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## With harvest upon us all please remember:

### Insurance & Risk Assessments

With the timely reminder of the importance of having insurance provision in place for any vehicle or machine that is hired in, I can only underline the comments made in the June Newsletter.

Anyone hiring in equipment / machinery / tractors etc on a hire only basis should always assume they will be responsible for insuring the item when they are in possession. Never assume the item is covered when you have it. If in any doubt, a quick call to the supplier will confirm whether insurance cover is needed or not. This can then be followed by a quick call to your insurance broker/agent to have the item added to your policy if necessary. It is also worth mentioning that you need to advise your insurance broker / agent when the item of equipment etc comes off hire as it is surprising how many forget to do so and thus incur extra unnecessary costs for cover not required.

As the busy season for most farmers and contractors is well under way, it is important to reflect on whether there is adequate insurance cover in place to cater for the business or not. Whatever the time of the year that the insurance cover is due to renew, it is vitally important to ensure that time is made to properly review the cover in place and any recommendation by the holding broker or agent for such a review should be taken seriously. Insurance is an essential part of any business today and if there is inadequate cover in place, then cover will be compromised in the event of a claim.

For buildings, contents etc, there is usually a certain amount of index-linking which should mean that the policy broadly has kept up with inflationary costs; however, you cannot guarantee this. For vehicles, it is very important to keep on top of values, particularly when it comes to values of agricultural vehicles. Do not forget that, in the event of a claim, insurers will only pay out market value for a vehicle unless you can provide sufficient evidence that the said vehicle is worth more.

If this is replicated throughout all the agricultural vehicles, you can be very soon paying more for your insurance for no more benefit than if they were covered for their market value.

Example:

2012 John Deere Tractor	Insured value £50,000	Premium = £320.00
	Market value £30,000	Premium = £200.00



It is also worth noting that, for cars and commercials, premiums are calculated usually based on the insurance group, age of driver using the vehicle, gross vehicle weight and, to a lesser extent, value of the vehicle (under £40,000, the premium doesn't normally change; over £40,000 it might).

As a Member of Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring, we at **Copperwheat Barlow** would be happy to conduct an insurance review and discuss options with you. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring office on 01635 285405 in the first instance.

## A new health and safety solution from Safety Revolution

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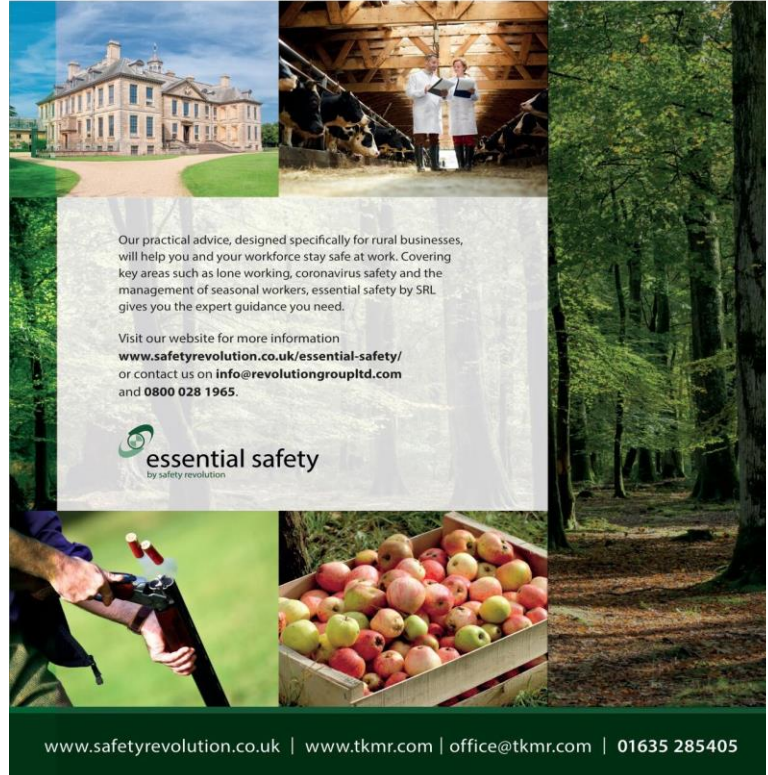
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Our practical advice, designed specifically for rural businesses, will help you and your workforce stay safe at work. Covering key areas such as lone working, coronavirus safety and the management of seasonal workers, essential safety by SRL gives you the expert guidance you need.

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**Safety Revolution** have this great package to enable you/the Estate that you manage to have the correct documents produced to cover all your health and safety demands on the farm, in the office, etc. It enables you to produce risk assessments, audit reports, etc, which will keep all of your staff safe whilst working at all times on the farm. To take advantage of the introductory offer please contact the Ring Office.

If you haven't already joined our **Facebook** page please do as we share information, articles, training opportunities, etc on this page which are all available to TKMR & Orion Members.

We have members available to help throughout the harvest season, so please do call the Office on 01635 285405.

As we get busier we will post adverts and offers on our page, to help advertise the Ring and inform people what the Ring does and how we can help. Just remember to tag the Machinery Ring in any posts where you are working with us it all helps with the promotion.

## Please stay safe.....

We are able to source **fire extinguishers** of different sizes and types for the harvest period, so if you would like any, please contact the Ring Office for an individual price and quantity

## Fuel Card Prices

The weekly (26/07/2021) **AF (key fuels card) fuel price** is 125.64 ppl inc VAT & The weekly **Esso fuel price** is 126.18 ppl inc VAT

As with all prices please check the price at the pump as it may not be cheaper than the fuel card price.

# Members Information – current Job Vacancy's

## Full time worker

A varied role to work alongside the Manager doing strimming, grass cutting, farm and ground work along with many other tasks. Based near Wokingham. Good rates of pay.

## Tractor Driver

### Wanted

A varied and exciting role with lots of responsibilities, based near Thame. Must be reliable. Good rates of pay.

## Harvest Help

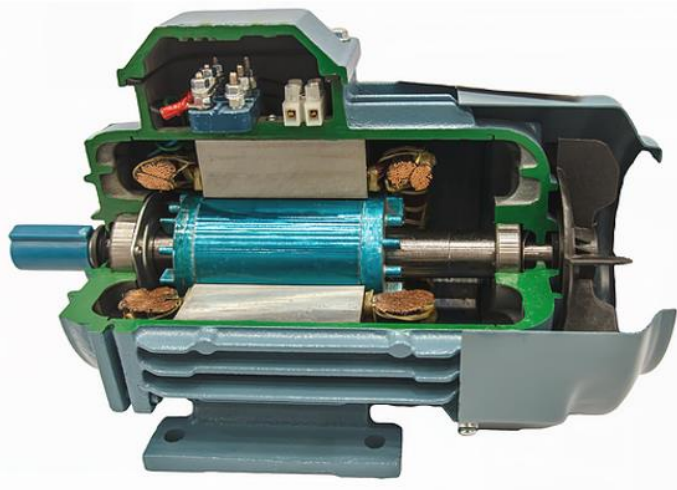
A member is looking for a Combine Driver for Harvest season in West Berkshire. Must be experienced.

A member is looking for a tractor driver/helper over harvest period. Based south of Reading.

## Tractor/Digger Operator

We have a member looking for a tractor and digger operator to take on a range of jobs, including topping, trailer work and work with a mini digger. Based in the Berkshire area.

## BRACKLEY REWINDS LTD



**special 10% discount for Orion / TKMR**

**Members** from 1st July to End September on first job. Go to [www.demand-economics.biz/brackley-rewind-orion](http://www.demand-economics.biz/brackley-rewind-orion) for much more detail or call the Ring Office on 01635 285405.

## Agricultural Top soil available



We have a member with approx. 800 tons of Agricultural Top soil that is screened down to 20mm available either delivered or collected from near Abingdon. For more information and prices per load please contact the Ring Office on 01635 285405.

## West Berks & Oxon Training Group

### August

2<sup>nd</sup> PA1 Foundation Module Training Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Lantra 2 day Chainsaw  
3<sup>rd</sup> PA6 Knapsack Sprayer Training Day  
4<sup>th</sup> 1 day Emergency First Aid at Work  
26<sup>th</sup> Lantra 1 day Tractor Driving 13-15 year olds

### September

10<sup>th</sup> PA6 Knapsack Sprayer Training Day  
15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Lantra 2 day Chainsaw  
16<sup>th</sup> 1 day Emergency First Aid

They are also running the Lantra e-learning courses and the courses can be accessed from the link below;  
[Lantra E-Learning - West Berks & Oxon Training \(westberksandoxontraining.co.uk\)](http://www.westberksandoxontraining.co.uk)

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## Hampshire Training Providers

Hampshire Training where possible and as the weather allows will try and deliver as much training as feasible outside with fewer training numbers. They have the following courses scheduled at present:

**September** – all dates to be confirmed  
PA1, PA2, PA6  
Chainsaw Maintenance and crosscutting  
Telehandler, First Aid  
Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide  
ATV & Manual Handling  
Working at Heights (Ladders)

## Straw in the swath

We have members looking to purchase all types of straw in the swath at harvest.

Please contact Steve in the office if you can help

## Kennet & Thames Training

Kennet & Thames Training are starting to offer open courses. Dates continue to be booked so please keep an eye on our Calendar.

At present we have spaces on –

**August**  
17<sup>th</sup> Emergency First Aid

**September**  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Chainsaw Maint & Cross cut  
7<sup>th</sup> PA1 Safe use of Pesticides  
8<sup>th</sup> PA6 Knapsack Sprayer

Lantra E-Learning courses can be booked via [Lantra E-Learning - Kennet & Thames Training](http://Lantra E-Learning - Kennet & Thames Training) ([kennetandthames.co.uk](http://kennetandthames.co.uk))