

# NORTH WILTS TRAINING GROUP NEWSLETTER



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Happy New Year to all NWTG members

I hope all the members had a restful and very enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you for supporting your training organisation, run by farmers for farmers, to provide training at cost.

## AGM

The speaker will be Patrick Holden

The next AGM will take place:

15th February 2022, 11.30 am

The Skittle Alley, White Horse Pub, Compton Bassett, SN11 8RG

You are all very welcome to our AGM. Come and discuss with the committee your training requirements or queries. We look forward to seeing you there.

The speaker will be Parick Holden, CBE from the Sustainable Food Trust. He is a UK organic dairy farmer, campaigner for sustainable food and farming, and founder of The Sustainable Food Trust. Patrick will be staying for lunch with the NWTG

members at The White Horse Pub, Compton Bassett.

## B+E

Whilst there have been changes to the law regarding B+E training, as employers it is necessary to show that you have provided any necessary training for towing. The government website recommends that "It's best to take training from a driving instructor if you want to start driving a car and trailer. The 'National standard for driving cars and light vans' tells you about the skills, knowledge and understanding you need to tow a trailer or caravan. You can also read about why learning to tow is important, safety checks you should do when you're towing a trailer or caravan with a car.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-rules-for-towing-a-trailer-or-caravan-with-a-car-from-autumn-2021#what-will-change-from-15-november-2021>

## Central Region Farming Trust website design/building training.

NWTG received funds from the CRFT for website design training just before the first lockdown, this training did not go ahead but the funds are still available. Please could you let me know if you would like training and this can be rearranged.

## NFU

As part of the Farm Safety Partnership, the NFU is providing funds for the next Cattle Handling course and the Pre-harvest Health and Safety Course. Both courses are very worthwhile and are aimed at those working on the ground.

Please think ahead to the training needed for the winter/spring and any less busy times over the next few months. NWTG will always try to organise or find the cheapest option for any training. Please let me know your course requirements.

## COURSES (dates and venue dependent on bookings)

### Abrasive Wheels and Cutting Discs, Safe Use and Mounting

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 9 am-12 pm  
Venue: Crowood Farm Cost: £30 pp  
UKRural skills

### Basic Farm Welding Course

3<sup>rd</sup> 12 pm-4 pm, and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 9 am-4 pm  
Venue: Crowood Farm Cost: approx £110 pp

### Cattle Handling Course (NFU, George farm Vets, and NWTG)

11th February 2022 10.30-12.30 ish.  
Venue: Upper Farm Dairy

Safe and effective handling of cattle has important implications for their health, welfare and productivity and also for the safety of the people working with them. This course looks at natural cattle behaviour and how understanding and using this helps us improve the management, movement and handling of the animals on our farms. Using real-life case studies, this course will also look at the design of stock handling systems, races and crushes and how we can save time and stress moving cows through them.

### Pesticide Application Courses

- **021652 PA4g** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

This is needed by anyone wishing to apply granules.

- **021650 PA2** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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

- **021654 PA6 and PA6w** 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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

**Assessments for the pesticide courses are held on a separate day**

## Chainsaw course

### **Lantra Certification for crosscutting and maintenance and small tree basic felling to 200mm**

Monday 28th February, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Wednesday 2nd March 2022.

Maximum 4 on course.

Day 1, In workshop. Day 2, Morning in workshop, afternoon on-site. Day, 3 on-site felling

Requirements: trainees to bring Saw / Maintenance tools, PPE etc.

9 am – 4 pm each day. £250/candidate

Calne or Marlborough area.

## Telehandler New user course

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Cost £185

Venue: Upper Farm, Cherhill

## ATV/UTV training

9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Cost £60

Venue: Upper Farm, Cherhill (one machine needed per two people)

## First Aid for Mental Health

This is a one day course and suitable for those who want to gain a greater awareness of mental health. Cost: approx. £100pp

Content: 1. What is first aid for mental health, 2. Identifying mental health conditions, 3. Providing advice and starting a conversation, 4. Stress, 5. Drugs and alcohol, 6. First aid action plan for mental health, 7. Mental health in the workplace, 8. Depression, 9. Anxiety

## City and Guilds 3268 Award in Welding

This course is an evening course taking place at Lackham College

City & Guilds welding courses are designed for a range of abilities:

Beginners who need basic welding training, experienced welders who want to develop specialist skills

This welding Award is offered at multiple levels covering Manual Metal Arc (MMA), Metal Inert/Active Gas (MIG/MAG), Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) and Oxygen & Acetylene (O/A) processes.

Most useful for NWTG members will be Level 1 welding course but other levels are available

Candidates are able to start at any time between October – June, and candidates learn at their own pace, so there is no set number of sessions. Cost for Level 1 - £550.

## 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
- New User and refresher telehandler course employers need to provide adequate training, new user courses and refresher courses usually done every three-five years, or for a change of machine, or change of use
  - Basic Tractor training (for aged 13-16)
  - Welding (Mig and Arc), Abrasive wheels
    - ATV training
    - Livestock courses
    - Manual Handling
    - Chain saw training
- Infectious Disease Control on Dairy Units

-Cattle Handling  
Practical Tractor Driving course for Proficiency Test (16year olds)  
Experienced User Telehandler course

### Priority Farmland Birds Walks led by Nick Adams

Looking at the effectiveness of planting wild-bird cover crops and the variety of birds it attracts.

- 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. 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.