



## Autumn 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the fourth AFCP newsletter, which aims to inspire support for closer collaboration between charities and organisations in order to drive greater impacts from the charitable donations being made in food and farming.

### THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

Web pages now list charity and partner members first and highlight them in the 'AFCP red'.

Many thanks to our members for their continued support and financial commitment to the AFCP (£300 per year). Although the running costs of the AFCP are modest, this investment enables us to facilitate and promote partnerships in research - and causes - that help to deliver sustainable benefits for UK food and farming.

Fostering collaboration between charities, and industry, is more important than ever with Government investment in food and farming having to compete against other pressing issues for society.

The [AFCP website](#) also provides individuals with important access to charities that might be able to fund their research, training or skills development. Accurate listings of charities, their objectives and key contacts are therefore important in this endeavour.

Please could you advise [debbie\\_beaton@icloud.com](mailto:debbie_beaton@icloud.com) or [elizabeth@iagre.org](mailto:elizabeth@iagre.org) if any changes to your charity or other organisation are needed on the AFCP website.

## **HIGHGROUND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

The charity **HighGround** is offering military leavers a vital introduction to a new career in land-based industries, but it needs the agricultural sector to support it. Much of its investment comes from grant funding and military charities but UK food and farming can really benefit from the work that its Rural Weeks programme is delivering to showcase opportunities for ex-military personnel in land and rural management careers.

On average 14,000 ex-military personnel leave the Army, Navy and RAF every year. These men and women come with experience, professional skills and a hard working attitude that is so desperately needed in agriculture. Their people management, engineering and planning skills would help to accelerate the uptake of new technologies and professional behaviours across the sector.

A Rural Employment Manager who can coordinate and match military leavers experience and interests to rural and land-based work experience - as well as expand the Rural Weeks programme nationally - would be a big benefit to UK agriculture.

**HighGround is looking for £45,000 a year** to cover the cost of this new role. If you or your charity would like to know more please speak directly with the founder and executive director, Anna Baker Cresswell.

**[anna@highground-uk.org](mailto:anna@highground-uk.org)**

## **DEFRA WORKSHOPS**

AFCP members are free to attend a workshop on a Defra funded project on utilising organic amendments to support sustainable intensification in UK agriculture.

The overall goal of the project is to identify knowledge gaps that are limiting the efficient and effective use of organic amendments in UK agriculture and to rank and prioritise these gaps. The proposed project will devise a comprehensive and ambitious action plan to strengthen the evidence base, giving farmers and policy makers more confidence in the use of these materials in restoring and conserving the health of agricultural soils that underpin UK agribusinesses.

The workshop is targetted at academics, policy makers and industry practioners and being held in both East Anglia and the Southwest:

**14 December, 2018 at NIAB, Cambridge**

NIAB– Sophi Taylor Building, Park Farm, Villa Road, Histon, Cambridge, CB24 9NZ

**21st January 2019, Bristol**

Rooms G1 & G2, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol BS1 5AH

## **ANTHONY BURGESS**

It is with sadness that we report the sudden death on 1 November of Anthony Burgess. He contribution to the AFCP board as a director will be sorely missed. He attended almost all of the board meetings, providing enthusiastic support to the partnership as well as guidance on financial matters and links with Harper Adams University to facilitate our first regional meeting there. A Memorial Service for Tony is being held on 6 December at 14.00 at St Swithun's Church, 8 High St, Cheswardine, Market Drayton TF9 2RS.



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You're a charity administrator, Trustee or Board Member and keen to make best use of your available research or grant monies, but...

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You're a charity administrator, Trustee or Board Member, and keen to make best use of next year's available research or grant...

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The UK farming and food community can sometimes face extreme financial hardship. Fortunately there are charitable institutions...

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