

## FARMING AND PROPERTY BULLETIN – MARCH 2018

### ***Countryside Stewardship Update***

#### *CS Application Packs*

The January bulletin reported on the opening of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme application window and included information on the new 'streamlined' offers. The 'Arable Offer' is now available to apply for online.

Application packs must be requested for all the offers before an application can be made; this is still required even where applicants are applying for the Arable Offer online. Request forms are available now for each of the offers from Natural England and this appears to be its current favoured method of issuing application packs.

#### **The four streamline offers are now being referred to as 'Wildlife Offers'.**

The forms can be accessed through the gov.uk website via the Countryside Stewardship pages at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-paid-for-environmental-land-management> . The deadline for requesting packs for the Mid-Tier, including the streamlined Wildlife Offers, is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and for Higher-Tier application packs is 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

#### *Arable Offer Online*

From the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 the Arable Offer was made available online. It is the only one of the four Wildlife Offers to be made available online this year.

The application process is located in customers' Rural Payments account. Those wishing to use it need to sign into Rural Payments (as you would to make a Basic Payment Scheme application) and from the Business Overview page scroll down to Countryside Stewardship. Those making or preparing the claim must have the correct permissions to do so.

### ***Adkin News***

Adkin are pleased to welcome Katie Day to the team as Practice Manager. Katie's background is Finance based, completing both AAT and a degree in International Accountancy part time, whilst working as a Management Accountant. Katie brings a range of experience from her accountancy background, as well HR knowledge, event management and project planning skills.

Here at Adkin, Katie is responsible for a wide range of compliance, health & safety and office management tasks.

She joins the team along with James Fergusson, Rosa Noll and Jack Louineau all pictured below.





# **BASIC PAYMENT SCHEME & COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

*The RPA have announced various changes which will affect Basic Payment Scheme applications for 2018. In addition, Natural England is now offering simplified Countryside Stewardship Agreements which aim to be more flexible and accessible.*

In light of these changes  
Adkin, in conjunction with Natural England  
will be holding a seminar on

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 4.30pm**

at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms, Ardington, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 8PS

Amongst the topics being covered will be:

**Changes to Greening Rules for 2018**

**Entitlement Usage Rules**

**Mapping Changes**

**New Simplified CS Applications**

**Hedgerow and Boundaries Grants**

**CSS Application Process**

Adkin will explain the key changes for BPS 2018  
and Alison Muldal and Des Sussex from Natural England will take you  
through what the new CS Agreements can offer and how Adkin can help.

We hope that it will be an informative and interactive evening.

*We do hope that you will be able to come and look forward to seeing you there.  
It is anticipated that the meeting will finish at around 6.00pm*

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