# ADDINGTON SPRING 2022 Addington Fund

## A DAY IN THE Project Manager, Mike Williams

It's been seven years since I started work with Addington Fund and what a whirlwind of activity it has been in that time, from response to day to day maintenance and planned maintenance works, to the development of new dwellings in Cornwall and barn conversions in Cumbria.

Combining the above with meeting our existing and prospective tenants, towing the Addington Fund tractors, Jack and Jill, to various agricultural shows around the country, attending awards ceremonies and supporting the marketing and fundraising team makes my work very varied, and the Fund an exciting organisation to work for.

As we move rapidly into 2022, I am pleased to report that the new three bed detached dwelling at our Trevorva development in Probus, Cornwall, is nearing completion in readiness for occupation in May 2022.

Once the planning permission was obtained, we were

able to move forward speedily with the development. We appointed Treverran Homes as the main contractor, with whom we have had a great and now ongoing working relationship.

Similarly, we chose Mole Energy, an operating arm of Mole Valley Farmers, one of our main sponsors to provide what can only be described as a first class design and installation service of the solar photovoltaic panels with battery storage system and an electric vehicle charging point.



The new dwelling also has underfloor and hot water heating supplied by an air source heat pump, all of which helps Addington Fund become more sustainable and to meet the requirement to reduce its carbon footprint and reduce energy bills.

> Recently, we have been fortunate enough to have been offered some exciting development opportunities in Lincolnshire and Leicestershire that we are currently investigating. In collaboration with the Duchy of

Cornwall and The Cornwall NFU Company Ltd we are also eagerly moving forward with an opportunity that has arisen at Nansledan near Newquay in Cornwall. This involves a proposal to provide six new affordable dwellings for eligible persons who meet our occupancy criteria. It is hoped that following the success of this development, similar developments may be replicated around the country.

We are also investigating the possibility of providing further work/live units at our other development in Cornwall, to enable small startup agricultural/rural businesses to flourish. We hope to link these to small parcels of land.

Throughout England and Wales we continue to provide housing opportunities to meet the needs of farmers leaving the industry, in either shared or wholly owned Addington Fund housing within our retirement housing scheme, as well as affordable housing for rural workers.

The Addington Fund, as an independent charity, is able to be creative in its approach to the provision of housing. We are able to offer housing support and solutions and welcome the opportunity to discuss individual circumstances and to investigate any possible development opportunities with like-minded

I am looking forward to further opportunities coming our way in 2022, helping people in need of housing and in raising yet further, the profile of Addington Fund.

#### Mike Williams

PROJECT MANAGER



### **Good Luck Holly and Hello Emily**

If you see me on the

highways and byways

towing Jack or Jill then

give me a wave!

Holly Beckett will soon be leaving Addington to concentrate on her Focussed Farmers business. Although she has been with us for only a short time she has made a major contribution to the way we operate and simplified some of our operations through a clarity of thinking and an ability to look at things from a different perspective.

Holly will be replaced in May by Emily Egan who joins us from The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers (RABDF). We are all looking forward to working with Emily and wish Holly well as she takes Focussed Farmers to the next level.







The Addington Fund Team at the NFU Conference

## The NFU Conference Dinner Over £12,000 raised for the Addington Fund

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The National Farmers' Union upped the fundraising game at their NFU Conference this year at the ICC Birmingham on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February.

Raising a fantastic £12,464.65p in total for the Addington Fund at the Conference Dinner, we

will be forever grateful for the kindness and support from all the NFU staff, NFU members and all the dinner guests who attended the evening and donated so generously.

Bill Young, CEO said: "We absolutely ecstatic with the amount raised on the night of the NFU Conference

Dinner and we couldn't be happier with the way the evening turned out. The service from every member of staff was impeccable, the food from start to finish was delicious and the collections throughout the evening ran so smoothly. Needless to say, the collection wouldn't have been possible without the support and guidance from the NFU team, the Addington Fund Trustees and staff, and our extra volunteers from The Farming Community Network, Forage Aid and Shakespeare Martineau.

As an industry we are very lucky to be so well represented by the NFU which is such a strong and well led trade organisation. Minette Batters is a true and excellent champion of the industry who fights for us all and is a wonderful advocate in these difficult and changing times. She fully deserves the applause and accolades she rightfully receives.

We are very lucky to have been the chosen Charity of the Year this year and we cannot thank our supporters enough for their support and well wishes for the future of the Fund. It was an amazing evening to fundraise and the entire conference as a whole was second to none. The

NFU team should be very proud of

themselves and we simply cannot wait to attend again next year and show our support for the event and the next chosen charity of the year."

The trustees and staff of the Addington Fund would like to take this opportunity again to thank everyone at

the NFU for allowing us this amazing opportunity and thank everyone who donated to our amazing charity. All the money raised will be put towards our next rural project, either disaster relief on farm or rural housing.



## **Business Awards** NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Organised by the Devon County Agricultural Association (DCAA) and the Addington Fund, the Devon Farm Business Awards, now in their 9th year, continue to encourage a passion for farming and award those who genuinely deserve recognition for their hard work and commitment to the agricultural sector.

The awards culminate in a grand ceremony, attended by some 200 guests, which takes place in the member's pavilion on Wednesday 29th June - the eve of Devon County Show 2022.

There are eight categories this year, including one new introduction for 2022 – Best Sustainable Farming Initiative

- Best Sustainable Farming Initiative
- Best Commercial Farmer
- Best Woman in Agriculture
- **Best Farm Processor**
- Farm Diversification Award
- **Best Dairy Farmer**
- Best Young Farmer Farming Champion

The winner from each category will automatically be entered into Devon's Farmer of the Year 2022.

The winner will be announced on the night of

the Awards. Nominations are now invited via

www.farmbusinessawards.org.uk/ devon-farm-awards

The deadline for nominations is 18th April.

Good luck and see you at the Show for the grand finals!

## AddingtonFund

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY 30TH JUNE - SATURDAY 2ND JULY TUESDAY 12TH FRIDAY 15TH JULY

THURSDAY 9TH

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE

SUNDAY 17TH JULY

WEDNESDAY 7TH - THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER THURSDAY 29TH

The Royal Cornwall Show

**Devon Farm Business Awards** 

**Devon County Show Great Yorkshire Show** 

A trip to Lundy Island

**Westmorland County Show** 

**Cornwall Farm Business Awards** 

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#### **Devon Farm Business Awards**

## Meet this year's Awards Sponsors





Q) How long have you been involved with the Addington Fund and why do you feel it is important to support our charity?

A) Cornish Mutual has been a long-term supporter of the Addington Fund and we believe the work it does is very important. Like anybody, farmers and farm workers can find themselves in difficult financial situations for numerous reasons. The threat of homelessness is hugely traumatic for anyone, but particularly so if they have specific housing needs or a strong desire to stay in a rural location, where prices are often prohibitively high. The Addington Fund helps many individuals, couples and families who find themselves in difficult situations with short or longer-term affordable living accommodation, and makes such a difference to their lives.

Q) What are you looking forward to the most this year at the Devon Farm Business Awards and why is it important to support this event?

A) The Awards are always a fantastic occasion - a celebration of farming success and a highlight of the year - and perhaps even more so in 2022, after the Covidrelated disruption of the past two years. This year, we are particularly excited about the new category which we recently launched - the Best Sustainable Farming Initiative Award which will showcase the amazing work farmers are doing to improve the long-term sustainability of their businesses. We hope that this Award will reveal how the most successful farmers are coping with climate change, boosting biodiversity and building business resilience, and that this will inspire more to follow suit. Building resilience is what Cornish Mutual is all about, so it's particularly pertinent for us to support this category.

O) How did you become involved with agriculture and how has it changed throughout the years? Does this highlight the support farming charities need now more

A) Started by farmers in 1903, Cornish Mutual's 'reason to be' ever since has been to support farmers and rural businesses across the South West. As well as providing insurance products to protect assets, we also actively help our members reduce risk and build resilience. In 2021, we launched our Future Farming programme to raise awareness and share experiences among our community, empowering our members with knowledge and ideas to take their businesses forward.

Farmers are used to dealing with challenges, but those faced by the industry at the moment are extraordinary. Results from our 'Changing Farming Landscape Survey' highlight how farmers are facing difficulties like the uncertainty of changes to farm support, as well as climate change and pressures to continuously improve biodiversity and sustainability. As a result, we are adapting our offering to best support our members in getting to grips with these challenges. The work of farming charities like the Addington Fund is also more important than ever, and we are committed to promoting and supporting their work at every opportunity.



Q) How long have you been involved with the Addington Fund and why do you feel it is important to support our

A) Approximately 20 years at the Royal Cornwall and Devon County Shows. They're an excellent cause supporting those in need in the rural community.

Q) What are you looking forward to the most this year at the Devon Farm Business Awards and why is it important to support this event?

A) The energy and camaraderie. The Devon Farm Business Awards are always a great event, with great like-minded people. The Awards bring hope and happiness to the agricultural industry and that always shows on the night of the event.

Q) How would you describe the Devon Farm Business Awards to someone who was looking to come on board and support the event?

A) The Awa<mark>r</mark>ds provide a fantastic opportunity to be part of the best of Devon agriculture, while supporting a great charity, too.

**Best Commercial Farmer Sponsor** 



#### **Adam Waddle**

PKF FRANCISCLARK

Q) What are you looking forward to the most this year at the Devon Farm Business Awards and why is it important to support this event?

A) This year, we are most looking forward to meeting all of the nominees and hearing their stories. Everyone is different but I find that the relationship between farming and families tends to be similar for everyone and this is something we are able to support through the Addington Fund.

Q) What does it mean to you to be a sponsor for the Awards and why did you choose the Addington Fund?

A) It means a great deal to be sponsoring the Awards again. At PKF Francis Clark, we believe passionately that UK farming has a great future and we are proud to play our part. The Addington Fund is an amazing, important charity supporting the farming community and we love being a part of their events.

Q) If someone doesn't have a sponsorship budget to support a larger event, what would you suggest they can do to support the farming community in general?

A) Farming can be an isolated place for some and so I think just being there for someone to talk to is really important. Offering to talk with local groups is a good way of getting to know the community and letting people know you are there to support.





Q) How long have you been involved with the Addington Fund and why do you feel it is important to support our charity?

A) We've known about the Addington Fund and the Devon Farm Business Awards for a while now and we have always wanted to get involved with the Awards. Luckily for us a category became available and we jumped at the chance to sponsor and be a part of this prestigious event. It's so important to support the Addington Fund because they are such a fantastic charity helping the farming community in a niche way.

Q) What are you looking forward to the most this year at the Devon Farm Business Awards and why is it important to support this event?

A) We haven't been to any of the Farm Business Awards yet so I'm simply looking forward to enjoying the evening, meeting new people and of course finding out who will be Devon's Farmer of the Year this year.

Q) What does it mean to you to be a sponsor for the Awards and why did you choose the Addington Fund?

A) We are always willing to help the farming community in any way we can so sponsoring the Awards and the Addington Fund is the perfect way to show our support, knowing the money raised through the Awards go directly to those in the agricultural industry who need our help.





#### Q) How long have you been involved with the Addington Fund and why do you feel it is important to support our charity?

A) Stephens Scown has been working with Addington Fund for many years; too many for us to remember! From supporting the Cornwall Farm Business Awards to being one of the three founding members of the Devon Farm Business Awards when they were launched in 2014 we have been involved. The Addington Fund provides essential, specialist support to the farming community when they need it most, and this is something all at Stephens Scown want to ensure continues.

#### Q) How would you describe the Devon Farm Business Awards to someone who was looking to come on board and support the event?

A) The Awards night is a celebration of farming in Devon, a chance to come together and hear about inspirational achievements from across the region. Along with the chance to enjoy delicious food in the company of great people, there is also the fun and thrill of a live auction, which raises vital funds to enable the Addington Fund to continue its vital support for farmers young and old.

#### Q) If someone doesn't have a sponsorship budget to support a larger event, what would you suggest they can do to support the farming community in general?

A) Champion UK farmers by buying local - for your own shopping and by voting with your feet when visiting restaurants who source their produce locally. You can also help by supporting and engaging with campaigns that have UK farming at the heart of them.





#### Q) What are you looking forward to the most this year at the Devon Farm Business Awards and why is it important to support this event?

A) The Awards are always a great opportunity to celebrate some of the amazing farm businesses we have across the county. When you are busy or just going through normal routines you can forget how lucky we are to live and work in this area, as well as the breadth of knowledge and skills that exist in the county. The Awards are an opportunity to remind ourselves of some of these amazing businesses and celebrate their success. It will also hopefully inspire others to push forwards with their businesses and maybe feature at the Awards in the future!



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Q) What are you looking forward to the most this year at the Devon Farm Business Awards and why is it important to support this event?

A) It is still a novelty to be back out in the world and it feels particularly exciting this year to be bringing the best of the farming community back in to a room together, and celebrating their achievements despite a hugely challenging few years. More than ever, as we progress through an uncertain transition period for agricultural policy, it is crucial to recognise the importance of this sector and to support those working in agriculture.

#### Q) How did you become involved with agriculture, and how has it changed throughout the years? Does this highlight the support farming charities need now more than ever?

A) I have grown up in rural Devon and had the good fortune to pursue my career here, so it was a natural progression for me to move from working in the property sector to developing a specialism in agricultural law. It has become increasingly hard for farming businesses to be competitive and many have had to diversify their farming enterprise in order to be resilient to the changing market and policy structure. With threats from external markets it is more important than ever for charities to support UK agriculture and the people working so hard to ensure that their businesses are successful.

#### Q) If someone doesn't have a sponsorship budget to support a larger event, what would you suggest they can do to support the farming community in general?

A) The real positive of social media is that news and events can be shared on a large scale at little or no cost. The agricultural market generally has been slower to share their success and promote their excellence, and I think it is crucial to promote UK agriculture to a wide audience and celebrate our animal and food standards as a differentiator, and to publicise the key role the sector will play in the drive to net zero.

#### Q) How did you become involved with agriculture and how has it changed throughout the years? Does this highlight the support farming charities need now more than ever?

A) I grew up in and around agriculture, before studying agriculture and working in the sector ever since. Over that time the amount of labour on farm continues to decrease, with the number of different tasks that an individual farm business needs to complete, going up! With most farm businesses in Devon being family based, this ultimately puts pressure on the family and sadly from time to time this pressure becomes too much. The farming charities perform a key role in supporting those that need it, so it is vital that everyone in the sector does their bit to support charities like Addington, so they can be there at times of need.

#### Q) How would you describe the Devon Farm Business Awards to someone who was looking to come on board and support the event?

A) The Awards all always perfectly organised and well run and provide those from across the sector with the opportunity to come together and celebrate everything that is great with Devon farming. Additionally, by being held the night before the start of the County Show, they are a great way to kick off the show and everything that delivers for the farming and wider community.



Q) What does it mean to you to be a sponsor for the Awards and why did you choose the Addington Fund?

A) It means a lot to us to sponsor the Devon Farm Business Awards because as we are located in Crediton, the heart of Devon, supporting the locals is exactly what we want to do within our business and throughout the Awards too. We chose the Addington Fund because we truly believe in their values and remits of help.

#### Q) How would you describe the Devon Farm Business Awards to someone who was looking to come on board and support the event?

A) The Awards are great fun. Everyone is in high spirits so it's always nice catch up and see everyone together. The dinner is always delicious and seeing people within the industry being recognised for their hard work and determination sets the tone for the following days at the show. I'd highly recommend people to get involved, whether through sponsorship or buying tickets for the event. It really is worth it, especially as you're supporting the Addington Fund too!

#### Q) What are you looking forward to the most this year at the Devon Farm Business Awards and why is it important to support this event?

A) The thing I'm looking forward to the most this year is simply getting everyone back together. It's been a long time since we had our proper Devon Farm Business Awards. It's important to support this event because what's more important than supporting local?





#### Q) How long have you been involved with the Addington Fund and why do you feel it is important to support our charity?

A) Mole Valley Farmers have been involved with the Addington Fund for several years through support of the Devon Farm Business Awards and we became an official partner/sponsor of the Addington Fund in October 2020. The Addington Fund is a vital charity to farming communities and we are pleased to support the charity as part of our overall commitment to UK agriculture.

#### Q) What does it mean to you to be a sponsor for the Awards and why did you choose the Addington Fund?

A) Our sponsorship is important to both 'put something back' into our farming communities and align our business with this prestigious event. Addington Fund is long established in making a real difference to farmers and rural communities, has a clear purpose and is built on strong foundations, so we are delighted to support the charity.

# RANT & OUSING ORK



## Brand new three-bedroom home to rent near Probus, Cornwall

Our three bed, two storey, brand new detached home in a rural location near Probus will soon be available to rent. Monthly rent will be £650 for eligible persons, plus an annual service charge of approximately £450 per year. Priority will be given to potential tenants who meet the criteria of the charity; occupational

Our three bed, two storey, brand new detached home restrictions will apply. Tenancy for the chosen in a rural location near Probus will soon be available candidate begins the 1st May.

For more information about this property and for eligibility T&Cs please visit the latest news section on our website: www.addingtonfund.org.uk

## DEFRA Lump Sum Exit Scheme

#### ...the detail and the Addington verdict

Last summer DEFRA announced their plan for a Lump Sum Exit scheme for farmers wishing to retire or leave the industry in a way that will open up opportunities for new entrants and farmers wishing to expand their businesses. This sounded like a radical idea and Addington eagerly awaited details of the scheme. In the meantime, it understandably put applications for our retirement houses on hold as potential applicants also waited to learn more.

In February 2022 the details were finally announced and the tax position was clarified. These details can be found on the government's website, and in a simpler, shorter version on a Defra blog.

It is proposed that:

- Farmers must have claimed BPS in 2018 or before to be eligible.
- The lump sum will be based on the average BPS payments made for the 2019-2021 years — this is the farmer's 'reference amount'.
- This reference amount will be capped at £42,500 and multiplied by 2,35 to calculate the lump sum. This means the maximum lump sum will be £99,875.

- Applications should be made between April 2022 until the end of September 2022, and farmers will have to transfer out their land by 31st May 2024 – apart from up to 5 hectares or land planted with trees under some woodland creation schemes.
- Lump sum payments will only be paid to the farmers when they have surrendered their English BPS entitlements.
- The amount is taxable under capital gains tax rules.
   In most cases this is likely to be 10%, but could be higher.
- Farmers surrendering their rights will be able to retain their farmhouse, other buildings and nonagricultural land.

Addington has given a cautious welcome to the announcement as it will give family farms an opportunity to retire a generation and restructure their businesses. We are disappointed by the level at which the cap is set, and as the sum is taxable we cannot see farmers opting for the scheme in large numbers. For those tenant farmers in the third generation of a three-generation tenancy or those who have no clear line of succession this might offer some encouragement but we do hope landlords will contribute as well if farmers do opt to take advantage of the exit scheme. Sadly, the recent increase in rural house prices will probably nullify any benefits for farmers who want to buy a retirement home locally. The Addington Fund will welcome applications from farmers who want to take up the exit scheme and retire if they need help with the purchase of a retirement home either in full or in a shared equity package.

## Legacy Farm Scheme

Since Addington softly launched it's legacy farm scheme to bring first generation farmers into the industry, we have received a great deal of interest from potential donors from across the country as well as prospective young entrants.

Our plan is to let farms that are bequeathed to us to first generation farmers who are agriculturally trained for affordable rents on long Farm Business Tenancies.. Addington will engage the support and help of stakeholders including banks, land agents, agricultural merchants and other experts to help the new tenants succeed in their first step on the farming ladder.

The Addington Fund believes that first generation farmers or farmers who take on a great deal of responsibility early in life often turn out to be the best farmers as they tend to have a different attitude to risk and in their approach to new ventures. The average age of farmers rose from 57 to 59 last year and we believe it is important to bring new young blood into the industry with available support at the ready, and we are very excited by the scheme and what it can and will do for the industry.

If you are interested in leaving your farm or a block of land to the next generation please contact our CEO, Bill Young (billyoung@ addingtonfund.org.uk).

#### Devon Farmhouse Breakfast returns

Thank you to The Ashcombe Village Club near Dawlish, for hosting our annual Devon Farmhouse Breakfast. It was great to see all the familiar faces again after such a long time away and we would like to thank everyone who came along and showed their support.

From donations on the day to donations given online, we raised over £1600 which is an incredible amount of money.

And a special thanks goes to Shepherd Shack Catering for cooking such a delicious breakfast for our guests!



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## CORNWALL Farm Business Awards 2022

THE EDEN PROJECT

Last year, our Cornwall Farm Business Awards were moved from March to the end of September because of ongoing covid restrictions. Given We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge the positive feedback, we

have decided as we move forward to keep the Awards in September.

We would like to announce that this isn't the only change we have embraced for the Cornwall Awards 2022. This year, we will be saying goodbye to the Royal Cornwall Pavilion Events Centre and hello to our new Awards location at the Eden Project. This decision is based solely on the number of people interested in attending the Awards each year, and sadly the Pavilion Centre can only admit 190 people to any one event.

By moving to the Eden Project, we will be able to sell tables and tickets to more guests, and raise more donations throughout the evening to directly help more farmers in need as and when required.

thank you to The Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association, the Riddle family and everyone

> involved with the Royal Cornwall Show for allowing us to use their facilities for many years. Your support, efforts and generosity throughout the years has been invaluable.

We also look forward to continue working with you in the future and we truly look forward to The Royal Cornwall Show in June this year.

More updates about the Cornwall Farm Business Awards to follow in the next newsletter.



#### **IG Week Tractor P**

A HUGE thank you to the students at The Royal Agricultural University for choosing to raise money for the Addington Fund during their RAG Week in February. We had a great time with you at the Tractor Pull!

## Play your part & go digital

and cost effective as we can at the Addington Fund. If you have an email address and would like to receive our newsletters and / or event invites digitally instead of via the post, please let us know by emailing:

#### enquiries@addingtonfund.org.uk

Please include your full name, home address and email address that you would like us address so we can find you on our system to swap you over). Thank you for playing a part in saving the planet and lowering our

#### Midland Business Awards

Our CEO Bill Young attended the Midland Business Awards in Leicester and introduced the Farming Awards which were duly won by Hadley Farms from Warwickshire with Bradford Estates from Shropshire the runners up. Congratulations to both.

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Last year, the Devon County Show's Community Champion 2021, Deborah Custance-Baker organised and co-ordinated the World's Longest Knitted Bunting challenge during the lockdown in the summer of 2020, which broke the Guinness World Record. The bunting is on sale for the Addington Fund.

On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April, the Devon Young Farmers will be helping us cut and bag up as much of the 14 kilometers of bunting as possible so we can drop off the bags of bunting to local farm shops in the area to sell on in time for your summer

BBQs, parties and of course the Platinum Jubilee weekend!

If you would like to buy some bunting, you can pop by either Darts Farm Shop and Greendale Farm Shop in Exeter or Strawberry Fields in Lifton.

Have a look at the latest news on our website for a list of more shops to purchase your bunting (news article "B is for Bunting – and lots of it too!").



## **Devon Farm**

18th April 2022

Nominations are now open for the Devon Farm Business

Awards 2022. Nominate yourself or someone today via our website

www.farmbusinessawards.org.uk/devon-farm-awards