

YFC

Hampshire NEWS

THANK YOU



Four years ago, I penned my first ever “Hampshire News” and introduced myself as your new County Organiser. I now find myself in the very sad position of trying to decide what to say in my last ever newsletter to you all. For those of you who have not heard, I will be leaving Hampshire Young Farmers at the end of this week.

If you were unaware of this, I will quickly explain the current situation which will make things clearer. Back in April of this year, annual funding, that has generously been awarded over the last few years from HCC was significantly reduced. (This is not a reflection of our organisation as all applicants received the same reduction.) At this stage, our members needed to look at the implications of this and work out how to take the federation forward for the future. After many meetings and much discussion it was decided that the full time County Organisers’ role would be terminated at the end of August and the new position of “County Administrator” would be created. To commence on the 1st September, this role will be part time on an 18 hour per week basis.

For personal reasons, I have decided to find alternative employment and have been very lucky to secure a full time job at Sparsholt College based in the office next door! I will therefore be finishing at the end of this week enabling me to take my holiday entitlement that is due.

It is a very sad time for me as I have had a fantastic time as your County Organiser. I have made many, many good friends and I know for a fact that no other job will be half as much fun! Over the last 4 years, I have had brilliant help and support from all of you and I want to

thank you all for everything that you have done. I could write a list as long as my arm of friends that I want to thank, but I am worried that I will miss one of you. The list would include all club leaders, advisory members, parents, sponsors, judges, stewards, advisors, NFYFC Staff, SEA Staff, Sparsholt staff and of course, not forgetting the YFC members themselves. If you are receiving this newsletter, please be assured that you will be on that list too.

New Forest Show and Game Fair

To make this a bit more “newletterly” I will add a couple of small sections! A big thank you to all of you who joined me this week at the shows. We got a good tan didn't we!! Thanks to all of those who came and helped tag the kids masks at the New Forest Show and the team of 36 who then collected money with buckets and loud voices (and cherries – don't ask!) at the Game Fair. We receive 20% of the collection which will be well over £1000. Thank you.

Re-cycle for HFYFC

As you are all well aware, I am always asking for favours which mean that you all dread me telephoning you and hide if you see me coming your way! Well, today I am asking you for one last favour before I go to help with the Counties fundraising efforts. With your newsletter, you should have an envelope in which you can send an old mobile phone to be recycled. A donation will come to HFYFC for every phone that is sent. Now, I have about 2 million envelopes which have just arrived in the office so if you want any more, just give the office a ring and some will be sent to you. Money for free!! Can't be bad can it?

Sponsors

A big thank you to all of those that have sent in sponsorship for county events or the year book. I will not have enough time to write to you all one by one so please take this as a personal thank you for your generosity. I am always astounded when I just ask, and you send in the cheques. Thank you so much.

Lastly

If any of you are interested in looking at the new County Administrator's job description or have any other queries, please contact Doug Phillips, County Chairman, on 07968 378744. As you probably know, once you become involve in YFC there is no escaping! I can confirm this as I have already been asked by Alresford YFC if I would stay on as an associate member or club leader and I have also been asked to steward at next years horse show! There is no getting away and I know you will all be getting your own back on me with requests! I have lots of things to finalise here in the office so I apologise for this short letter and end as I started. -

With a big thank you to you all.

Kind regards

Goodbye