



## December 2023 Update



### **Fursdon Review Published**

The Review of Protected Site Management on Dartmoor is now available via [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk). Led by David Fursdon with a panel of expert advisers they listened to the views of farmers and stakeholders and took written evidence from over 150

submissions. The report is the result of the review with a response from Defra anticipated in the New Year.

**[Click Here to View the Report on Gov.uk](#)**



### **Healthy Livestock Project (OUC)**

The dung beetle survey with Harford and Ugborough and Holne Commons Associations is nearing completion. Really interesting data and recommendations which we will publish on our website in the New Year. We have also been feeding in case studies and evidence to Moredun Research Institute to support a potential Louping Ill vaccine. Do get in touch if you have any cases to share as we need evidence to substantiate the commercial case [hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk).



## **Dartmoor Farm for the Future - January & February Events**

Our programme continues in 2024 and will update on new announcements in ELM so do join us or register for the programme. In the New Year (17.01.24) we are reviewing the Animal Health & Welfare Pathway (AH&WP) focussing on sheep health with Castle Vets and looking ahead to lambing. There will be an additional environmental workshop at the end of January (31.01.24) before we focus on renewables in February (07.02.24). Subject to interest we are also running small working group guidance to support SFI applications (written or online) with Julia Bastone. For details on all events click below.

**[Find Out More Here](#)**



## Brassica Trial Results

We are now compiling the report on the brassica trials we have run this year. Where we compared direct drilling to ploughing as well using different varieties with companion cropping.

**Find Out More**



## Farming in Protected Landscapes Case Study

The Chagford Regenerative Farmers Association aims to improve the health and vitality of the River Teign catchment area by helping local Upland farmers to carry out more regenerative farming approaches, and give them the support and encouragement to make their farms more profitable and sustainable.

The Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) team helped to fund a Moore 2.5 metre mounted Uni-Drill for overseeding their pastures; bespoke herbal and legume seed for overseeding; mobile electric fencing and livestock drinking equipment for rotational grazing, and four demonstration days, so that members can adopt and learn about more efficient and sustainable pasture management for more profitable livestock enterprises on their farms.

Follow the link below to find out more information about the FiPL program and how you can apply.

**[Find Out More Here](#)**



## **ELMS & Livestock Update**

Those applying for SFI should note seasonal closure dates from the RPA; whether you have already started an application or intend to before the end of December.

The Animal Health & Welfare Pathway is now available to non-BPS farmers. Click below for updates including that this will contribute towards further infrastructure grants, as anticipated from the initial calf housing offer.

Livestock Information Service (LIS) initial stage has just gone live delivering sheep, goat and deer data for England, Scotland and Wales in one free platform. Recording the same information as the current system it aims to be more efficient and timely. Similar is expected for cattle in the future.

**[RPA Closure Dates](#)**

**[AH&W Details](#)**

**[LIS Details](#)**

**[Mental Health Contacts](#)**

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