

UPPER TEESDALE AGRICULTURAL
SUPPORT SERVICES LTD.
AUTUMN/WINTER 2014 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Animal Reporting & Movement Service [Movement Forms]

Movement documents now need to be directed to:

**Animal Reporting & Movement Service, South Western, PO Box 6299,
Milton Keynes, MK10 1ZQ**

Helpline: 08445 730137 and FAX: 01908 664433 for the ARAMS forms

All Animal Health enquiries now need to be directed to:

Durham County Council, Environment, Health & Consumer Protection
EHCP [Animal Movements], PO Box 617, Durham, DH1 9HZ

General enquiries to -Tel 03000 261016

A full range of services on offer for Young People at UTASS

<u>Girls Sessions:</u>	Mondays	5:30-9pm	<u>8-13</u> yr olds	<u>50p</u>
<u>Mixed Gender Drop In sessions:</u>				
	Wednesdays	<u>[Cookery]</u>	<u>8-19</u> yr olds	<u>£1.00</u>
<u>UTASS Youth Club:</u>				
	Thursdays	6-7:30pm	<u>8-11</u> yr olds	<u>50p</u>
		7:30-9pm	<u>11-19</u> yr olds	<u>50p</u>

All Secondary School aged pupils

A number of UTASS members have surplus Single Payment Scheme entitlements, both SDA and EOUT (lowland) available for transfer if anyone requires additional area entitlements in 2015 when the scheme changes to Basic Payment Scheme. Telephone UTASS for details on 01833 641010' – the deadline is midnight on 21st October 2014 but there will be a further opportunity to transfer surplus Basic Payment Scheme entitlements in early 2015.

Sales / Wants & Services

Sales & Wants: We have a wide range of these on our website and Office notice board

Services: Molecatchers; All aspects of Tree Surgery; Cattle Foot Trimming; Accounts and Record Keeping, computerised or manual; Plumbing & Joinery Work; Combs & Cutters sharpened; Catering; DIY Livery; Mobile Sheep shower; VAT & Book Keeping/ Financial advice; Dry Stone Walling; Farm & Garden Services; Animal Minding; Creative cakes; Fencing, tree planting, hedge laying; Sign work; Leatherwork; Stone Crafts; Wool Crafts, Spinning & Weaving Class; Computer & Additional Services; Larch Wood Gates made to order; painting & decorating

Please call in, check our website www.utass.org or ring 01833 641010 for more information

The UTASS 2014 Christmas Card and the UTASS Calendar for 2015

This year's cards and our brand new venture calendars are being "published" and will be on sale from UTASS, Simpsons Butchers, & possible other outlets very soon.

A Home or at Work Chiropody service for Upper Teesdale

Rachel Logan MCFHP, MAFHP, a fully qualified foot health professional has set up her Visiting Practice in Teesdale providing foot health treatments [corns, calluses, verrucas, warts, fungal infections and routine nail care]. We have arranged sessions here at UTASS where we can get the price reduced to £15 per person [as opposed to £20/£25]. To book an appointment contact Rachel directly on 07825 314487

Our next booked day at UTASS is Thursday 20th November 2014 from 9.30am till 12.30pm.

Middleton-in-Teesdale involvement in the 1914-18 World War

We are looking for information about the men of Middleton-in-Teesdale who served and died during the First World War and are commemorated on the village War Memorial.

We plan to hold an exhibition which honours their sacrifice and remembers the contribution of the whole community of Middleton-in-Teesdale in supporting the war effort.

If you have any information that would help or any World War One artefacts or objects please get in touch with Anne Scott or Lucy Jenkins at UTASS 01833 641010.

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UTASS Training Update

NPTC Spraying qualifications

Spray training and assessments were held at Middleton Mart at the end of August/beginning of September for the NPTC Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides ("PA" route for those born after 31.12.64) and Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides replacing Grandfathers' Rights ("Unit" route). Gaining a qualification requires one day's training for each of the theory and practical elements, with "PA" Theory assessments only at the end of the training session and all other assessments the following week.

More training and assessments are planned for later this year or early next year, if there is sufficient demand, and approximate costs are:-

Level 2 Award (PA route preference or born post 31.12.64) theory + practical approx £187 + £90 + VAT training

Level 2 Award (Grandfather Rights) theory + practical (application of pesticides on own land only) approx. £165 + £90 + VAT for the training

Additional practical training costs approximately £104 registration & assessment + £60 + VAT for the training

NPTC Level 2 Award in the Transport of Animals by Road (Short Journeys)

Assessments for this qualification (no training required), were arranged for the same date as the NPTC PA1 Theory assessment. Cattle & Sheep are classed as one species and the assessment cost is £60 – additional assessments cost £35. For further details please see www.nptc.org.uk - Qualification handbook 600/0306/6 which states "This qualification is aimed specifically at people transporting animals over 65km and up to eight hours in duration, where the journey is in connection with an economic activity".

To do these qualifications or the NPTC Safe Use of Sheep Dip, please complete a form which is available from Julia Stephenson

The Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust

Applications have been received for this round of funding for young people living in County Durham to learn driving skills, increase knowledge of health & safety, improve confidence and help achieve qualifications, in preparation for employment within the agricultural sector or to enable access to training and employment opportunities outside the area. Funding has been allocated for 10 trainees to attend the Lantra 13-16 Tractor Driving; 2 Trainees for Quad Bike Training; 5 Trainees for Car & Trailer and 4 Trainees for Car Lessons. **There is still a place available for Pre-Test Tractor Driving & ATV training and application forms for this training for those aged 16 are available from Julia.**

Dales Health Network

Funding was received for 10 young people to attend a Young Lifesaver Course held on 23rd May and an "Agricultural Vehicles Safety Awareness, including ATVs" will be held at Middleton Mart on 23rd October at 6.30pm. This is aimed at young people living on or visiting farms. Please let Jen Smurthwaite or Julia know if you would like to attend.

Heart of Teesdale

Funding from HLF funded Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership has provided free educational visits over 2 years to Middleton-in-Teesdale Auction Mart for 10 local schools, to include transport costs. The first school to visit was Bowes Hutchinson. This visit was also part funded by The Ernest Cook Trust who have funded Mart visits for around 400 children and by the Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust who funded a presentation by Graeme Gill from Deepdale Offroad to improve

knowledge of farm safety and in particular quad bikes. Four banners – Explore the Farming Year; Explore Farm Livestock; Explore Field Boundaries and Explore Teesdale's Harvest have also been funded as an educational resource and have been on display at Bowes, Eggleston & Langdon Beck Shows.

Minibus Training for Volunteers

Applications have been received from Teesdale voluntary organisations to access Teesdale Action Partnership funding to train more volunteers to drive minibuses, whether D1 Test standard, Midas or non-accredited training. Six applicants are starting their D1 Test training (necessary to drive most minibuses if you passed your test after 1.1.97) and **more applications are welcome** - please see UTASS website for details.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR FUNDERS & EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MAKE TRAINING COURSES & EDUCATIONAL VISITS POSSIBLE. THANKS FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN BY PROVIDING A VENUE FOR TRAINING, LOANING US A QUAD BIKE OR TRACTOR & TRAILER, OR PROVIDING LIVESTOCK FOR EDUCATIONAL VISITS.

For further information please contact Julia Stephenson on 01833 641010 – julia@utass.org

Families Having Creative Fun (10am-3pm) At Teesdale School Tuesday 28th October.

This event is open to families with school age children. It is FREE to attend, thanks to Big Lottery funding. Places must be booked in advance by texting or calling 07522034171 or email

eve.galloway@teesdaleschool.com

£2 per person payable on the day for lunch.

Workshops: Animation: allsorts of Crafts: Wire-Sculptures/jewellery: Wreaths of recycled paper: Rag Rugging and Creative Baking.

Multi-Activity Days (10am-3pm)

At Teesdale School

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th October

Open to young people aged 9-13yrs. Free, thanks to Big Lottery Fund. Places must be booked in advance, by texting or calling 075220 34171, or email <mailto:eve.galloway@teesdaleschool.com>

All our most popular activities: Baking, Allsorts of Crafts, Lego Robotics, choice of Sports, Dance and a new addition...Animation Workshop
Participants must complete an application form and have parent/carer permission to attend.

Packed lunch is needed each day.

Middleton Hub

Site One of Middleton Hub: The Aspire Building at Middleton Mart is now open with full occupancy of tenants. The four businesses include; Fresh, Hotch Potch House Upholstery, Teesdale Acupuncture and Teesdale Pasty Company Ltd.

<http://www.freshscentedcandles.co.uk/>

<http://www.hotchpotchhouseupholstery.co.uk/>

<http://teesdaleacupuncture.co.uk/>

Bookings are also being taken for the hire of the mart kitchen and meeting facilities (see contact details below).

Site Two of Middleton Hub: The UTASS development is due for completion at the beginning of November 2014 which will include a fifth business unit, a refurbished 165sqm conference room with digital projector system and Wi-Fi, confidential office and meeting space, co-working/hot desk facilities and virtual office services with professional call handlers and a mail service.

Middleton Enterprise Fair

The event will be held over three days with a variety of business and community activities taking place from Friday 28th November until Sunday 30th November.

Friday's events will be held at UTASS, the day is split into three business networking events and are being ran in partnership with UTASS and the South Durham Enterprise Agency. Saturday will see Durham Dales Enterprise CIC host the second Mart Christmas Fair in Middleton, 10am -2pm.

UTASS will be hosting the WWI exhibition throughout Saturday and Sunday in the UTASS building. The annual village Christmas Light switch-on will be held on Saturday 29th in Middleton village centre. Sunday sees the second day of the WWI exhibition at UTASS and the Farmers Market (venue TBC) will be running along with the Craft and Collectors Fayre in the Masonic Hall.

Details of Middleton Hub activities can be found via social media:



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Middleton-Hub/392738804162121?ref=hl>



<https://twitter.com/HayleyJBell>

If you would like to book any of the new facilities from November onwards or are interested in attending Middleton Enterprise Fair, please contact Hayley Bell, 01833 641010; hayley@utass.org

Teesdale WiRE (Women in Rural Enterprise)

**Thursday 23rd October is the next date scheduled for WiRE
at the Nest in Barnard Castle at 10am.**

Book a free space online <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/896991>. The venue is provided very kindly for free so all that is asked is to buy plenty coffee/tea and cakes.

The presentations will be by Judi Whiting, an experienced copywriter. Writing press releases and also an activity for everyone to take part in and Amoreden: marketing for small businesses; <http://www.amoreden.co.uk/>.

The more people who come along the better - please **see if you can invite/bring another colleague of friend with a business along**, the bigger the WiRE network the more benefit to us all.

If you're new to networking/Teesdale Network, we are all friendly and welcome everyone to the group, it's informal and a great place to meet and network with like-minded business women.

Contact Alex Nicholson Volunteer Network Leader, 07855 855503. teesdalewire@gmail.com

<https://twitter.com/teesdalewire>

Social Media Surgery

Funded by the Rural Growth Network, a Social Media Surgery workshop is being held at UTASS on Tuesday 4th November 11am -1pm. Free event, tea and coffee provided.

Contact Marzia to book. Marzia Aloisio, Rural Enterprise Development Officer, 07825589479 / 01388 776688 or marzia@theenterpriseagency.co.uk

If you are no longer receiving UTASS briefings by email please contact ann@utass.org

You may have missed our membership review last September where members had to submit a new membership form to stay on the UTASS database.

Durham Dales Enterprise CIC (Community Interest Company)

Hosts the 2nd

Middleton Mart Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November 2014

10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Middleton-in-Teesdale Farmers Mart, Station Road,
County Durham, DL12 0NG

Parking and Cafe available

Why not come along, and start your Christmas shopping and get into the Christmas spirit before heading to the annual Christmas Lights switch on in the village.

Are you a local business and would like to exhibit at Middleton Mart Christmas Fair?

Contact Emma or Hayley:

emma@utass.org or hayley@utass.org or call 01833 641010

Closing date for stallholders is Friday 31st October

UTASS Office closures in December'14

Our office will be closed for a full week:

Monday 15th December to Friday 19th December inclusive

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but is due to the ongoing building and decorating work that is progressing throughout our building.

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UTASS's Christmas & New Year Opening Times

During the Christmas period UTASS will be open, as normal, until:

5pm on Tuesday 23rd December'14.

We return to normal opening times at:

9am on Thursday 5th January 2015

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Throughout these closure times there will be daily checks by UTASS staff to send off any Cattle [BCMS] & Sheep [ARAMS] movements posted in to us.

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If your need is urgent during any of these closure periods support can be gained anytime by contacting:-

Diane on 07968 874 968 or Gordon 07968 075 015

OUTREACH FACILITIES: UTASS, 9-11 CHAPEL ROW

Teesdale Citizens Advice Bureau, Tracey Wills – Fortnightly on Mondays - 9.15am – 1pm

Durham County Council – THURSDAY 23rd October'14 [10.30-11.30] environmental issues; bus passes; any council services

Durham County Carers – Fortnightly on Fridays

Robyn Peat, Partner, George F White is available on the first Monday of every month for professional and business advice at UTASS. Free appointments can be made through UTASS (01833 641010 or info@utass.org) or by phoning George F White's on 01388 527966

Young People's Outing during the October Holidays

Friday 31st Oct'14 [10am to 3:30pm] PLANET LEISURE £17.00

All enquiries to either 01833 641010 or jen@utass.org , gina@utass.org , theo@utass.org

UTASS's YOUNG PEOPLE's Information

What's on during October, November & December'14

OCTOBER'14

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th

Monday 20th

Wednesday 22nd

Thursday 23rd

Monday 27th

Wednesday 29th

Thursday 30th

Friday 31st

Cookery [Healthy Eating]

Youth Club and Drop-in

CLOSED

CLOSED

CLOSED [ATV Awareness] Mart

CLOSED

CLOSED

CLOSED

Outing to Planet Leisure [10am-3.30pm]

NOVEMBER'14

Monday 3rd

Wednesday 5th

Thursday 6th

Monday 10th

Wednesday 12th

Thursday 13th

Monday 17th

Wednesday 19th

Thursday 20th

Monday 24th

Wednesday 26th

Thursday 27th

Girls Night

Cookery [Healthy Eating]

Youth Club and Drop-in

Girls Night

Cookery [Healthy Eating]

Youth Club and Drop-in

Girls Night

Cookery [Healthy Eating]

Youth Club and Drop-in

Girls Night

Cookery [Healthy Eating]

Youth Club and Drop-in

DECEMBER'14

Monday 1st

Wednesday 3rd

Thursday 4th

Monday 8th

Wednesday 10th

Thursday 11th

Monday 15th

Wednesday 17th

Thursday 18th

Girls Night

Cookery [Healthy Eating]

Youth Club and Drop-in

Girls Night

Cookery [Healthy Eating]

Youth Club and Drop-in

Girls Night

Cookery [Healthy Eating]

Christmas Party!!!

Break up for Christmas and New Year till Monday 5th January 2015

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or theo@utass.org or to 01833 641010

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