



Dartmoor
HILL FARM
PROJECT

Monthly Update



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Dartmoor Independent Review - Have Your Say

The Dartmoor review has recently announced the full panel, who will be chaired by David Fursdon as well as the terms of reference and how to provide submissions. Follow the button to find the full details, including how to send submissions below.

[Find Out More Here](#)



Finishing Lambs Event

Come along to Corringdon Farm, South Brent on Wednesday 20th September, 11am - 2pm, for a practical discussion on finishing lambs on stubble turnips, with input from local vets on common animal health issues and management. A chance to meet representatives of Dartmoor Farmers Association who will discuss meeting demand and market specification, including insight into consumer behaviours. Refreshments and Lunch included.

Follow the link below to book, or email hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk / Call 07561 805056

[Book Here](#)



Two Tier Hedgetrimming

A new method of hedgetrimming with a flail has been developed in the Tamar Valley. Allowing trimming for stockproof hedges as well as protecting wildlife, this method allows hedgetrimming whilst potentially meeting some of the new SFI standards for hedgerows. Follow the link below for a short video demonstration and more information.

[Watch Video Here](#)



Mental Health & Farmer Breakfasts

There was great turnout to the Cream Tea and open day at Killworthy Farm, where Sandra Vallance and Family hosted around 60 people, who enjoyed a tour of the historic buildings, escaping a drizzly afternoon chatting with friends or neighbours. The donations and raffle raised over £300 which will go towards more farmer get togethers on Dartmoor. Please follow the button below to find out more about the work we are doing and the farmer's breakfasts.

The Witheridge to Frenchbeer fundraiser on top of providing funding for mental health first aid training has provided resources with helplines for those who are suffering a mental health crisis. We will be handing these out at a range of shows and events.

[Find out More](#)



Mid-Tier Application Extension, SFI Opens & FiPL

Please note that the deadline for Mid-Tier applications has been extended to 15th September. Follow the button below for more information.

The 2023 SFI application window will be opening on the 18th September, you can register interest from now by following the button below.

Dartmoor National Park Authority is looking to appoint a new panel member for the Farming in protected Landscapes Programme from the farming community to allocate money for projects that will help deliver more benefits to agricultural businesses and the National Park.

The panel meets every six weeks with expenses paid for time and travel. Apply by sending a personal statement outlining relevant knowledge and experience to fipl@dartmoor.gov.uk. For an informal discussion contact James on 01626 832 093.

Mid-Tier Deadline Extension

SFI Announcement



Tick Bourne Disease & Louping Ill Evening

The Hill Farm Project recently ran an evening discussion with guest speakers Dr. Beth Wells of Moredun and Tim Bebbington of Castle vets to discuss the issues around Ticks and Tick Bourne Disease (TBD) in particular, Louping Ill and concerns over potential increases in occurrence for animal and human health. This was organised in collaboration with the Exmoor Hill Farm Network. There is potential for a new vaccine which we would consider trialling locally.



Dartmoor joins regenerative farming event exclusively for women

The Hill Farm Project recently organised a trip to the FarmEd Women in Regenerative Agriculture event at Cotswold Seeds Honeydale Research and Development Farm, after it was suggested by one of the group. The group found it very interesting to compare the differences between Cotswolds and Dartmoor as well as to see the opportunities the farm is embracing and to hear from the speakers.

You can find out more about the events and workshops that are happening at www.dartmoorhillfarmproject.co.uk and more about FarmEd by clicking the button below.

Find out More about FarmEd

Mental Health Contacts

Helplines and help is always available to those in crisis - contact:

RABI 24hr Helpline: 0800 188 4444

FCN Helpline: 03000 111 999

Samaritans, Call: 116 123 or email: jo@samaitans.org

Contact us:

Russell Ashford, Steering Group Chairman

David Attwell, Land Management Adviser

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