

AGRICULTURAL UPDATE



OCTOBER 2023

SLURRY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Round 2 of the Slurry Infrastructure Grant has recently been relaunched, which will be of interest to all those whose farming system requires slurry storage. Grants between £25,000 and £250,000 are available per business for each round of the application process. These sums are paid in arrears, following completion of the works. Eligible items include above ground steel slurry stores, precast circular concrete slurry stores and earth bank lagoons. Slurry bags in excess of 2,500m³ are also included.

The grant process requires you firstly to complete the Government's Slurry Wizard Tool to calculate the storage requirements. The application will be submitted at this stage to see whether it is shortlisted. If it is, further detail is then required on the location of the slurry store. Submissions are required by 30th September 2024. If the Environment Agency then confirms everything is suitable, full applications need to be submitted by 27th June 2025.

Whilst these timeframes appear to give plenty of time to defer thinking about this, the recent wet weather should focus minds on meeting suitable storage requirements over the winter. If you require further information or support, please contact a member of the Agricultural Team.

SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE - END OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

The Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) is now open for applications without the need to submit an 'Expression of Interest' form to access the system. The RPA has completed the staged application roll out process which allowed them to test the RPA system.

Providing you and your land are eligible, anyone can apply for a SFI Agreement in 2023, including those with 2022 agreements. The RPA has confirmed there is no upper limit on the number of agreements they will issue this year.

To provide a boost for those who apply early, farmers who have a live 2023 agreement before the end of the year will receive their first quarterly payment – worth 25% of the annual value of their agreement – by the end of this year. Usually, the SFI payments are made quarterly in arrears.

We are actively involved in a large number of applications, so please do get in touch if you wish to discuss the SFI further, or if you would like assistance with an application.

SECTION 31(6) OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980



A deposition under Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 can help prevent new Public Rights of Way being established or old ones being reinstated. A landowner statement followed by a landowner declaration must be sent to the relevant County Council. The purpose of this is to record the existing Public Rights of Way, and to declare that there is no intention for any new paths being created. Once submitted, the deposition will last for up to 20 years.

For advice and assistance with Section 31(6) declarations please contact a member of our Agriculture Team.



FORTHCOMING SPORTING SALE

Entries are invited for our forthcoming sales at the Cirencester Salerooms, including our sporting requisites section in our 8th and 9th November sale. If you have any suitable items you wish to sell, please call the Saleroom on 01285 646050 to discuss your entries, or use our online valuation form which is on the auction room pages of our website. Closing date for entries is Friday 27th October.

CHARITY CHALLENGE 2023 - COMPLETE



On Saturday, 14th October the Team undertook the final section of the Thames Path Walk from Cricklade to The Source.

Over the last six months they have been making their way along the route over the course of ten days starting out from The Thames Barrier, taking in some amazing scenery along the way when passing through a number of iconic places, including Hampton Court, Windsor, Henley-on-Thames, Abingdon, Oxford and Lechlade.

They have seen a huge spectrum of weather from bright sunshine and extremely hot days to heavy rainfall and even, on the last two days, some floods!

Most importantly, however, they have raised a fantastic sum for our Charity of the Year, TIC+.

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A huge well done to all of our Team members that took part, especially Sue Graham who conquered the whole 185.2 miles, as well as a big thank you to all those who have supported us along the way.

Should you wish to support us in our fundraising, please visit our Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moore-allen-and-innocent1>

HOLLIE BYRNE

Hollie has recently departed the Agricultural Team, following three and a half years working with the Rural Sales Team. Highlights during that time included the sale of Chittlegrove Farm, Eastcourt Farm and Furzen Leaze Farm. Hollie departs to a new role as a Buying Agent working in the locality and so we look forward to working with her further, on the other side of the fence, in the years to come.



LAND FOR SALE

6.06 Acres (2.45 hectares) of Pastureland for sale by informal tender with a closing date of Friday 27th of October by 12 noon.

Guide price £125,000

For further information please call the Rural Sales Team on
01285 648115.



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are currently looking for job vacancies for the following positions:

- Qualified Rural Surveyor, Sales & Valuation Team - Due to the development of the Rural Property Sales and Valuation Team we are seeking a qualified RICS Surveyor with several years demonstrable sales and valuation experience within the rural sector.
- Qualified RICS and CAAV Rural Surveyor - Due to expansion within the Agricultural Department we are also seeking a qualified RICS and CAAV Rural Surveyor. The successful candidate will have several years demonstrable experience within the sector, being able to work independently within the rural team, advising on a range of professional matters.

For an informal and confidential discussion about either role please contact Amy McDonald or Stuart Milsom on 01285 648107 or please send a C.V. and covering letter to sue.farrier@mooreallen.co.uk.

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