

## CPH County Parish Holdings Update

- 10 mile rule – all land used either temporarily or permanently can be moved under a single holding number, no movement records or standstill will apply
- Merging CPH numbers, if you wish to do so then apply to RPA. If you do merge CPH any ID attached to the defunct CPH will be lost, or you will need to create a new register
- Where you still have temporary CPH and animals will be mixed with another farmer, you must use that CPH and record as you today. If you have sole occupancy of that land you will need to apply for a Temporary Land Association (TLA) or a temporary CPH (tCPH)
- TLA – Must be within 10-mile radius, animals can be moved without record to CTS between original CPH and temporary CPH.
- All animals moved onto the farm from another farm, a standstill applies as it does today on both the original CPH and the temporary CPH. Similar disease status will apply to both the original CPH and the temporary CPH.
- Annual application
- tCPH – Can be any distance and will be treated as separate for disease and standstill purposes.
- All movements must be recorded and reported between original CPH and tCPH

To apply download application form

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-to-register-temporary-use-of-land-to-keep-livestock>

To contact RPA call 03000 200301

## Penwith Landscape Partnership (Heritage Lottery Fund Bid)

Last October some of you attended a meeting in Landithy Hall Madron, where the above Partnership was introduced and explained. It consists of 13 projects which cover areas of access, farm building renovation, small grant aid for the more inaccessible or low priority moor, wildlife, language, information, ancient history and most importantly farming. Some £2.7 million is available across the 13 projects over a five-year period. Mr Jeff Thomas of Bollowal Farm, St Just and myself have been part of the board for the last 9 months or so with some help from Patrick Aubrey- Fletcher from the NFU.

The Farming Futures project as it is called provides for 2 or 3 monitor farms with the aim of enabling local farmers to trial new practices; develop practices that are important to them such as grazing systems for beef, or cover crops for arable systems; offer farmers the opportunity to go on field trips to other parts of UK; bring speakers to the area and build on existing groups like the West Cornwall Beef group. The project needs the involvement of other farmers to attend meetings and effectively provide a steering group for what you want the monitor farms to deliver.

If the bid is successful in its next round it will start next Spring 2018, so there is still a way to go. We will keep you informed of progress.

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## Tax-Free Childcare for children under four

Working parents can start applying for two new government childcare schemes launching this year – Tax-Free Childcare which begins immediately and 30 hours free childcare which starts in September. This means that working parents of children, who will be aged under 4 on 31st August 2017, can now apply through the new digital childcare service for Tax-Free Childcare and receive a government top-up of £2 for every £8 that they pay into their Tax-Free Childcare account. All parents of disabled children (under 17 years old) can apply for Tax-Free Childcare.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-launches-today-for-children-under-four>

## Health and Safety Executive Agriculture Information Sheet No 17EW(rev1)

Cattle and public access in England and Wales – HSE has published a revised information sheet with advice for farmers, landowners and other livestock keepers.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais17ew.pdf?ebul=ag&cr=1/3-april-17>

## Horse identification: changes to regulations in England – Open consultation

DEFRA has launched a consultation on changes to the identification of equines and strengthening of the horse passport scheme. For more details see

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/equine-id/revised-eu-rules-on-equine-id-eu-reg-eu-2015-262/>

## Leader Funding and ERDF

Options of grant aid funding under the two schemes are still available, initially view website

<http://www.localactioncornwall.co.uk> to find out details of the scheme and your local contact

## RIDDOR - Record and review

From [cxcs.co.uk](http://cxcs.co.uk) Newsletter

This year's first quarter has seen many unfortunate deaths in agriculture. The latest figures show that February was more than three times higher than average with a total of 10 fatalities (based on 37 average deaths per year in the past 5 years).

It is important that you record any accidents or near misses and review these on a regular basis to identify any underlying problems on your farm. Near misses are often disregarded although they must be reported under RIDDOR. For example if you or an employee are close to becoming crushed by a falling bale, this must be recorded and reported to the HSE and you must complete your own investigation.

Think about the following information during your review:

- What would have been the result if the accident was to affect the person(s) involved?
- How likely is it that the event may happen again?
- What can be done to prevent the same thing from happening in the future?

## Countryside Stewardship

New applications for Countryside Stewardship (CS) can be made by contacting Natural England on 03000 603900. The application has to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> of September. If your current ELS scheme ends during 2017 and you wish to apply, it doesn't matter when in 2017 the scheme ends. Even if your scheme ends in December you will still be eligible. Payments are on individual fields or parcels only, therefore some fields may indeed have no CS payments others may have more than one.

## New Website

We now have a new simpler website where you can visit old newsletters, job opportunities, news and events, twitter etc. [www.farmcornwall.co.uk](http://www.farmcornwall.co.uk)

## Royal Cornwall Show

8/9/10 June

*If you are visiting the Show please come and see us.*

*Our stand is in the NFU Food Chain Hub stand 438*

## Animal Project

We have been contacted by an Exeter University post graduate Student who is conducting research into colours used in agriculture and how those colours affect animal behaviour. She has developed some hi-tech imaging equipment which she will use in her research. For example what would the best colours for new robot milking parlours, rather company colours.

If you are interested in being involved with that project please contact us by email and we will forward your details.

A lion, a gorilla and a chicken were bragging in a bar. "I am the greatest," said the gorilla. "When I beat my chest, everyone backs away respectfully."

"No, I am the greatest," said the lion. "When I roar everyone in earshot runs away screaming."

"Ha!" said the chicken. "You should see the worldwide media reaction if I so much as sneeze..."