

NORTH WILTS TRAINING GROUP NEWSLETTER



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A belated Happy New Year from NWTG!

**Thank you for using the new email address:
info@northwilts-training.co.uk**

I hope you all had a healthy start to the year so far. Thank you for continuing to support your training organisation, run by farmers for farmers, to provide training at cost.

Training in the time of COVID

It has been a quiet year on the training front but all courses requested have been able to run following the pandemic policy. December which is usually the quietest month most years suddenly became busy with nine courses organised by NWTG.

Central Region Farmers Trust

The NWTG's request for sponsorship from the CRFT was successful, many thanks to the trustees of the trust, and five NWTG members have been awarded funds to attend a web design/marketing course.

AGM

The next AGM will take place:

3rd March 2021, 11.30am

Via Zoom

You are all very welcome to our AGM. Come and inform the committee of your training requirements or queries. The committee looks forward to seeing you there.

I will send the link to the AGM a day before the meeting.

TRAINING

This can occur on farm, following the pandemic policy, at this point there is no mixed business training, so the courses will be for one farm only. NWTG will run a series of Safe application of pesticide courses in May/June when hopefully restrictions are less. Possible training is listed below but we can run a course on anything you like, please contact me if you have any queries.

COURSES

Telehandler Refresher and New user courses

ATV training

Cattle Handling course

Why is it important to get it right: Health and Safety, welfare, productivity.
Stockmanship: Flight zone/point of balance, working the flight zone, cattle senses, moving cattle, livestock driving aids, getting cattle into the parlour.
Handling facility design: flooring, lighting, gates and walls, collecting pens, races, crush
Case studies

Infectious Disease Control on Dairy Units:

- Preventing entry - status reports, testing and quarantine
- Reducing spread within the herd - focus on practical aspects of the key control points
 - Vaccination - getting it right
 - Eradication and health schemes - what is required
 - Key control points for Johnes, BVD and Neospora

Priority Farmland Birds Walks led by Nick Adams

- 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.

FIRST AID COURSES

First Aid at work course

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

Emergency First Aid at Work

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.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION COURSES

- **021694 PA1**

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

- **021650 PA2(114)**

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

- **021652 PA4s**

This is needed by anyone wishing to apply granules.

- **021650 PA2**

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

- **021654 PA6**

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

CHAINSAW TRAINING (Lantra and NPTC)

occasional user chainsaw. This is generally 2 days of 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.

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 of training depending 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).

**- NPTC Pest Control of Rats and Mice
Basic Tractor training (for aged 13-16)
Welding (Mig and Arc),
Abrasive wheels
Manual Handling
Vet med course**

ORGANISING / BOOKING A PLACE ON A COURSE

Please contact NWTG, by email or telephone, for any training courses which you would like arranged.