

# ADDINGTON NEWS

  
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## Busy times this summer

### ... as life comes back with a bang!

These are busy times for the Addington Fund. We knew life would come back with a bang and it has. We have been busy this summer attending as many shows and events as we can with our small, committed team. One of the key drivers has been the need to keep the Fund in the news and at the top of social media feeds where our fabulous Marketing and Events Manager Annie Winn has done a sterling job to keep our fundraising profile high.

The reason is simple in that since the DEFRA Retirement details were announced earlier this year, we have had several enquiries from tenant farmers who want help to find and purchase a modest retirement home and we have five applications in at the moment which potentially could cost us £1.5m if we are not to disappoint.

Coupled with this we have many irons in the fire with potential stakeholders to build more retirement and affordable homes and create opportunities for potential new entrants. Indeed, we are looking for likeminded partners so we can build flats above workshops linked to 10-acre parcels of land to give first generation farmers the opportunity with a very affordable rent to farm for the first time. At first probably on a part time basis whilst doing another job and then carrying out whatever enterprise they choose.

The sensible DEFRA initiative to bring 50% of basic payments forward six months is a master stroke and will help enormously and give many farms an opportunity to purchase inputs at different times of year and hold onto crops for longer, hopefully to benefit from higher prices and it will allow some to go forward for the first time in many years.

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Addington Fund CEO, Bill Young at the reception in London hosted by Farming Help

However, we cannot hide from the undeniable and somewhat inconvenient truth that the gap in agriculture between the top and the bottom is widening. Those with good business plans and clear goals are forging ahead while others with no desire to change or in a spiral of decline are struggling to cope with the current situation of high inputs, market volatility and diminishing support. It all means that demands for our housing services is rising daily and we have heard some heart-breaking stories as we travel the country.

Our partner charities in Farming Help, FCN (with mental health and wellbeing calls) and Forage Aid, are experiencing the same rise in interest, and if this drought continues some farmers are almost certainly going to need help to boost

their summer grazing. I was only talking to an organic dairy farmer yesterday who said that although he had taken two good silage cuts, he was now feeding it already which unless things changed was going to cause problems in the winter. On that basis we have had three relaunches of the Farming Help Alliance this summer to increase awareness as demand for services from the three charities seems set to rise.

The receptions at the House of Lords, The Royal Cheshire Show and The Royal Cornwall Show raised awareness of our individual strengths and show that collaborative working is the best way forward. We were honoured that the Farming Help stand received a

visit by HRH The Prince of Wales at the Royal Cornwall Show. HRH has always been a loyal supporter of British farming and our farming charities.

Moving towards the autumn, we know that things are going to be getting tight for everyone, both in and outside of farming. The cost of living, fuel bills, feed and fertiliser costs have all skyrocketed. Remember, if you need help, or someone to talk to, the Farming Help charities are here. Visit [www.farminghelp.co.uk/](http://www.farminghelp.co.uk/) or call 03000 111 999.

*Bill Young*

ADDINGTON FUND CEO

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# Special memories of Lundy Island

Lundy Island always holds very special memories for me as it was the first boys' trip that I can remember going on with my late father in 1964 aged 3. In those days you boarded a paddle driven steam powered ferry and had to disembark onto a smaller boat to land.

When I joined Addington Fund, I was delighted to find that our Southwest volunteer, Trevor Glasper, organised a regular fundraising trip to the island on board the ever-reliable MS Oldenburg. This year was the first time we had run the trip for three years and we could not have picked a better day for our farmers and Addington supporters' trip, on July 17th when 154 passengers boarded the vessel in Bideford for the 12-mile crossing.



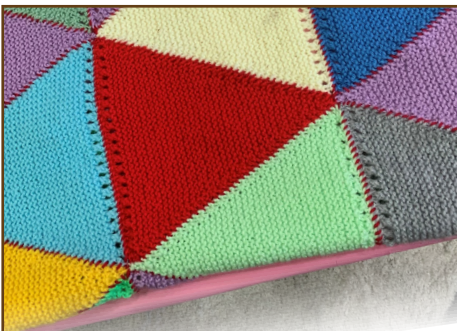
This year the cost of the trip was sponsored for the first time by Mole Valley Farmers and it was great to have some of their team on board. We were able to spend the whole day on the island in glorious weather before taking the scenic trip home coming up the North Devon Coast via Hartland Point and Clovelly.

It is a long day but well worth the visit as the Island has so much to offer in terms of history, wildlife and spectacular views. For the less energetic there is also a nice pub, shop, lighthouses and uncrowded beaches to visit.

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We were also able to do the usual fundraising on the way back holding a raffle that raised over £500 for the Fund which along with the proceeds of the trip will all go to the next Addington good cause.

Our thanks go to Trevor Glasper and his team for organising the trip and overseeing the bookings, Mole Valley Farmers for their generous sponsorship, the magnificent crew of the MS Oldenburg and to our own Annie Winn who ensured the trip was a great success.



## Brilliant Bunting

There is still time to purchase our beautiful knitted bunting in time for your summer celebrations. Visit the website or call the office to buy.

Plans are in place for some of the bunting triangles to be joined together and turned into blankets to be sent to children in Ukraine and those fleeing conflict. Addington Fund will be working with Ukraine Relief, a charity based in Bournemouth sending essential supplies to people in Ukraine.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST RECRUIT... Emily

A little introduction from our newest member of staff Emily, who started with us in May, as our Operations and Marketing Coordinator.

Hi, I'm Emily and I live in Warwickshire with my husband, Paul, and our three young boys – who keep us on our toes!

I have been working in agriculture for the last 12 years. One of my biggest achievements has been working on the Women in Dairy project which connects women in the industry through events and networking.

It's been so interesting to see a change in farming and be part of something which has encouraged women to step out of their comfort zones and build their confidence within not only themselves but the agricultural industry too.

Due to already working in the farming world, I've known about the work of the Addington Fund for a few years and think the sector is very lucky to have the support of such brilliant farming charities who can help with the specific needs of farmers and the rural community. Providing affordable housing for retiring farmers and new entrants is crucial to enabling succession and recruiting new blood into agriculture.

I'm really looking forward to getting stuck into this new role, getting out and about at events and helping to make a difference to the next generation of British farmers. I look forward to meeting you at events!





# Winners of the Devon Farm Business Awards 2022 announced



**BEST COMMERCIAL FARMER**  
**Tom Chanter of F W S Carter**  
Sponsored by PKF Francis Clark



**BEST WOMAN IN AGRICULTURE**  
**Cathy Case, Mount Folly Farm**  
Sponsored by Stephens Scown Solicitors



**FARM DIVERSIFICATION AWARD**  
**Jerry Sanders-Carr, Crablake Farm**  
Sponsored by Trowers and Hamlins



**BEST FARM PROCESSOR**  
**Chris & Kathryn Labdon, Perdon Organics Ltd**  
Sponsored by Thomas Westcott

After a three-year hiatus, the Devon Farm Business Awards were back with a bang the night before the Devon County Show in June. The evening celebrated the best of farming in the county with Awards across eight categories, culminating in the Devon's Farmer of the Year Award, and was organised by the Addington Fund along with the Devon County Agricultural Association and Principally Sponsored by Cornish Mutual.

Emotional Chris Berry from Higher Thornton Farm was announced Devon's Farmer of the Year 2022 and also bagged the Best Young Farmer title.

Speaking on BBC Radio Devon with Michael Chequer on the morning of the first day of the Devon County Show, he said: "I'm still in shock and buzzing from winning the Award to be honest. It's really nice to be recognised and rewarded for the efforts we young farmers put into agriculture so to be nominated, short listed and win the Awards is truly fantastic and I'd like to thank everyone involved in supporting myself and the agricultural community."

Penny Dart, a director in Savills' rural department in Exeter, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to see Chris named Devon's Farmer of the Year for 2022. A pioneering agriculturalist, his open-minded and innovative style, alongside his energy and enthusiasm, made him a standout winner of the Best Young Farmer category." "His forward-thinking and collaborative approach has put his expanding farming business ahead of the curve, while his commitment to knowledge-sharing across the sector makes him an inspiration to even the most experienced of farmers."

Graeme Cock from Mole Valley Farmers, who sponsored Devon's Farmer of the Year category, commented that the calibre of nominations this year was outstanding: "It is just incredible to see the talent and passion within the farming industry in my home county. Judging the nominations was a tough job but the panel gave it their all and chose a very worthy winner of winners".

Peter Beaumont from Cornish Mutual did a sterling job of announcing the category winners on stage, presenting with grace, humour and style.

To top off the evening, the Devon Young Farmers Choir took to the stage after dinner, performing "Times Like These" by the Foo Fighters and the iconic "Skyfall" by Adele, whilst guests enjoyed amazing locally sourced produce from caterers, Baker George.

## DEVON'S FARMER OF THE YEAR

**Chris Berry**

Sponsored by Mole Valley Farmers



Peter Beaumont from principal sponsor Cornish Mutual, said they were proud to be able to support the Awards in 2022 and see the showcase of talent in the farming sector throughout Devon, and give a huge congratulations to not only the category winners but also the runners up.

Thanks to the Devon County Agricultural Association and the staff at the Devon County Showground for all their help throughout the organisation of the Awards, and for their continuous support for the work of the Addington Fund.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the category finalists and winners, and to thank everyone who took part in making of the 2022 Devon Farm Business Awards such a success. The evening raised over £10,000 from sponsorship and fundraising, and this money will go towards helping the farming community in times of need.

Special thanks must also go to the Award sponsors and supporters:



**BEST SUSTAINABLE FARMING INITIATIVE**  
**David and Helen Camp, Daynes Farm**  
Sponsored by Cornish Mutual



**BEST DAIRY FARMER**  
**Mark & Paul Glanvill, Rydon Farm**  
Sponsored by CREDITON DAIRY



**BEST YOUNG FARMER**  
**Chris Berry, Higher Thornton Farm**  
Sponsored by Savills



**FARMING CHAMPION**  
**Guy Singh-Watson, Riverford Organic Farmers**  
Sponsored by NFU



# Jubilee Joy

Annie and Bill were lucky enough to attend the Platinum Party at the Palace in honour of the Queen's Jubilee in June.

We would like to thank HRH The Countess of Wessex, our Patron, for her kind invitation to the event.



## Looking forward to the 2022 Cornwall Farm Business Awards



The nominations for the Cornwall Farm Business Awards are now closed but we move forward to the next stage of the process; judging the short-listers!

The judges will be visiting each finalist to see how their farm and business works. From there, they will choose their category winner which will then be announced on the night of the Awards, at The Eden Project. During the evening, guests will enjoy a delicious three-course meal while raising money through some of our fundraising activities. The evening is always enjoyable, with many likeminded people there for the same reason; to celebrate British agriculture, support local and to support Addington Fund.

If you would like to join us at the Awards, we have tickets still for sale. Please visit our website on [www.farmbusinessawards.org.uk/buy-tickets/cornwall](http://www.farmbusinessawards.org.uk/buy-tickets/cornwall) or give Annie a call, and she can help you from there, 01926 620135 – option 3.

**BUY YOURS TODAY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ADDINGTON FUND!**



The Eden Project, Cornwall

Here's a reminder of our amazing Cornwall Farm Business Awards sponsors. Without them, our Awards wouldn't be possible.

Thank you to:

- **Cornish Mutual** Principal Sponsor & Best Sustainable Farming Initiative (NEW)
- **Carter Jonas & AMC**, sponsor of Best Commercial Farmer
- **Azets Accountants**, sponsor of Best Woman in Agriculture
- **PKF Francis Clark LLP**, sponsor of Best Mixed Farmer
- **Savills**, sponsor of Best Farm Processor
- **Saputo Dairy UK & Davidstow Creamery Direct**, sponsors of Best Dairy Farmer
- **NatWest**, sponsor of Best Young Farmer
- **NFU**, sponsor of Farming Champion
- **Stephens Scown Solicitors**, sponsor of Cornwall's Farmer of the Year

## AddingtonFund EVENTS UPDATE

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| WEDNESDAY 7TH<br>SEPTEMBER                   | Cumbria Farm Business Awards                    |
| WEDNESDAY 7TH -<br>THURSDAY 8TH<br>SEPTEMBER | Westmorland County Show                         |
| THURSDAY 29TH<br>SEPTEMBER                   | Cornwall Farm Business Awards                   |
| SUNDAY 16TH<br>OCTOBER                       | Harvest Service,<br>Chapel of the Savoy, London |
| WEDNESDAY 15TH<br>DECEMBER                   | Festive Tractor Run                             |

LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Cumbria Farm Business Awards

The Cumbria Farm Business Awards will be celebrating the best of Cumbrian farming on 7th September at the Castle Green Hotel, Kendal. Organised by Farm Smart Events, the evening will be supporting the work of the Addington Fund. Nominations have already closed, but the shortlist will be announced soon.

These Awards give individuals and businesses the recognition they deserve and the confidence to step out into the wider world to showcase what they are doing. This year's Awards feature eight categories celebrating the best that the county has to offer, culminating in Cumbria's Farmer of the Year Awards.

The Rural Law Practice are proud to be the Awards' main sponsor. With their farming focus, they support many agricultural and rural businesses, families and individuals who form an important part of the county's rural economy.

We are grateful to the generous sponsorship for the awards from

- Storth Machinery
- NFU
- NWA Professional & Property
- Dodd & Co
- Enterprise Answers
- Westmorland Group
- H&H Land & Estates
- Carter Jonas
- AMC

Thanks also goes to The Westmorland County Agricultural Society for their support.

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FARM BUSINESS AWARDS

Visit [www.cumbriafarmbusinessawards.co.uk](http://www.cumbriafarmbusinessawards.co.uk) to find out more and book your table.





HRH The Prince of Wales on the Duchy of Cornwall stand



Former tenant James and fiancée Tammy stopped by the stand

Annie was interviewed on the Cornwall Channel and spoke about our work and fundraising.

Overall the show was an absolute success and we would like to thank everyone who came to see us, the staff of the show and our fellow supporters, old and new, for their continuous support.

We look forward to seeing you there again next year.

# The Royal Cornwall Show was a true delight

We were delighted to be back at The Royal Cornwall Show in June after three years away.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many people to our shared Farming Help stand; from long standing supporters of the Addington Fund, to editors from the South-West Farmer and journalists from the Western Morning News; we even had one of our former tenants, James come and see us with his fiancée Tammy. We are so proud of the work we do within the agricultural industry, so to see people we have helped flourish, really did make our week at the show.

We were honoured to meet The Prince of Wales on the Duchy of Cornwall stand, and used the opportunity to give him a brief update on our work. This was followed by a second Farm Help reception kindly hosted by Mole Valley on their stand with Forage Aid and FCN. George Eustice MP also visited the Farming Help stand and met with Bill, Stephen Dennis (FCN) and Barry Mann (DEFRA).



DEFRA Secretary of State George Eustice MP meets Bill Young, Stephen Dennis, FCN, Barry Mann, DEFRA and Annie Winn

## Summer Events Roundup

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Addington Fund have been racing up and down the county to be back with visitors at our much loved county shows.

### DEVON COUNTY SHOW

Thank you to the Devon County Agricultural Association for hosting us at Devon County Show where we raised over £200 selling bunting,

### KENILWORTH SHOW

Our vintage Massey Ferguson tractors, had a lovely day at the Kenilworth Show in June. They also stayed for the Len Eadon memorial service the following day. A day of fundraising for a young Warwickshire farmer who tragically took his own life in January 2022.

### GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

We were delighted to be visited by HRH Princess Anne at the Great Yorkshire Show. The four-day event was a complete sellout with visitors flocking to Harrogate in the sunshine. Thank you to Strutt & Parker for hosting our breakfast on their stand.



Christine Ryder, Addington Trustee, Bill Young and Kate Dale, Yorkshire Agricultural Society meet HRH Princess Anne



# THE GREEN FARM COLLECTIVE

Thanks to all at the Green Farm Collective open day for nominating us as their chosen charity. They raised over £500 through the sales of cake, tea and coffee!

The enthusiasm for protecting our environment and finding new and better ways to farm was phenomenal to see.

Thanks to all once again for such a great day of fundraising and we hope to see you again next year



# Re-engineer your career with Forces Farming and AGCO

## A NEW APPROACH TO BUILD A CAREER IN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

Forces Farming represents the link between the armed forces and agriculture. By connecting veterans and resettling personnel with the agricultural industry we are opening new career paths never before promoted to service leavers.

One of these career paths is Agricultural Engineering. In spring 2022 Forces Farming announced a partnership with AGCO UK Ltd to launch the Retrain Program with their retail dealer network. This is an industry leading approach to supporting people who want to retrain into a new career. The dealer network is looking for candidates who can work as engineers, parts warehouse managers, technical salespeople as well as HR, accounting, logistics etc.

Forces Farming and AGCO start the retraining process with insight days and experience events. Starting with visiting a farm provides a foundation of knowledge that supports you in the years to come. By interacting and engaging with farmers and the wider supply chain the candidates get an insight of how vast the industry is and how many opportunities are out there.

Agricultural engineering is one area of huge potential. It's extremely positive AGCO are supporting Forces Farming and ex-military personnel. For anyone who wants to work outside, have a satisfying job with a great career path should get in touch.

Following insight days Forces Farming help co-ordinate experience placements or shadowing opportunities across the country at AGCO dealerships. This gives the retraining engineer the opportunity to be sure this is the right career choice for them and their family.

The new process for non-agricultural engineers will help anyone who doesn't have farming experience move into a new area of business and career opportunities.

By evaluating and certifying other industry experience or qualifications these skills can transfer to agricultural engineering.

Richard Charles, Manager, Aftersales Training, Dealer Readiness & Business Development comments "There are a lot of very skilled engineers out there who currently don't consider agricultural engineering as a career path. We've partnered with Forces Farming so we can promote the industry, retrain men and women from the armed forces and bring new talent into the industry."

Forces Farming was started in 2019 by Jeremy Gibbs who spent his career working for a global manufacturer and now runs his own business while actively farming beef and sheep at home. Jeremy explains "The link between the Armed Forces and Agriculture goes back a long way but it isn't promoted to serving personnel as a career choice when they think about resettlement."

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To ensure previous qualifications and engineering experience is credited AGCO will offer assessments and specific training plans that help identify the knowledge level and areas of training that need focus.

Richard explained "Our target with this new approach is to make sure that if someone has experience in engineering and wants to move into agriculture, we recognise the prior knowledge and train them accordingly which in turn provides skilled engineers for our dealers and future talent for AGCO." Forces Farming will deliver the foundation agricultural knowledge and AGCO are providing the career opportunities with their dealer network. A great opportunity for non-agricultural engineers either from the armed forces or other industries further afield.

For more information or to get in contact please go to [www.forcesfarming.co.uk](http://www.forcesfarming.co.uk) or @ForcesFarming on social media channels.

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## Celebrating the farming industry with Farm24

Keep an eye on our social media channels on 4th August as we join farmers across the UK in #farm24 with Farmers Guardian. We've put together another video to celebrate everything that goes into making the great British farming industry.

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## FINAL THOUGHTS...



## Countdown to Christmas

It's never too early to think about Christmas cards. We have our new range from 2021 as well as some remaining stock of the classic favourites

The new design cards are priced at £10 for 10 luxury cards and the traditional cards from £3 per pack of 6.

Visit the website to purchase or call the office to order by phone 01926 620135 – option 3.

## SUPPORT OUR WORK

There are many ways you can support our work, through donations, buying our bunting or Christmas cards and simply spreading the word about the Addington Fund.

If you shop online, please consider using Easy Fundraising which gives a small donation to Addington Fund whenever you shop online. [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonfund/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonfund/)

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