

CLM – Winter Update



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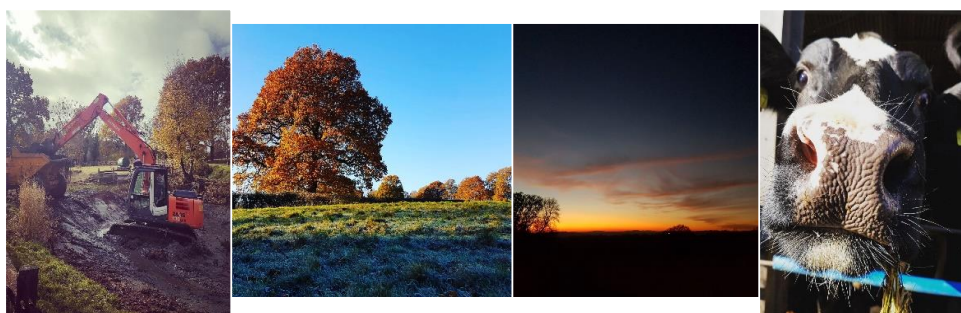


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Are you up to date? - New BPS Greening rules 2018

- The main changes include
- Complete ban on use of Plant protection products on the following types of land, if declared as an EFA.
 - Fallow Land
 - Catch and Cover crops
 - Nitrogen-fixing crops – Beans are no longer the answer!
- EFA hedges will now include trees in a line
- EFA buffer strips – now include field margins, as well as buffer strips
- Catch crops must be maintained for a minimum of 8 weeks until at least 14th October 2018.
- [For a full update](#)

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Gove – Streamlined Agri Environment support for farmers

At the CLA conference Michael Gove spoke about new support that he hopes to introduce in 2019, a brief summary;

- Brexit is a “once in a life time” opportunity to refocus support for farmers
- Defra will make practical and pragmatic changes to existing support, allowing farmers to be free to do what they do best
- Protect and enhance our landscapes and countryside
- Support will be simplified, four offers - arable, upland, mixed and grass.
- Less paperwork with a simpler application process, providing a scheme that’s easier to manage and deliver
- He also admitted, ‘And I know that one of the major reasons why there has been such a relatively low take-up of appropriate environmental land management schemes so far has been the dreadful way in which we in Government have actually administered them. Natural England does many many good things but I have to say that Natural England and Defra scarcely deserve medals for the operation and administration of the Countryside Stewardship scheme.’ (Gove, 2017)

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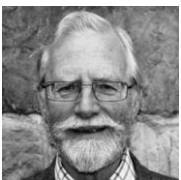
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LEADER funding...Maximum grant doubled from £50k to £100k

Are you looking to invest in an innovative piece of machinery/equipment, put up a new building for a diversification etc etc? If you can contribute to at least one of LEADER's six national priority areas then your project could be eligible for funding;

- Support for Increased Farm Productivity
- Support for Micro and Small Enterprises and Farm Diversification
- Support for Rural Tourism
- Support for provision of Rural Services
- Support for Increasing Forestry Productivity
- Support for Cultural and Heritage Activity

Available funding depends on the type, size and cost of the project. But a minimum of £10,000 and a maximum of £100,000 is available. Maximum of 40%, of the project's eligible costs. [More information - click here.](#)

Changes to permitted development – light industrial to dwelling

From the 1st October 2017 changing the use of a light industrial building (B1(c)) to residential use (C3) benefits from a new permitted development right, subject to a prior approval process and certain limitations and conditions. If you have a building that you think may qualify under this new development right please contact the office. AONB's are not an obstacle!

New farming rules for water...

From April 2018, 8 new rules will come in to play for farmers regarding water. The rules have been brought in to share good practice in the management of fertilisers and manures, prevention to diffuse pollution from runoff or soil erosion and there will also be a requirement to test soils every 5 years. The sub headings of the new 8 rules are;

1. Planning use of manures and fertilisers
2. Storing organic manures
3. Applying manures or fertilisers
4. Where not to apply organic manures
5. Where not to apply fertiliser
6. Reasonable precautions to prevent soil erosion
7. Protecting against soil erosion by livestock
8. Position of livestock feeders

A helpful overview of the new rules can be viewed [here.](#)