



Lanes
farm vets

Newsletter
September 2023

Dates for your diary...

Ignite Agri-forum—27th September 7.30 for 8pm

Throstlenest Farm, Goosnargh PR3 2EQ—Nicola Green presenting 'Rosy Goat' ice cream. Watch out on facebook for more details nearer the time.

Flock Health Club—date TBC late Sep/early Oct

Ian Atkinson (Brockholes Auction Mart auctioneer) will be discussing marketing lambs & cull ewes followed by (if time) an update on lameness control in ewes. We will be in touch with a confirmed date once secured.

12-2pm at the surgery at Brockholes Auction Mart. Lunch provided as usual.

DIY AI training — we are now an approved AI training practice and can offer AI training on your own farm or look out for one of the organised training sessions throughout the year. Contact Emmie for more information on 07552122819.



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Calf housing capital grant

Don't miss out on the government calf housing grant if you are planning on investing in a new calf housing. The grant can pay for capital costs to build new, or upgrade existing, calf housing.

The buildings must be a permanent non-movable building, securely attached to a foundation, intended for use for a minimum of 5 years (this does include permanent open-sided structures with igloos or hutches).

The minimum grant you can apply for is £15,000 (40% of £37,500). The maximum grant is £500,000 per applicant business. This is running alongside the subsidised pathway animal health and welfare reviews and smaller grants scheme (where farmers can select from a list of equipment and technology items).

To apply, you need to discuss your project with a vet and include a letter of confirmation with your full application.

One way to do this would be to apply for an Annual Health and Welfare Review, available through Defra's Animal Health and Welfare Pathway. The Review is a fully funded visit by your choice of vet who will give you bespoke advice on animal health and welfare, as well as testing for key diseases and conditions.

The full details of the grant and the specifications for calf housing can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/calf-housing-for-health-and-welfare-2023/calf-housing-for-health-and-welfare-grant-specifications>

The project requires the following to comply:

- Calves must not be kept individually from 7 days old (except in exceptional circumstances).
- The building must be designed to maintain a suitable ambient environment for the calves.
- Calves must not share an airspace with, or be downwind of, older cattle (over 6 months old). This includes buildings and areas intended for older cattle such as:
 - cattle accommodation & feeding areas
 - milking parlours
 - collecting yards
 - outdoor housing systems such as feedlots or corrals and outwintering pads

Calf housing capital grant cont.

Guidelines for minimum calf housing requirements require calves must also:

- ⇒ have a minimum floor area of 3 square metres (m²) per calf for calves under 100 kilograms (kg), 4m² per calf for calves between 100kg and 150kg, and 5m² per calf for calves heavier than 150kg - the floor area includes the bedded laying area, standing area and feeding and drinking areas
- ⇒ have solid, concrete flooring
- ⇒ include sloped flooring with a 1 in 20 (5%) gradient in bedded areas, which slopes towards a drain or drainage channel
- ⇒ have cereal straw bedding
- ⇒ have permanent external calf height walls or barriers to protect from draughts - these must measure at least 1.2 metres (m) high but may be higher depending on the size of calves and depth of bedding
- ⇒ include at least one enrichment item for every pair or group of calves to provide for the physical and psychological wellbeing of the calf, such as hanging balls or brushes
- ⇒ include temperature and humidity sensor data loggers capable of autonomously recording data over a defined period and storing data so it can be viewed after it has been recorded
- ⇒ have fitted, artificial lighting at a minimum of 50 lumen for each square metre (lux)
- ⇒ include at least 2 waterproof IP66 electrical sockets, 1 located at each end of the building

If you are interested in having a free farm health review visit or applying for a capital grant please do not hesitate to contact us on 01995 602468.

Fluke alert

As a result of the last few months being warm & wet we are predicting a heavy fluke burden on some pastures. Please contact us regarding testing for fluke or for advice on best treatment for your stock.

Seth's Big Run

Last month Seth set out for another big run, this time just across the border in Cumbria with 105 mile loop around the lake district. Starting and finishing in Coniston, Seth covered the 105 miles off road with 6,300m of vertical ascent in a blistering 22 hours 33 minutes to finish joint 8th. Despite having a cut off time of 40 hours and 13 checkpoints along the route to help runners, around a third of runners who toe the start line will drop out before the end.

This year Seth was fundraising for a cause close to his heart, the Brain Tumor Charity and was very pleased to raise more than a £1,000 via his Just Giving page. Speaking after the run, and after having a long sleep, Seth said "it was great to have so much support from colleagues and clients alike, although I didn't have much time to check my phone during the race, it was lovely to see all the amazing messages and donations when I crossed the line, thank you to everyone who got in touch. Donations still being taken!"



Lanes Vets Charity Sponsored Walk!

On September 8th some of the Lanes Vets team are walking an 'almost marathon' to raise money for our chosen charities—Kidney Research UK & NW Air Ambulance.

We are walking from our Lancaster branch to our Cottam branch, via the canal.

If you can, please sponsor us! Any amount is greatly appreciated for these wonderful charities. You can sponsor us by donating at the office with cash or card, or you can donate online on our Just Giving page—link below or QR code to the right! Thank you!



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