


AGRICULTURAL UPDATE




JANUARY 2023

CAAV EXAM SUCCESS



We are delighted to announce that Lucy Kernon has passed both parts of CAAV exam at the first time of asking. Nicola Windell passed the practical side and intends to retake the theory this year, although sadly at a different firm – see article below. The exams are a two day test of practical knowledge of valuation and advice followed by exam papers and concluding with an oral examination.

NICOLA WINDELL DEPARTURE



We are sad to say goodbye to Nikki, who departs the firm to take up a role at a local estate. Nikki joined the Agricultural team as a trainee in 2019 and was a popular member, undertaking mapping, sale preparation and GPS work as well as a familiar face at machinery sales. We wish Nikki all the best in her new role.

We are seeking to immediately replace this position – see job description below. It is an interesting role and one which has been a route to success for others, not least Stuart Milsom and Amy McDonald. If you are interested, please contact Sue Mothershaw for an informal discussion.


FINAL CALL - £13 MILLION SLURRY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT SCHEME

The first deadline for the online eligibility checks via DEFRA's website must be carried out by 31st January 2023 in order to access the £13 million worth of funding available for slurry infrastructure improvements.

If you are considering improvements to your slurry infrastructure and you have not already completed the online checker you need to act fast.

Subject to passing the eligibility checks, and gaining support from the RPA, you will then be invited to make a full application when greater detail will be needed for your project.

If the Scheme is over subscribed, the RPA will need to then assess the applications based on environmental benefit, awarding the money to those that provide the greatest benefit.

A blue tractor is parked in a field under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The tractor is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. The background shows a flat, open landscape.

Individual grants will range between £25,000 and £250,000.

Generally, the grants can go towards the costs of slurry stores, covers, pumps, agitators and safety equipment. Funding can also be used to build, expand or replace existing slurry storage for up to 6 months storage capacity.

Do get in touch with one of the team without delay, and in any event before 31st January, if you wish to assess your opportunities for funding under this Government initiative.

CHARITY OF THE YEAR 2023



We are pleased to announce our Charity of the Year for 2023 is Teens in Crisis (TIC+). TIC+ is a charity that began its work in 1993, serving children and young people in Gloucestershire.

They offer free counselling – face-to-face, online and remote (video and phone) for children and young people aged 9-21 in Gloucestershire. They also offer school counselling, an anonymous helpline for children and young people, and support to parents and carers. Last year, they provided free mental health support and counselling to:

3,981 young people, parents and families in Gloucestershire
18,709 counselling and support sessions were delivered
22,345 text messages were sent to young people and parents offering support, resources, signposting and reminders

We will be undertaking various fundraising activities throughout the year, including our very popular cake sales at machinery sales. We would be grateful for any help in providing goodies for our sales. If you would like to bake a cake for one of our sales, please do let us know on 01285 648103.

COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP PAYMENT RATES

At the Oxford Conference on 5th January, Defra announced a review and update of the Countryside Stewardship payment rates for revenue and capital items.

These take effect from 1st January 2023.

All Countryside Stewardship Agreements starting on or before 1st January 2023 can automatically expect to receive the new revenue and capital item payment rates. Countryside Stewardship applications submitted in 2023 for commencement on 1st January 2024 will be calculated based on the new revenue rates. There has been no reduction to revenue rates.

Examples of revenue rates which have increased are:

Option	Previous Payment Rate	New Payment Rate
AB1 – Nectar Flower Mix	£579/ha	£614/ha
AB8 – Flower Rich Margins and Plots	£628/ha	£673/ha
AB9 -Winter Bird Food	£640/ha	£732/ha
GS2 – Permanent Grassland with Very Low Inputs (outside SDAs)	£132/ha	£151/ha
GS4 – Legume and Herb-Rich Swards	£358/ha	£382/ha
SW1 – 4m to 6m Buffer Strip on Cultivated Land	£419/ha	£451/ha

The changes to the payment rates for capital items is available for Capital Item Agreements applied for on or after 1st January 2023. On 18th January, the RPA have confirmed that all existing Mid or Higher Tier Agreements which commenced on 1st January 2023 will be eligible for the new capital items payment rates. Below are some examples of the capital items.

Option	Previous Payment Rate	New Payment Rate
BN7 – Hedgerow Gapping-Up	£9.50/m	£17.22/m
BN11 – Planting New Hedges	£11.60/m	£22.97/m
FG1 – Fencing	£4.00/m	£6.34/m
FG2 – Sheep Netting	£4.90/m	£7.47/m
RP15 – Concrete Yard Renewal	£27.14/m ²	£33.64/m ²

The application window for Countryside Stewardship will open shortly which have increased payment rates. If you would like to discuss your options for Countryside Stewardship or if you are interested in applying please get in touch with a member of the team.

2023 FARM MACHINERY AUCTIONS

Bradborough Farm, Southrop, Lechlade,
Gloucestershire

A COLLECTIVE AUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

to be held on

Wednesday, 29th March - Entries are Invited

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The Show Field, Brook Farm, Great Somerford,
Chippenham, Wiltshire

COLLECTIVE AUCTIONS OF AGRICULTURAL
MACHINERY &
EQUIPMENT


Wednesdays, 19th April & 21st June - Entries are
Invited

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OXFORDSHIRE
GENUINE DISPERSAL SALE OF AGRICULTURAL
MACHINERY &
EQUIPMENT

Wednesday, 7th June - Catalogue to follow in due
course

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Before Christmas, some of the MAI team assisted with the construction of a new seating area in the grounds of Cirencester Hospital. We hope that this will be a welcome addition for patients, staff and visitors. Earlier in the year, we donated and planted 175 trees to mark 175 years of the firm's establishment within the town.

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