

NORTH WILTS TRAINING GROUP NEWSLETTER



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Training in the time of Covid

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I hope that your businesses have not been too disrupted by the virus and you have been able to maintain all the necessary distancing and hygiene guidelines. Thankfully the testing is now pretty immediate. Many thanks for supporting your training organisation, run by farmers for farmers, to provide training at cost; training has been provided following the COVID policy as on the website. Please keep training as a priority.

AGM

The NWTG was very well supported this year and those attending enjoyed a pertinent presentation by Paul Cherry, the founder member of Groundswell, on the principles of no-till, exploring soil health and the future of farming in a subsidy free system.

This was followed by a talk from Jessica Pillow, Pillow-May Accountants on the business challenges of implementing conservation agriculture. Any ideas for next year's speaker for the AGM welcomed.

Sadly, Stephanie Emmerson, from the Farm Consultancy Group, has stepped down from the committee. Steph has been an important member on the committee providing up to date, professional guidance and presenting at several AGM's on available grants. NWTG thanks Steph for all her time and input into the group. In her place, Cari Beard from FCG is joining the committee, her specialism is Health and Safety Legislation.

COURSES

Telehandler Refresher course

The trainer is available week of 20th July 2020

£100 (if full)

Telehandler New User Course

The trainer is available week of 20th July 2020

£195 (if full)

ATV training

September 2020

£50

Tractor Driving Proficiency (2 day course)

001407 Level 2 Award in Agricultural Tractor Driving and Related Operations

17th and 24th September 2020

FIRST AID COURSES

First Aid at work course

Three-day course Venue to be decided

As farming is high risk there needs to be one person on site with this qualification.

£150 approx if the course is full

- **Emergency First Aid at Work**

September, over two evenings, three hours each

Sensible for all employees to have training.

This course provides employers First Aid cover for emergency situations. The course also includes an introduction to AED Defibrillation.

- **Go to EFA Training website for information to help determine your business' first aid requirements**

PESTICIDE APPLICATION COURSES

- **021694 PA1** September £155

Safe use of pesticides, PA1 must be passed by anyone wishing to take other PA courses.

- **021650 PA2(114)** September £103

Needed for safe application of pesticides using self-propelled or mounted trailed horizontal boom sprayers 114 2F trailed wick wiper.

(PA1 + PA2(114) £178)

- **021652 PA4s** September £83

This is needed by anyone wishing to apply granules.

(PA1 + PA4 £158)

- **021650 PA2** September £103

Is needed to operate mounted or trailed boom sprayers. It is also needed if you wish to operate most weedwiper types of applicator.

(PA1 + PA2 £148)

- **021654 PA6** September £143

Is needed by anyone wishing to apply pesticides using a hand-held lance or knapsack type applicators. The lance maybe vehicle mounted.

(PA1 + PA6 £158)

CHAINSAW TRAINING

September 2020

Please see below an outline of the various routes for chainsaw training.

1. **occasional user chainsaw.** This is generally 2 days training (1 day if all experienced) and the trainer can take between 2- 6 people. This course is fine for people looking to maintain a chainsaw, cut up timber already on the ground, logs, fencing, hedge laying etc and felling only up to 6" diameter (very small) trees. Generally council staff, gardeners, farmers etc opt for this. This course the candidates are issued upon successful completion an UKRS certificate by the trainer.
2. **C&G NPTC chainsaw maintenance cross cutting and felling up to 15" diameter.** This course can take between 2- 6 people and is generally taken by foresters or tree surgeons or by land managers and farmers who will want to fell larger trees. The timescale for this course is approximately 4 days training dependant on experience with a further half day for assessment. The course can be split into 2 courses if necessary such as cross cutting and maintenance over 2 days and felling over 2-3 days. This course is a combination of 2 qualifications and will need to be independently assessed (by an assessor independent from the training).

Additional information

- The trainer does have spare PPE but ideally candidates will have their own.....chainsaw specific boots, trousers, gloves and a helmet with ear and eye protection.
- The site for training will ideally have some form of workshop with a bench vice, the trees necessary for the felling element will be dependent on the course with suitable numbers of trees for the number of candidates.
 - The youngest applicant as with all C&G NPTC courses is 16yrs of age.

PRIORITY FARMLAND BIRDS WALKS LED BY NICK ADAMS

These will start again in October:

- Which priority farmland birds are likely to be found on your farm
 - How to identify those species by bird call and sight
- What habitat is each species likely to need and how can that be provided

The walk will cover a variety of habitats, on your farm if you would like to host a walk. The walks will be led by Nick Adams (Fellow of British Naturalists' Association). Nick has worked with farmers across Wiltshire and Gloucestershire for over twenty years helping them to bring wildlife into their decision making on their farm in a way that delivers for both farmer and wildlife.

ORGANISING / BOOKING A PLACE ON A COURSE

Please contact NWTG, by email or telephone, for any training courses which you would like arranged. Below are examples of our most popular courses:

- NPTC Pest Control of Rats and Mice
- Telehandling courses, refreshers needed every five years
 - Basic Tractor training (for aged 13-16)
- Welding (Mig and Arc), Abrasive wheels
 - ATV training
 - Livestock courses
 - Manual Handling
- Chain saw training
- Vet med course