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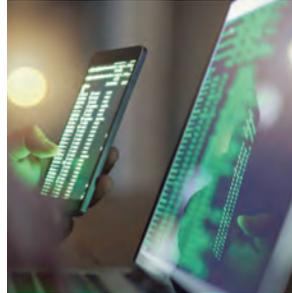
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## “Agriculture (Wales) Bill is halfway there”

by Glyn Roberts, FUW President

SEPTEMBER 26 marked a day in history as the first ever Agriculture Bill for Wales along with its supporting documentation was laid in front of the Senedd by Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, Lesley Griffiths, ahead of a debate in the Senedd scheduled to start in approximately three hours from the time of writing this column.

This Bill gives us the opportunity to develop farming policies which could truly benefit those living and working in Wales. It will set out the overarching legislation and drive the biggest change for Welsh agriculture since the UK joined the European Union.

Since the Brexit referendum, we have stood our ground and argued for the principles of Sustainable Land Management to be broadened to include the economic sustainability of our family farms, the sustainable production of safe traceable food, Welsh culture and our language which take full account of the Well-being of Future Generations Act goals and other Welsh objectives.

We are therefore pleased to see that the Bill sets out four Sustainable Land Management objectives which include the production of sustainable food and the sustainability of the Welsh language, each of which will be required to contribute to the well-being goals.

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the progress made since the objectives came into force, and consider such objectives when introducing new support mechanisms or regulations.

However, at a glance, we believe the overarching piece of legislation is only half way there in providing a stable footing for the future of agriculture in Wales as many of the concerns we raised in our response to the Welsh Government's Agriculture White Paper in March last year still firmly stand.

While the list of purposes for which support can be provided is not exhaustive and can be amended, removed and added to, it is concerning that neither the economic well-being of farming businesses nor the Welsh language are explicitly included.

We must ensure proper remuneration and living conditions for farmers and workers in agriculture and an adequate return on capital investment in the industry are included as defined objectives of the Bill. Without such underlying principles, the other objectives of the Bill will be undermined or completely negated.

There are also provisions to enhance public access to the countryside, a lack of regard for new and young entrants, and the omission of rules relating to National Minimum Standards and Civil Sanctions which are believed to be implemented at a later date.

The Bill will now progress through Stage one of the parliamentary process until early 2023 which will include scrutiny by the Senedd Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, followed by the Amendment Stage in Spring before being voted on in the Plenary later next year.

We must now evaluate the 500 pages of legislation, Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment so that we can find the devil in the detail and continue to work with Members of the Senedd and relevant committees to ensure the Bill delivers for a thriving sustainable farming sector here in Wales.

*Mae'r golofn yma ar gael yn Gymraeg ar wefan UAC - Newyddion - Newyddion Y Tir: "Mae Bil Amaethyddiaeth (Cymru) hanner ffordd yna," neu o'ch swyddfa sirol leol.*



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## FUW UPDATE

# Interesting times

by Guto Bebb, FUW Group Managing Director

SEPTEMBER saw the last show of the season at Usk. However, this event was overshadowed to a large extent by the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Nevertheless, it was a busy and fitting end to the FUW summer show effort which started in early May at Sioe Nefyn. The large turnouts at all of the shows this summer have been a testament to the fact that the rural community really did miss these events during the Covid pandemic.

September has also been a really interesting month from both an economic and agricultural perspective with the Governments at Westminster and Cardiff making significant announcements which will have long-term implications for farming businesses here in Wales.

The mini-budget at Westminster turned out to be anything but mini in its scope and ambition. Tax cuts to the tune of £45bn were announced by the new Chancellor and I cannot deny that some of the changes were very welcome to the FUW and our members. The reversal of the National Insurance (NI) increase for both employer and employees was a correction of a rather unfair tax change imposed last April. Increasing the cost of employing staff is not a clever idea and if you are serious about providing more money for the NHS then income tax, which impacts the income of all taxpayers, is a more equitable way of finding money than NI which mainly targets those in work. However, the fact that the politicians who announced this reversal had also voted for the increase only last September does not do much for the credibility of Government.

Similarly, the decision to increase Corporation Tax (CT) from 19% to 25% was significant and as such, the reversal of this decision will be welcomed by many a small business. From a selfish perspective as Managing Director of the FUW Group both the NI and CT changes are beneficial to the business and might help us deal with our increased energy costs this winter. On the issue of energy, the Government has acted in a fairly rational manner in announcing support for both households and businesses even if the decision appeared to contradict the promises made by the Prime Minister when she was campaigning for the leadership of the Conservative Party during the summer.

In many ways, that is the issue with this 'mini-budget'. Taken individually the

changes to NI, CT and support for businesses and households with their energy costs makes sense. What worried the markets is the incoherence of these changes with tax changes announced, and then cancelled, making the Government appear unconcerned at massive increases in debt. As a result, the markets have been spooked and we will pay the penalty with significant increases in interest rates just as the Bank of England warns that we are in a recession - not a great start for the new team in Downing Street.

In the Senedd we finally saw the Agriculture Bill see the light of day. This is, as our President stated, the largest change to our agricultural support structures since we joined the Common Market back in 1973. The Bill will need significant scrutiny by Senedd Members and interested parties such as the FUW.

There are many issues within the proposed Bill that worry us and some omissions that need to be rectified. However, if the Welsh Government are genuine in their view that the Sustainable Farming Scheme concepts announced prior to the Royal Welsh Show are the basis for a co-design process then there is an opportunity for us to get this Bill to a better place through joint working and co-operation.

The Westminster mini-budget showed that ignoring expert opinion is often a mistake as the market reaction to the announcements showed. Let's hope that the Welsh Government were watching those events and re-double their efforts to listen to expert views from the farming community with regards to the best way forward for Welsh farming.



## Support for businesses during energy crisis better late than never

THE FUW has welcomed the UK Government's announcement on Wednesday 21 September which outlined plans to help cut energy bills for businesses, but says it might be too little too late for some.

Business Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg announced the Energy Bill Relief Scheme which aims to provide help for businesses and other non-domestic customers over the coming winter by setting wholesale prices expected to be £211 per MWh for electricity and £75 per MWh for gas.

Responding to the announcement, FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "Until now, there has been much focus on domestic energy prices and the need for government intervention to help families, and rightly so given the expected price rises this month, but energy prices for businesses have attracted far less attention.

"In January 2022, we warned that the situation for businesses was already dire, with a letter to the then Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Kwasi Kwarteng, highlighting that dairy farmers in Wales were already facing increases in energy costs of up to £1,000 a month, on top of huge pressures due to increased costs for inputs such as fertiliser. At that time, we called on Mr Kwarteng to implement policies which would negate the severe impacts of rising energy prices for Welsh and UK businesses.

"This announcement of support for businesses and other non-domestic consumers is

"We urge the UK Government to extend the price caps for businesses beyond March 2023."

therefore welcomed and is better late than never, but the FUW is concerned that it may have come too late for some businesses."

CF Fertilisers UK, a branch of CF Industries which produces 60% of Britain's carbon dioxide supplies, recently announced it would temporarily halt ammonia production at its Billingham Complex due to the massive hike in production costs, having already announced the closure of its Ince site in June and having received emergency government interventions in 2021.

"In July, the FUW launched its Five Point Plan for UK Governments aimed at relieving pressures for farmers, food producers and consumers in the immediate term, while bolstering our food and energy security in ways which reduce the dangers of future exposure to global emergencies.

"The plan highlighted the fact that countries across the EU have announced support packages worth hundreds of billions for businesses suffering as a result of massive price rises, and that, by comparison, the support provided in the UK had been negligible.

"It will take years for businesses to fully recover from the ongoing energy crisis and current inflation rates, and now that this support package has been announced, we urge the UK Government to extend the price caps for businesses beyond March 2023 when it reviews the scheme in three months' time," he added.

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# Cefnogi bwriadau ac amcanion y Bil Bwyd drafft

MAE UAC wedi ymateb i Fil Bwyd (Cymru) drafft Peter Fox, gan gefnogi bwriadau ac amcanion y Bil mewn egwyddor.

Bu Aelod o'r Senedd Mynwy, Peter Fox AS, yn llwyddiannus mewn pleidlais dros yr hawl i Aelod Senedd anillywodraethol gyflwyno cynnig am gyfraith newydd, ac mae ganddo tan 17 Rhagfyr 2022 i gwblhau a chyflwyno ei Fil Bwyd arfaethedig.

Dywedodd Uwch Swyddog Polisi a Chyfathrebu UAC Gareth Parry, (*gweler ar y dde*): "Yn ein hymateb, tynnwyd sylw at sut mae pandemig Covid-19 a rhyfel parhaus Rwsia ar y Wcráin wedi dangos pa mor fregus y gall cadwyni cyflenwi bwyd a nwyddau amaethyddol fod i ddigwyddiadau byd-eang, sy'n ein hatgoffa'n llwyr am beryglon dibynnu ar fewnforion bwyd a deunyddiau crai.

"Er bod y dystiolaeth o effeithiau cyfunol digwyddiadau diweddar yn dangos bod cyfradd chwyddiant y DU ar gyfer prisiau bwyd a diodydd di-alcohol wedi cyrraedd 12.7 y cant ym mis Gorffennaf 2022, dywedodd adroddiad Canolfan Andersons ym mis Gorffennaf bod 'agflation' (chwyddiant yn gysylltiedig â chostau amaethyddol cynyddol) yn 23.5 y cant y flwyddyn."

Pwysleisiodd yr Undeb ymhellach, gyda chyfraddau chwyddiant cyfredol a phrisiau ynni cynyddol, bod pwysau cynyddol ar incwm gwario a'r pwrs cyhoeddus, a fydd yn anochel yn arwain at fwy o benderfyniadau ar sail prisiau wrth brynu.

"Yn hynny o beth, yn sicr mae gan Lywodraeth Cymru rôl i'w chwarae wrth feithrin gwell cysylltiadau â'r prif adwerthwyr wrth iddynt barhau i fod yn brif fannau gwerthu cynnyrch Cymreig er mwyn cynnal - cymaint â phosibl - y tueddiadau cadarnhaol y mae'r diwydiant cig coch yng Nghymru wedi'i brofi trwy gydol y pandemig," meddai Mr Parry.

Yn ganolog i hyn, yn ei hymateb, amlygodd UAC yr angen am labelu clir ar gynnyrch Cymreig sy'n cydnabod y safonau iechyd a lles anifeiliaid, yr amgylchedd a bwyd gyda'r gorau yn y byd y mae ein ffermwyr eisoes yn glynu atynt.

"Mae hyn yn hanfodol o gofio bod cyfran helaeth o gynnyrch Cymreig - gan gynnwys yr hyn sy'n cael ei gynhyrchu i safonau cynlluniau gwarant fferm fel y Cynllun Gwarant Fferm Cymreig (FAWL) a'r Tractor Coch - yn cael eu gwerthu gan fanwerthwyr mawr mewn rhannau eraill o'r DU o dan faner Prydain Fawr oherwydd diffyg gallu prosesu yng Nghymru, gan ei gwneud yn anodd iawn i wahanu cynhyrchion yn ôl eu gwlad wreiddiol," ychwanegodd Mr Parry.

Ynglŷn â chaffael cyhoeddus, roedd y ddogfen ymgynghori'n datgan y 'canfuwyd bod gan gyrff cyhoeddus agweddau gwahanol ac anghyson iawn tuag at bolisi bwyd o fewn eu cylch gorchwyl eu hunain.'

Tynnodd y ddogfen ymgynghori sylw hefyd at 'ddiffyg archwilio cyffredinol o bolisi sy'n ymwneud â'r system fwyd ehangach yng Nghymru ... gydag adrannau Llywodraeth Cymru yn cymryd agweddau gwahanol wrth ymdrin â pholisi bwyd; gan arwain at nodau polisi sy'n aml yn gallu gwrth-ddweud ei gilydd,' ac yn cydnabod pwysigrwydd 'dull cydgysylltiedig fel bod y ddau Fil [Bil Bwyd (Cymru) a Bil Amaethyddiaeth (Cymru)] yn cefnogi ei gilydd.'

Roedd y ddogfen ymgynghori hefyd yn cydnabod y gallai fod rhywfaint o drawsgroesiad i amcanion polisi'r Bil Bwyd megis yr ymrwymiad i 'ddatblygu Strategaeth Bwyd Cymunedol i Gymru' er mwyn annog cynhyrchu a chyflenwi bwyd o ffynonellau lleol yng Nghymru' o fewn Rhaglen Llywodraeth Cymru, ar gyfer Cytundeb Cydweithio gyda Phlaid Cymru.

"Fel y cyfryw, credwn yn sicr fod rôl o fewn Llywodraeth Cymru i sicrhau bod y Biliau hyn, y polisiau presennol a chynlluniau'r dyfodol yn ategu ei gilydd ac yn cyflawni amcanion o'r fath er budd cynhyrchwyr a defnyddwyr bwyd Cymru.

"Hoffem fynegi ein diolch i Peter Fox a'i gydweithwyr yn y Senedd am eu gwaith caled yn drafftio'r Bil hwn," ychwanegodd.

*This article is available in English on the FUW website - News: "FUW supports intentions and objectives of draft Food Bill," or from your local county office.*



# Back to school for Glamorgan members

Food Education is high on the agenda for the members of the Union's Glamorgan Executive Committee and along with meetings with YFC clubs across Glamorgan, Richard Walker felt it was time we went back to school

FARMERS from Glamorgan have visited Llanfair Primary School, Cowbridge to highlight the positive role farming plays and answer questions the children had about food production. FUW Glamorgan County Chair Richard Walker arrived in his Massey Ferguson Tractor to the sound of the children singing in their school assembly.

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Joined by Acting FUW Glamorgan County Vice Rachel Walker, FUW County Executive Officer



FUW Glamorgan County Chair Richard Walker in his Massey Ferguson tractor with one of the pupils from Llanfair Primary School, Cowbridge.

Sharon Pritchard and Deputy County Executive Officer Helen Thomas it was a morning of information sharing and education on all farming matters.

Richard commented: "To see how engaged the children were really made my morning. They had so many questions. We really had a great morning talking to the children about harvesting, shearing and food production."

Rachel added: "We are extremely driven in Glamorgan about food and agricultural education. It is very important to us as a committee to visit schools and YFC clubs to make sure we stay connected to the younger generation, they are after all the future generation of our industry."

Sharon explained: "It really was a fantastic morning for the children to see Richard in the tractor. Rachel also brought along a few fleeces for the children to see and feel what wool looks like before it's treated and then I followed up with a slide show of harvesting and food production."

"I felt like a movie star at the 3.30pm school pick up! The children were so excited to tell their parents about how Farmer Richard and Farmer Rachel had visited their school. You know the children have enjoyed their day when they can't wait to go home and tell their parents," said Rachel.

Richard added: "It is so important that we invest the time in helping to educate our children. Unfortunately we are losing families out of the farming industry due to many reasons such as succession and financial struggles. We need to do all we can to help encourage youngsters into the industry."

With such a successful visit the FUW Glamorgan Committee have more visits planned for this year. If you would like to organise a school visit please get in touch - sharon.pritchard@fuw.org.uk

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# FUW calendar - here are the 12 winning photos

WHAT a competition! With nearly 300 entries it was a hard task choosing the final 12 as the standard was very high.

FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, I was extremely impressed with the photos we received, the FUW 2023 calendar is certainly going to be a good one with all profits going to a very worthy cause."

"Top prize winner is Gerald Marsh with his breathtaking photo of sheep walking in the snow, he will receive his prize of £250 on the FUW stand at this year's Royal Welsh Winter Fair.

"The other winners are: Anwen Griffith; Bryn L Roberts; Chloe Hyde; Eifion James; Jake Jenkins; Kay Price; Meinir Tomos Parry; Netta Pritchard; Samuel Noon; Sue Cobourn and Tracey Evans - congratulations to each and every one of you who will all receive a copy of the bilingual calendar."

The calendars will be available to buy from your local county office (keep a lookout on our social media pages as to when they will be available). They will also be sold on the FUW stand at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair for £6.99 each and all profits will go to the President's charity, The DPJ Foundation.



Top prize winner, Gerald Marsh



Anwen Griffith



Bryn L Roberts



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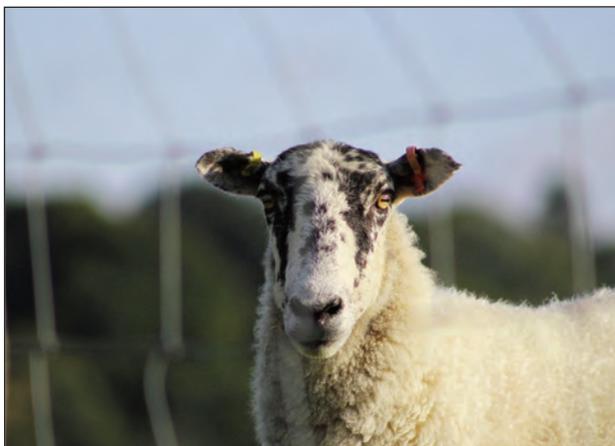
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Netta Pritchard



Samuel Noon



Sue Cobourn



Tracey Evans

# Political Matters

by Libby Davies, FUW Senedd and Parliamentary Affairs Officer

A LOT has changed since my last Political Matters. We have a new Prime Minister and with her, a new cohort of Ministers. Notably, Prime Minister Liz Truss has appointed former Trade Minister Ranil Jayawardena as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. We've also seen Mark Spencer, MP for Sherwood and former NFYFC Chairman appointed as DEFRA Minister, with Lord Benyon, Trudy Harrison and Scott Mann all taking Parliamentary Under-Secretary roles. I very much hope the new Ministers will consider the concerns of farmers in Wales and I look forward to working with them.



There has also been a slight readjustment in the Welsh Government. No Ministers have been changed although their responsibilities have. Lee Waters, Deputy Minister for Climate Change will be focussing on transport while Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Rural Affairs will take on additional responsibilities including the protection and management of wildlife and access to the countryside.

I was expecting this month's column to be focussed on the Water Resource Regulations as the Senedd debate to discuss the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee's recommendations was scheduled to take place in September. This has now been rearranged for October 12 and I will provide an update in next month's issue of Y Tir. Although, I want to assure members that this is still very much at the top of our agenda when meeting with Senedd Members.

This was certainly the case at the Pembrokeshire Show last month where we had a busy day of political engagement. We met with Sam Kurtz, MS for Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire and Paul Davies, MS for Preseli Pembrokeshire to discuss TB eradication, the Water Resource (Control of Agricultural Pollution) Regulations and the Sustainable Farming Scheme. We also met with Simon Hart, MP for Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire and Stephen Crabb, MP for Preseli Pembrokeshire to discuss the impact of this year's drought on agriculture, how the government could better support critical industries in the wake of the energy and steep input cost rises, and 'levelling up'. Once again, taking the opportunity to feed back our member's concerns whenever possible to elected representatives.

With Cefin Campbell, MS for Mid and West Wales, we discussed the importance of a flexible approach to tree planting, ensuring the right tree is in the right place, rather than the proposals of the SFS which would see 10% woodland creation or maintenance on each farm.

Furthermore, we met with regional Senedd Member and Minister for Health, Eluned Morgan to reiterate the importance of the ETRA committee's recommendations on the Water Resource Regulations and the need for legislation to be proportional and targeted in order to be efficient. As well as the importance of sustainable food and a balanced diet for our health, and the opportunities within local procurement to provide such.

Myself, FUW President Glyn Roberts and Deputy President Ian Rickman have also been in the Senedd again this month as Members returned from recess. We met with Alun Davies, MS for Blaenau Gwent and James Evans, MS for Brecon and Radnorshire. Once again we stressed the importance of eradicating water pollution but in a fair and targeted manner. We also reiterated the importance of including food security and economic and social stability of our family farms in the SFS and Agriculture Bill.

We also continue to meet with Members of Parliament, this month attending a farm visit with the MP for Brecon and Radnorshire, Fay Jones. We repeated concerns over the Trade Agreements with Australia and New Zealand, the lack of scrutiny and the Government's seeming disregard for the impacts of the FTA's on agriculture. We also discussed the best ways to support

new and young entrants into the industry and our member's worry over the potential closure of Welshpool's Air Ambulance base.

By the time you're reading this, we'll have seen the draft Agriculture (Wales) Bill but in the run up to the legislation being laid before the Senedd, we hosted a farm visit for the ETRA committee. Senedd Members Luke Fletcher and Vikki Howells who sit on the committee joined us on a farm to hear how farmers are already working hard to improve biodiversity and reach environmental targets, whilst successfully balancing such aims with sustainable food production. We highlighted the need for the SFS to be accessible for all farmers including tenants, commoners and young/new entrants and illustrated the importance of making economic and social sustainability of family farms in Wales a key priority in the Agriculture (Wales) Bill.

Over the coming weeks, I'll be attending farm visits, meetings and we'll be hosting a joint fringe event focussing on the Agriculture (Wales) Bill with NFU Cymru at the Plaid Cymru Conference on October 21 and 22 to ensure the voices of family farms in Wales are clearly heard by those elected to represent you.



From left, FUW President Glyn Roberts, FUW Senedd and Parliamentary Affairs Officer Libby Davies, Senedd Members Luke Fletcher and Vikki Howells, FUW Board Farmer Director Darren Williams and his wife Rachel.



Fay Jones MP with Union staff and Brecon and Radnor members.



Glyn Roberts and James Evans MS.



Alun Davies MS and Ian Rickman.

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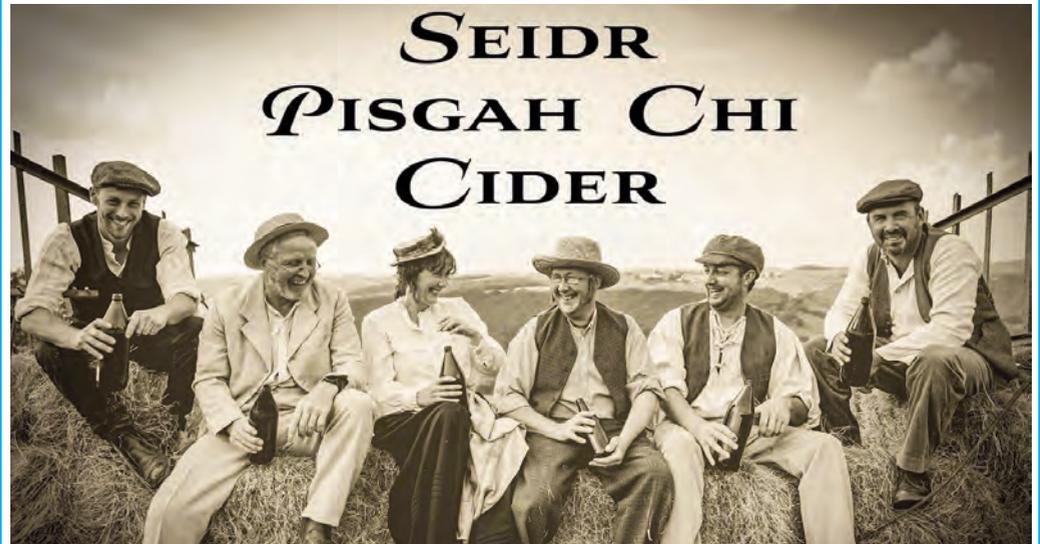
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"Dechreuwyd grŵp Agrisgôp, sef rhaglen datblygu rheolaeth ar gyfer teuluoedd ffermio, dan adain Menter a Busnes. Mae'n dod ag unigolion a theuluoedd at ei gilydd ar lefel leol er mwyn trafod a bwrw ymlaen â syniadau busnes.



"Bu'r criw wrthi'n cwrdd ac yn trafod, ac wedi ychydig o amser penderfynwyd mai mynd ati i greu seidr lleol oedd y freuddwyd. Diolch i Agrisgôp roedd modd cael cymorth a chydweithio gydag arbenigwyr megis Cymdeithas Perry a Seidr Cymru a Phroject Beacon Prifysgol Aberystwyth."

Felly, ar ôl penderfynu ar y fenter, mynd ati i gasglu'r afalau, y broses fragi a'r poteli, sut mae mynd ati i farchnata Seidr Pisgah Chi? "Casglwyd a phroseswyd afalau lleol gan gynhyrchu 1,200 o boteli o seidr erbyn 2020 ac fe aethpwyd ati i'w hyrwyddo ar y cyfryngau cymdeithasol," eglura Elen.

"Croeso i chi ymweld â ni ar Seidr Pisgah Chi ar Facebook! Erbyn hyn roedd y busnes wedi ei sefydlu gyda help *Business Wales* a'r holl drwyddedau priodol yn ei lle, a gwerthwyd y cyfan oll o fewn ddeuddydd!"

Ar ôl cychwyn llwyddiannus dros ben, beth sydd ar y gweill nesaf ar gyfer y fenter? "Erbyn heddiw mae'r criw, sy'n cynnwys John Hopkins, Dilwyn Williams, Rhodri a Sion Davies a Dylan Jenkins yn edrych ymlaen at y dyfodol, gan gynhyrchu fwy o seidr wedi iddynt brynu offer eu hunain," dywedodd Elen. "Mae'r profiad wedi bod yn un hwylyus a buddiol tu hwnt, ac mae'r criw am ddiolch o waelod calon am y gefnogaeth maen nhw wedi ei gael gan yr ardal gyfan.

"Mae'r cynaeafu wedi gorffen am eleni, yr afalau wedi ei gwasgu ac wrthi'n ffrwtian yn dawel yn eu casgenni tan ddechrau'r flwyddyn - yn ara bach mae mynd yn bell medde nhw! Pwy a wŷr le welwn ni boteli Seidr Pisgah Chi yn y dyfodol."

Ie wir, pwy a wŷr lle fydd poteli Seidr Pisgah Chi'n ymddangos nesaf, yn enwedig o weld y penderfyniad a'r angerdd sydd gan y criw i sicrhau bod nhw'n llwyddo, a hynny wrth fwynhau cwmni'i gilydd fel criw o ffrindiau, a hynny sydd wrth galon y fenter, yr elfen gymdeithasol sydd mor bwysig. Iechyd da!

*This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News "Cheers," or from your local county office.*



# Farmers in Wales proud of their high quality and nutritious products

THE FUW has responded to the Welsh Government's consultation on 'Healthy Food Environment - Exploring proposals to make the food environment in Wales healthier', stressing that farmers are proud of the high quality food they produce.

Responding to the consultation, the Union stressed that it is broadly supportive of the themes identified in the consultation to encourage healthier shopping baskets, healthier eating out of homes and healthier local food environments, therefore making 'the healthy choice the easy choice'.

FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "FUW members are proud of the high quality Welsh farm products they produce for Wales' local population and further afield. We want to see continued promotion of the high environmental and animal welfare standards we all have to and want to adhere to alongside the high nutritional value of our produce within a healthy, balanced and sustainably produced food environment."

The FUW was also broadly supportive of focusing efforts on high sugar products to tackle obesity.

"There are a number of concerns for FUW members within the proposals, particularly in regards to how high in fat, sugar or salt ('HFSS') products are determined and categorised, and their subsequent price promotion limitations.

"For example, yoghurts are listed in the 'Categories that are of most concern for childhood obesity' and Dairy Desserts are also a focus of the calorie and sugar reduction programme. However, calcium is vital for growing children, therefore categorising yoghurts as proposed could lead to unintended consequences.

"Dairy provides a wide range of nutrients including potassium and phosphates. Regarding heart and circulatory health, despite their saturated fat content, dairy foods like milk, cheese and yoghurt have a neutral or even positive effect. They could also help reduce risk of type 2 diabetes and blood pressure according to the British Heart Foundation. Therefore care should be taken in categorising dairy products within the HFSS category," added the Union President.

In its response the Union also addressed the fact that meat pastries and meat ready meals are also listed under the calorie reduction programme.

"Whilst the Eatwell Guide recommendations, which have been used as evidence for the proposals, recognises the role lean red meat plays in a balanced diet, it also recommends eating less red meat. We would argue that the suggested health benefits would surely depend on what red meat is replaced with. Let's not forget that red meat is packed with protein, essential vitamins and minerals," said Glyn Roberts.

Mr Roberts added that caution is needed as calories are not created equally, therefore the FUW does not believe that restrictions should apply to lean red meat or dairy products.

"Simplifying these foods down to simple calorie counts does not take into account their high nutritional value, long lasting energy provision and proteins which make people feel 'full' for longer, in comparison to the high sugar products they are classified with," he said.



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# The truth about rising cost of data breaches

WHILST many farm businesses are increasingly vigilant in amending their work policies to mitigate the risk of cyber-attacks, many still don't have adequate protective measures against cybercrime in place.

In the Cyber Security Breaches Survey 2019, published by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), findings suggest that larger farm businesses are still more likely to prioritise cybersecurity compared to smaller farm businesses and charities. Smaller businesses usually consider themselves to be less of a risk due to their scale, but there is little variation in the number of attacks between small and medium farm businesses, high-income charities and large farm businesses.

## The rising cost of breaches

Despite the number of targeted attacks with a financial impact decreasing slightly over the last year, the overall costs to those who are affected have risen dramatically. Since 2017 when the average direct cost to businesses was £1,380, this figure has now grown to £3,150 in 2019. This amount doesn't consider recovery costs and long-term costs which both add up to approximately £3,000 on average.

## Understanding your costs

The estimated costs of breaches in the past year varied widely across businesses, ranging between £300 and £100,000 across techniques including malware, ransomware, phishing emails and more. Concerns were raised during this survey that company management struggled to predict the full financial impact of a data breach and often failed to assess the bigger picture.

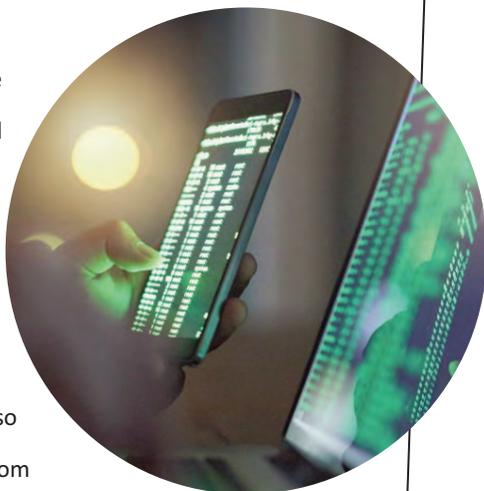
For example, whilst ransomware might cost your business £5,000 to restore all your systems, you would also need to account for any company downtime, loss of business incurred from reputational damage and the cost of implementing new systems and structures to ensure the same thing doesn't happen again.

## Protecting your finances

Although the number of large and medium businesses protecting their businesses with cyber insurance has risen in the past year, only 11% of all businesses and 6% of charities have specialised cover in place. What's more, just over a third of businesses have a board member or trustee with specific responsibility for cybersecurity.

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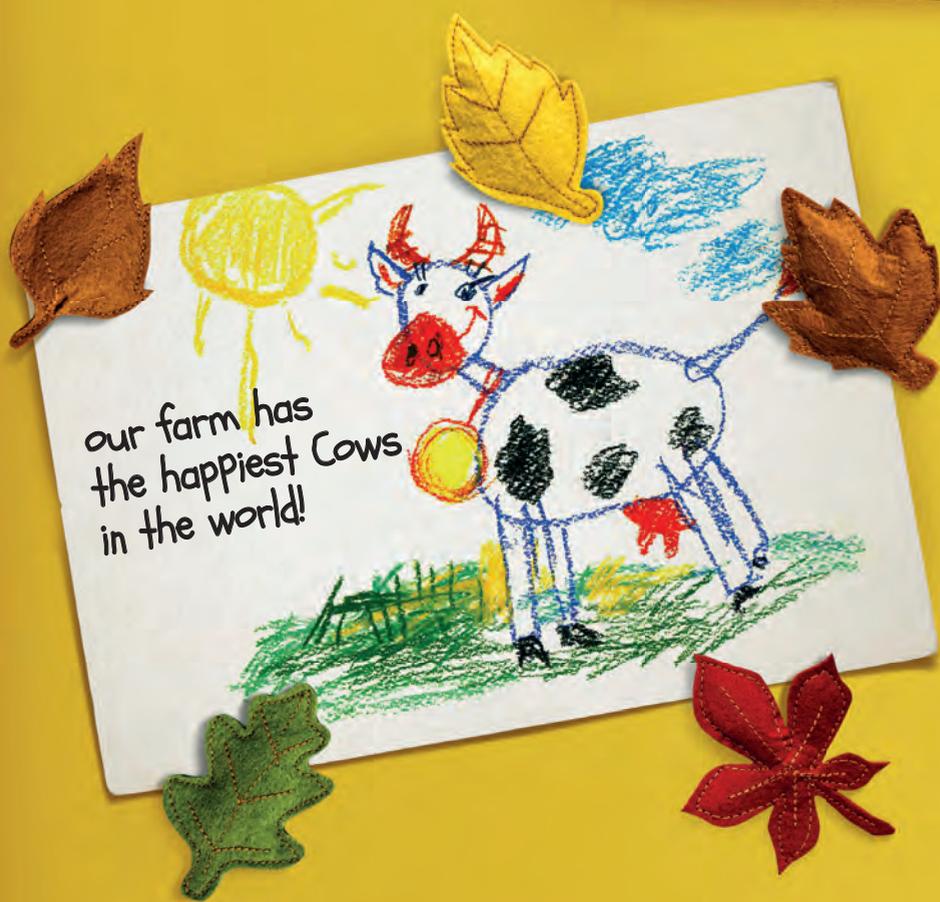
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PRIMARY school pupils from all over Wales are being invited to enter a Christmas card design themed around farming for the FUW's Christmas card competition.

The FUW is asking children aged from four to 11 to design a Christmas farming scene for its Christmas cards, which will be sold to raise money for the Union's charity The DPJ Foundation.

FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "The competition will be split into Welsh language and English language categories. Children can use any media in their entries, such as crayons, coloured pencils, felt tipped pens or paint which must be completed on an A4 sheet of paper and emailed to us in jpeg format.

"The only stipulation is that it must be a



Christmas card showing a farming scene. The competition has been a huge success in the past and we hope we can once again count on the support of our primary schools all over Wales." The winner of each category will receive a £30 gift voucher for themselves, a packet of the Christmas cards depicting their design, one day's free admittance to the 2022 Royal Welsh Winter Fair to receive their prizes and a £50 cheque for their school.

**The closing date for entries is Friday 28 October 2022.** The pupil's name, age, class number, school name and home address must be included on all entries, which should be e-mailed to [ytir@fuw.org.uk](mailto:ytir@fuw.org.uk)

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Rachel explained: "We have planted over 15 varieties of pumpkins and squashes over 10 hectares and opened to the public on October 1!

"We have two events this year; Daytime Pumpkin Bale Trail and Twilight Pumpkins which is the original after dark pumpkin picking event in South Wales. We are lighting up our pumpkin fields and offering the public the chance to choose their perfect pumpkin under the Autumn stars. We love to see the same



customers coming back every year to pick their pumpkins as a family tradition and it is always a great atmosphere.

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# New mental health service -

## Ffrind Fferm/Farm Friend for farmers, run by farmers

FOLLOWING several recent events including the well-attended Mental Health in the Farming World session held at the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol in Tregaron hosted by Meddwl.org, FUW representatives and President Glyn Roberts have come together with the award-winning farmers' charity Tir Dewi to create a new service designed to support vulnerable farmers out in the community.

Ffrind Fferm/Farm Friend will provide a simple and self-contained solution for farmers by farmers so that they can check in and check out their neighbour's current state of mind with one quick call, morning and night.

Unfortunately - and despite many campaigns to end it - the stigma of asking for help is still a huge barrier to farmers reaching out and services such as Tir Dewi and the DPJ Foundation see the tragic and distressing evidence of this all too often.

By establishing a Farm Friend phone network involving clusters of farms within a county area, the project aims to deliver a simple yet effective service whereby one farmer calls their neighbour to check in on them in the morning and then that neighbour calls their neighbour and so on.

The service will then be repeated in reverse in the evening with an opportunity to chat about the days' events and discuss concerns with peers rather than someone who may be perceived as not understanding the issues farmers are faced with.

The project was trialled last month in Gwynedd, and will now be rolled out to the other counties across Wales. It is anticipated that the pilot will involve men and women so that there will be a balanced



From left, FUW Head of Communications Carwen Davies, Regional Partners and Fundraising Manager for Tir Dewi Llinos Owen and FUW President Glyn Roberts.

view regarding the amount of times that a conversation was held as a result of the question 'how are you?' being asked, as well as the nature of the issues discussed.

FUW President Glyn Roberts echoed his comments made on the Meddwl.org panel, saying: "This project takes into account my concerns about having a farm-based solution which doesn't involve leaving the farm, taking valuable time out to attend appointments etc and means we will have someone who 'gets' what we're talking about and tackles these issues in a simple, cost-effective manner.

"We are very excited about

working in partnership with our recent External Award winners Tir Dewi to provide this much-needed service to farmers who are struggling on a daily basis but feel they have nowhere to turn."

Having spoken with several interested farmers at the recent Meirionydd Show, Regional Partners and Fundraising Manager for Tir Dewi Llinos Owen said: "Despite this exciting new initiative still being very much in its infancy, I have

already had several positive responses from farmers both male and female who would very much welcome this and who are keen to take part."

One farmer's wife who she spent time speaking with on the showground said: "I think it's a brilliant idea, this will help farmers to talk more about issues."

FUW and Tir Dewi hope to launch the project at the RWAS 2022 Winter Fair following the trial period and look forward to spreading the word about this new and innovative service which could very well save a life.



## Concerns highlighted to new UK PM

THE FUW has written to congratulate the newly appointed UK Prime Minister, Liz Truss, and set out the immediate and longer term concerns for Welsh agriculture and rural areas.

In his letter to the new Prime Minister, FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "On behalf of the FUW, I would like to congratulate you on your successful campaign and on having been appointed as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

"The UK as a whole is facing turbulent times and while the next few years will be challenging for the UK government to navigate, we believe that the future of our food and farming industry and those family farms which are at its heart must play a central role in tackling immediate and longer term challenges for the country."

Mr Roberts highlights in his letter that while many key agricultural policy decisions are devolved to Wales, the UK Government remains in control of a number of critical areas which continue to directly and indirectly affect Welsh agriculture and rural areas.

"The FUW is committed to working with you and the UK Government in terms of seeking to tackle the major challenges that lie ahead, and we look forward to meeting with you to discuss these issues in due course," he added.

"The FUW is committed to working with you and the UK Government."

## Woodland planting scale back cautiously welcomed

THE FUW has given a cautious welcome to a Welsh Government decision to scale back plans to plant prime agricultural land in the Tywi valley.

The Welsh Government announced in February this year that it intended to plant 94 hectares (232 acres) of farmland it had purchased at Brownhill, near Llangadog in Carmarthenshire - prompting outrage from the local community and across Wales.

FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman, who farms nearby, said: "The suspicion is that the Government thought branding the project as a 'covid memorial woodland' would diffuse objections to the loss of valuable farmland at a time when we have seen lots of land in the area purchased by outside buyers for tree planting.

"People saw through that, and anger about the plan was acute not only locally but across Wales. We therefore welcome the decision to scale back the plans by preserving around 50 acres of what we understand is the better farmland," said Mr Rickman.

However, he said that the loss of around 180 acres of farmland to afforestation still represented a major blow.

"Last year we saw something like a six-fold increase in applications to plant woodland in Wales compared with

previous years, with around 75% of applications made by individuals or bodies based outside Wales which had purchased Welsh farmland.

"A lot of those applications related to planting around east Carmarthenshire and southwest Powys, so to lose yet more land in the same area under a plan instigated by our own Government still represents a blow."

While Mr Rickman said he nevertheless welcomed the decision to scale back the plans, but also stressed that the Welsh Government and NRW must learn lessons from this and other experiences around Wales.

"At the other end of the country at Tynmynydd on Anglesey, the Welsh Government outbid local farmers by paying a staggering £14,000/acre for prime agricultural land to plant trees - land which should continue to be used for growing food, especially at a time of global food shortages.

"If we are to plant more trees we need to focus on keeping it in local ownership by helping our farmers do so in a way which works alongside food production and agriculture. The Welsh Government should not be encouraging, or themselves implementing, blanket afforestation policies," added Mr Rickman.

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# Gwent's fundraiser sings success

FROM a conversation in Raglan Market over a cup of tea, Gwent FUW member Howard Vicary came up with an idea of raising money for charity and getting people together by organising a fundraising event with money raised going to The DPJ Foundation, Gwent County and Ebbw Vale Male Voice Choir - so the plans were set in motion!

Joined by friends, members and neighbours, the Gwent County Fundraiser at The Vicary's family farm in Hafodydrynys was arranged.

FUW Gwent & Glamorgan County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard said: "It was amazing to see everyone supporting us and The DPJ Foundation. The Vicary family were absolutely amazing; they allowed us to use the venue and were busy selling tickets and contributing to the raffle prizes.

"Our member Les Murphy spent all of the evening cooking and did a fantastic job. I really do appreciate all the hard work Helen, Howard, Jenny and Les put in to make the evening a success."

The voices of Ebbw Vale Male Voice Choir sang through the evening while Jenny Farrington very kindly sold raffle tickets and Howard Vicary ran 'Guess



how many balloons in the Tractor' and also 'Guess the weight of the lamb' competitions.

Sharon Pritchard added: "It's important to raise awareness of the struggles many face with their mental health. Coming together at events such as these is a great opportunity to chat and share concerns and worries. For both our counties, Gwent and Glamorgan, recognising and dealing with mental health problems is one of our top priorities.

"A fantastic £1,750 was raised, thank you to everyone for making it a success."



ABOVE: Enjoying a performance by Ebbw Vale Male Voice Choir.

LEFT: FUW Gwent & Glamorgan County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard (left) and FUW Gwent & Glamorgan Deputy County Executive Officer Helen Thomas.

# Calling on farmers to renew their waste exemptions as deadlines approach

NATURAL Resources Wales (NRW) are urging farmers to ensure their waste exemptions are renewed before they expire.

Most farmers need to register waste exemptions with NRW to use waste in common farming activities such as building tracks with rubble, using tyres on top of silage sheets, or burning hedge cuttings. These activities all need an exemption registered to the farm.

They're encouraging farmers to renew using their online system. If the exemptions are due to expire within the next month the "renew" option will be visible.

Geraint Richards, lead specialist advisor on waste policy said: "Keeping track of the waste activities going on across Wales and ensuring they're being carried out safely is a big part of the work we do and making sure people and businesses have their exemptions up to date is a big help in doing that."

# Send your feedback on the Sustainable Farming Scheme

THE Welsh Government are asking farmers to feedback on their most recent Sustainable Farming Scheme proposals via an online survey, or feedback form. The FUW have been discussing these proposals during recent County Executive Committee meetings and Standing Committees. Any further comments should be passed to your County Executive Officer.

The survey has been designed to understand whether Welsh farmers feel able to undertake the actions proposed in the recent SFS Outline, and if not, what are the main barriers, and what further support would be needed.

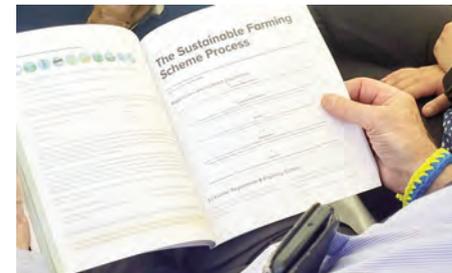
We need as many farmers as possible to complete the survey so that we can ensure scheme proposals are achievable.

The survey will take around 20 minutes. The actions span a number of areas from improving business performance, enhancing livestock health, and improving the management of soils, habitats and woodlands.

**Both the feedback form and survey will close on October 31 2022. The results will be used to inform the final scheme consultation which will be published in 2023, before the SFS begins in 2025.**

Farmers within the same household or business are welcome to complete the survey separately, there is no need to ensure a unique response for each farm holding.

All Sustainable Farming Scheme



information can be found via the SFS web pages - [www.gov.wales/sustainable-farming-scheme-guide](http://www.gov.wales/sustainable-farming-scheme-guide).

A summary of the proposals and FUW's initial reaction was published in the August issue of *Y Tir*, and can be accessed on the members section of the website, or from your local County Executive Officer.

Thanks to delegates who have attended meetings to provide their feedback already.

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# 'Chydig o flas bywyd ffarmwr i Gordon Ramsay

gan Alun Edwards, cynrychiolydd pwyllgorau Addysg a Thir Mynydd UAC



Gordon Ramsay gyda Catrin ac Alun.

MAE'R cyfryngau cymdeithasol yn gallu bod yn fendith ac yn fellth, yn dibynnu ar ei ddefnydd. Pan ofynnodd cwmni cyfryngol *Four Cymru* fasen nhw'n cael dod i wneud fideo pum munud yn canolbwyntio ar ffermio cynaliadwy ar gyfer HCC, feddylies i 'rloed ble fydde'n arwain. Cyn pen dim, ar ôl ei ddarlledu yn 2020, roedd wedi cael ei wyllo 275,000 o weithiau, teyrnged i sgiliau hyrwyddo a marchnata HCC yn sicr.

Yn sgil hyn, mi ges i ar ddeall fod cwmni teledu *National Geographic* yn ceisio cysylltu gyda mi wedi gweld y fideo, gan arwain yn y pen draw at sgwrs dros y bondigrybwyll Zoom gyda gŵr o'r enw Doug Veith, oedd yn awyddus i ddefnyddio stori cig oen cynaliadwy Cymru ar gyfer pennod mewn cyfres o'r enw "*Uncharted*". Seiliwyd y gyfres ar deithiau cogydd adnabyddus i fannau

anghysbell ar hyd a lled y byd i gwrdd â chynhyrchwyr bwyd, ac i gyflawni sawl her yn y broses. Pwy felly, gofynnais...o, cyfrinachol, ac roedd rhaid arwyddo N.D.A., "non disclosure agreement" fyddai mewn grym dros gyfnod y ffilmio. O'n i bach yn nerfus erbyn hyn, ond fe gytunais! "Paid byth a gwrthod cyfle" fydd cyngor fy nhad bob tro!

Wel wedyn dechreuodd y cymhlethdodau; allwn i anfon fideos o lefydd posib i lanio hofrennydd? Gawn ni ddod yn mis Ebrill ogydd, ia mwn, yng nghanol yr wyna?! Ble fydd criw teledu o dros 30 yn gallu aros, nepell o'r ffarm?

Mi drefnwyd cyswllt gyda chwmni "fixers" o Fanceinion i gydlynu, ond yn fuan daeth i'r amlwg nad oedd gan y rheini glem am Gymru, ac felly y daeth Elan fy merch a Catrin fy nghymar i'r adwy i gael trefn, a chymerodd hi ddim yn hir i ddod i glywed mai'r cogydd Gordon Ramsay fyddai'n cyrraedd acw ar y 7fed o Ebrill 2021, ac i wneud i'r ardal ymddangos yn fwy diarffordd, bydde'n gwneud hynny mewn hofrennydd. Beth allai fynd o'i le?! Wel ar ôl dau ymweliad rhagbaratoi mewn haul braf, y bore hwnnw, mi ddaeth yn eira! Roedd y cyfarwyddwr yn ei elfen, fel Robert Duval ar ddechrau *Apocalypse Now*, yn bloeddio gorchmynion ar hyd y ffriddoedd i 3 criw camera, a'r defaid yn sgrialu i bobman.

Mi ymddangosodd yr hofrennydd gyda Ramsay'n hongian oddi tani ar raff, ac ar ôl sawl tro'n uchel dros ddyffryn y Wnion, mi laniodd yn y foty, ble roedd y cogydd o Gymro, Matt Waldron o'r Stackpole Inn yn Sir Benfro'n aros i'w groesawu trwy goginio brechwast

o selsig, cig moch a bara lawr yn adfeilion yr hen hafod. Gwych. Mi fyddai'r ddau gogydd yn herio'i gilydd yn y rhaglen drwy greu ryseitiau difyr gyda chig oen, eog, caws, cocos a gwymon.

Fy nhasg i oedd rhoi 'chydig o flas bywyd ffarmwr i Gordon, ac ro'n i eisoes wedi recordio galwadau yn Gymraeg iddo fo gael gweithio'r cŵn defaid, "cer yn d'ol" a "ffordd yma", heb fawr o obaith....ond ar ôl cyfweiliad byr am ein dull hafod a hendre o amaethu, yn anghredadwy i mi, mi weithiodd y cŵn fel wats iddo wrth gasglu criw o wyn banyw o'r cae, ac ni ddefnyddiwyd y gair rheg enwog yna unwaith!

Yn dilyn hyn, fuon ni yn y gorlan yn trin traed yr hyrddod, a swm i'n meddwl fod yswirwyr Ramsay'n reit bryderus adeg hynny, ond chwarae teg, roedd o'n fwy na pharod i gynorthwyo wrth ofidio am ei bengliniau. Ac mi deimlais, er ei fod o'n seren byd enwog, fod ganddo ddiddordeb a pharch at ein gwaith a'n ffordd o fyw.

Ymhen tridiau, daeth cyfle i flasur pryddau gan y ddau gogydd, a hynny ar lan Llyn Mwyngil, Talyllyn. Roedd yn gyfle i minnau gwrdd gyda'r cynhyrchwyr bwyd eraill a chyfnewid profiadau, ac ar y diwrnod, y ni oedd y beirniaid.

Ysgwydd oen o Gaecoch wedi'i baratoi'n araf fel casserole oedd gan Gordon Ramsay, tra bod Matt Waldron wedi coginio coes gyda saws soy a bara lawr...hyn i gyd tu allan ar lan y llyn, ac o drwch blewyn, gyda thipyn o dynnu coes, dyfarnwyd rysait Waldron yn fuddugol!

Dyw'r gyfres "*Uncharted*" heb gyrraedd yma eto, ond wedi'r darllediad yn yr Unol Daleithiau, gawn ni weld pwy fydd am ddychwelyd i'r hen wlad i flasur i danteithion. Yn sicr, mae'r cyfryngau'n gallu creu dolenni cyswllt byd-eang cadarnhaol iawn ar adegau, gyda 'chydig o bwyll a doethineb.

**This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "Giving Gordon Ramsay a taste of a farmer's life," or from your local county office.**



Y ryseitiau ar lan Llyn Mwyngil.

## As a rural business, what would you do if...

THE HSE come knocking on your door, animal rights activists target you, there's been a fatal accident on your premises, or any other situation where you require legal assistance? You would hope that your Legal Expenses policy would cover you, but Legal Expenses cover isn't always that simple. Have you considered a new style of insurance that seems the same but that has added value?

### Introducing Rural Protect

You insure tangible things because you don't want to be affected by their loss, but often it's the intangible things, such as legal matters, that can have far more life-changing consequences if not prevented or handled correctly. This is why you need to ensure that you have the best assistance and protection in place to cover you in these situations.

Rural Protect is an insurance product that covers more than just Legal Expenses and is a must-have for rural businesses. It is a Management Liability insurance policy that protects all individuals in the business and covers Personal Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Company Legal Liability and Family Legal Expenses.

Rural Protect provides proactive tools to help avoid the situations above, but should the worst happen, also gives you access to rradar, a specialist litigation and commercial law firm financed by the policy.

### Claim Case Study

rradar's defence has already saved numerous businesses from claims costs they would have otherwise been liable for had they not been covered by Rural Protect. To give an example, when a fatal accident occurred on a

farmyard due to a worker falling in front of a moving tractor, a prosecution case was brought forward by the HSE under Section 2 of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974. The owner of the farm was insured by Rural Protect meaning rradar acted as their defence team. The outcome was that the prosecution fee was lowered to £37,000 and HSE FFI to £6,050, and both were paid for by Rural Protect.

### What does Rural Protect cover?

It is important to ensure you are protected in the event of any mismanagement in the running of your business. Underwritten by AXA Insurance UK plc, Rural Protect covers a wide range of businesses, whether they are limited companies, partnerships or sole traders, against issues such as: CAP Schemes - for level of payment problems, Rent Arbitration - for issues with a rent review, Fraud - for accidental payments sent to a fraudster's account, Tax - including all types of HMRC investigations, Family Legal Expenses - covering the households of each insured business director or owner, Pursuit - to pursue a third party to recover your money or put things right, Brexit - if regulations change and you fail to observe them, and more.

Have you considered a new style of insurance that seems the same but that has added value?



The range of risks posed to businesses can cause financial losses, redundancy and even closure, and a single event can ruin the owner's livelihood.

Rural Protect is exclusively available to a range of rural clients, from farms and tree surgeons to estates and equine businesses. Some of the benefits include:

- Regulator investigation and prosecution fees covered
- Access to in-depth legal assistance through rradar
- 24/7 crisis line should you need representation
- Risk management and prevention via online tools
- Works with existing covers to ensure full protection

For more information on Rural Protect, visit [www.ruralprotect.com](http://www.ruralprotect.com).

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# Let's work together to break the stigma around mental health

by Elen Gwen Williams, Charity Marketing & Engagement Assistant, The DPJ Foundation

WE all have mental health; in the same way we all have physical health. Sometimes it's good, sometimes it's not so good and sometimes we need a bit of help. When you know the signs that your mental health isn't as good as it should be, then you can do something about it to start feeling better.

Sadness, anger, and different emotions are all part of our daily life - in the same way that we will all experience pain at some point, so will we experience these different emotions. Like when we can't control pain we would seek help, when we can't manage our emotions then is the time too to seek help - and when you need help, we are here.

Unfortunately, we sometimes hear negative comments directed at people talking about their poor mental health. "Attention seeker", "not really ill", "making it up" are all things we have heard. Would we levy these same

insults at someone who has cancer when they talk of the pain of their treatment? I would hope not. So why is it acceptable to say these to someone with depression? My guess is that there is a lack of understanding of this condition which is why we offer mental health awareness training as well as talks to groups.

If you would like to arrange a talk, please get in contact with us.



## Ways to combat the stigma

- Understand mental health and its challenges in the agriculture sector - Join us on our free mental health awareness training. For more information contact our training manager - [kay@thedpjfoundation.co.uk](mailto:kay@thedpjfoundation.co.uk)

- Talk openly about mental health and life's ups and downs, it's nothing to be ashamed of

- Be conscious of your language and what you say. We sometimes use the words 'mental', 'nutty', 'psycho' without thinking. Stop, and think before you talk

- Understand that equality between physical and mental illness is important

If this is something you feel passionate about, why not join the DPJ Foundation team and become a volunteer? You can help our community by becoming a "Regional Champion" volunteer. Please get in touch with [kate@thedpjfoundation.co.uk](mailto:kate@thedpjfoundation.co.uk) or to find out more head over to [www.thedpjfoundation.co.uk/work-with-us/regionalchampions](http://www.thedpjfoundation.co.uk/work-with-us/regionalchampions) The role can differ for each volunteer, depending on what your strengths are and the amount of time you have available. It might include:

- Attending events as a DPJ ambassador

- Speaking at events or to clubs and groups

- Spreading awareness - through social media and through links in your community our Regional Champions look for opportunities where posters and stickers can be put up to spread awareness

- Donation collection - we often get asked to receive cheques and be presented with donations. Our Regional Champions are the local representatives who will receive cheques on DPJ's behalf and build those connections and explain about our work.

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# Upcoming Schemes

Scheme	Summary	Window
<b>Woodland Creation (Planting)</b>	Woodland Creation Planting Grants available for those who have a verified plan completed by a registered woodland planner and approved by NRW under the separate Woodland Creation planning Scheme. Planting and capital works from this application window must be completed and claimed by March 31 2023. The scheme will then open for applications every 3 months. Funding for fencing has been increased to £5.56/m.	<b>August 30 - October 14 2022</b>
<b>National Forest for Wales - The Woodland Investment Grant (TWIG)</b>	The scheme is once again open to landowners and managers, including not-for-profit organisations. It will provide support for people to create new woodlands and/or enhance and expand existing woodlands in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. Grants of £40,000 to £250,000 and up to 100% capital and revenue funding. All projects that involve woodland creation over two hectares need to apply to the Welsh Government's Woodland Creation Planning Scheme before applying for TWIG grant funding.	<b>Round two EOI window closes October 14 2022</b>
<b>Small Grants - Woodland Creation Scheme</b>	This scheme is aimed at farmers and other land managers to encourage planting of small areas of trees on land which is agriculturally improved or of low environmental value in Wales, therefore applications will not need a woodland creation plan verified by NRW. Funding is available for planting areas between 0.1ha and 1.99ha for shelterwoods, tree planting alongside watercourses, in field corners or small fields. The scheme offers 12 years of payments for Maintenance and a Premium payment alongside an increased fencing rate of £5.56/m. All new planting and capital works and claims must be completed by March 31 2023. Further windows are expected to open every three months to cover planting in the 2023/24 planting seasons and beyond.	<b>August 30 - October 14 2022</b>
<b>Growing for the Environment - Spring Sown Crops</b>	A pilot scheme to encourage the growing of crops and pastures to provide an environmental benefit such as protein crops, mixed leys and cover crops for environmental, biodiversity and production benefits.	<b>October 10 - November 18 2022</b>
<b>Agricultural Diversification Scheme</b>	The scheme will provide capital grants to help the establishment or development of agricultural diversification projects including the growing of novel or alternative crops, adding value to non-food agricultural products or by-products and livestock enterprises that are not traditional enterprises in Wales, for example sheep or goat milking.	<b>October 10 2022 - January 13 2023</b>
<b>Nature Networks Fund (Round two)</b>	The grant provides funding for a nature-based project which is ready to start, providing grants of between £30,000 and £1million for projects focused on improving wildlife and biodiversity on (or near) protected land sites (SACs, SPAs and other SSSIs), as well as encouraging community engagement. <a href="http://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/nature-networks-fund-round-two">www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/nature-networks-fund-round-two</a>	<b>Grants between £30,000 &amp; £250,000: 12noon October 19 2022</b>
<b>Woodland Creation Planning Scheme</b>	The Woodland Creation Planning Scheme offers grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to develop plans for new woodland creation. After a plan is successfully verified by NRW it will be eligible for Welsh Government funding for tree planting. More information here: <a href="https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme">https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme</a> The design of the scheme is based on the pilot which was run last year. The scheme will be open throughout the year (subject to budget) with applications selected every 6 weeks. Funding for woodland creation will be available from August 2022, with windows opening every 3 months from then onwards (subject to budget).	<b>Open until December 31 2022</b>

## New measures available to farmers to halt the surge in farm theft

by Vince Powell, Managing Director, AX Innovation

THE agricultural sector has been plagued by a recent increase in crime, impacting farmers whilst the industry faces unprecedented economic, political, and legislative challenges which have led to rising costs.

With theft of farming machinery and equipment a rising problem in Wales and the rest of the UK, this could not have come at a worse time. Agricultural theft has always been an issue but as equipment becomes more technically advanced, the cost to the industry is soaring. Fighting back by using an asset tracing and recovery service could, however, significantly mitigate the problem.

Farmers know all too well that the theft of essential farming equipment is hugely damaging. According to some reports, the first quarter of 2022 saw the cost of rural theft rise by 40% compared to the same period last year.

It is thought that farms are being targeted by criminals after a brief respite during the pandemic, explaining the surge in thefts this year. Much of the kit and machinery is stolen to order and quickly exported to markets in other countries or sold as parts.

However, as the value of kit and the prevalence of theft rises, technology can play a role in preventing and, crucially, recovering stolen vehicles and many other types of machinery.

Developed by AX Innovation, the AX Track service incorporates undetectable, covert technology and provides the support of its specialist asset recovery team comprised of



former members of the police. Combining technology with human expertise in this way has resulted in a 99% recovery rate.

With a diverse range of machinery and vehicles on farms, including quad bikes, all-terrain vehicles, trailers, and other high-value assets, protecting them is more important than ever, especially as crime rates soar.

Backed by insurers and Thatcham approved, AX Track offers exceptional recovery rates, giving farmers access to its unique team of recovery experts who collectively have over 60 years' policing and investigatory experience. AX is also a member of Secured by Design, the official police security initiative, achieving Police Preferred Specification - an accreditation for security products and services that meet rigorous testing criteria.

Crucial to minimising any crime is adopting a joined-up approach. By encouraging police rural crime teams and other agencies to work together with farmers and their security partners, the thieves can be stopped. The

AX Track team is adept at collaborating closely with the police and other agencies.

While rural crime can never be entirely stamped out, there are new measures available to farmers to halt the surge and protect their valuable assets.

Discounts are available for the AX Track technology and asset recovery service through FUW membership. For more information, please visit: [www.ax-uk.com/ax-track](http://www.ax-uk.com/ax-track) or [www.fuw.org.uk/en/members/member-discounts](http://www.fuw.org.uk/en/members/member-discounts) / Email: [snaylor@ax-uk.com](mailto:snaylor@ax-uk.com) or call 0333 009 1199.

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Cynhelir cyfarfod nesaf Pwyllgor Sirol Ynys Môn ym Mhafiliwn y Ffermwyr Ifanc ar Gae Sioe Môn ar y 25ain o Hydref. Bydd Teleri Fielden, (*gweler isod*), Swyddog Polisi UAC yn ymuno a ni i roi cyflwyniad ar y cynllun newydd sef 'Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy' a bydd Trystan Sion, Cyswllt Ffermio hefyd ar gael i roi cymorth.

Mi fydd Llinos Owen o Tir Dewi hefyd yn ymuno a ni. Bydd hwn yn gyfarfod hybrid yn rhoi cyfle i aelodau ymuno yn rhithwir os dymunir. Os oes gan unrhyw un o'r aelodau ddiddordeb ymuno am y tro cyntaf, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â'r Swyddfa Sirol.

**The next meeting of the Anglesey County Executive Committee will be held at the Young Farmers' Pavilion on the Anglesey Showground on October 25. Teleri Fielden, (pictured right), FUW Policy Officer will join us to give a presentation on the new 'Sustainable Farming Scheme' and Trystan Sion, Farming Connect will also be available to provide support. Llinos Owen from Tir Dewi will also be joining us. This will be a hybrid meeting giving members the opportunity to join virtually if desired. If any member is interested in joining for the first time, you are welcome to contact the County Office.**



## Ffair Aeaf



Cynhelir Ffair Aeaf Môn ar y 12fed ar 13eg o Dachwedd. Cofiwch alw draw i'n gweld.

**The Anglesey Winter Fair will be held on November 12 and 13. Remember to call in to see us.**

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## Ffair Helwriaeth Iwyddiannus

Mynychwyd achlysur newydd yn y Gogledd ddechrau mis Medi sef Ffair Helwriaeth gyntaf Cymru a gynhaliwyd ar Ystâd y Faenol ger Bangor.

Cafwyd y cyfle i groesawu aelodau a ffrindiau i stondin yr Undeb, a'r gobaith yw cynnal y digwyddiad yn flynyddol dros y 5 mlynedd nesaf yn yr un lleoliad.

Cafwyd cyfarfod adeiladol gyda Sian Gwenllian AS i drafod materion sydd yn achosi pryderon i ffermwyr yr ardal a Chymru gyfan gan gynnwys y rheolau newydd ar gyfer rheoli tail a phiswail a'r Papur Gwyn ar amaeth.



**We attended a new event in North Wales at the beginning of September as the first Welsh Game Fair was held on the Faenol Estate near Bangor. It was an opportunity to welcome members and friends to the Union's stand, and hopefully the event will be held annually over the next 5 years at the same location. There was a constructive meeting with Sian Gwenllian MS to discuss issues that cause concern for farmers in the area and Wales as a whole including the new rules for manure and slurry management and the Agriculture White Paper.**

## Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol

Bydd James Owen o Lywodraeth Cymru yn bresennol yn ein Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol ar y 30ain o Dachwedd yng Nghlwb Golff Caernarfon. Mae James Owen yn un o brif swyddogion y Llywodraeth sydd yn paratoi'r Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy newydd, felly bydd yn gyfle gwych i chi gyfleu eich pryderon iddo.

**James Owen from Welsh Government will be present at our Annual General Meeting to be held on November 30 at Caernarfon Golf Club. James Owen is one of the main Government officials preparing the new Sustainable Farming Scheme, so it will be a great opportunity for you to convey your concerns to him.**

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## New role for Kath

FUW Brecon & Radnor members congratulate Kath Shaw, (*pictured right*), on her new role as County Executive Officer for the County.

Kath has been a part of the Brecon & Radnor team for over nine years and has played a vital role in supporting members.

County Chairman Alan Watson said: "Kath has been a constant and reliable member of the county staff, always giving 150% with a forward thinking approach. I am very much looking forward to working with Kath in her new role."



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## Enillwyr Clwb 200 Winners



## Mai/May

- 1 - D Jones, Ponterwyd - £20
- 2 - Mrs B E Davies, Talsarn - £10
- 3 - Savill, Blaenpennal - £5

## Mehefin/June

- 1 - RT, MI Fear & Sons, Cilcennin - £20
- 2 - Dunn, Llanarth - £10
- 3 - Mr & Mrs Edwards, Felinbach - £5

## Gorffennaf/July

- 1 - DI Morgan, Bontnewydd - £20
- 2 - Davies, Talgarreg - £10
- 3 - Morgan Evans, Pontarfynach - £5

## Cyfarfodydd Cangen

Rydym wedi trefnu cyfarfodydd cangen yr hydref ble fyddwn yn trafod y ddogfen ddiweddaraf gan Lywodraeth Cymru ar y Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy, dogfen holl bwysig sydd angen i chi gyd ei hystyried, felly edrychwn ymlaen at eich gweld yn y cyfarfodydd sydd i gyd yn cychwyn am 7.30yh fel â ganlyn:

- 12/10/22 - Cangen Dyffryn Conwy ac Uwch Aled yn Nhafarn Y Foelas, Pentrefoelas
- 19/10/22 - Cangen Sarn yn Nhafarn Pen Bont, Sarn
- 24/10/22 - Cangen Prenteg yn Nhafarn y Cnu Aur (*Golden Fleece*), Tremadog
- 26/10/22 - Cangen Y Ffor yng Nghanolfan y Ffor, Y Ffor
- 09/11/22 - Cangen Dyffryn Ogwen yng Nghlwb Rygbi Bethesda, Bethesda
- 16/11/22 - Cangen Glynllifon yn Nhafarn Ty'n Llan, Llandwrog

Byddwn hefyd yn rhoi'r manylion ar ein tudalen Gweplyfr (*Facebook*) ac rydym yn bwriadu danfon e-byst allan gyda'r manylion.

**We have organised the autumn branch meetings where we will discuss the latest document from the Welsh Government on the Sustainable Farming Scheme, an all important document that you all need to consider, so we look forward to seeing you at the following meetings which all start at 7.30pm:**

- 12/10/22 - Dyffryn Conwy and Uwch Aled branch at the Foelas Arms, Pentrefoelas
- 19/10/22 - Sarn branch at Tafarn Pen Bont, Sarn
- 24/10/22 - Prenteg branch at the Golden Fleece Inn, Tremadog
- 26/10/22 - Y Ffor branch at Canolfan y Ffor, Y Ffor
- 09/11/22 - Dyffryn Ogwen branch at Bethesda Rugby Club
- 16/11/22 - Glynllifon branch at Tafarn Ty'n Llan, Llandwrog

**We will also be putting details on our Facebook page and we plan to send emails out with all the information.**

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Llandeilo Show

We had a brilliant day at Llandeilo Show on August 20, where there was a fantastic show of livestock, and it was a pleasure to see them. Plenty of #FarmingMatters discussions were held and thank you to Cefin Campbell MS for visiting the stand. We would like to congratulate one of our members Mr Eifion Hughes of Frondeg Farm, Llandeilo who won Supreme Champion of the sheep section 2022.

**Cawsom ddiwrnod bendigedig yn Sioe Llandeilo ar Awst 20fed ac roedd yn bleser gweld stoc mor dda. Bu digon o sgwrsio am faterion #AmaethAmByth a diolch hefyd i Cefin Campbell AS am ddod i'r stonidin. Llongyfarchiadau i un o'n haelodau Mr Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Llandeilo am ennill Prif Bencampwriaeth adran y Defaid 2022.**

From left, FUW Group Managing Director Guto Bebb, Cefin Campbell MS and FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman.



Mr Eifion Hughes celebrating his success with his grandchildren.

County meeting

John Owen from Gelli Aur will be joining us for our county meeting on Thursday November 3 at Llanarthney village hall at 7.30pm. For more information please contact us at the county office.

**Mi fydd John Owen o Gelli Aur yn ymuno a ni ar gyfer ein cyfarfod sirol ar nos Iau Tachwedd 3ydd yn neuadd bentref Llanarthne am 7.30yh. Am ragor o wybodaeth cysylltwch â ni yn y swyddfa.**

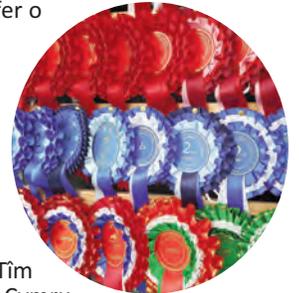
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Llongyfarchiadau

Rhaid llongyfarch nifer o aelodau Dinbych a Flint sydd wedi bod yn brysur ac yn llwyddiannus iawn yn y sioeau mawr a bach yn ystod y misoedd diwethaf. Hefyd rhaid llongyfarch Aled Owen, a llwyddiant Tîm Treialon Cŵn Defaid Cymru a ddaeth i'r brig yn Castle Howard, Caerefrog ddechrau mis Medi



**Many Denbigh and Flint members have been busy competing and being very successful at the local shows during the summer. Congratulations also to Aled Owen who was Captain of the Welsh Sheepdog Trials Team and won the International competition at Castle Howard, York at the beginning of September.**

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Successful Vale Show

It was all hands on deck at The Vale Show. Great to have full support from our Insurance team - Ashley Yeo (Account Executive Glamorgan), Sam Evans (Account Executive Carmarthen) and Rebecca Prothero (Account Executive Gwent). The insurance team had a busy day meeting with old and new clients while Glamorgan Chairman Richard Walker welcomed Alun Cairns MP and Joel James MS to discuss members' worries and concerns.

Joel James MS was our first visit of the day. Conversations were focused around sustainable rural communities. In the region there are several plans for large solar farms, whilst we fully support solar power, consideration needs to be given to the size of the development and the impact of the

local area, the right size in the right place.

An afternoon visit from Alan Cairns MP saw conversations surrounding the potential Agri Hub in the region. FUW have taken the time to engage with different age groups to see if the facility is needed and wanted. It is clear there is demand for a facility which would offer more than just livestock sales.

We as a county believe there is an opportunity to offer a facility with more than one function - whether it be a mobile banking facility, meeting rooms, café open all week, the possibilities are endless but focused around supporting those businesses in the local area. We now look forward to discussing how the project can be progressed.



From left, FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman, Glamorgan Acting Vice Chair Rachel Walker, Joel James MS, Glamorgan & Gwent County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard and FUW Senedd and Parliamentary Affairs Officer Libby Davies.

From left, Ian Rickman, Alun Cairns MP, Sharon Pritchard, Glamorgan Chairman Richard Walker and Rachel Walker.



Proud to sponsor Ploughing match

FUW Glamorgan County Chairman Richard Walker went along to support The Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging day at Redlands Farm, Bonvilston.

Richard said: "It's a busy time of year for us all but I feel it's really important that the next generation understand the history of agriculture, and how far it has come in the last 70 years. My children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the different types and ages of tractors and ploughs and especially loved watching the horses."

"We are proud to sponsor this event and it was fantastic to see such a great turnout of competitors and spectators."



Richard Walker and his two children Rhydian and Meredith.

New staff member



FUW Gwent welcome their new FUW Insurance Services Ltd Account Executive Rebecca Prothero, (pictured above).

Sharon Pritchard Glamorgan and Gwent County Executive Officer said: "Rebecca is a great addition to our team in Abergavenny. We are visiting Monmouthshire Livestock Market together on a weekly basis so if you would like to have a chat with Rebecca feel free to come and see us."

Usk Show

FUW and FUW Insurance Services Ltd teamed up at Usk Show on September 10. We were blessed with fine weather for our last show of the season and welcomed visits from our President Glyn Roberts, Deputy President Ian Rickman and our Managing Director Guto Bebb. It was a great opportunity for our members to call in and discuss their worries and concerns.

Glyn Roberts thoroughly enjoyed his day after winning a prize in our raffle!



From left, FUW President Glyn Roberts all smiles with his raffle prize and FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman.

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Rydym fel cangen yn ddiolchgar dros ben i bawb fu'n cynorthwyo ym mhabell Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru yn Sioe Sir Feirionnydd a gynhaliwyd ar Ystâd y Rhug, Corwen ar ddiwedd mis Awst.

Bu'n ddiwrnod prysur a llawn gweithgarwch ym mhabell yr Undeb. Bu'r cyfan yn llwyddiannus iawn, a chyfle i drin a thrafod gyda nifer o gyrff a mudiadau, a chyfarfodydd buddiol iawn efo Liz Saville Roberts AS a Mabon ap Gwynfor AS.

Ymysg y nifer fawr o gyrff, mudiadau ac unigolion fu gyda ni oedd y DPJ Foundation; FCN (Farming Community Network); Heddlu Gogledd Cymru; Menter Môn (prosiect Gwnaed â Gwlân); Mudiad Ffermwyr Ieuaic Meirionnydd; Wil Ellis (DGT Agri); Alun Edwards fel llysgenad y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Fferm; Eryl P Roberts ar ran Cyswllt Ffermio; Janet Phillips Swyddog Cyswllt Fferm Llywodraeth Cymru a Sian Parry Tyucha'r Llyn, Gwyddelwern yn darllen storiâu i blant.

Diolch arbennig i ferched yr Undeb cylch Penllyn ac Edeyrnion am baratoi a gweini'r holl fwyd, a'r gwaith caled drwy gydol y dydd. Diolch hefyd i bawb a gyfranodd tuag at y bwyd, ac a fu'n cynorthwyo ymhob ffordd.

*As a branch we are extremely grateful to everyone who helped at the FUW's stand at the Meirionnydd County Show which was held at the Rhug Estate, Corwen at the end of August.*

*It was a busy, full and successful day of activity at the Union's stand, and we had an opportunity to hold discussions with a number of organisations, and had very beneficial meetings with Liz Saville Roberts MP and Mabon ap Gwynfor MS.*

*Amongst the organisations and individuals who visited us during the day were the DPJ Foundation; The Farming Community Network; North Wales Police; Menter Môn (Made with Wool project); Meirionnydd YFC, Wil Ellis (DGT Agri), Alun Edwards as ambassador of the Farm Safety Partnership; Eryl P Roberts on behalf of Farming Connect; Janet Phillips Welsh Government Farm Liaison Officer and Sian Parry Tyucha'r Llyn, Gwyddelwern who read stories to children. A special thank you to the women of Penllyn and Edeyrnion sub-branch for preparing and serving all the food, and their hard work throughout the day. Thank you also to everyone who contributed towards the food, and who helped in every way.*



Alwen Roberts ac Iwan Meirion o'r DPJ Foundation gyda Uwch Weithredwr Yswiriant Gwasanaethau Yswiriant FUW Cyf Gwenno Davies.



Rhai o'r merched fu'n gweini yn y babbell.



O'r chwith, rhai o staff y gangen, Ffion Prysor, Eirian Lloyd Hughes a Heledd Williams.



Trafod diogelwch fferm - Will Ellis, Alun Edwards a Gwion Rowlands.

## Croeso i Heledd



Rydym yn falch iawn o gyhoeddi fod Heledd Williams, (*gweler ar y chwith*), merch fferm o Drefriw ger Llanrwst wedi ei phenodi yn Swyddog Sirol sydd wedi ymuno a'r tîm ym Meirionnydd ers dechrau mis Medi. Graddiodd Heledd mewn Amaeth a Rheolaeth Busnes Fferm ym Mhrifysgol Harper Adams yn 2020, a oedd yn cynnwys blwyddyn o brofiad ar fferm yn Longtown ger Caerliwelydd.

Mae Heledd wedi gweithio gyda'r Undeb ers dros ddwy flynedd, ac eisoes wedi cael profiad da iawn o wasanaethu'r aelodau. Bu yn ymgynghorydd amaeth amgylcheddol i'r Undeb yng ngogledd Cymru, ac wedi hen arfer cynorthwyo gyda chynlluniau megis Glastir.

Bydd Heledd yn gweithio hefo ni am ddau ddiwrnod yr wythnos am y misoedd cyntaf, ac wedi hyn bydd Huw yn lleihau ei oriau gwaith yn raddol. Bydd Huw yn parhau i weithio gyda'r ffurflenni Taliad Sylfaenol yn 2023 ar y cyd gyda Heledd a gweddill y tîm.

Rydym yn ei chrosawu yn fawr i'r swydd, ac yn dymuno pob llwyddiant iddi yn y dyfodol.

*We are delighted to announce that Heledd Williams, (pictured left), a farmer's daughter from Trefriw near Llanrwst, has been appointed as County Executive Officer, and joined the team in Meirionnydd at the beginning of September. Heledd graduated in Agriculture and Farm Business Management at Harper Adams University in 2020, which included a year's experience on a farm in Longtown near Carlisle. Heledd has worked with the Union for over two years, and has already gained valuable experience of working with members as she was the Union's environmental agri consultant in north Wales, assisting with schemes such as Glastir. Heledd will work with us for two days a week for the first few months, and after this period, Huw will gradually reduce his working hours. Huw will continue to assist with the SAF forms in 2023 alongside Heledd and the rest of the team. We welcome her to her new role, and wish her every success in the future.*

## Enillwyr Uned Gwyliau gorau

Llongyfarchiadau calonnog iawn i'n haelodau Dylan a Gwion Jones a'u partneriaid Catrin a Mared, Fferm Tymawr, Tafolog, Mallwyd ar ennill cystadleuaeth Uned Gwyliau gorau drwy'r Deyrnas Unedig ac Iwerddon gan Gwmni Sykes.

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**Massive congratulations to our members Dylan and Gwion Jones and their partners Catrin and Mared, Tymawr Farm, Tafolog, Mallwyd for winning the best Holiday Lets competition throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland organised by Sykes. They also won the best Glamping category. They received a prize of £10,000 for winning. All the best with the venture in the future.**

## PEMBROKESHIRE

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## A Night of live music

Come and join us on Friday October 14 2022, at Canolfan Hermon, SA36 ODT, for a night of live music with The Sharpe Duo. Jon & Sarah Sharpe are a professional duo with intricate harmonies, thumping bass and great instrumental talent! They perform a wide variety of styles be it classic rock and pop tracks from past to present, gentle soulful music, acoustic folk and Welsh favourites.

The event is being held in aid of The DPJ Foundation with tickets being £17.50 each which includes a two course supper. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the county office, Tel: 01437 762913. Everyone welcome!



## Welsh National Sheep Dog Trials

Thank you to everyone who called by at our stand at the Welsh National Sheep Dog Trials recently held in Hayscastle. It was great to meet members from across Wales over the three days and we hope that you enjoyed your visit to Pembrokeshire.

## FUW Breakfast Week 2023

We will once again be holding our charity breakfasts during the week beginning January 23 2023. If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping us at the events or providing any sponsorship please get in touch.



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## MEAT MATTERS

## Taste tests increase demand and awareness for Welsh Lamb

by John Richards, Hybu Cig Cymru/Meat Promotion Wales Industry Development and Relations Manager

WE are just beginning our fourth and final round of taste panels as part of the Welsh Lamb Meat Quality project which is part of the Red Meat Development Programme - funded through the Welsh Government and EU Rural Development Fund.

The main feature of the project is that we are conducting taste panels (or taste tests!) around the country to gain people's feedback on Welsh Lamb and to see how different factors, such as age and gender, have an effect on meat quality.

At the end of each taste panel, a member of the HCC team gives a presentation to consumers about Welsh Lamb - covering the nutritional aspects of Welsh Lamb as well as highlighting the sustainable family farms where Welsh Lamb is produced. This element of the taste panels is always well received and gives us the opportunity to really put across the story of Welsh Lamb.

Following the panels, we ask the participants 6 months on about whether they have changed any of their lamb-buying or lamb-eating habits. We were really pleased to see very positive results from the taste panels which took place in 2021: 60% of respondents were now buying more lamb after taking part in the taste panel. Furthermore, 81% had an increased understanding of Welsh Lamb's nutritional benefits and 60% noted that they were now looking out for the Welsh Lamb logos after taking part in the consumer taste panel. 50% of participants had bought Welsh Lamb following the taste panel.

The feedback we receive is anonymous, but

included comments such as 'The panel was really interesting and the meat was divine. Lamb is now my new chicken and I have it hot in recipes and cold with salad' as well as 'I thought I didn't like lamb and I was educated in how delicious it can be!'

The results also showed that after attending a taste panel, 60% of participants were more likely to choose a lamb dish when eating out and over 55% of participants were more likely to cook lamb as a mid-week meal - a key meal occasion which HCC has been targeting to increase lamb consumption.

We're really pleased that the taste panels are such a positive experience for participants and give them the inspiration and confidence to cook and choose Welsh Lamb.

**Mae Hybu Cig Cymru newydd ddechrau ar y bedwaredd rownd, a'r olaf, o baneli blasu fel rhan o brosiect Ansawdd Cig Oen Cymru sy'n rhan o'r Rhaglen Datblygu Cig Coch - a ariennir drwy Lywodraeth Cymru a Chronfa Datblygu Gwledig yr UE.**



## PROPERTY MATTERS

## Farm Business Tenancies - Horses

by Kathryn Williams, Director, Davis Meade Property Consultants

WHEN formulating a Farm Business Tenancy (FBT) Agreement under the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995, there are certain conditions as set out within section 1 that must be complied with. Section 1 details that a tenancy will be a FBT if it meets the "business conditions" together with either the "agricultural condition" or the "notice conditions".

We are often asked whether the keeping of horses on the holding meets the conditions above. Horses, unless they are kept for consumption or in connection with the farming of the holding are not livestock under the definition within section 38. "Grazing" is an independent agricultural activity under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986, regardless of the type of animal that is grazing the land. As such grazing is farming.

If the grazing of horses is supporting a trade or business, the business conditions are complied with. If however the horses are kept for recreational purposes the business conditions are not met and the tenancy would then be governed by common law.

If the grazing of the horses supports a non-agricultural business, off the holding, for example a stud farm or riding school, then the only activity being carried out on the subject holding is grazing and as such it is wholly agricultural and the arrangement would be governed as an FBT.

The set up and structure of non-agricultural businesses including the start date and its location on or off the holding can affect whether the activity is partly or wholly agricultural. It may be that the arrangement is not primarily agricultural, and it is in fact commercial in nature in which case the agreement could fall within the parameters of the Landlord and Tenant Act which could in fact give the tenant greater security.

For further advice please contact Kathryn Williams at Davis Meade - [kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com](mailto:kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com)



**Wrth lunio Cytundeb Tenantiaeth Busnes Fferm o dan Ddeddf Tenantiaethau Amaethyddol 1995, mae rhai amodau a nodir yn adran 1 y mae'n rhaid cydymffurfio â hwy. Mae Adran 1 yn nodi y bydd tenantiaeth yn Denantiaeth Busnes Fferm os yw'n bodloni'r "amodau busnes" ynghyd â naill ai'r "amod amaethyddol" neu'r "amodau rhybudd". Am gyngor pellach cysylltwch â Kathryn Williams yn Davis Meade - [kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com](mailto:kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com)**

## MERCHED MEWN AMAETH

## Pwysigrwydd cefnogi ein gilydd

gan Tegwen Morris, Cyfarwyddwraig Cenedlaethol, Merched y Wawr

CYNHALIUYD ein Penwythnos Preswyl yng Ngholeg y Drindod Dewi Sant yng Nghaerfyrddin ym mis Medi a braf oedd medru trefnu teithiau difyr o amgylch Sir Gaerfyrddin gan ymweld â nifer o leoliadau gan gynnwys Yr Egin.

Ac er mae Difas y Drindod oedd y thema yn sicr roedd yna gyfle i amryw o dalentau'r fro egino trwy eu perfformiadau arbennig gan gynnwys criw brwdfrydig iawn o ddawnsywyr ifanc Hafod Wenog.

Braf iawn ydyw gweld traddodiadau Cymreig yn ffynnu ac yn datblygu, a braf ydyw cynnig cyfleoedd i'n pobl ifanc gael y cyfle i berfformio ar blatfformau Cenedlaethol.

Gwerthfawrogwyd yn fawr safon y bwyd gydol y penwythnos, ac eto'r un wythnos cefais y cyfle i fynd i ddathlu'r Aur yng nghwmni cangen Rhiwlas a'r Cylch yn Llansilin, a braf eto oedd cael bwyd blasus a thrafod cynnyrch lleol, pwysigrwydd cefnogi'r economi leol amaethyddol, ac yn wir cyfleoedd i gefnogi elusennau lleol trwy brynu mewn siopau a hynny yn ei hun yn arwain at lai o wastraff.

Mae Medi a Hydref yn sicr yn fisoedd prysur o ail gychwyn a chyfle i amryw ohonom gefnogi busnesau lleol trwy wledda allan, talu am fynediad i leoliadau hanesyddol ac yn bwysicach oll i gefnogi ein gilydd trwy sgwrs a thrwy gynnal amrywiol weithgareddau difyr.

Mawr obeithiaf y bydd yna fwrwm mawr wrth baratoi yn awr at y Ffair Aeaf ac ymdeimlad newydd o gymunedau a phwysigrwydd cefnogi ein gilydd trwy sgwrs a chyfeillgarwch.

**September and October are busy months for Merched y Wawr and they enjoyed a Residential Weekend held at University of Wales Trinity Saint David in Carmarthen at the beginning of September. Merched y Wawr will shortly start preparing for the Winter Fair and look forward to supporting each other through discussions and friendship.**



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**FARM HEALTH FIRST** By **chanelle PHARMA**

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# A time to review your farm security

With the added pressures of the financial economy, it is timely to remind farmers of the risks of rural crime and the simple preventative measures that can keep your property safe. We spoke to Rob Taylor, the Welsh Police Rural Coordinator for some practical advice on crime prevention.



999 in an emergency or use the online reporting form for your local force.

Never think that you are wasting our time by calling, the information you provide could be the jigsaw piece we need to complete the picture and catch the rural criminal.

Additionally I have been asked for advice on possible protestors attending a farm for any reason. Firstly we recommend that you are safe and then immediately contact the police with full details, including numbers, vehicles and if safe to do so again video or photographic images via your phone.

I have been with the police some 36 years now and involved directly in rural crime for the past 15 years across Wales. There are many simple steps you can take to ensure that your farm property is protected, giving the opportunist thief the least chance possible of success.

Criminals will often visit the farm prior to a theft to scope the area and to see what security is there and what is available to steal later. They usually arrive on the farmyard with an excuse, such as they are lost or looking to buy scrap metal. We encourage farmers, if safe to do so, to use their phones to photograph vehicle registration numbers and if possible the suspicious people themselves. It is then vital that the local police are informed with those details, so the necessary intelligence checks can be made. This works

twofold, in that the police are aware of the suspects and their vehicle and the possible offender(s) knows that their vehicle details have been recorded, hence making them think twice about returning to steal.

“Never think that you are wasting our time by calling, the information you provide could be the jigsaw piece we need to complete the picture and catch the rural criminal.”

It is also important that if you have CCTV installed that the lenses are regularly cleaned and that it also works correctly.

Often we see CCTV on farms, but when checked they simply don't work. This is frustrating as a recording of an incident gives us a big



advantage in following up enquiries and catching the offenders.

Another all too common sight on farm yards are quad bikes with the keys left in the ignition and unattended. When not in use we ask you remove them to a safe location out of sight and use quad locks if possible. Also the locking of gates helps and also having your farm dog near accessible areas, who can bark when disturbed.

Movement sensitive lighting is also a beneficial acquisition and movement trail cameras are also good in that they can record an incident via video or still photographs 24 hours a day. These can be acquired very cheaply online from many outlets.

Finally we encourage the setting up of local Whats App group within your communities. This is easy and free to do so and can allow farmers to pass information or photographs between each other of suspect visitors and their vehicles.

Always remember you can contact the police on 101 or



These incidents are rare, but if you are prepared and know what to do it ensures you are prepared and able to deal safely with the situation. For further advice contact your local police area on 101 and ask to speak to the rural crime officer.

## Rural Affairs at the heart of Wales YFC

by Ella Jones, Wales YFC Marketing and Communications officer

WALES YFC keeps Rural Affairs at the heart of the movement, and we were excited in September to welcome Lee Pritchard, (**Pictured below**), to our team as Rural Affairs Officer. The study tours were then re-introduced, with the 2022 destination announced as Cumbria, including visits to HJ Lea Oakes, Becks Farm and the Crystalyx Factory to name a few.

The Menter Moch competition continued this year, with the six winners announced at the 2022 Royal Welsh Show and are as follows; Rebecca John (Pembrokeshire YFC), Carys Jones (Carmarthenshire YFC), Rhys Morgan (Glamorgan YFC), Leah Davies (Clwyd YFC), Frances Thomas (Brecknock YFC) and Alis Davies (Clwyd YFC). These winners have each been given five weaners to rear and the overall champion is to be announced at the Royal Welsh Winter fair next month.

Wales YFC will also be attending this year's Wynnstay Beef and Sheep event on November 2. We would be delighted if you came to see us to learn more about what's going on in the coming weeks, including our exciting re-launch of a Winter Fair competition where one lucky member can win the use of a Quad Bike for a year!

At the Royal Welsh Winter Fair Wales YFC will also offer an unique opportunity to compete within the 'Baby Beef' and 'Prime Lamb' competitions, open to members over 14 years of age from Wales, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Cheshire federations.

Wales YFC have been fortunate enough to maintain a strong partnership with Dunbia and Sainsbury's through our Lamb Initiative. Members are given the opportunity to supply Welsh Lamb to Welsh Sainsbury's stores at a premium price all year 'round.

The aim of the scheme is to work with a forward thinking processor and retailer to attract Wales YFC members to become lamb suppliers and to keep Young Farmers at the forefront of the industry.

We were fortunate enough to be able to serve lamb from this scheme at the President's luncheon at the Royal Welsh Show to kick start the exciting year ahead of us, as our Lamb Scheme celebrates 15 years since its launch!



The Winner of Baby Beef 2021, Cai Edwards, Clwyd YFC.

*Rydyn ni nawr yn cychwyn ein blwyddyn CFfl newydd gyda llawer o ddigwyddiadau ar y gorwel, gan gynnwys Eisteddfod Genedlaethol CFfl Cymru, lle bydd ein haelodau yn camu i'r llwyfan a bydd ein seremonïau Cadeirio a Choronï blynyddol yn cael eu cynnal. Hoffem ddyuno pob lwc i holl aelodau'r CFfl ar gyfer y flwyddyn sydd i ddod ac annog unrhyw un sydd ddim yn aelod yn barod i ymuno!*

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