

# Training and Lifelong Learning for Farming Families

## Get 50% off the cost of training

Just think about everything you and your family are required to do around the farm:

- Operate increasingly sophisticated equipment
- Keep up with advancing technology
- Meet more stringent rules and legislation
- Cost analysis, record keeping ...

... while ensuring that your finances and other paperwork are in order.

### Work smarter not harder

Improving your skills will not only make your everyday tasks around the farm easier – it can also make your business more efficient, and ensure that you and your employees are working within the law.

### Think again about training ...

*“Training is expensive...”* **X**

- ✓ Actually **training is cheaper than you think**. With 50% off the cost of training a course could cost you as little as £20 per person per day

*“I don’t want to travel across the country to take part in a course...”* **X**

- ✓ You don’t have to! **Training can be delivered locally** so you won’t have to travel far, if at all – some training can even be delivered on your farm.

*“And I definitely can’t spend long periods of time away from the farm...”* **X**

- ✓ Again, there is no need. Many are **short courses** which last days, not weeks. Some courses can be completed in a weekend, and they can be taken at a time that suits you.

### 50% off the cost of training

To benefit from this discounted training, first you need to work out your training needs – sign up for a **FREE** Lantra SkillCheck which will help you identify what training you need.

### Interested?

1. If you’re registered for **Farming Connect** speak to your business consultant about your training needs
2. If you’re **NOT** registered for Farming Connect contact your local SkillCheck provider
3. Or for **more information** contact project manager Rachel Evans at Lantra on **01982 552646**

## FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING

### **1. FARMING CONNECT REGISTERED?**

Funding available for training for the **whole family** and **employees** (50%). This training can be run through Lantra training providers or other providers, and is for both agriculture and non-agriculture training.

Example: Farmer's wife did hair-dressing qualification.  
Farmer's son ~ trailer driving.  
Farmer ~ chainsaw, HGV, Marketing.

(IT training is free ~ see Gerald Curtis, Pencoed College)

When you book with a Lantra provider ~ need your FBDP Registration Number (N.B. It doesn't matter if your plan has been done or not).

### **2. TIR GOFAL AGREEMENT HOLDER?**

Some free training is already being delivered on habitat management, organised through college. Specific environmental related short courses can be 50% funded e.g. walling, hedging, Brushcutters, woodland management.

### **3. IN LANDBASED INDUSTRY OTHER THAN FARMING? (SkillCheck+ p.t.o.)**

This includes landscaping, equestrian, fish farming, farming, floristry etc. Again, a Skill Check scheme offers you a FREE 'Training Needs Analysis' on your business. Someone visits you at an agreed time ~ takes approx 2 hours). Training identified from this, again can have 50% funding attached in Objective 1 areas.

### **4. FARMING ~ BUT NOT IN FARMING CONNECT? (SkillCheck+ p.t.o.)**

A new scheme, similar to the one above, is now available. Objective 1 areas have up to 50% funding available now, and will hopefully be extended from January 2004 to non-objective 1 areas.

Julie Thomas, Nick Heins, Kathy Searle are all registered Skill Check Providers and can deliver skill checks at your premises or ours.

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**NOTE: Funding is not AUTOMATIC ~ check with us first! There is a ceiling on amounts available, which is not clarified, but is relatively substantial. In our experience, several courses and people have been funded successfully.**