

ADDINGTON NEWS


Addington Fund

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Fighting the corner for the farming industry

There is no doubt that the DEFRA Lump Sum Exit Scheme, which was criticised by many as not being generous enough, has had an effect and this year we have had five applications for retirement houses. Even with the lump sum, I am sad to say that some are still leaving their tenancy with nothing.

The rise in the value of property has had a two-fold effect on Addington. It has seen the net worth of the charity rise to an all-time high, just shy of £15 million, but at the other end retirement homes which were costing on average £225k two years ago are now over £300k and indeed we have just purchased one costing £340k. It means we are now looking at over £1.5m to buy the six retirement schemes which is a tall order.

Our George Stephens Trust Fund to help farmworkers has also seen more activity recently and we have also been quietly busy on individual cases of helping farmers in hardship. Bovine TB has been a prominent cause for concern, as well as pig farmers who have had a torrid time and for the first-time avian flu has featured. Worryingly this has now gone a full twelve-month cycle without a remission and is now endemic in the wild bird population. The whole of the UK is now in a prevention zone which does not bode well for the industry.

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The resilience of both the unsubsidised pig and poultry sectors never ceases to amaze and as the livestock industry comes under attack in the carbon debate and now "Animal Rebellion", it is worth contemplating the efficiency of the poultry industry in particular.

Short growing seasons with food conversion ratios over 80%, solar panels and AD Plants to heat and cool insulated climate-controlled sheds with the waste adding value to arable fields, mean the industry is ultra-efficient and needs broadcasting from the roof tops to fight unjustified bad press. Farming needs to fight back rather than be blamed for the failings of other industries.

The bright side has been the success of our new Young Entrants Scheme with the promise of legacy farms and some detailed discussion with stakeholders about flats above workshops linked to parcels of land. We will use these facilities, when they arrive, to bring in young first-generation farmers into the industry with the belief that they will evaluate risk differently and take the opportunity to grow their businesses quickly to benefit the industry.

So, although times are challenging for us all there are and will be opportunities to progress, which we must all grab.

Bill Young ADDINGTON FUND CEO



Thank you from all the Addington Fund staff, trustees and beneficiaries for the donations and support you have given in 2022. We look forward to working with you again in 2023 and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



ORDER YOUR CARDS NOW!

Christmas is coming fast...

Our beautiful Christmas cards are available to buy on our website. In 2021 we launched a range of new designs to add to our traditional cards. There are now 20 designs so there is sure to be something that takes your fancy.

A pack of 6 cards starts from just £3. Please visit the website to order: www.addingtonfund.org.uk/shop/cards or scan this QR code.



Please order by 12th December to allow for delivery in time for Christmas.

STOP PRESS



Due to popular demand we have added a new Christmas card to our range. 'Meg in the snow' is now available as a large format card in packs of 10. Other popular cards have been restocked including the highland cattle and ewe and lamb cards.



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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The Addington Fund Trustees and staff were saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Her Majesty was a keen supporter of British farming and rural life, and made a huge contribution to the industry throughout her reign. She had a great knowledge of farming and was Patron to many farming charities and organisations.

We will look forward to the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III in 2023, who also has a keen interest in agriculture and we have had the pleasure of welcoming to the Addington stand at many events.

Equally, we look forward to working with HRH The Prince of Wales in his new role as head of The Prince's Countryside Fund which supports Addington Fund and the other Farming Help charities in many ways.

WELL LOVED AND RESPECTED TRUSTEE RETIRES

Roger Wyatt reflects on his time at Addington Fund



Roger has been a well loved and respected Addington Fund trustee since 2006, here he reflects on his time on the board as he retires. We would all like to thank Roger for the years of service, dedication and for always bringing a smile to those he works with!

"My first involvement with the Addington Fund was in 2006, which was the year that my Land Agency practice in Warwick was celebrating the bicentenary of its foundation. One of my business partners had established a social relationship with Ian Bell, the then CEO of Addington."

"It was arranged that we would hold a celebratory dinner in the Members marquee on the Kenilworth Showground, and I recall that about 200 representatives of the local farming community were invited, which included both clients of the practice, and Addington contacts. The invitees were informed that after dinner there would be an Auction of Promises, and all attending were exhorted to submit a suitable Lot for the auction, the proceeds from which were to be donated to the Addington Fund. The response was overwhelming, and we were offered lots ranging from "A fortnight in a holiday cottage in Cornwall" to "A flight in a helicopter from Wellesbourne Airfield", to his book on "The Gardens of Highgrove", signed by the author who is now our King! The auction was a huge success, despite the limitations of the auctioneer (me!). The donation of the proceeds was gratefully accepted by Ian, and certainly exceeded all our wildest expectations."

"That event in 2006 fired my interest in what Addington was achieving for the farming community throughout the country, following on from its original objective of being a fundraising charity to assist farmers affected by the trauma of the 2001 Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak, and the imposed slaughter policy."

"In 2009-10, I was beginning to reduce my time in my professional practice, and I retained my contact with Ian Bell and several of the local Addington Trustees who I knew well. I think it was in 2011 that Tom Bradley retired from the Trustee Board of Addington, and I knew that it was an organisation with objectives close to my heart, and one that I considered that I could be able to make a useful contribution to. The rest, as they say is history. I enquired if there may be a vacancy on the Trustee board, and a couple of months or so later, I was invited to an introductory meeting at the Barford office."

"By this time, Addington Fund had grown considerably since its original concepts, and

"I am reassured that the Addington Fund will continue to progress from strength to strength."

Lammas Service

The annual Lammas service returned to Hoxne, Suffolk again this year by kind invitation of the churchwarden Guy McGregor, the Agricultural Chaplain Reverend Canon Sally Fogden and Reverend Eleanor Goodison. This celebration marks the start of harvest, we were most pleased to see our local supporters at the service. Everyone then enjoyed a hog roast post event, kindly supplied by our amazing Peter Havers. Thank you to everyone who joined us back in August, the service raised over £1500.



The King's Chapel of the Savoy, London

A Harvest Eucharist was held in the King's Chapel of the Savoy by kind permission of the Duchy of Lancaster in October. The Right Reverend Helen-Ann Hartley, The Bishop of Ripon gave the sermon to a congregation of over 50 people. This was a joint event between the Farming Help charities – Addington Fund, FCN and Forage Aid, and donations of over £1,000 were split between the three organisations. Thank you to all those who attended, especially to Canon Thomas Woodhouse Chaplain of The King's Chapel of the Savoy, for his assistance in allowing us to hold our Eucharist in this stunning venue.

the emphasis had evolved from being a Foot and Mouth fund-raising charity, to becoming the principal agricultural charity in the country specialising in acquiring suitable housing, usually for needy retiring tenant farmers. When I joined Addington, the charity already owned houses from Cornwall to Essex."

"As the property portfolio grew, the structure of the Trustee Board also needed to develop and in 2013, the first of the sub-committees, the Housing Sub-committee, was established which I was pleased to be asked to Chair. Addington has continued to grow, and it has been strengthened in the last few years by the appointment of new Trustees, all having specific financial and management professional expertise."

"I stepped back from chairing the Housing Committee last year and retired from the Trustee Board earlier this year but I am reassured that with the current dedicated staff, and the strongly qualified Trustee Board, the Addington Fund will continue to progress from strength to strength."

ADDINGTON FUND CORNWALL FARM BUSINESS AWARDS

Presenting the
cream of the crop

The Addington Fund Cornwall Farm Business Awards did not fail to entertain with a spectacular evening celebrating Cornish agriculture with delicious local produce, fantastic company and the announcement of the winners of the farming award categories. Held for the first time at the iconic Eden Project, guests arrived looking glamorous as ever in black tie and ball gowns, and were welcomed by a glass of cold fizz while overlooking the breath-taking biomes.

Daphne Skinnard from BBC Radio Cornwall was the compere for the evening. Addington Fund CEO, Bill Young welcomed guests with a speech highlighting the current challenges for the sector, how the charity is helping those in need and future plans for a new entrant's scheme.

Lord Falmouth from Tregothnan Estate represented the charity patron, HRH The Countess of Wessex, with words of encouragement for British farmers and reiterated the importance of the work of the Addington Fund.

Peter Beaumont, Managing Director of Cornish Mutual (Principal Sponsor of the Awards) recognised the achievements of each of the nominees with his usual wit, humour and style, before announcing the winner and inviting them to collect their trophy.

After celebrating the category finalists, the auction ended the night with a bang raising vital funds thanks to the entertaining style of auctioneer Edd Buckland.

The guests were incredibly generous, raising over £5,000 through the auction and raffle and with support from category sponsors the total raised for the Fund is over £11,000! This phenomenal amount of money goes directly to help British farmers through the work of the Addington Fund.

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO ALL THE WINNERS:

James & Jeremy Hosking
Fentongollan Farm
Best Commercial Farmer(s)
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Morwenna Bone
St Buryan Farm Shop
Best Woman in Agriculture
SPONSORED BY AZETS ACCOUNTANTS



Julian Ellis
Boscarn Farm
Best Mixed Farmer
SPONSORED BY PKF FRANCIS CLARK



Rebecca Tonks
(The Tonks Family),
St Ewe Free Range Eggs
Best Farm Processor
SPONSORED BY SAVILLS



David Hichens
Kerris Farm
Best Dairy Farmer
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**Jake Gregory Kerling Farm and
Avril Trehane Linnick Farm**
Best Young Farmers
SPONSORED BY NATWEST



Malcolm & Catherine Barrett
Tregooden Farm
Best Sustainable Farming Initiative
SPONSORED BY CORNISH MUTUAL



Stephen Bone
Tregwainton Farm
Farming Champion
SPONSORED BY NFU



... and a massive congratulations to
James & Jeremy Hosking from Fentongollan Farm,
this year's Cornwall's Farmers of the Year 2022,
SPONSORED BY STEPHENS SCOWN SOLICITORS



Jacob Lakeman and Frances Hosking for
James and Jeremy Hosking



Morwenna Bone



Julian Ellis



Rebecca Tonks



Jacob Lakeman and Frances Hosking accepting the Cornwall Farmer of
the Year Award for James and Jeremy Hosking, Fentongollan Farm



David Hichens



Avril Trehane & Jake Gregory



Catherine & Malcolm Barrett



Stephen Bone

The Awards are an extraordinary celebration of British farming and without the support from the sponsors, they would not be possible. The Addington Fund would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the awards and all the guests that came along to enjoy the event.

Special thanks also go to: Haines Watts for sponsoring the cost of the beef. Fisher German and The Green Offset for sponsoring the cost of the programme.

To get involved with the Cornwall Farm Business Awards 2023, please contact Annie Winn 01926 620135 (option 3) events@addingtonfund.org.uk

Mole Valley Farmers Chairman wins prestigious RASE award

Congratulations to Mole Valley Farmers Chairman, Graeme Cock, for winning this year's prestigious National Agriculture Award after being nominated for his work championing the UK farming industry and for his service to the Mole Valley Farmers board.

Mr Cock, a third-generation Devon farmer, said "I've always been an advocate of the value Mole Valley Farmers as an organisation can bring to its members businesses and it's good to know I'm helping the organisation deliver on its main objectives of keeping members costs down and their farms efficient.

"I'm proud to be part of such a hardworking team, busy helping our members through the cost of living crisis while making sure they remain informed and their farms sustainable, with strategies to protect them for the future."

Part of RASE's remit is to promote innovation within agriculture, something Mr Cock supports through the Maize Growers Association and his farm business as well as Mole Valley Farmers.

To find out more about the Royal Agricultural Society of England visit www.rase.org.uk



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EVENTS UPDATE

WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER
Warwickshire Advent Service, Budbrooke Church, Warwick

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER
Illuminated Tractor Run, Welshpool

2023

TUESDAY 10TH & WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY
LAMMA, Birmingham

TUESDAY 14TH MARCH
Ashcombe Breakfast Devon

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY
Devon Farm Business Awards, Devon County Showground

THURSDAY 18TH - SATURDAY 20TH MAY
Devon County Show

THURSDAY 8TH - SATURDAY 10TH JUNE
Royal Cornwall Show

TUESDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 14TH JULY
Great Yorkshire Show

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
Cornwall Farm Business

For details on our events, please visit the website www.addingtonfund.org.uk

We will be visiting many of the county and larger shows next year, keep an eye on our website and social media for dates and come and say hello!

ROYAL SMITHFIELD CLUB BICENTENARY TROPHY Awarded to Elizabeth Buchanan

Elizabeth Buchanan CVO, FRAgS has been awarded the prestigious Royal Smithfield Bicentenary Trophy in recognition of her outstanding contribution to British Agriculture. The presentation was made by Royal Smithfield Club President Geoff Burgess at the South of England Farming Conference held in Ardingley, West Sussex on Wednesday 16th November.

The Bicentenary nomination was put forward by Addington Fund CEO, Bill Young, together with Forage Aid Founder, Andrew Ward, and CEO of the Farming Community Network, Jude McCann. "Elizabeth devotes her time to fight tooth and nail for British agriculture and we are truly in awe of what she continues to achieve for the livestock industry and agriculture in general. Most of this is done quietly and off the record and we consider her to be one of the great advocates for British farming and cannot think of a more deserving winner," said Bill Young.

Elizabeth is also a Trustee for The Prince's Countryside Fund, a non-executive board member of DEFRA, a member of the BBC Rural Affairs Committee as well as working as an adviser to Waitrose and Dairy Crest. She also runs her family 200-acre organic pedigree cattle farm in Sussex.



The Smithfield Bicentenary Trophy is an annual award and, in keeping with tradition, is 'sprung' on the recipient without their prior knowledge. In making the presentation, RSC President Geoff Burgess said:

"Elizabeth is hugely deserving of this award for her overall contribution to the UK livestock and meat industry and in recognition of the way she devotes herself to the cause of British agriculture in so many different ways."

Addington Fund delighted to be chosen charity partnership at LAMMA 2023

The Farming Help collective is this year's chosen charity partner for the LAMMA event in January 2023. Addington Fund, The Farming Community Network and Forage Aid are truly delighted to have been chosen by the LAMMA team to buddy up as charity partner and have come up with many ideas of how we can promote our charities and how we help the farming community, to spread this message far and wide.

Plans are in place to fundraise and interact with LAMMA guests and stand holders, with a live chat panel. Join us on Tuesday 10th for our Farmer's Talk from 2:30pm, to discuss Myth Busting in the agri industry.

On Wednesday 11th from 1:30pm, will be our Business Talk, discussing Wellbeing Programmes within the workplace.

If you would like to be a part of our panel to promote your business at LAMMA and show support for the Farming Help charities, and / or if you would like to fundraise for the Farming Help charities, please do get in touch with Annie via enquiries@addingtonfund.org.uk.

Life after Addington

Since leaving as a Trustee of the Addington Fund (2013-2019), Sir Paul Clarke has been pursuing a new career publishing his first book, *A Still Life*, under the pen name of BG Knight.

A psychological mystery set in London and Venice, the book is available through Amazon and on Kindle. He is currently working on a second book but took time this summer to write a short story (*End of the Line*) which is posted on BG Knight's website (bgknightauthor.com).

It is available free to download but BG Knight asks that anyone who reads it (and hopefully enjoys it) might like to make a private donation in support of the Addington Fund. It is a novel (excuse the pun) way for raising funds for Addington but we are grateful for any such original ideas that help to support our work, particularly at these very tough times for the farming community.



We're connecting with the rural community on BBC Radio Devon

Addington is always looking for new ways to connect with the rural community and explain to the public how we can help. When BBC Radio Devon invited Annie to appear on their show in the studio, it was an opportunity not to be missed! Annie had a great time with presenter David Fitzgerald talking about the charity's work, plans for the future and having a good chat. Don't worry if you missed it, Annie will be gracing the airwaves again in January!



A warm welcome to our new member of staff, Carrie Robbins

Hi, I'm Carrie and I live in Warwickshire with my husband.

I have been working in agriculture for the last 13 years on both local and national level. Some of my biggest achievements include organising the Festival of the Harvest events as part of Warwickshire Rural Hub for local school children to learn how the food they eat is produced and the organisation of soil health workshops for farmers across the West Midlands.

Throughout my time working in the farming industry, I have always been aware of the Addington Fund and the great work it does helping farmers and the rural community including Disaster Relief, Affordable Housing and the Young Entrants Scheme. I am delighted to join the Addington team to help them deliver support where it is needed. I look forward to meeting you at an Addington event soon.

Carrie will be supporting the Addington team with specific interest in grants and fundraising.

Cumbria Farm Business Awards

The Addington Trustees were invited to the 2022 Cumbria Farm Business Awards back in September. Organised by FarmSmart Events, Addington were delighted to be the chosen charity of the evening and raised over £2,500!

A huge thank you to Ann and Andy Newbold for their hard work on a brilliant event which recognised the achievement of farmers across Cumbria.



CUMBRIA
FARM BUSINESS AWARDS

Celebrating the first 90 years of Faringdon Young Farmers

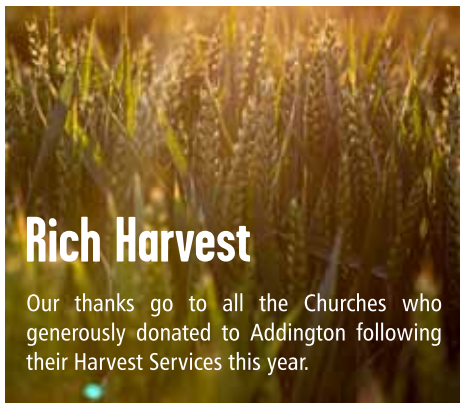


Faringdon Young Farmers celebrated their 90th anniversary with an afternoon celebration looking back at the history of the Club and its members. The Club chose Addington Fund and Prostate Cancer UK as their charities for the year and have already raised over £1200 to split between the two.

Jack's on tour ..

Jack, one of our vintage Massey Ferguson tractors, has been touring the North of England with visits to some of the parishes in Wensleydale.

A huge thank you to Reverend Chris Lawton who has been towing the tractor, spreading the word about the Addington Fund and has helped to raise vital funds for our charity



Rich Harvest

Our thanks go to all the Churches who generously donated to Addington following their Harvest Services this year.

MOLE VALLEY FARMERS Company Golf Day

Mole Valley Farmers held a company golf day in mid-September and ran a fundraising auction for the Addington Fund. With the help of James Morrish, they raised over £3,000 which is fantastic! Thank you again to Mole Valley for their continued support for our charity.

A bumper year for Bunting

2022 was a bumper year for bunting with thousands of street parties hosted across the country for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The King's Coronation in 2023 will be the first many of us will have seen, so get ready for the celebrations and order your Coronation bunting while supporting the Addington Fund!

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Royal Agricultural University RAG Week Donation

Thank you to The Royal Agricultural University who raised an outstanding £6,000 for Addington Fund during their Rag Week.

Welshpool Illuminated Christmas Tractor Run
SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER 2022
 Spectators can arrive at livestock market from 2pm
 Tractors leaving livestock market at 5pm
 Route passing through: Welshpool High Street, Rudegton, Treasen, Llanidloes, Four Crosses, Auckson & Gubaldd.
 In aid of Addington Fund registered charity number 1097092
 Find us on Facebook: "Welshpool Illuminated Christmas Tractor Run"
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Thinking about fundraising? Why not choose us as your chosen charity? Please get in touch with Annie if this is something you are thinking about (enquiries@addingtonfund.org.uk)

We can help provide marketing materials and leaflets, social media posts, press release information and more to help with your fundraising.

There are many other ways you can support our work too. Through donations, buying our bunting or Christmas cards and simply spreading the word about the Addington Fund.

If you shop online, please consider using Easy Fundraising which gives a small donation to Addington Fund whenever you shop online. www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonfund/

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