



PEAK FARMERS GROUP

MONTHLY BULLETIN: MARCH 24



Welcome

The aim of this new monthly bulletin is to bring members up to date with information, this will replace the quarterly newsletters. Bulletins will include: upcoming meeting dates; recaps of information from previous meetings; important industry announcements & lots more.

We welcome any feedback & would love to hear your ideas if there is anything else you wish for us to include.

UPCOMING MEETING

Thursday 21st March at The Anchor Inn, Tideswell, SK17 8RB at 7pm

An Evening with LLM Vets on Bluetongue and the SFI Animal Health and Welfare Review

Come along to hear the latest updates on Bluetongue and the problems we face as an industry with this disease. We will also be having an update on the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway (AHWP), how to apply and what it can be used for.

Food will be served first. Booking is essential, please contact Alice on 07904691457 or email info@peakfarmersgroup.co.uk to book your places.



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Come along on the 21st March 2024 at 7pm to the Anchor Inn Tideswell to find out more information about blue tongue and a refresh on the Animal Health and Welfare Review.

Please get in touch with Alice on 07904691457 or drop her an email on info@peakfarmersgroup.co.uk

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There will be no meeting in April.
May's meeting will be announced shortly!

KEY DATES REMINDER!

Open Now: SFI Application Window is now open to all eligible farmers.

Closing 21st March: Improving Farm Productivity grant (round 2). Grants available between £25,000 and £500,000 for robotic or automatic equipment and between £15,000 and £100,000 for solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Check out DEFRA website for eligible equipment.

FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES FUNDING

THE Farming in Protected Landscapes programme (FIPL) is part of Defra's Agricultural Transition Plan. It was launched in June 2021 and is available until March 2025.

The programme offers funding to farmers and land managers in AONBs, National Parks and the Broads.

It can fund projects that:

- Support nature recovery
- Mitigate the impacts of climate change
- Provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage
- Improve the quality and character of the landscape.



In the Peak District approximately £1.65 million has been spent on 205 projects in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years. Close to 400 farmers have engaged with the project either directly through being an agreement holder or indirectly through participation in a collaborative agreement or farmer group. The programme has recently been extended to March 2025 with an increased delivery budget of £1.6million for the 2023/24 financial year and £2.4million available in the financial year 2024/25.

The Team look forward to engaging with an even wider group of farmers and land managers and are interested to hear from anyone with relevant ideas and project proposals. For further information go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-for-farmers-in-protected-landscapes> or contact the Peak District National Park to discuss your ideas please contact us on 01629 816244 or at farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk

LOOKING FOR A PODCAST TO LISTEN TO?



AHDB food & farming podcasts cover a range of sectors and topics. One of the most recent podcasts *Dairy: Managing an early turnout in a wet spring*.

Dairy



Managing an early turnout in a wet spring

Strong winter grass growth followed by a wet start to the year has made it tricky to get dairy herds out for grazing.

AHDB Senior Knowledge Exchange Manager Jamie McCoy explores ways to make the most of the conditions by heading to a farm in Wales as well as catching up with pasture-to-profit consultant Piers Badwell.

Take a look at AHDB Food & Farming Podcast <https://ahdb.org.uk/food-farming-podcast>

UPCOMING AHDB EVENT: CURIOUS ABOUT CLOVER?

Cheshire: Curious about clover?

Tuesday, 09 April 2024
10:00am - 4:30pm
Reaseheath, Nantwich, Cheshire East
CW5 6DF
[Book Now](#)

Full day event covering everything about clover and how to unlock it on your farm.

Find out more information and book at <https://ahdb.org.uk/events/cheshire-curious-about-clover>

Steve West may look at putting a bus on if there is enough interest contact him at Stephen.West@ahdb.org.uk



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