



## ELM FARM E-Bulletin No. 57, June 2017

### We are recruiting!

We are looking to appoint a full or part-time **Fundraising Officer** (re-advertising) to support the development of our fundraising programme. This open-ended position will be based at ORC's Elm Farm site near Newbury in Berkshire. The closing date for applications is 10am on Monday 5th June 2017. [More](#)

We are also looking to appoint a **Communication Assistant** to support communications for [Agricology](#) which is a web-based knowledge platform for practical information on sustainable farming, aiming to encourage farmers and growers to use more agroecological approaches. The job holder will play a key role in promoting new, seasonally relevant content and engaging a wider audience to grow the Agricology community. Closing date for applications is Thursday 8th June. [More](#)

### News

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#### In-conversion land area on the rise:

Defra organic farming stats for 2016 released [More...](#)

#### TP Organics: 2017 Call for Organic Innovations:

Check out this year's themes & apply! [More...](#)

#### Agroforestry Innovations: What do you know?:

What would you like to know? Please fill in our short survey [More...](#)

#### Innovative Farmers now free to join:

Easier access to innovation as membership fees scrapped [More...](#)

#### Sustainability of permaculture, organic and conventional farms:

Seeking farms for sustainability assessments [More...](#)

#### Innovative organic wheat variety helps baker produce sustainable loaf

Nottinghamshire baker using ORC Wakelyns Population flour [More](#)

#### New staff

Welcome to our new starters: [Dr Charlotte Bickler](#) join us as Crops and Breeding Researcher, [Anna Sellars](#) is our new Researcher in the Business and Markets team and [Tegan Gilmore](#) has joined us as Crops Technician

### From Agricology

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If you would like to receive updates from Agricolgy direct into your inbox [Sign up to Agricolgy newsletter](#) The latest news and features from [Agricolgy](#) includes:

#### **Trees in Orchards**

The sustainability benefits of integrating non-cropping trees [More...](#)

#### **Woodchip Biomass Boiler Installation Explained**

This short video features Tim Field describing the woodchip biomass boiler at Daylesford Organic Farm. [More...](#)

#### **Improving the targeting of mastitis treatments**

Innovative Farmers field lab [More...](#)

#### **Alternatives to antibiotics in agriculture**

A Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust Report [More...](#)

#### **How can two sheep shape the future of your farm?**

Helen Chesshire of the Woodland Trust blogs. [More...](#)

#### **Farmer led policy - leading the way on reducing antibiotic use on farm**

Lisa Morgans on a pilot project using a participatory approach [More...](#)

#### **Antibiotics: can we keep farm animals well without them?**

ORC's new Livestock Researcher Lindsay Whistance blogs [More...](#)

## **Upcoming events**

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#### **7 June 2017: [Intercropping field day](#)**

Does intercropping provide an untapped opportunity for enhancing arable farming systems?

#### **22 June 2017: [Agroforestry 2017](#)**

Improving productivity for farmers and foresters

#### **23 June 2017: [Practical Agroforestry in the British Isles](#)**

Farm Woodland Forum annual meeting

#### **28 June 2017: [Allerton Project - 25th Anniversary Open Day](#)**

Agricolgy Field Day at the Allerton Project

#### **6 July 2017: [National Organic Combinable Crops \(NOCC\) 2017](#)**

ORC are active partners in OF&G's flagship event, which will be held in Hampshire.

#### **12 July 2017: [Wakelyns Agroforestry Open Day](#)**

Save the date!

#### **17 July 2017: [GREATsoils field day - Lincs](#)**

Rotation strategies across farms for soil health and fertility

#### **[Innovative Farmers Field labs and Webinars](#)**

## Photo albums

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### **DIVERSify project kick-off meeting**

Photos from the first meeting of the Horizon 2020-funded DIVERSify project in Edinburgh.

[Photos...](#)

### **Soil amendments field lab**

2nd meeting of Innovative Farmers/GREATsoils/SustainFARM field lab at Tolhurst Organic (Tolly's) 3rd April 2017 [Photos...](#)

## Videos

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### **DIVERSify project Kick-off meeting**

DIVERSify: Designing InnoVative plant teams for Ecosystem Resilience and agricultural Sustainability Kick Off Meeting in Edinburgh. The video of our meeting gives a taste of the encounter and what the project will be doing and delivering. [View video](#)

### **Cerere - Organic and low input cereal food systems in Europe**

CEreal REnaissance in Rural Europe: embedding diversity in organic and low-input food systems (CERERE). A thematic network funded by EU Horizon2020. See teaser video introducing our new project. [View video](#)

## More about us

### **Join the Organic Research Centre's Farmer and Business Supporters' Group**

As a farmer and/or business operator, we hope you will have benefited, directly or indirectly, from the work we have undertaken, including our work to help ensure fair support payments for organic producers. To help us be more effective we would like to invite you to join our newly established [Farmer and Business Supporters' Group](#). In return for a commitment to a regular donation to support our work, the new Group provides an opportunity for us to say thank you for your support and to give you something back, including an opportunity to have a say in, and get involved with, our future activities [More...](#)

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The quarterly ORC printed Bulletin is available on subscription in printed form, with back issues also on-line. [More...](#)

### **2017 Organic Farm Management Handbook**

This is a 'must have' publication for everyone interested in the business of organic farming and growing. [More](#)

### **Other publications available**

A wide range of our research and other publications can be accessed via our website, and some printed versions are available to order. [More...](#)

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