



Benefit People, Animals and Place

Accredited Training



125

Individuals Supported

103

Businesses Supported

1322

Hours of Training

Courses included:



- DIY AI
- First aid for Feet (cattle)
- Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck
- Elite Wool Industry Training UK Advanced Shearing course
- Level 2 Award in Rodent Management
- Mastering Medicine Course
- BASIS Foundation in Agronomy (Agriculture)

Feedback:

"Have improved my pattern of sheep shearing which will allow me to shear better numbers and increase pay." (Elite Shearing)

Horticulture Training – Business



1 Event
7 Individuals
7 Businesses

Events title: Cultivating your floral imagery

Horticulture Business Support – Business

1

Training session

3

Individuals

1

Business

This session focused on leading and managing a team which builds growth and strengthens the resilience of the business.

Horticulture Business Support – Land

1

Training session

1

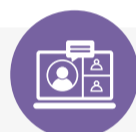
Individuals

1

Business

This session focused on due diligence for small growers including the grower standard for supplying into public procurement.

E-learning



324

Individuals Supported

225

Businesses Supported

Courses included:



- Abortion in Ewes
- Creating a Sheep Breeding Programme For The Flock
- Sustainable Use of Anthelmintics
- Farm Safety – Working Safely with Tractors
- Reducing Ammonia Emissions
- Biosecurity (Livestock and Arable)

New courses available on BOSS included:



- Animal Health Improvement Cycle
- Biosecurity (Livestock and Arable)
- Buying A Performance Recorded Hill Ram
- Creating a Sheep Breeding Programme For The Flock
- Identifying Farmland Habitats
- Joint ventures, Succession Planning & New Entrants
- Technology For Monitoring Wildlife

Surgeries



105

Surgeries completed

Topics included:
Succession,
Diversification, Finance

Agrisgôp



18 Agrisgôp meetings have taken place

- > Creating opportunities for access and engagement 7
- > Farming in protected landscapes 1
- > Animal Welfare 7
- > Protecting and enhancing the historic environment 3
- > Health and Safety (including mental health) 2
- > Equality 1

Groups that met during this period focussed on:

1. Reviewed group benchmarking data based on recent mobility scores and lesion analysis. Excellent progress in reduction of claw horn lesions and all farms seeing decline in lame cows since the start of 2020. Significant reduction in severely lame cows.
2. The meeting's aim was to identify crops and plants that could be grown to enhance people's experience and appeal for visiting the group members' properties.
3. The meeting's aim was for the group to understand the pros and cons of pasteurising colostrum and milk for the first week. M. bovis is transmitted in milk, research is ongoing to find out how much, but it is apparent on some farms this may be a big issue. Pasteurising colostrum can prevent this transmission and therefore reduce TB in the herd.

Strategic Awareness Events



12 Events

312

Attendees

Topics: Do's & Don't Diversification, Women in Agriculture

Clinics

14

Topics included:
Grassland, Woodland



Advisory Service

Instances supported by service:

45 Business planning including Diversification Advice

194 Animal Health

338 Grassland Management

14 Livestock Management

Feedback:

"Appreciative of the funded advice. Vaccinated cows and had a better calving."

Podcast

Episode 105: Fferm Glascoed – Improving Efficiency

Discussion Groups

Creating opportunities for access and engagement

2 Discussion Groups with 7 attendees, 3 hours of CPD

Animal Welfare

14 Discussion Groups with 100 attendees, 36.5 hours of CPD

Leading and managing

4 Discussion Groups with 22 attendees, 8 hours of CPD

Topics: Dry cow management, Managing the growing lamb, Diversification, Health and Safety, Disease biosecurity

Our Farms

220 farms involved in the network

48 on-farm trials focusing on animal welfare, farming in protected landscape, health and safety and leading and managing people including:

Feeding transition milk to newborn calves in their first 10 days and enriching it according to their immunoglobulin G (IgG) status has helped a Pembrokeshire dairy farm slash mortality rates pre-weaning by almost two-thirds.

Farming Connect Try Out Fund Helps Farmers Improve Lamb Performance and Sustainability

Animal Health and Welfare Workshops

268 individuals from 172 businesses were supported

804 hours of training and 22 Workshops delivered

Workshops included: Improving Post Weaning Lamb Performance, Sheep Lameness, Sheep Parasite Control Part 1: Roundworms & Blowfly, Flock Fertility Management, Lambing Losses Part 2: Post Lambing Losses from Birth to Weaning, Antibiotic Resistance, Reducing Lameness in Dairy Cattle

Mentoring

425 hours of mentoring have taken place. 86 business, 191 meetings



Extract from mentoring diaries include:

1. Discussion on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP), production forms, testing forms and calculations relating to the mentees cider vinegar production.
2. While aiming to improve the work of Obi (Dog) we need to give him experience of routine sheep work. Pen work to drench lambs and fill a race should do this and will help with his urge to head sheep while driving and ensure he listens and trusts the handler.
3. I supported the mentee with getting to grips with livestock movement records, accounts and standing orders. We discussed the suitability of Xero. In the next mentoring session, will be helping Mentee familiarise using it herself.

Welsh Sheep Genetics Programme

Three 'Breeding parasite resistant sheep' events were held throughout Wales during July 2024 to discuss key results from the 'Breeding for worm resistance' project conducted by WSGP.

Key messages shared during the events:

By measuring faecal egg counts, performance recorded flocks are able to identify rams whose progeny are more resistant to worm challenge and put less eggs on to pastures. In the example below, there was a **35% difference in the number of eggs shed by the progeny of these two stock sires.**

	EBV for FEC S	EBV for IgA	Paracite Plus	Average Progeny faecal Egg Count
Ram A	-0.22	0.10	118	651 (n=21)
Ram B	0.21	0.01	94	931 (n=22)
Flock Av.				781 (n=84)

