

MORRISONS WILL SELL A NEW MILK BRAND WHICH WILL SEE 10P PER LITRE EXTRA PAID TO FARMERS, THE SUPERMARKET SAYS



The Milk for Farmers brand means a four pint bottle (2.27 litres), which now sells for 89p, will cost an extra 23p.

Would this small increase affect our nation's decision on buying a four pint bottle of milk? It still remains cost effective... and supports our declining British farmers and produce, something we should all be supporting.

AHDB Dairy said 10p would make "a considerable difference".

The move comes after farming leaders met Morrisons bosses over concerns about the impact a sharp drop in the amount paid was having on the industry.

The National Farmers' Union (NFU) said it would now be writing to other sellers, asking them to follow Morrisons lead.

The industry says a reduction in global demand for milk has led to an over-supply in the UK, creating difficult conditions for many dairy farmers.

The NFU says the "huge crisis" had already driven 256 herds out of the industry so far in 2015.

WHY HAS MILK DEMAND DECLINED?

- Dairy farmers are competing in a global market place and supply is exceeding demand.
- A Russian ban on imports, and a collapse in demand from China for dairy products, have played a part in the problem of falling milk prices, industry experts believe.
- At the end of March the European Union lifted its quotas on the amount of milk farmers could produce.

For further information please click <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33857629>

Please also Click here <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/105450> and sign the Dairy petition, once 100,000 signatures have been achieved then this petition will be considered for debate in Parliament.

AN INTERESTING READ ABOUT KERRY MCCARTHY – LABOUR’S SHADOW ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY



Policy focus: Ms McCarthy who will be liaising with the farming sector for the Labour Party has spoken out against the environmental impact of meat production as well as saying the meat, dairy and egg industries:

“cause immense suffering to more than a billion animals every year in the UK alone”.

Ms McCarthy is a vegan who campaigns on food issues. She is also likely to use her new position to pressure the government on the badger cull, of which she has been a fierce critic.

Historically....The Bristol East MP, first elected in 2005, has previously shadowed positions in the Foreign Office, Treasury and Department for Work and Pensions.

Source: www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-34241395

ESSEX POLICE TO PASS OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR 97 PER CENT OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS TO OTHERS

COUNCILS may be forced to deal with more incidents of anti-social behaviour as a result of cuts to policing.

Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston wants police officers to focus only on the most serious or repeated incidents.

Mr Alston has already courted controversy claiming officers can use their time better than simply walking the beat.

And now he is urging residents to be realistic about the response to anti-social behaviour.

He said: “The changing nature of crime, our understanding of where the real harms are in our society and ongoing funding challenges continue to put huge pressure on Essex Police to use their resources as efficiently and effectively as possible.

"On a daily basis, only a small proportion of anti-social behaviour cases are assessed as presenting a high risk or involving repeat victimisation.

Assistant Chief Constable Julia Wortley has stated there were around 1,500 such cases last year, or around three per cent of the total number of ASB incidents reported to the force.

To continue reading this article please click:

http://www.southendstandard.co.uk/news/echo/13638877.Essex_Police_to_pass_over_responsibility_for_97_per_cent_of_anti_social_behaviour_incidents_to_others/

Source: The Echo

RURAL COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND

The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects which provide economic and social benefits to the community. The fund will provide up to approximately £150,000 of funding for feasibility and pre-planning development work to help projects become investment ready. RCEF provides support in two stages:

- Stage 1 provides a grant of up to approximately £20,000 to pay for an initial investigation into the feasibility of a renewable energy project.
- Stage 2 provides an unsecured loan of up to approximately £130,000 to support planning applications and develop a robust business case to attract further investment.

The fund is being delivered on behalf of the government by the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP). Applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis and there is no set deadline for bids

For further information: <http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund>

YOUNG PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS

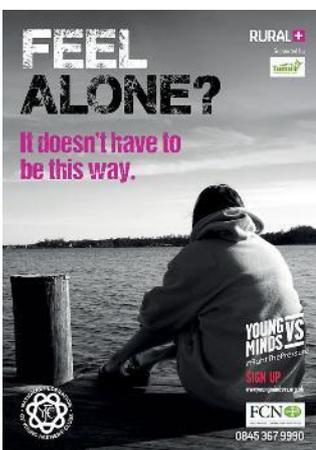
YFC RURAL+ CAMPAIGN – Young Farmers Club is not just for farmers!

Everyone struggles with the pressures of growing up from time to time and young people in rural areas have the added difficulties of accessing real social networks, education, transport and services. Joining Young Farmers not only provides a great social networking opportunity but also an education that perhaps one may have thought was just forwell... farmers but this is not true. It's a club that offers a great deal more for young people to learn various skills and open their minds to new exciting challenges.

In addition Young Farmers run the Rural+ scheme which focusses on those young people that find themselves in situations of isolation and despair when living in a rural location.

The Commission for Rural Communities identified three main causes of rural isolation:

- Lack of income and employment
- Lack of transport and other services
- Social isolation – the lack of contact with, and help from relatives, friends and neighbours etc.



Whilst the Young Framers Club cannot eliminate all of these problems, there are 624 Young Farmers' Clubs based throughout the UK and do provide high quality social, educational and emotional development for rural young people.

With the cuts to rural youth work and service provision there is a need to ensure that YFC members have access to information and support if they are facing difficulties which may lead to mental health issues.

Please click for further information: <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/Ruralplus/ruralplus>

GREENFIELDS COMMUNITY FUND

Greenfields Community Fund, managed by Essex Community Foundation (ECF) awards grants up to £10,000 in the **Braintree Districts** to support organisations working to benefit local residents. The specific Greenfields Guidelines are on ECF's 'How to Apply Page' on their website, please click the following link:

<http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/our-grantmaking/apply>

To apply please use the over £1,000 application form process.

Applications need to be received by **2nd November 2015 latest**.

You can call the Grants Team on 01245 356018 if you have any questions or would like to discuss a proposal first.



SURVEY REVEALS BRITAIN'S SHOCKING ATTITUDE TOWARDS PENSIONS 51-60 YEAR-OLDS AND YOUNG ARE WORST PLANNERS

Great Britain is heading towards a pensions ticking time bomb according to the Chartered Institute of Payroll Professional's (CIPP) annual survey.

Results reveal that the nation is not planning for retirement.

- 36% aged 51-60 admitted they have no pension
- 66% of 20-24 year olds said they have made no pension plans
- 30% of all surveyed were not even sure if their pension pot will be enough to live on
- 24% surveyed said they were too young to even think about a pension

Findings state the "survey paints a worrying picture for the coming years, as the pressure of looking after the ageing population increases and the added burden of a lack of financial independence creates a financial time bomb"

For further details please click: <http://www.politicshome.com/document/press-release/chartered-institute-payroll-professionals-cipp/survey-reveals-britain's>



RURAL GP SURGERIES IN 'CRISIS'

Doctors told the BBC that the way surgeries are funded favours practices in towns and cities – and the situation is getting worse. They said it was a struggle to recruit family doctors in remote areas.

The claim comes as the Royal College of GPs (RCGP) said more than one in 10 family doctor roles in England are vacant – with many practices having to rely on locum doctors.

Please click here: <http://www.rsonline.org.uk/services/rural-gp-surgeries-in-crisis>

UNLOCKING THE BENEFITS OF WOODS AND TREES



Woods and trees deliver £270 billion worth of benefits to society – even leaving aside the health and flood benefits.

That was the striking finding of The Economic Benefits of Woodland, a literature review of existing evidence prepared for the Woodland Trust by ECross party support.

Political interest in the report, which was launched at a breakfast event in the Commons has been encouraging. There is also a consensus that woods and trees have an enormous amount to contribute to the emerging natural capital agenda eloquently set out by the Natural Capital Committee Chair, Dieter Helm, in his guest blog.

We also want to see the very welcome 25 year plan for nature, currently being prepared by Government, addressing this agenda as a priority and we will be discussing this at our party conference fringe events this autumn.

Please click: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blogs/woodland-trust/2015/08/unlocking-the-benefits/>

PURELY FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT -ARE YOU A COUNTRY LOVER OR A CITY SLICKER AT HEART?



Take the Countryfile test to find out just how rural you really are.

Click here to find out: <http://www.countryfile.com/quiz/how-rural-are-you>

DRESS LOUD AND GET INVOLVED WITH GLOBAL'S BIG CHARITY DAY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Global's Make Some Noise is Heart's charity, improving the lives of disadvantaged children and young people throughout the UK.

On 8th October Heart is going to be joining up with radio stations across the UK for Make Some Noise Day.

You can join in too by DRESSING LOUD on Thursday 8th October. Whether you choose to dig out that bright jumper from the back of the wardrobe or kit yourself out head-to-toe in garish colours, put on something LOUD and donate what you can to Global's Make Some Noise.

As well as providing much-needed financial grants to specially selected projects, we give a voice to charities that struggle to make themselves heard and their cause understood.

Please click for further information: <http://www.heart.co.uk/charity/make-some-noise/dress-loud-for-globals-make-some-noise/#LXjWQvjxAIWp4uq9.97>



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