



Farm Help Charities

The current pressures on farmers are very significant and whether the issues relate to financial matters, health or mental health problems, difficulties coping with modern day life, or indeed a mixture of all of these, the Farm Help charities can often assist.

Farm Cornwall

sound, practical, realistic & confidential advice

Offers sound, Practical, Realistic and Confidential advice whatever your needs.

If you would like help with any of the following please do not hesitate to contact us:

- Farm Business
- Financial Advice including Debt Advice
- Grant Funding
- Training & Education
- Job Opportunities (on & off farm)
- Diversification
- Benefit & Welfare Advice

Please call **01736 367589** for more information or visit www.farmcornwall.co.uk



A welfare charity which helps to change lives for the better.

We support farming people of all ages if they are in financial difficulty and of limited means and treat every application for support on its own merits, working with compassion, discretion and friendship.

The way we can help includes giving one-off or regular grants, as well as provide essential household items and disability equipment.

For working farmers we could fund relief staff to help in a crisis or offer training to help bring extra income on to the farm. For retired and/or disabled people we can pay towards care home and home-help costs and we also run two residential homes of our own.

Every case is different and even if we can't help, we probably know an organisation who can. So if you or someone you know could benefit from our support, the message is simple: please call our helpline on **0808 281 9490**.

R.A.B.I. operates in England and Wales – a sister charity, **RSABI** operates in Scotland.

For more information visit www.rabi.org.uk

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Addington Fund

a farming charity that means business

The Addington Fund is a registered farming charity and our main area of work is to provide homes for farming families living in England and Wales who have to leave the industry, through no fault of their own, and by doing so will lose their home. In times of emergency and where hardship prevails we may be able to assist with a grant towards certain business costs.

Our office is situated in a village called Barford, which is near Warwick, and we currently employ four members of staff.

The ARC-Addington Fund was set up in 2001 as the Churches' response to Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), when it distributed grants totalling £10.3 million to over 22,000 applicants. The name was changed to Addington Fund in 2011 and today we focus more on housing, although hardship grants are available, at the Trustees' Discretion, in times of emergency.

Please call **01926 620135** or visit www.addingtonfund.org.uk



THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK

FCN is a network of some three hundred or so volunteers organised into county groups throughout England and Wales. Most of the volunteers are themselves involved with farming or have a close link with agriculture.

FCN volunteers provide pastoral and practical support for as long as needed – helping people to find a positive way forward through their problems.

Much of this work goes on quietly and with little recognition but its value cannot be over estimated. Many people have their health, their families, their future and their very lives intact because of the care, support and friendship they have received from an FCN volunteer.

In addition to local groups of volunteers, FCN provides a confidential, national telephone Helpline which is available from 7.00 am until 11.00 pm every day of the year.

FCN is part of the Farming Help group of national farm charities. Working together with RABI and The Addington Fund in the farming community; we provide a wide range of complementary support. FCN also works with and alongside many other organisations in order to provide the best available help in each individual situation. This includes professional advice and support where appropriate.

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THE PRINCE'S
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FUND



ROYAL CORNWALL
AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Family farms are at the heart of the British countryside and their health is vital for the future of our rural communities. The vast majority are sole traders or family partnerships which gives them both a unique strength and a profound vulnerability.

The last three years of declining farmgate prices has put an unprecedented strain on these businesses. In 2015 the average farm income fell below £20,000 for the first time since 2007. Recent research carried out by The Andersons Centre for the Fund demonstrates that the problems affecting farms and their ability to survive economically are now so extreme that one in five (17%) is unable to pay their short term debts. Cashflow problems are being passed on to the wider community with work drying up and redundancies looming. On top of the day to day problems for every farmer new and more life changing decisions are now required, against a background of continuing uncertainty.

Taking into consideration the findings from our research commissioned from the University of Exeter into the viability of the small family farm we have responded by developing The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme.

Building on the success of The Prince's Dairy Initiative, now in its fourth year, the programme will help to secure a viable and resilient future for farm businesses, by equipping them with the information and confidence to help them survive, and importantly to make the right choices for themselves and their families.

Through a programme of free workshops and one-to-one guidance, farm businesses will be given the tools to evaluate their viability and long-term sustainability, enabling them to make informed business decisions on their future direction.

For every farm business the long-term outcomes will vary. Collectively this programme is ambitious in its objective – we want every farmer in the UK to be in the strongest position that they can be. There is a huge amount of untapped potential in UK farming and a wide range of reasons for this.

The programme is committed to helping the farm businesses involved to create a better business and better life from their participation to ensure that we retain a diverse farming sector in the UK. We recognise that sometimes the decisions the individuals and families will make will seem small or insignificant but all will be encouraged in order to improve their business' long-term viability and create a sustainable farming sector in the UK.

The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme will be opening for businesses to join in September 2016 in up to 15 regions across the UK.

Visit www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/how-we-help/the-princes-farm-resilience-programme

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