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## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### FARMER MEETINGS – LAUNCH OF “PATHWAY” (new grants)

At the end of the month, DEFRA are finally launching the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway for eligible farmers to sign up for the scheme. Pathway is one stream of the government’s approach to “subsidising” farming, as SFP is withdrawn. **Pathway has been co-designed over the past two years by farmers and vets** (including Jonathan), alongside consultants, experts and civil-servants.

**Currently anyone receiving SFP that has 11 or more cattle, and/or 21 or more sheep, and/or 51 or more pigs is eligible to sign up for Pathway.** DEFRA are also working hard to quickly open up the scheme to people that do not currently receive SFP but that have the required number of animals (e.g. new entrants to farming)

Pathway funding is available for a **two-hour vet visit for each species**. There is a requirement to do **specific testing for each species** (BVD for cattle; worm efficacy check for sheep; PRRS for pigs), but beside that the two-hour **visit can go in any way that you – with vet guidance – want to take it**. The purpose of the visit is to find areas where health and ultimately performance could be enhanced, thus leading to greater productivity and profitability. This is not a tick-box exercise. Some basic data will need to be looked at so that areas of focus can be sought and improvements monitored, but the real focus will be out on the farm, with the livestock.

**We are hosting two FREE meetings – with “pie and pint” provided –** thoroughly detailing Pathway, explaining how to apply, the process of the Pathway visit, funding per species and the testing requirements. **ALL CLIENTS THAT MEET ANY OF THE STOCK NUMBER REQUIREMENTS ABOVE ARE WELCOME TO JOIN – BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!!** These meetings will be at:

**Okehampton Rugby Club – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**  
**North Tawton Rugby Club – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

*Arrival from 6:30pm, with food at 7pm, followed by meeting*

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### LAMBING COURSE JANUARY 2023

Join us at the **North Tawton** surgery at **10:30 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. This course covers the care and first aid of pregnant ewes and new born lambs, as well as methods to assist difficult lambings. We will have a morning of theory and an afternoon of practical skill development, with lunch included. Spaces are limited and booking is essential. Please contact the practice to book a place, **price per person is £42 plus VAT**.

**SELEKT PUMP SERVICING** will be taking place at **North Tawton at 3pm on 26<sup>th</sup> January**. Any clients with a SELEKT pump can come along at 3pm, or drop it off in advance, for a **FREE SERVICE** (including free replacement of most parts if required).



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