



# Land

## Accredited Training



**91** individuals were supported from

**74** businesses

Popular courses included:

Courses	Number of claims
Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2)	17
Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck	13
Level 2 Award in Rodent Management	11
BASIS Foundation in Agronomy (Agriculture)	10
Sit-Astride ATV's including loads and trailed equipment	8
Practical hedge laying	7

### Positive feedback from attendees included:

"I learned a lot which I have been able to put into practice, overall, I was very pleased with the course content and delivery. I have sprayed and drilled 20 acres and will be doing more in the future. Has helped greatly with the task on the farm." (PA1 & PA2 course)

"I hadn't done any hedge laying before, the course was very good and I have had a go myself at home." (Practical Hedge Laying Course)

## Horticulture



**10** Horticulture events supported **94** individuals from **68** different businesses

Training titles included: Organic Production in Practice, How to Minimise Waste, Increase Efficiency, and Maximise Value and Profits with Less Work and Soil Health.

### Feedback:

"Great to have large scale agriculture perspective and specialist from that end of the sector, also great how that knowledge was tailored for smaller scale production, essential to keep smaller scale adaptation of training for future trainings." (Soil Health training day)

## Business Support

**42**

Support sessions

**48**

Individuals

**37**

Businesses

Topics included: Inputs and chemical and alternative approach to weed control in field production of ornamentals, Soil Health and plant health featured regularly.

### Feedback:

"Good communication and response time with a programme that should reduce labour costs and ensure good health and disease control of crop."

## E-learning



**63**

Individuals Supported

**42**

Businesses Supported

Popular course completed	Number of claims
Mandatory Unit: Pesticide Safety	27
An Introduction to Sustainable Farming	6
Converting to organic/regenerative farming	3
Reducing Emissions and Improving Sequestration on Farm	3
Nutrient management planning	3
Farm Safety – Working Safely with Tractors	3
Overview of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Inputs, Nutrients and Waste	3
Lowering External Inputs To Maximise Profits And Benefit The Environment	2

## Advisory Service



The Advisory Service supported the following instances of advice to eligible businesses in Wales:

**3**

Agri Environment

**241**

Grassland and crop management

**2**

Woodland

## Strategic Awareness Events



**7** Events

**103**

Attendees

### Events included:

Improve overall soil function of your farm with Dan Kittredge (Executive director, Bionutrient Food Association & The Bionutrient Institute)

New slurry storage regulations – Are you prepared?

Feedback: "Very interesting discussion about soil health and how it relates to food health."

"I like the way the speaker didn't just offer a 'magic bullet' but suggested experimentally how to achieve certain goals that he outlined. A very interesting talk."

## Clinics



**58**

Soils clinics completed

## Podcast



**Episode 99:** Establishing and managing herbal leys

## Agrisgôp



7 Agrisgôp meetings have taken place

30

Attendees



21 hours

### Groups focused on:

1. The elderberry group visited a 600 elder tree orchard in Somerset with Nuffield Scholar Alice Jones where they learnt about tree establishment, pruning, harvesting and also the various products that can be made from Elder. Other topics covered in the discussion included soil health, root structure, agroforestry and pests & diseases.
2. The group of farmers who are looking to take a collaborative approach to planting vineyards had their first meeting to explore ideas about guest speakers and topics for future meetings and what they would like to get out of the Agrisgôp group.

## Knowledge Exchange Hub



### 2 Literature reviews:

1. Mycorrhizal Fungi and Rhizobacterial Inoculants in Agriculture
2. Methods to improve the structure of high magnesium and clay soils

## Masterclasses



24

The Principles of Biological & regenerative farming Practices with Dan Kittredge – masterclass advance delivered to 24 attendees over two days.

What have you learnt?

*"So much! It expanded my knowledge of soil health and nutrient density and made me want to learn even more"*

*"Massive amount, particularly plant nutrient uptake & biology. Also, the results of synthetic fertilisers."*

*"Lots of things about how to improve our soil and therefore improve animal health – ours too!"*

*"Too many things to list to be honest. Really brilliant workshop."*

## Discussion Groups



30 discussion group meetings took place

288

Attendees



70 hours of CPD

Keywords: Grazing Infrastructure, Grass Utilisation, Nutritional requirements from forage, Milk from Forage, Grass measuring, Closing off intervals

## Our Farms Network



41 Our Farms Projects focussing on land, including:



### Rhyd Y Gofain:

› [Trials white clover to reduce fertiliser cost](#)



### Try Out Fund:

› [Upland dairy farm trailing herbal ley mixes & Increasing soil biology](#)

5 Our Farms Network events, including:



### 1. Treathro:

› [Increasing soil organic carbon](#)



### 2. Welsh Herbal Leys Project

› [webinar launch](#)

What have you learnt following the events?  
*"That I must do paddock grazing."  
"I need to change my grazing system at home."*

## Surgeries



16

Surgeries completed

Topics included:  
Grassland Management,  
Woodland Management

Feedback: *"I would highly recommend the consultant – the advice he gave me certainly gave me a lot to think about."*

## Mentoring



100 Individuals have accessed mentoring



374 hours of mentoring



122 mentoring sessions



46% of all sessions were related to this theme

Topics covered in mentoring sessions include:

Support with completing CoAP workbooks

Reseeding pasture

Silvopasture

Habitat scheme

Planting and managing hedgerows

Rotational grazing

Planting order for new horticulture enterprise

Pumpkin weed management

