



THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK

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PRESS RELEASE

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The Farming Community Network (FCN) appoints new regional director for Wales

A Newport farmer and local councillor has been appointed FCN's new regional director for Wales.

David Williams runs a 200-acre family farm in Rhiwderin, just outside Newport, in partnership with his brother, on which they keep 50 horses, graze 400 ewes and also operate a fishing lake. For the last 12 years, David has represented his local area on Newport City Council and has just been re-elected to the post. He is also chair of governors at a local comprehensive school.

Like many farmers in Wales, David is no stranger to the kind of difficulties that farmers face. His farm operated a dairy unit of 150 Holstein cows before the 2001 Foot and Mouth outbreak took its toll.

David said: "I wish to give something back to the agricultural industry. With my farming background, alongside my experience in public service, I feel I am well-placed to support and guide vulnerable farming families who are facing the kind of difficulties I have faced in the past. FCN offers a much needed service to those in the rural community and I feel honoured to become part of such a thriving and growing organisation and am looking forward to growing the volunteer base throughout the whole of Wales."

As well as managing the 34 FCN volunteers based in Wales, David will also be FCN's lead contact with the Welsh Government on farming-related issues. FCN is working in partnership with the Welsh Government and its "Cymorth TB" programme – which aims to provide support to farmers in Wales who have been affected by TB.

If you or your family has been affected by the impact of TB in your herd, please call the FCN helpline on 03000 111999 or email chris@fcn.org.uk.

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Notes for Editors:

- The Farming Community Network (FCN) is a charity that supports members of the farming community through difficult times.
- FCN is a network of over 400 volunteers, many of whom are involved in farming, or have close links with agriculture.
- FCN operates a national confidential telephone Helpline & E-helpline which is available from 7.00 am until 11.00 pm every day of the year.

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- Further information about FCN, including details of how you can support FCN, can be found at www.fcn.org.uk.

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