



# West Berks & Oxon Training Group Newsletter

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## COVID-19

Following on from HM Government's advice we have stopped all training courses until further notice, but, we will of course keep everything under review, and base any future decisions on the advice available at the time. We have also closed the office at Woolley and will collect any post weekly. We are now working at home and so can only answer e-mails and mobile calls. The office number is switched off.

We are reviewing the finances as cash flow will be the Training Group's biggest challenge in the coming months, so we will keep you up to date with how things are.

If there is anything we can do in these strange times please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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## Social Media Marketing

Working with Suzi Stebbings, we have relaunched our Facebook page. Please can you take the time to find us on Facebook and follow our page and invite others who maybe interested? If you get an invite to the page, please accept it.

We would really like to promote the training group to a larger audience, ready for when normal life resumes.

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## Lantra e-learning

Lantra offer a variety of e-learning courses, we have now signed up with Lantra to run these. All the details will be on our website in the next few days, and we will be able to do the following;

- Food Handling and Hygiene (Lantra E-Learning)
- Health and Safety on Farms (Lantra E-Learning)
- Introduction to Agricultural Vehicles (Lantra E-Learning)
- LISS/CSCS Litter Picking & Environmental Maintenance (Lantra E-Learning)
- Non-Technical Skills in Farming (Lantra E-Learning)
- Professional Bed Bug Control (Lantra E-Learning)
- Professional Wasp and Bee Control (Lantra E-Learning)
- Responsible and Effective Control of Commensal Rodents (Lantra E-Learning)
- Rodent Control on Farms (Lantra E-Learning)

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## Fert Spreader testing

Hopefully you have now all had your machines tested by SCS, this was the first year of the training group not being involved in the organising. We would appreciate any feedback you have on how it all went.

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## Sum-it Accounts

Due to MTD we had to change our accounts package and are now using Sum-It. It is still early days and apologise for any teething problems that have cropped up.

Over the coming months we will get all Orion members invoices sent to the OFG address as in the past, and we also plan to email all invoices by the Autumn rather than post as at present.

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## Staff and Contact Details

We want to make sure that we have your staffing, email addresses and other contact details correct. We shall be sending out forms to you with details we currently have; could you please look at these and then let us know of any changes we need to make.

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## Website

Please don't forget to look at our website, [www.westberksandboxontraining.co.uk](http://www.westberksandboxontraining.co.uk). All course dates and availability will be updated regularly, once we open for business again.

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It's good to finally see the sunshine and we hope you are managing to get out and do what you need to.

Stay safe and do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you need anything.

Elaine and Sarah

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