



Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle inputs, nutrients and waste

Accredited Training



52

Individuals Supported

48

Businesses Supported

761

Hours of Training

Of the **23 courses available**, 10 were undertaken. These included:



- Level 2 Award in Rodent Management
- Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2)
- BASIS Foundation in Agronomy (Agriculture)

Feedback: "It was an excellent course, I learnt a lot, it was very well organised, very beneficial, the safety, theory and practical themes were all covered in the 3 day course. Everyone on the course was keen to learn". (PA1/PA2 course)

Horticulture Training – Land



8 Horticulture events supported 69 individuals from 52 different businesses

Events included:

- Organic Production in Practice – Iain Tolhurst
- Optimising canopy management for vine balance, crop yield and quality – Vinescapes
- Getting the most out of your bulbs – Welsh flower network

Feedback: "Great presentation by Joel – catering for all levels in a clear, practical and concise manner" (Optimising canopy management – Vineyards)

98.5% would change their growing practices as a result of the training.

Horticulture Business Support – Land

45

Training sessions

58

Individuals

42

Businesses

These sessions focused on soil health, inputs and resources and pest and disease.

E-learning



99

Individuals Supported

72

Businesses Supported

Of the **57 modules available on BOSS**, individuals completed **24 topics** under this theme.

Modules completed included:



- Mandatory Unit: Cattle Lameness
- Mandatory Unit: Pesticide Safety

New modules available:



- Integrated Pest Management
- Reducing Ammonia Emissions
- Converting to organic/regenerative farming
- Bracken; The Pluses and Minuses
- An Introduction to Feeding the Suckler Cow
- Breeding Sheep for Parasite Resistance

New accredited learning available:



- Transition to SFS:
- How to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Masterclasses



38

Masterclasses

551

Attendees

Feedback: "Really good information and experience shared, visiting and accessing more information from the Farming Connect website is a must for us moving forward."

Animal Health and Welfare Workshops



318 individuals from 188 businesses were supported



Improving animal welfare included the delivery of **27 workshops** comprising **954 hours** of training were delivered

Workshops included: Lambing Losses Part 2: Post Lambing Losses from Birth to Weaning, Lambing Losses Part 1: Abortion & Nutrition, Sheep Lameness, Rearing Healthy Calves and Maximising Profit

Farmer feedback: "A well-presented and enjoyable talk, it gave us a lot to take home and think about" (Lambing losses workshop)

Knowledge Exchange Hub



› [Strategies to Control Docks on Farm](#)

Advisory Service



Instances supported by service:



Strategic Awareness Events



Examples of events:

Improve the overall soil function of your farm with Dan Kittredge Skills, Nutrient Planning and Carbon Calculating

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

Surgeries



Topics included:
Carbon | Grassland

Clinics



Topics included:
Soil | Water

Podcast



Episode 92: An insight into the current situation in terms of the carbon footprint of beef and sheep farms in Wales

Episode 99: Establishing and managing herbal leys

Mentoring



201 hours of mentoring have taken place



- Nutrient management planning & soil testing **51**
- Grassland management (including multi-species swards and mixed grazing) **7**
- Building fertility (slurry/muck, crop rotation, green manures) **1**
- Integrated pest management **1**

Our Farms Network



Lowering ammonia emissions:

- **Ammonia** – the issue and how to limit emissions from farming practices



Antibiotic resistance:

- **Try Out Fund:** Transition milk trial targets calf health at Pembrokeshire dairy farms



Grassland management:

- **Focus Farm Project:** Farming Connect trial to help farmers identify best system for herbal ley establishment



Sustainable use of anthelmintics:

- **Pan-Wales Project:** Welsh Anthelmintic Resistance Status Project | Farming Connect

Discussion Groups



99 discussion group meetings took place



Keywords: Spring Grazing, Grass Measuring, Winter Feeding, Rations and creep feeding, Reducing costs, Optimising Production, Home grown forage

Agrisgôp



7 Agrisgôp meetings have taken place



- Nutrient management planning & soil testing **3**
- Building fertility (slurry/muck, crop rotation, green manures) **2**
- Grassland management (including multi-species swards and mixed grazing) **1**
- Lowering ammonia emissions (air quality) **1**

Groups focused on:

1. The Pasture For Life membership and accreditation and how this would improve farm efficiency by sharing ideas and experience with other farmers.
2. At a visit to Tyn Bryn Farm, we discussed the aims of the farm to use no artificial fertiliser, and no concentrates. Dewi also explained how the Johnson-Su Bioreactor on the farm was able to turn waste milk into organic fertiliser.

