

Farming Community Network Update

Joanne Jones has been Coordinator of Devon for the last 5 years - Colin Smallacombe took over case work coordination last year. Jo is now hoping to hand over more responsibility to others, though will continue as the named coordinator, to support the family farm & son who is about to start his GCSEs.

We would value the prayers of the group at this time.

We are always looking for new volunteers, who could be involved through visiting, befriending, helping at agricultural shows, fundraising etc. Expenses can be claimed & there is some funding available for the Coordinator role.

We now have a base at the new YFC Centre at Cheriton Bishop which is working really well.

We continue to have a weekly presence at Exeter Market & often have other agencies join us throughout the year - e.g. health checks, domestic violence, rape awareness, children's services & Macmillan cancer care. In May we hope the RPA (Rural Payments Agency) will attend to help answer farmers queries face to face

We are also running two training courses on suicide prevention this year 2nd & 3rd June or 15th & 16th September - places are available at the cost of £100 for the two days plus £10 per day for tea/coffee & lunch. If anyone is interested, or knows someone within their Parish who would, please let me know.

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