

# UTASS Briefing: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## HEDGEROW AND BOUNDARY CAPITAL GRANT SCHEME.

This scheme opened on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and closes for applications midnight 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020. It is an online application process through the Countryside Stewardship section of the Rural Payments web site.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hedgerows-and-boundaries-grant-countryside-stewardship>

The maximum grant is £10,000 with all the options being done under “standard costs” (a fixed price per metre). Applications need to be accompanied by photographic evidence showing the condition of the wall or hedge being restored. We are expecting the application window for BPS to open in early March so would appreciate members needing assistance to make an application, to book an appointment sooner rather than later.

## EMERGENCY PLAN SURVEY

We would be grateful if members could complete the enclosed survey.

It is most definitely in our interests to engage with emergency planning given the “volatile” weather we have experienced recently.

You can complete it online: [bit.ly/EP-UTASS](http://bit.ly/EP-UTASS)

## TRAINING

Funding is available for a fourth round of vehicle training including Car & Trailer lessons, Car Driving Lessons, Quad Bike, Pre-Test Tractor Training or Lantra 13-15 Tractor Driving. Applicants for this opportunity are asked to demonstrate why they particularly need this training and to indicate how it would improve their career prospects and/or enable them to access training and employment opportunities outside their immediate area. All applications for this round should be received in UTASS **by Friday, 20th March 2020. Training must be completed within 6 months, unless there are exceptional circumstances.** Application forms will be available from the UTASS Office or can be downloaded from the Training Opportunities page of our website [www.utass.org](http://www.utass.org) For further information, please contact Julia Stephenson on 01833 641010 or e-mail [julia@utass.org](mailto:julia@utass.org)

## BPS 2020

The application window will be opening soon. As mentioned in the last briefing it would be helpful to check maps for accuracy (there have been a lot of changes) and imperative that the RPA are informed if you have changed your bank details.

For further advice and assistance please call UTASS 01833 641010.  
Richard Betton.

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# A reminder about our AGM...



## YOU'RE INVITED

Please come and join us

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Tuesday 3rd March 2020, 7.30pm  
At the UTASS Office

After the meeting we will be entertained by guest  
speaker **Howard Petch**, then as usual

**A hot supper, prepared by Rosemary Thompson,  
will also be available.**

For catering purposes please let us know by if you will  
be joining us.

To confirm attendance or apologies please contact UTASS on  
01833 641010 or email [info@utass.org](mailto:info@utass.org) or  
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