



## December 2022

### Upcoming Sheep Nutrition Meeting

Our next sheep meeting is kindly being hosted by Phil Uglow on December the 14<sup>th</sup> at Treskellow, Treneglos, Launceston PL15 8RN. Meeting at 12:30 for a 13:00 start – nutritionist Matt Dymond will be discussing pregnant ewe nutrition, alongside vets Tim and Lucy. This meeting is free to flock club members, or just £25 per farm otherwise (not per person). It would be great to see you there for some lunch + Christmas cheer!

Please RSVP at the surgery so we bring enough food!



### Supporting your Farm through the transition away from single farm payments

Castle Vets are hosting another free workshop with Business Information point, who now have funding to support farms across Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Sommerset. With so much changing quickly, and with the costs of everything rocketing, there has never been a better time to use tailored, free, on farm support.

After the workshop you will be entitles to free, individual, one-to-one support with a consultant - who can discuss the impact of the changes and carry out a detailed, independent investigation of all farming and business activities, to develop an agreed and documented action plan.

The workshop will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, 7pm to 9.30pm at the Lifton Community Centre, Park Wood Rise PL16 0LA**. This includes a free buffet and refreshments on arrival.

Please RSVP with the surgery + general information can be found via this link:

<https://businessinfopoint.co.uk/ffr/>

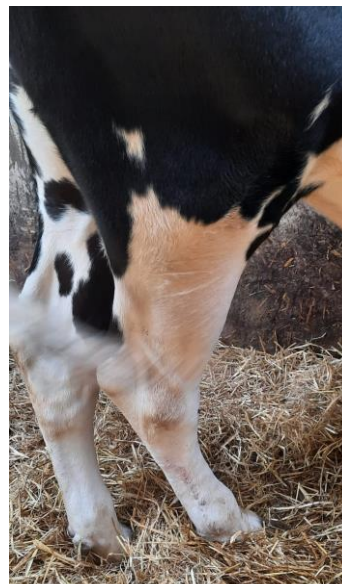


### Caste Cases – A Miraculous Recovery

Vet Bekky recently attended a 15 month old heifer, that decided to make a break out of the field, over a hedge and onto the main road! After road-side sedation and moving her to a safe location, the descision was made to cast the leg.

This fracture had all the risk factors – the break had potential joint involvement and the pateint was well over 200kg – but the fact the farmer reacted and called us promptly, the break was less than an hour old at point of casting will have made a sucesful outcome a lot more achivable.

The greatest input to her recovery was undoubtedly to excellent nursing care she received during the time she had a cast on. She was isolated in a deep bedded small pen to limit movment. The cast was kept clean and dry and was regulary checked for sores and slippage. After 4 weeks the cast was replaced as she had grow a lot during this time, and after a further 4 weeks it was reomved and she had made a full recovery!



## Merry Christmas!

Casting our minds back to Christmas 2020, a lot has happened in the past two years. Apart from anything else, we've welcomed lots of new faces to our reception team, gained three outstanding approved TB testers, and vet Charlotte has joined the Castle Vets team. What hasn't changed is how festive and fun our practice video was from 2020... so as a Christmas treat, here it is again – the Twelve days of Christmas, Castle Vets edition:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ekMoOcJGIYpzmdw3RpNHEplavEvfOOA2/view>



**Have a merry + bright festive season from everyone here at Castle Vets!**

## Animal Health and Welfare Pathway

Single farm payments will have disappeared by 2028, and DEFRA is not replacing like-for-like. The way we are managing our animals needs to change- we need to make them as efficient as possible to help make up the shortfall that most will experience. Watching a 15-minute video will explain how you can work on improving the health of your stock and claim the following to spend on your vet farm visit:

- £436 per flock per year
- £522 per beef cattle herd per year
- £372 per dairy cattle herd per year
- £684 per pig unit per year

<https://www.farmanimalhealth.co.uk/webinars>

To view the video, click the link above and then click 'Yes' to the pop up. Click on the ['Access to](#)

## Journey Along The Annual Health and Welfare Review...

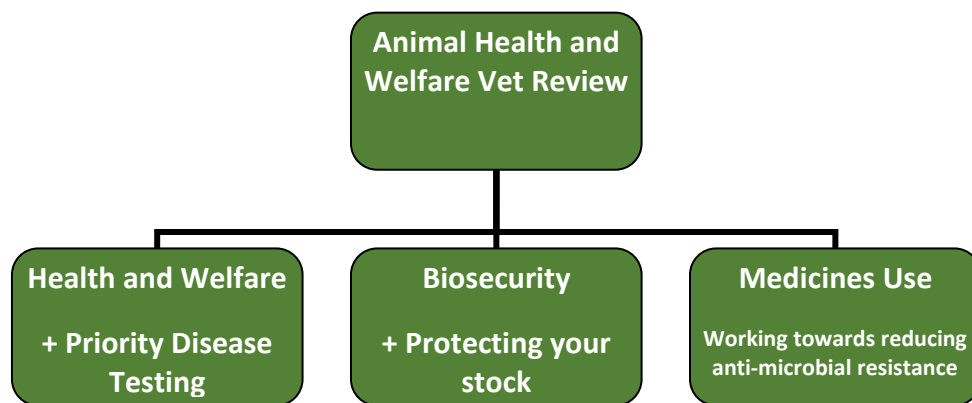


[Knowledge \(A2k\)](#)' bar to open the video. If you fast forward to 11:30, the relevant talk is finished by 26:30.

During your funded farm visit, we will discuss any flock/herd health concerns, carry out priority disease testing, discuss the biosecurity you have on farm and the antibiotics and vaccines you have used over the last 12 months.

Currently, **priority disease testing** for each species will be:

- Wormer Check Test for flocks (are your wormers really working?)
- BVD screens for cattle
- PRSV investigations for pigs



In exchange for the funding, some information will be collected during the vet visit and fed back *anonymously* to DEFRA. DEFRA hope that they can build a better picture of the national herd and flock. We are hoping that it will help prove that UK farmers are excellent guardians of animal welfare and responsible users of antibiotics!

This money is part of the Sustainable Farming Incentive, applications to which opened on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Guidance and the link to apply can be found through these two links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-apply-online-for-an-sfi-standards-agreement-on-land-outside-a-common>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sustainable-farming-incentive-guidance#sustainable-farming-incentive:-full-scheme-information>

