

ADDINGTON NEWS

AddingtonFund

WINTER 2023

www.addingtonfund.org.uk

Moving forwards to 2024 with positivity



SUE ENGLISH Deputy Director

As 2023 gallops to a close I am reflecting over the last twelve months but also looking forward to the next twelve. By 'looking forward' I don't mean it in the context that I can't wait for it to get here, but in the context of a positive focus on how Addington can support those in the rural and farming community in a way they need us most.

Since our last newsletter, our Marketing and Events Manager, Annie Winn has moved to pastures new, and, having worked as CEO for Addington Fund for 5 years, Bill and the Trustees have amicably and mutually decided it was the right time for Bill to move on and take on a new challenge. We wish him the best in his future endeavours.

During a recent holiday visiting family in Northern Ireland, I was talking to the owner of a traditional Irish bar, and he said to me that 'our eyes are on the front of our faces so that we can look forwards, not back' and whilst respecting all that my current, and past colleagues have achieved since 2001, I look forward to making even more of a positive impact to our beneficiaries in 2024.

Whether it's a safe, secure and affordable roof over their head at the end of a lifetime in farming; a delivery of much-needed animal feed when they can't feed their livestock, providing essential goods for those working on

farms, or maybe finding a yet unknown way in which to support our farming community, we look forward to helping even more people next year.

We hope you will enjoy reading our last newsletter of 2023 which deliberately isn't full of distressing facts and figures, as there's enough bad news in the world at the moment, but we hope you see the positive impact in supporting Addington. With your help, we really can make a difference to our beneficiaries who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances.

On behalf of my dedicated colleagues Mike, Emily, Carrie, (plus freelance Lucy Mellor) along with our Trustees, we wish you a very happy, blessed and joyous Christmas and look forward to your continuing support in 2024

Sue English

Support Addington Fund in 2024

Thinking about fundraising in 2024? Why not choose us as your chosen charity? Please get in touch (enquiries@addingtonfund.org.uk) to see how we can support your activity. We can provide marketing materials and leaflets, social media posts, press release information and more to help with your fundraising.



Leaving a Legacy

During 2023 we were a bit stunned to receive, not one, not two, but three legacies totaling in excess of £1m

For a charity to receive a gift from someone at the end of their life feels like an extra special donation and the responsibility to spend that money wisely is great. In all our legacies there seems to be a common thread from our benefactors of a love for country life and looking after country people and animals. In a world which seems to focus more on urban life we are encouraged to stumble across benefactors who consider Addington a worthy beneficiary.

If remembering Addington in your will is something you have been considering, we have a small leaflet we would be more than happy to share with you. Please contact the office for further information.

Come and say HELLO!

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!



Thank you from all the Addington Fund staff, trustees and beneficiaries for the donations and support you have given in 2023. We look forward to working with you again in 2024 and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

AddingtonFund

Addington Fund, 9 Barford Exchange, Wellesbourne Road, Barford, Warwickshire CV35 8AQ
Telephone: 01926 620135 Email: enquiries@addingtonfund.org.uk



Mole Valley
FARMERS

Mole Valley Farmers Charity Partnership

Mole Valley Farmers have continued to support Addington Fund by becoming our charity partner in 2023. They have been involved in many events with us this year including the Devon County Show, Devon Farm Business Awards and Royal Cornwall Show. Mole Valley Farmers have raised money through their refreshments on stands and supported our work to help the farming community in times of crisis.

We look forward to working with the great team at Mole Valley Farmers more closely in 2024!

Movember Thank you to all at Lycetts



We are pleased to share that Lycetts Insurance Brokers and Financial Services chose the Addington Fund as one of their chosen charities for their Movember fundraising activities. As a company that deeply values the agricultural community and the health of those who sustain it, Lycetts is committing to help raise awareness and funds throughout the month of November.

Addington has been instrumental in providing crucial assistance to farming families, particularly in times of emergency and distress. The support from Movember fundraising efforts will aid in furthering the mission of Addington, ensuring that the backbone of the rural community receives the care and support it requires.

Lycetts, with their profound understanding of rural insurance and their position within the Benefact Group – a leading contributor to charitable causes in the UK – is uniquely poised to make a significant impact.

Thank you to all at Lycetts for the excellent facial-hair-growing and fundraising!



Bridge Quiz in memory of Peter Jinman

On the 1st October, Mike and Sue attended The Bridge Quiz at Michaelchurch Escley, Herefordshire. The evening was held in honour of our late Chairman, Peter Jinman. Situated in the shadow of the Black Mountains, the village hall was full to the brim and an incredible £1586 was raised on the night. We have been told that this is the first-time donations have surpassed four figures. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation and to all the teams who entered making this such a successful evening in Peter's memory. A special thanks to Gill Jinman for lowering her standards to make up the Addington team!

We love a Young Farmers fundraising initiative!

We love a Young Farmers fundraising initiative! They always have lots of fun and come up with some 'interesting' ways of raising money. This year Faringdon Young Farmers have produced a nearly naked calendar with the proceeds being split between Addington Fund and Prostate Cancer UK. The group has been fundraising all year for both causes and we can't wait to see how much they have raised.

Thank you so much!

Thank you Greendale Group

Greendale Group have continued their support this year by stocking our World Record Breaking Bunting in their Devon shop and fundraising for Addington Fund. Thank you to everyone at Greendale!

Lammas Service

We returned to Suffolk for our annual Lammas service at The Church of St Peter & St Paul with St Edmund in Hoxne to celebrate the start of harvest. Thanks go to Peter Havers again for providing a delicious hog roast, and of course to churchwarden Guy McGregor, the Agricultural Chaplain Reverend Canon Sally Fogden and Reverend Eleanor Goodison for welcoming us into their church.

Harvest Services

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

Doodling Lucy raises over £1000 for Addington Fund



We approached Lucy, aka Doodling Lucy, early in the summer to request a commission of our tractor, Jill. Lucy produced a beautiful illustration which we have since turned into greetings cards. Lucy is a firm supporter British farming and chose to raise money for Addington Fund with sales of her 2024 calendar and Christmas jumpers. Thank you for raising over £1000!

See Lucy's work at www.doodlinglucy.com and buy our greetings cards at www.addingtonfund.org.uk/shop

The Dairy Show, Bath and West

Forage Aid was the chosen charity for the Dairy Dinner held the night before the Dairy Show in October. Thank you to the Bath and West Society for helping to raise over £2300.

AddingtonFund EVENTS UPDATE

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER	Addington Carol Service, Budbrooke, Warwick
THURSDAY 4TH AND FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY	Oxford Farming Conference
TUESDAY 20TH - WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY	NFU Conference, Birmingham
WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY	Devon Farm Business Awards 10-year anniversary
THURSDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 18TH MAY	Devon County Show
THURSDAY 6TH - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE	Royal Cornwall Show
WEDNESDAY 26TH - THURSDAY 27TH JUNE	Groundswell, Hertfordshire
MONDAY 29TH - TUESDAY 30TH JULY	The Sheep Event Dinner and The Sheep Event, Three Counties
THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER	Cornwall Farm Business Awards Eden Project

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



Chapel of the Savoy

Acting Chair, Martin Redfearn, hosted our annual Harvest Service at the Chapel of the Savoy, London in October. We were delighted to welcome so many supporters to the service at this prestigious venue in central London.

Cornwall's Farmers shine at the Addington Fund's Farm Business Awards 2023



September saw the return of Addington Fund's Cornwall Farm Business Awards at the Eden Project, kindly supported by principal sponsor Cornish Mutual. It was a night celebrating the best of Cornish agriculture and indeed, the county's finest farmers.



BEST COMMERCIAL FARMER
The Richards Family, J H Richards & Sons
SPONSORED BY CARTER JONAS & AMC

Runners up:
Chris Bond, W H Bond & Sons Ltd
Gareth Jones, B M Jones



BEST DAIRY FARMER
Selena Richards (Family & Staff), C P Richards & Sons
SPONSORED BY SAPUTO DAIRY UK

Runners up:
Tim Wood, JAH Wood & Sons
Andrew Nicholls, H K Nicolls & Son



BEST WOMAN IN AGRICULTURE
Georgina Roberts, Hunrosa, Trye Farm
SPONSORED BY AZETS ACCOUNTANTS

Runners up:
Jenny Olds, Cornhill Farm
Lynn Pridham, Pridham Agricultural Contractors



CORNWALL'S FARMER OF THE YEAR 2023
The Richards Family, J H Richards & Sons (Richards of Cornwall Farm Shop)
SPONSORED BY STEPHENS SCOWN SOLICITORS

There were winners over eight categories, with the Richards Family, J H Richards & Sons (Richards of Cornwall Farm Shop) taking home the top award of 'Cornwall's Farmers of the Year 2023', sponsored by Stephens Scown Solicitors.

Once again, we were fortunate to have the fantastic Daphne Skinnard from BBC Radio Cornwall to emcee the evening while staff from Addington Fund welcomed guests and provided information on how the charity is helping those in need and the future plans for Addington Fund.

A feature video showed how Addington Fund has helped a couple of Cornish farmers when sepsis struck, highlighting the importance of supporting farming charities like the Addington Fund. NFU Cornwall Chair, Bridget Whell, rose to the challenge and hosted the auction. Picking up the gavel for the first time, Bridget entertained guests with her witty style and humour. Bridget raised over £2,000 for the 6 lots donated by Addington supporters.

The sponsors and guests were incredibly generous, raising over £5,000 through the auction and prize draw. This phenomenal amount of money goes directly to help British farmers through the work of the farming charity.

Daphne recognised the achievements of each of the nominees with class and style before the winners came up to collect their awards and certificates. Congratulations go to all the winners and runners up from each category.

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 and James Kittow for sponsoring the beef.
Wildanet for sponsoring the programme.

Westcotts South West LLP for sponsoring the drinks reception.
Riviera Produce for providing the vegetables for the meal.

Shane Solomon for performing and providing the post awards evening entertainment.
Furniss of Cornwall for supplying biscuits to accompany after dinner teas and coffees.
Rodda's for supplying the delicious clotted cream for the pudding.

Lizzie Melvin Photographer, for supplying professional images of the night.



BEST YOUNG FARMER
Ben & Josh Nicholls, Nicholls & Co
SPONSORED BY NATWEST

Runner up:
Abi Lugg, Penhesken Farm



BEST MIXED FARMER
The Semmens Family, J R Semmens & Sons
SPONSORED BY PKF FRANCIS CLARK

Runners up:
Charles Richards (Family & Staff), C P Richards & Sons Ltd
Alan & Karenza Hembrow, A & K Hembrow



BEST SUSTAINABLE FARMING INITIATIVE
Riviera Produce Ltd
SPONSORED BY CORNISH MUTUAL

Runners up:
Rob Stacey, Rowe Farming Ltd
The Spierings Family, Cornish Gouda Co



BEST FARM PROCESSOR
The Spierings Family, Cornish Gouda Co.
SPONSORED BY SAVILLS

Runners up:
Seth Pascoe, Cornish Seaberry Company
James Mably, Sea View Farm Shop



FARMING CHAMPION
Edward Richardson, Farm Cornwall
SPONSORED BY NFU

Runner up:
Pete & Jenny Olds, Cornhill Farm

Addington Fund and Forage Aid join forces



This summer, after thorough deliberation, the coming together of Addington Fund and Forage Aid came to fruition, with the two charities now formally linked.

Addington will continue to deliver the support offered by Forage Aid, retaining the well-known brand and ethos of farmers-helping-farmers. Two of Forage Aid's trustees, Andrew Ward, MBE, and Tom Hind have joined Addington's Board of Trustees, while Somerset farmer and one of the founding members of Forage Aid, James Winslade, has joined the sub-committee.

Tom Hind

Tom is Chief Executive of the North York Moors National Park, one of 15 National Parks in the UK. With a team of over 100 dedicated staff the National Park Authority is charged with the task of conserving the natural beauty, wildlife and heritage of the North York Moors as well enabling opportunities for people to experience and enjoy the area.

Prior to this, Tom spent over 20 years working in senior roles in the food and farming industry for the NFU, Tesco plc and the AHDB. A proud Yorkshireman, he hails from Sheffield and now lives in North Yorkshire having spent time in London, Brussels, the home counties & the midlands. Married to Sara, out of work he enjoys getting out and about in the Moors, Dales and neighbouring AONBs cycling, walking and fishing. He has a degree in politics and French from the University of Warwick.



Tom Hind - Trustee

Andrew Ward

Andrew Ward, MBE is the co-founder of Forage Aid and joins us as the Chair of the Forage Aid Committee and as a working farmer, brings his excellent knowledge of agriculture to the group. Andrew is an arable farmer in Lincolnshire and well known in social media circles and the NFU County Delegate.

Andrew has his own YouTube channel, where he raises awareness for issues affecting UK agriculture. He is passionate about 'farmers-helping-farmers' and coordinates our donated forage database linking farmers who donated bedding and fodder, with farmers in need during times of extreme weather conditions on farm.



Andrew Ward MBE - Trustee

James Winslade

James is a beef and arable farmer on the Somerset levels. He has first-hand experience of what it is like to be in the middle of a severe weather event after suffering at the hands of the 2014 floods.

After having so much help from around the country James wanted to give something back and that's where Forage Aid was born as a charity in 2015.

James is a co-founder of Forage Aid, chair of the Bridgwater Agriculture Society, a director of Cannington Grain and sits on the Drainage Board.



James Winslade

HOUSING UPDATE

At the beginning of 2023 we were faced with a high demand for our Retirement Housing Scheme – so much so that we had to place a temporary pause on accepting new applications (now lifted).

As the months passed, the situation resolved itself with the current landlords having a change of heart on the future of the farm; to estates offering their tenants alternative accommodation which meant we could release the funds we had ring-fenced for these house purchases.

Although progressing a housing application from start to finish can be time consuming and requires a lot of input from us, and those who apply to us, by acting as a 'safety net' as in the examples mentioned, we can offer the reassurance that if all else fails, there will be a home available when the farm tenancy ends.

We recently produced a video with two of our tenants, Sarah and James Hoskings. They spoke to Annie about how Addington had helped them when ill health and other circumstances led them to need housing.

You can see the full video on our website: www.addingtonfund.org.uk/latest-news/hosking-story

Christmas Cards

Our beautiful Christmas cards are available to buy on our website. With both traditional and modern designs, there is sure to be something that takes your fancy.

A pack of 6 cards starts from just £2. Please visit the website to order: www.addingtonfund.org.uk/shop/cards or scan this QR code.



We can include your company logo and personalise greetings to make the perfect cards to send to clients. For more information, please contact Emily emilyegan@addingtonfund.org.uk

Easy Fundraising

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas online shopping this year. Over 7,500 brands including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Addington Fund for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk to sign up.

Supporting our work

Addington Fund would not be able to support farmers and rural families in times of need without the generous support of donors, stakeholders, charity partners and the wider farming industry. Whether you are an individual, a young farmers group, a company or even a county show, there are ways to support our work through fundraising, raising awareness and signposting those who might need our help.

If you would like information about working with Addington Fund as your chosen charity, fundraising through a raffle or smaller event, promoting our work or just to find out more about what we do and how you can help, please get in touch with us.

Telephone: 01926 620135 or visit www.addingtonfund.org.uk/how-you-can-help

Recycle4Charity

You can support Addington every time you recycle an ink cartridge with Recycle4Charity. Simply visit the website and download a freepost label. Addington Fund will receive a small donation for every ink cartridge you send in.

Full details: www.recycle4charity.co.uk



Help us reduce waste



Would you prefer to receive this newsletter by email? Please contact us on enquiries@addingtonfund.org.uk or scan this QR code to join our mailing list and help us reduce our environmental impact.

Follow us on social media to keep up to date with all things Addington Fund
Just search AddingtonFund

- [facebook.com/addingtonfund](https://www.facebook.com/addingtonfund)
- [instagram.com/addingtonfund](https://www.instagram.com/addingtonfund)
- [linkedin.com/company/addington-fund](https://www.linkedin.com/company/addington-fund)
- twitter.com/addingtonfund

Registered charity number 1097092