lifestyle or family. This is a novel that is a sort of tribute to a certain kind of life and characters but doesn't romanticize. A copy of 'Pridd' can be purchased from your local bookshops.*



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## Sioe Aberystwyth - galwch i'n gweld!



Mi fyddwn ni yn Sioe Aberystwyth ar ddydd Sadwrn Mehefin 11, galwch draw i'n gweld i gael sgwrs a phaned. / We'll be at Aberystwyth Show on Saturday June 11, pop over to see us for a chat and a cuppa.

## MONTGOMERYSHIRE

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## Montgomeryshire Society Prize for Further Education Achievement

FUW are proud to announce that Newtown College Agriculture Student Harry Gardner (son of FUW members Roy and Cerys Gardner, Neuadd Goch, Dolfor) has been awarded the Montgomeryshire Society Prize for Further Education Achievement.

The prestigious award is in recognition of Harry's outstanding work in college and his contribution to both college and his community.

Congratulations Harry and well done!

## PEMBROKESHIRE

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## Victory for FUW members at The Food Awards Wales 2022

FUW members Patricia and Andrew Rogers, Coland Rise Farm Meats (Hayscastle) recently won Welsh Producer of the Year at The Food Awards Wales 2022.

The awards recognise the success of local professionals and establishments that continue delivering great flavours and experiences to their customers.

The winners are a true reflection of high standard and customer service, as they are chosen by members of the general public, who often have eclectic gastronomic tastes.

FUW Pembrokeshire County Executive Officer Rebecca Voyle said: "We would like to congratulate Patricia and Andrew on receiving this award in recognition of all of their hard work in developing their direct sales beef business over the last few years."



Andrew and Patricia Rogers with their award.

## 200 Club May results

£25 - Gwynne, Castlewigg Farm

£10 - Young, Upper Bastleford

£10 - Fry, Penhoyle



Bydd swyddfeydd UAC a Gwasanaethau Yswiriant UAC ar gau ddydd lau a dydd Gwener Mehefin 16 a 17 oherwydd ein Cynhadledd Busnes Flynyddol. Ar gyfer ymholiadau brys ffoniwch 0344 800 3110

FUW and FUW Insurance Services offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday June 16 and 17 due to our Annual Business Conference. For urgent enquiries please call 0344 800 3110



# Important we reach out to those who may be struggling

by Elen Gwen Williams, Charity Marketing & Engagement Assistant, The DPJ Foundation



MENTAL Health Awareness Week was a busy week for us, with events happening all over the country. During the week at the start of May we encouraged people to take part in organising afternoon tea events to challenge loneliness in the rural communities here in Wales and try and connect with others who are currently finding things difficult.

It was great to see people getting together in schools, workplaces, at home and in the community. Some of our regional champions organised an afternoon tea open to the public to attend at the Ruthin Market Café, there were plenty of conversations going on over a cuppa and delicious cake.

Alwen, one of our regional champions and one of the organisers at Ruthin market said: "It was great to have an excuse to put our busy lives to one side and come together for a chat over a cup of tea and cake at Ruthin Mart. We were very lucky to have so many people wanting to contribute to a great afternoon tea with all kinds of cakes, scones and Welsh cakes. Thanks to everyone who came along, everyone who contributed in any way and thank you especially to the Mart."

This was a great opportunity to bring people together for a catch up, to try and break the cycle and do something that would help to tackle loneliness. We can experience loneliness at any time, it can impact negatively on our mental health, therefore it's important that we reach out to those who might be struggling, not only for mental health awareness week.

Make it one of your weekly or monthly priorities, you could change somebody's life for the better by letting them know that they are not alone.

## Mental Health Awareness Training

We have a few online mental health awareness training sessions coming up over the summer months. These sessions will enable you to know how to spot the signs of someone with poor mental health, how to support them, how to encourage them to access support and how to look after your own mental health -

June 29 at 9:30am

July 25 at 6pm

August 9 at 1pm

These sessions are free of charge. Follow us on Eventbrite to book a place or to get more information on future sessions - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-dpj-foundation-32983967795>

## Share The Load

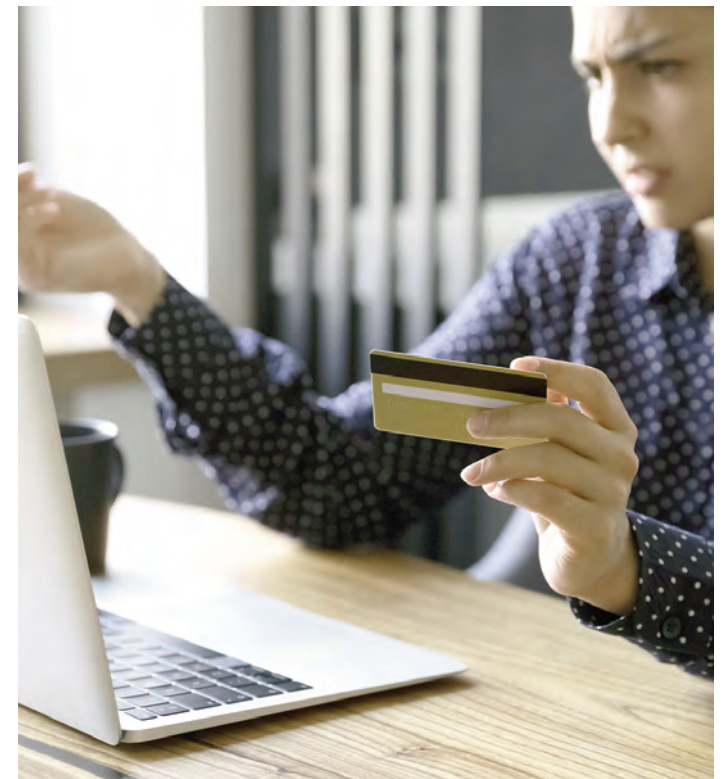
Our Share the Load service is available 24/7 for anyone who is going through a difficult time at the moment for any reason. It's completely confidential.

Our trained helpline volunteer will listen and won't judge and our professional counsellors are experienced in helping people with a range of issues, including those who have been bereaved and who are dealing with grief and loss. If you have been bereaved and would like to speak to someone who will listen and who can help, please give us a call.

To talk: 0800 587 4262 / Or by text: 07860 048799.



# Top tips to stay safe on Facebook Marketplace



DYFED Powys Police are reminding people to be careful when selling or buying items on Facebook Marketplace and not fall for the tricks used by criminals to scam people out of money.

A common ploy by criminals is they state that they are sending a courier to pick the goods, and the courier is bringing the money with them. The criminal then states that the courier firm will be in contact to organise collection. The seller then receives an invoice from a courier company (normally a falsified invoice purporting to be from a well-known courier company).

The criminal states that the courier will bring the purchase price plus the extra money from the invoice with them, but this is obviously a lie.

## Top Tips

- Never send items before you have received 'verified' payment
- Sometimes fake emails are sent purporting to be from the buyer's bank stating that money will not be released until proof of purchase has been received - this is a scam, the email is not from the buyer's bank
- Always check that the money has arrived and is cleared in your account and that it is not still 'awaiting confirmation'
- Do not use unusual payment methods - only use Facebook Checkout, PayPal or cash when using Facebook Marketplace
- If you use PayPal - never select family and friends payments - this will completely negate your ability to get a refund
- Be wary of anyone that overpays and then requests a refund immediately. Always let the money clear to your account first and then enter into dialogue about mistaken overpayment. It is very rare for someone to overpay, but criminals use this ploy a lot
- If a purchaser offers you a part-exchange, make sure that they are not offering you stolen goods in exchange
- If you meet-up in person with any purchaser on Facebook, think of your own safety - meet up in a well-lit, public place and try to have a family member or friend accompany you.

Be careful when selling or buying items on Facebook Marketplace, don't fall for the tricks used by criminals to scam people out of money



## MEAT MATTERS

# Ensuring Welsh Lamb is top for tenderness

by Elizabeth Swancott, Hybu Cig Cymru Senior Meat Quality Officer

THE latest stage of HCC's five year Welsh Lamb Meat Quality Project is investigating meat tenderness. The laboratory-based tenderness trial will complement consumer tasting panels, where 2,000 consumers will rate lamb samples.

The aim is to further improve the status of PGI Welsh Lamb as the first choice for consumers at home and abroad. The 'Shear Force' analysis of lamb meat tenderness is being carried out by IBERS and AberInnovation and uses the Warner Bratzler Shear Force method, a widely recognised instrumental measurement of tenderness.

Clearly a tender piece of meat requires less force, while a tougher piece requires increased force. These trials measure the physical force required to cut through precisely measured samples of cooked meat from the chump muscle.

Lamb samples have come from 26 Welsh farms and we've worked with four major processors across Wales. The aim is to fine tune the elements of lamb production and processing that influence tenderness, looking at how on farm and processing factors affect the eating quality of lamb.

Trial three is investigating the effect of lamb gender and seasonality, with samples collected in May, August, November and February, from ram, ewe and castrate lambs. It follows two previous trials that investigated muscle cut, breed type, meat ageing period and lamb finishing diet. In all we're looking at tenderness, juiciness, flavor, aroma and overall liking, as well as the nutritional content.

We will have a total of 288 PGI Welsh Lamb chump meat samples analysed by Shear Force, with results due in early Autumn.

The results will be included in a final report due at

the end of the year and will form the basis for industry discussions.

The aim is to maintain or even maximize meat tenderness by a better understanding of the influences on farm and across the supply chain.

The scientific rigour employed in the Shear Force trials is yet another element in building the story of Welsh Lamb. The science behind the tenderness, as well as the taste, will help to reinforce the message that it ranks among the best in the world for the all important tenderness and flavour.

The Welsh Lamb Meat Quality Project is one of three 5-year projects in the Red Meat Development Programme which is funded by the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

**Mae cam diweddaraf Prosiect pum mlynedd Ansawdd Cig Oen Cymru HCC yn ymchwilio i dynerwch cig. Bydd y treial tynerwch wyddonol yn cynnwys paneli o flaswyr, lle bydd 2,000 o gwsmeriaid yn graddio samplau cig oen. Y nod yw gwella statws Cig Oen Cymru PGI ymhellach fel y dewis cyntaf i gwsmeriaid yma a thramor.**



## PROPERTY MATTERS

# Writing an agricultural tenancy tender application

by Kathryn Williams, Director, Davis Meade Property Consultants

MANY landlords will request a business plan as part of a farm tenancy tender application, particularly if the term period of the tenancy is for a significant number of years. The business plan is an opportunity for the tenant to showcase their skills and to demonstrate that they are a capable, viable and sustainable option for consideration by the landlord.

In recent years there has been fierce competition for agricultural tenancies and therefore the tender and business plan are crucial documents and must make you stand out from all other applicants.

The landlord or their agent will often have many applications to consider and therefore it is advisable to submit a typed document rather than handwritten. The tender document will often be in template form, upon which you will enter your personal details such as contact details and the sum tendered.

The most common question that I am asked when compiling a tender application on a clients' behalf is "how much should I tender?" It is important to consider the market, however, careful assessment of the subject holding, and the proposed tenancy agreement terms are crucial.

The holding may require substantial investment, have limited facilities, poor access, unreliable water sources etc and these factors will all have an impact of the amount of money that you can earn from the holding. I would always advise a prospective tenant to assess their own situation and to tender a rent that they can afford and that allows for reinvestment in the holding and their own business. If this is not high enough for the landlord and the bid is unsuccessful then move onto the next opportunity.

Tendering an unsustainable sum in the hope of getting it reduced is very risky and creates ill feeling between the landlord and tenant.

All landlords will look to see how you intend to look after their holding, both in terms of investment in infrastructure, soil and water quality and also if applicable the dwelling. A description of the grassland management regime or proposed cropping rotations always demonstrates an understanding of soil health and how to maximise yields from the land.

The wording and the language used within the application should demonstrate your passion for agriculture and your wish to move your business forward through securing the tenancy.

For more information on tendering for agricultural holdings, please feel free to contact me - Kathryn Williams - kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com

**Bydd llawer o landlordiaid yn gofyn am gynllun busnes fel rhan o gais am denantiaeth fferm. Mae'r cynllun busnes yn gyfle i'r tenant arddangos ei sgiliau a dangos ei fod yn ddewis medrus, hyfyr a chynaliadwy i'w ystyried gan y landlord. Am ragor o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Kathryn Williams - kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com**



## MERCHED MEWN AMAETH

# Cyfle i gymdeithasu, sgwrsio a mwynhau cwmni ein gilydd unwaith eto

gan Tegwen Morris, Cyfarwyddwraig Cenedlaethol, Merched y Wawr

YN dilyn y lecsiwn a phob dim sy'n digwydd yn ein Byd, gallaf ond feddwl am y dywediad yma: "Rhydd i bawb ei farn a pob barn ei llais", ond mae angen i ni bellach fel cymunedau ar draws Cymru gefnogi ein diwydiant amaethyddol.

Mae gennym yma yng Nghymru gynnyrch o'r safon gorau ar draws y Byd. Ond wrth ymweld â'n siopau lleol a'n archfarchnadoedd mae modd prynu bwydydd o bob pegwn o'r Byd ond dim o Gymru!

Rydym fel aelodau o Ferched y Wawr wrth ymweld â siopau yn gofyn iddynt gyflenwi mwy o fwydydd lleol ac yn benodol bwydydd Cymreig. Mae llythyron pwrpasol wedi eu paratoi ac mae sawl rheolwr bellach wedi cael cyfle i gyfarfod gydag aelodau brwd sy'n gofyn pam nad oes mwy o gynnyrch safonol o Gymru yn cael ei werthu yma?

Mae gweithgareddau megis ein Gŵyl Haf yn rhoi cyfle i lenydd, cerddoriaeth, chwaraeon, crefftio, coginio, cystadlu, adloniant, gwledda, gwerthu nwyddau a hefyd yn bwysicach na dim oll, yn dilyn y cyfnod heriol diwethaf, i gymdeithasu, sgwrsio a mwynhau cwmni ein gilydd unwaith eto.

Mae paratoadau ar y gweill ar gyfer y Sioe Fawr yn Llanellwedd a'r Eisteddfod yn Nhregaron - bydd

rhywbeth at ddant pawb - ond yn bwysicach na dim fe fydd cyfle i gymdeithasu yn y Gymraeg ac estynnwn groeso cynnes i bawb i ymweld a galw i mewn am sgwrs yn ein holl weithgareddau ar hyd a lled Cymru dros y misoedd nesaf.

**Merched y Wawr are still pursuing their campaign to ensure that more local shops and supermarkets are supplying local Welsh food. There are also a summer of events to look forward to, the Royal Welsh and Tregaron National Eisteddfod to name but a few. There will be a warm welcome awaiting everyone.**





# Using tractors safely - A step-by-step guide

WHETHER you are a regular tractor driver, or an employer, you need to learn about tractor safety before it is too late.

People die in tractor accidents every year and there are many major injuries, including amputations and fractures. There are probably other accidents or near misses which HSE never hears about. Simple but essential safety steps would have prevented most of them.

## Step 1 Before starting

Before you start a tractor, you must know the basic safety procedures. These are **safety checks** and **safe stop**.

### Safety checks

- Am I wearing suitable clothing and footwear?
- Have I read and understood the instruction manual?
- How am I going to do this work?
- Have I carried out pre-start checks of the machinery?
- Do I know enough to work safely?

### Safe stop

- Make sure the handbrake is fully applied
- Make sure all controls and equipment are left safe
- Stop the engine
- Remove the key

### Always use safe stop:

- before leaving your seat; or
- when anyone else approaches; or
- when anyone else is working on the machine.

You need to take extra precautions when **safe stop** is not possible, for example when using power take-off (PTO)-driven stationary machinery such as slurry tankers or operating external controls.

### Key points

- Never use a machine unless you are trained and know how to use it safely
- Make use of relevant training courses such as those run by training providers, agricultural colleges and manufacturers/dealers
- Never use a machine unless it is properly maintained
- Keep away from moving machinery - remember that some machine components will continue to rotate or move even after the engine has stopped
- Wear footwear with a good grip - safety boots are best
- Wear clothes that will not snag on machinery - preferably overalls
- Keep long hair tied back
- Remove any jewellery that might snag - don't forget watches and rings
- Find and read the operator's manual - keep it handy.

You need to be a competent driver before you can operate tractors and other machinery safely

## Step 2

### In position

A tractor can only be safely operated from the driving seat. You must know how to get in and get out safely, how to adjust seats and mirrors and how to recognise controls so you are always in control of your tractor.

Some tractors have controls mounted externally to aid hitching (normally on the rear mudguard) - you will need to take different precautions when operating these.

### Key points

#### Getting in and out

- Always use access steps and handholds. Don't jump from the cab
- Use the nearside cab door whenever you can
- Keep floors, doors, pedals and your boots clean and mud-free
- Do not keep tools, drawbar pins or top links on the cab floor
- Before leaving the seat follow **safe stop**
- Get out facing inwards so that you have a good grip
- Never get on or off a moving tractor

#### Visibility and seat adjustment

- Before carrying out adjustments ensure the tractor is in **safe stop**
- Check the seat position - can you

operate all controls comfortably?

- Adjust the seat suspension to your weight
- Make sure mirrors are properly adjusted. When wearing a seat belt, doublecheck that you can still see clearly
- Make sure mirrors and windows are clean and give full visibility

### Seat belts

- Seat belts are a legal requirement on all tractors where there is a risk of overturning and it is reasonably practicable to fit one
- A seat belt will prevent you being thrown out of the cab in an overturn or road accident, where you are most likely to be killed or injured
- Wear a seat belt when driving on slopes, silage clamps, working on ditch sides and when on public roads.

### Controls

- Look in the operator's manual to find out what each control does
- Make sure you know how the controls are operated
- Never use any control unless you are correctly seated in the cab
- Know where the controls should be before you start the tractor
- Don't forget that different tractors have different controls
- Never use a machine that you have not been taught how to use.



## Step 3 Driving

This is not the last step. A safe tractor operator needs many more skills than the steps listed so far. You need to be a competent driver before you can operate tractors and other machinery safely. Above all, watch out for other people and keep your speed down.

### Key points

- Don't drive tractors unless they are properly maintained and safe. Use the operator's manual or Farm Vehicle Health Check Scheme to help you
- Fix or report defects as soon as possible
- Take your time and never rush when operating tractors
- Watch out for obstacles and blind spots
- Take care with projections such as bale spikes. Remove them or carry them in a safe position both on and off the road
- Comply with warning signs
- Remember, other people and children may be around, even if you're not expecting them.
- Equipment, loads, bad weather or bright sunshine make it harder to see, so take care
- Get help if visibility is reduced, especially when reversing
- When reversing, use mirrors and horns and any other reversing aids fitted to the tractor
- Remember, confined or dark buildings and small farmyards make spotting and avoiding dangers difficult
- Agree safe routes for other tractors and machines to avoid accidents
- Watch for rear-end swing when travelling with long implements such as ploughs.



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# The impacts of herbal leys on the health and performance of grazing lambs

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ONE of the largest challenges facing lamb producers is the prevalence of internal parasitic worms, as worm burdens significantly impact lamb health and limit daily liveweight gain. Parasite burdens are difficult to control as resistance to pharmaceutical anthelmintic products is becoming increasingly widespread.

As anthelmintic resistance can increase lamb mortality and reduce productivity by up to 50%, adopting sustainable management practices that can be used alongside targeted anthelmintic strategies to reduce parasite infection is essential.

One potential practice is the use of herbal leys. A herbal ley, or a multi-species pasture, is composed of 15-40 different grass, legume, and herb species. Diverse herbal leys act via three different mechanisms to decrease parasite burden and improve lamb productivity.

These include:

- 1) providing physical barriers to parasite survival and infection
- 2) direct anthelmintic effects on parasites
- 3) increasing the nutritive value of grassland.

Herbal leys composed of many different plant species provide physical sward characteristics that are more unsuitable for the development, survival, and migration of parasite larvae than monoculture swards. Studies have shown that the sward structures of species such as bird's-foot trefoil and chicory can reduce infectious stage parasitic larvae burdens by more than 50% when compared to ryegrass swards.

Grassland plants such as alfalfa, common sainfoin, sulla, and chicory are a particularly rich source of condensed tannins. Condensed tannins have potent anthelmintic activity, and when ingested, interact with nematode proteins to modify the host-nematode environment, and reduce parasite growth, motility, reproduction, and survival.

Herbal leys often have enhanced mineral and trace element compositions, while tannins increase the amount of rumen protected protein available for absorption in the small intestine.

These characteristics improve the host immune response to parasites and have direct effects on lamb growth. As a result, many studies have found that herbal leys enable lamb growth rates of 250g/day, with lambs reaching their slaughter weight more quickly than when grazing ryegrass and white clover alone.

Increasing grassland biodiversity can increase the sustainability of livestock production as the proportion of energy lost to methane is lower in animals fed legumes compared to grasses, and lambs grown to their slaughter weight quickly are more efficient.

Increasing the number of nitrogen fixing species also increases soil nitrogen content, reducing reliance on chemical fertilisers, while increasing plant biodiversity improves soil quality, increases pasture resistance to drought and flooding, and increases the availability of valuable habitat for pollinating insects, birds, and small mammals.



Plants such as bird's-foot trefoil (top), red clover and chicory (centre) have anthelmintic properties and are commonly included in herbal leys (bottom) for grazing livestock.

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