



# Newsletter

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## COURSES AVAILABLE—Most have Funding available up to 70%

Course title	Information	Venue	Dates to be held
Basic Chainsaw Cross Cut & Maintenance Felling to 8" Also NPTC 30/31	2 day course aimed at the occasional user or foundation in preparation for more advanced modules.  2nd module in the chainsaw series allowing the user to fell small trees at completion	Northallerton  Redcar	22nd/23rd September 20th/21st October  Jan/Feb 2011
Brushcutter/Strimmer	1 day course to ensure safe use and maint.	TBC	1st November 2010
Forklift (Lift truck) Or Loading & Securing(1 day)	A 2 day course of training and assessment. Is accredited to Lantra Awards and covers:- Hazard perception, Safe Loads, Prep & maint, Safe operation, Attachments & HSE	Hexham  Stokesley TBC	22/23 Sept. 20/21 October 17/18 Nov 24/25 Nov 8/9 Dec
PA4S—slug pelleting NRoSO—Problems and Solutions	A 1 day course covering—Best practice, equipment calibration, safe metaldehyde use, PPE, Buffer Zones. Test & Assessment on completion NRoSO Points awarded	Northallerton  Sedgefield	15th October 29th October November 2010
Safe use of Pesticides— PA1	Foundation module covering legislation, product labels, safety, storage, contamination and record keeping. Must be completed prior to taking any other module.—NPTC	Northallerton  Durham	22nd September 21st October 22nd November
Mounted Sprayer—PA2	This module inc assess of environmental, legal requirements, prep of equip, set & test, rates & cleaning—NPTC Assessment	At a suitable venue to the trainees	28th September 2010 23rd November 2010
Knapsack Sprayer—PA6	This module cover the use of a hand held sprayer with all the settings, rates and legislation—NPTC assessment	Northallerton	23rd September 2010 22nd October 2010
Brushcutter/Strimmer	A one or two day course depending on experience. Includes all types of use and safety.	TBC	1st November 2010
ATV—Quad Bike or sit in ATV (Argocat)	A one day course covering gen maintenance, safety, legal requirements, emergency action.	TBC	2nd November 2010
Hedgelaying	A 2 or 3 day practical course covering all aspects for Hedgelaying and Maintenance	Durham	November 2010
Emergency 1st Aid and 1st aid at Work	A 1 or 3 day course covering the new requirements for the HSE 1st aid	Northallerton	11th/14th Oct2010 8th November
Manual Handling or Working at Heights	A practical course covering all the safety aspects and legislation.	Durham	28th September 2010
Rabbit & Mole or Rat & Mouse Control	1 day course covering legislation for certification for Talunex and enabling the trainee to be proficient in the control of vermin.	TBC	27th October 2010
DIY AI	4 day course to be able to AI cows	Yorks	5th—8th October

IF YOU HAVE A REQUIREMENT THAT IS NOT COVERED WE WILL ARRANGE BESPOKE COURSES

## Funded Training

*The Grant Funding up to 70% that is available to eligible trainees for the North East and Yorkshire through Lantra Landskills and the RDPE Programme which is supported by One North East and Yorkshire Forward, is currently available until February 2011. Ensure that all your staff are up to date with all training—or is there something you have always wanted to train for? Now is the time to look into what is available while you may be able to access funding up to 70%.*

### OTHER COURSES

- LGV for Farmers is available the North East.
- Road Trailer driving (B+E) - Ongoing
- Computer Training—Farmplan or SAGE and Email & internet.
- Mig or Arc Welding
- Farm Vehicle Electrics
- NPTC NRoSo Points—Problems & Solutions.
- Risk Assess & COSHH
- Tractor Driving with Implements
- Animal Transport Cert
- Drystone Walling
- Cherry Pickers (MEWP)

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER COURSES



# Vicky Anderson Training

**BUSINESS SUPPORT AND TRAINING THE RURAL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR FUTURE.**



Still high on our list of concerns is the possibility of losing metaldehyde. There are limited alternatives, so it is vital that we follow the voluntary guidelines and make sure all operators are qualified so that we do not jeopardise our Single Farm Payment by not having the PA4S—Slug pelleting qualification. Do not assume that you have grandfather rights or have it as part of your PA2 spraying certification, as this is not always the case. Call us here at 01609 882408 and we will check for you. If you have the PA4 you may need to update to PA4S or obtain NROSO points from one of the latest NPTC seminars—Problems & Solutions.

Vicky Anderson offers  
PAYROLL (1-500 employees)  
BOOKEEPING/ ACCOUNTS  
CASHFLOWS/ BUDGETING  
LIASING WITH BANK MANAGERS/  
RPA/ ACCOUNTANTS  
FARMLAN TRAINER/REPRESENTATIVE  
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## Changes to all vehicles/trailers used to transport animals

Defra and the EU have brought forward the implementation date for new ramp angles under the Welfare of Animals in Transit Order 2012. As from 1st January 2011 the angles of the ramps are much less than previously required and all vehicles built prior to 2007 will have to be converted by then.  
Pigs, Calves and Horses—36.4% Sheep and other cattle—50%  
Please check your vehicle and make sure you are not caught out at mart by Trading Standards.

### RDPE FUNDED



### TRAINING YORKSHIRE & NORTH EAST

PLEASE NOTE SOME OF THE CURRENT FUNDING ONLY LASTS UNTIL FEBRUARY 2011, SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANY TRAINING PLEASE GET IN TOUCH ASAP AS 70% FUNDING MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO THE COST OF YOUR TRAINING.



European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development – Europe Investing in Rural Areas.

### VAT Rate change

January 2011.

From 1st January 2011 the rate of VAT will change to 20%. If you need help with this please call 01609 882408

## Women & Work Funding

This initiative is where women receive funding for training in all types of training including legislative, IT, management and technical and it is matched by employer/company contributions. Women working in the designated sectors can receive up to £450 of grant towards Training. For further information contact Lantra Sector Skills Council on 02746 696996 ext 247.

## SHEEP TAGGING RULES

Don't forget to comply with the new regulations that came into force on 31st December 2009. If you need to know more why not attend the event on 1st September arranged by Len Cragg Tel: 07718528501 for details. You must tag your lambs correctly this year to avoid a penalty on your Single Farm Payment. Remember to order your tags early to ensure that you have them on hand when you need them.

## NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE

From 1st October 2010 the new rates are:-

£5.93 21 yr old & over  
£4.92 18 –20 yr olds  
£3.64 16-17 yr olds

### BE AWARE AND LOCK THEM AWAY

There have been an increased number of thefts in the area recently. Make sure all machines are locked away and join your local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to keep in touch with what is happening. Don't give them the opportunity to help themselves—lock it up!!

**PAYE—Employer Talk Seminar** Wednesday 22nd September 2010. Ramside Hall, Durham. Sessions at 9.30am and 1.30pm Its FREE so use these seminars to learn about various aspects of PAYE that are not always made clear.

Aspects covered:-

**ONLINE PAYE — PENSIONS — DAY TO DAY PAYROLL**

Expert on employer and payroll matters .....

### Microsoft Office - Shortcut Hints and Tips:-

Did you know that you can click on the CTRL Key and another letter at the same time and this will perform operations rather than you knowing where to click—such as:-

- CTRL + C = Copy
- CTRL + V = Paste
- CTRL + P = Print
- CTRL + Z = Undo