



# Newsletter

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

Course title	Information	Venue	Dates to be held
Basic Chainsaw CS 30 Cross Cut & Maintenance Felling to 8"	2 day course aimed at the occasional user or foundation in preparation for more advanced modules.	Darlington	13/14 Feb 2012 March 2012
Also NPTC CS31	2nd module in the chainsaw series allowing the user to fell small/medium trees at completion	Durham	February 2012 March 2012
Brushcutter/Strimmer	1 day course to ensure safe use and maint.	Sedgefield	March 2012
Forklift (Lift truck) Or Loading & Securing(1 day)	A 1 or2 day course of training and assessment. Is accredited to Lantra Awards and covers:- Hazard perception, Safe Loads, Prep & maint, Safe operation, Attachments & HSE	Durham	February 2012
PA4S—slug pelleting Water, Widgets & Wotnots (10 NRoSO points)	A 1 day course covering—Best practice, equipment calibration, safe metaldehyde use, PPE, Buffer Zones. Test & Assessment on completion NRoSO Points awarded	Northallerton	February 2012 April 2012
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	March 2012 February 2012
Mounted Sprayer—PA2	This module inc assess of environmental, legal requirements, prep of equip, set & test, rates & cleaning—NPTC Assessment	York	10th Feb 2012
Knapsack Sprayer—PA6	This module cover the use of a hand held sprayer with all the settings, rates and legislation—NPTC assessment	At a suitable venue to suit trainees	March 2012
ATV—Quad Bike or sit in ATV (Argocat)	A one day course covering gen maintenance, safety, legal requirements, emergency action.	At a suitable venue to the trainees	February 2012
Hedgelaying /Walling	A 2 or 3 day practical course covering all aspects for Hedgelaying and Walling	Durham	March 2012
Emergency 1st Aid	A 1 or 3 day course covering the new requirements for the HSE 1st aid	Northallerton	7th Feb 2012
Manual Handling or Working at Heights	A practical course covering all the safety aspects and legislation.	Durham	Arranged to suit
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.	Thirsk	February 2012

**Water, Widgets and Wotnots—NRoSO Points Training Workshop**  
 Feb 13th 2012 at Northallerton. 9:30 until 16.00-Hot Lunch Provided. This course will enable you to :  
 Know where to find info on the correct PPE, Identify why it is important to keep pesticides out of the water and list ways in which they can get into water, identify equipment features which may improve performance and safety. This course will attract 10 CPD points for NRoSO member and 6 CPD points for BASIS Members.  
 Please call to book your place on this course for only £30 plus VAT ( where funding is available) including lunch.

## **Funding Yorkshire & N/East**

*We are hopeful to be able to provide courses upto 50% funded to the end of June 2012 for Yorkshire. To be sure of your funded place please call to book yourself onto a course or to ensure we have your details as soon as possible.*

*We are hopeful that funding we be secured for the North East in the next few months*

### **OTHER COURSES** May be funded when available

- LGV for Farmers
- Road Trailer driving (B+E) - may be funded.
- Computer Training—Farmplan or SAGE and Email & internet.
- Mig or Arc Welding
- Farm Vehicle Electrics
- Risk Assess & COSHH
- Tractor Driving
- Animal Transport Cert
- Cherry Pickers (MEWP)

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR FURTHER COURSES .WHERE POSSIBLE WE TRY TO ACHIEVE FUNDING FOR MANY COURSES.

### USEFUL LINKS AND GUIDANCE

[WWW.NFUONLINE.COM/News/Monthly-skills-roundup/?email9](http://WWW.NFUONLINE.COM/News/Monthly-skills-roundup/?email9)— Every month the NFU puts together a list of some of the main agricultural training courses and events—courses range from Forklift Driver to Butchery.

[WWW.bluesprig.com/jetboost.html](http://WWW.bluesprig.com/jetboost.html) - JETBOOST improves system performance by shutting down unnecessary background processes and servers and prioritizing processes. Download free at the above website

### Dates for your Diary

- 25th January-Bay Horse, Broughton 7:30pm BVD Eradication Meeting - Details from Cleveland Vet Practice
- 26th January-Ugthorpe Lodge 7:30pm BVD Eradication Meeting - Details from Cleveland Vet Practice
- 7th February - First Aid Course—call Vicky Anderson 01609 882408
- 9th February - Oneholmes Farm, Stokesley 01642 710218—Farm Safety and Security Seminar—call to book place
- 16th February-Ugthorpe Lodge –7:00pm Beef Fertility Meeting - Details

Our recent 2 day **Effective Manager Course** was a huge success for all 8 candidates .

One attendee quotes “ The course was extremely useful in helping me learn about ALL areas of my business”. We are looking to run another course in the Autumn— please call to book your place.



### Emergencies and Help

**112**—the emergency number world-wide for all mobile phones where there is no coverage—and is free.  
**ICE**—In Case of Emergency usually the phone owners emergency number or next of kin. Add a contact to you address book with this name so that if you are in an accident your emergency contact can be found quickly.  
**Hidden Battery Power**- \*3370# use when phone nearly dead—phone restarts and gives up to 50% more battery and will recharge when next plugged in for charging.

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### TRAINING YORKSHIRE & NORTH EAST

WE ARE HOPEFUL TO HAVE SOME FUNDING AVAILABLE IN THE NORTH EAST IN THE NEAR FUTURE BUT ALL YORKSHIRE FUNDING WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE UNTIL END JUNE 2012 CURRENTLY SO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH ALL TRAINING.



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

### APRIL VAT ALERT

From 1st April 2012, all VAT-registered businesses must send their VAT returns online and pay their VAT electronically. Currently only newly-registered businesses and those with turnover of more than £100,000 have to file and pay their VAT online. The new rules will cover VAT returns filed for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st April 2012.If you need help call 01609 882408

### Fun Facts

- The longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds.
- A donkey will sink in quicksand but a mule won't.
- Rabbits eat 1lb of green matter a day - or 1 square yard of winter cereal!

**Book your Rabbit and Mole control course**

We are now able to take Payment for courses by Credit card - with a £2.50/transaction charge.



### Nutrient Management Planning Modules for FACTS Qualified Advisers

3 day course - FACTS advisers MUST undergo this course to retain their status by end of 2014.Cost £395-430 +VAT  
**24 CPDS BASIS & 6 CPDS for NROSO.**  
 Contact 01609 882408 for further details

**IF YOU HAVE A REQUIREMENT THAT IS NOT COVERED WE WILL ARRANGE BESPOKE COURSES - FUNDING IS SOURCED FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT AVENUES, AND IN SOME CASES IS AVAILABLE UP TO 70%.**

**IF YOU REQUIRE ANY HELP WITH THIS CONTACT VICKY ANDERSON ON 01609 882408**

### FIRST AID AT WORK

According to the Health and Safety Executive agricultural businesses and industries extensively working with Dangerous machinery should have at **LEAST ONE APPOINTED FIRST AIDER** for employers with 5 or less employees. We are running an Emergency First Aid at work course here at Beech Hill Farm on 7th February 2012 and still have a few places available. Cost £65 plus VAT. Please call to book your place as soon as possible.