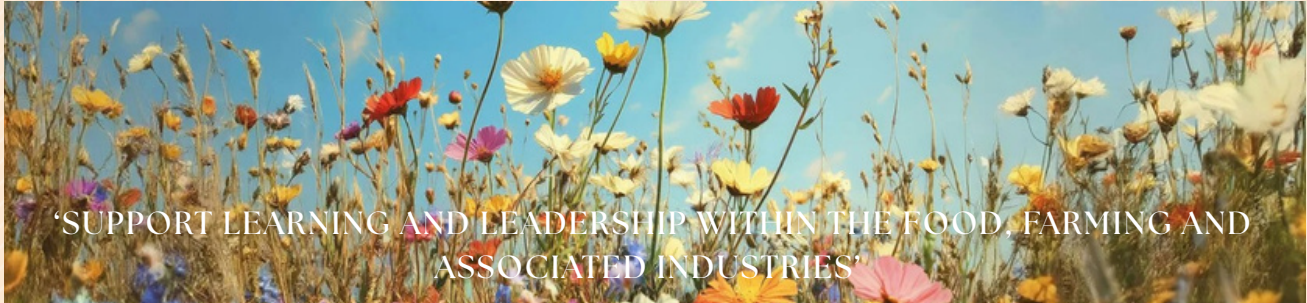


The Farmers Club Charitable Trust



NEWSLETTER

Spring - 2026



Here's what has happened in the last few months and what's to come!

Welcome to the Spring 2026 Newsletter

As this Spring 2026 edition reflects, The Farmers Club Charitable Trust continues to champion learning, innovation, and professional development—supporting individuals and projects that strengthen the future of the agricultural sector.

From the launch of our new Trust branding, symbolising deep roots and forward-looking growth, to the opening of this year's Snapshot Studies and Windsor Leadership bursaries, the Trust remains committed to nurturing talent and encouraging exploration across the industry.

Recent Snapshot Study projects, including Darcy Johnson's insights from New Zealand, highlight the value of global learning, while the Agricultural Educator Awards continue to empower educators to expand their expertise and share knowledge across borders.

We also take a moment to honour the life and legacy of our Patron, Mrs Stella Muddiman, whose generosity and commitment helped shape the Trust from its earliest days.

As you read through this newsletter, we hope you feel as energised as we do by the achievements of our award recipients, the dedication of our Trustees, and the opportunities now open for the year ahead.

In this newsletter you will find...

New Branding Remembering our Patron
Snapshot Studies
Windsor Leadership Trust
Agricultural Educator Awards

*Nick Green
Chairperson*





THE FARMERS CLUB CHARITABLE TRUST

The Trust has the pleasure in announcing its new logo, the design is very much complimentary to The Farmers Club logo. The main element of the new logo is a stylised representation of an Oak tree, chosen for its historical association with Britain and to represent the heritage of British farming. The Oak also reflects the ethos of the Trust, nurturing innovation in the UK farming industry and its roots are an expression of the support the Trust provides.



Mrs. Stella Muddiman – Patron

Trustees were saddened to hear of the passing of The Farmers Club Charitable Trust Patron, Mrs. Stella Muddiman. Mr Trevor Muddiman, her late husband, was one of the founders of the Trust which was initially funded by donations and a covenant from Farmers Club members which enabled it to make its first grants in 1981. Mrs. Muddiman later generously transfer assets from a family trust to the Farmers Club Charitable Trust. A minute's silence was held in her memory at the last meeting and James Squire (Trustee) attended her funeral on behalf of the Trust.

SNAPSHOT STUDIES 2026

The 2026 application round is now OPEN

Intended to support innovative agricultural ideas, exploration and knowledge development, the grants – of up to £2,000 – offer applicants kick-starter funding to get an idea they want to explore off the ground.

Videos should explore innovative ideas within food, farming and related industries. Those interested must provide a one-minute video as part of their application, which the Trust has designed to be simple and straightforward. Final project reports are also captured through a video which is around 3 minutes long.

More information on the scheme can be found on the website

The closing date is the end of JULY.



SNAPSHOT STUDIES
APPLY FOR UP TO £2,000 OPEN
ANNUALLY IN APRIL

VIEW PREVIOUS PROJECTS



EXPLORE MORE VIDEOS



Would you like to develop your knowledge of a specific agricultural topic or theme through a quick and easy application and delivery approach?

The Farmers Club Charitable Trust - SNAPSHOT STUDY offers grants of up to £2,000

Key Features

'Snapshot Studies' are a grant to support innovative agricultural ideas. This initiative aims to encourage exploration and knowledge development within the agricultural sector.

- **Grant Amount:** Up to £2,000
- **Focus:** Innovative ideas within food farming and associated industries.
- **Application Process:** Video submission (one minute long)
- **Delivery:** Mentor support and reporting through a video (three minutes long)
- **Purpose:** To develop knowledge on specific agricultural topics or themes.

Is this right for you ?

This grant is perfect for individuals who:

- Have a specific agricultural topic or theme they wish to explore.
- Require some kickstart funding to progress an innovative idea.
- Seek financial support to develop their knowledge and skills.
- Appreciate a streamlined application and delivery process.

How to Apply - Via Trust Website www.tfct.co.uk

The application process is designed to be straightforward. Further details, including the application form and guidelines, can be found on the website.

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SNAPSHOT STUDY PROJECT

Lessons on cattle grazing for the UK from a journey of discovery across New Zealand

Darcy Johnson

Lessons on cattle grazing for the UK from a journey of discovery across New Zealand have been set out in a video report by a Harper Adams University graduate.

Having completed her BSc (Hons) Agri-Food Marketing with Business degree, Darcy Johnson, from Devizes, Wiltshire, knew she wanted to travel – planning a road trip in Scandinavia followed by a working holiday in the New Zealand summer. With the support of the Farmers Club Charitable Trust’s Snapshot Studies project, she was able to turn that working holiday into a research trip, too – producing a video report on what she found out for the Trust.

Darcy spent time on both the North and South islands of New Zealand over a six-month period, looking at their livestock systems.

In her video, she analyses the farms she worked on and visited, the ways they differed from UK farms – and underlined what Britain could learn from them.

With the quality of grass central to much of New Zealand’s livestock farming, she examines the use of precision agriculture and technology across the country – and how farmers are ensuring their sheep and cattle get the best grazing possible.

You can watch her report here: [Scan the QR code]

Summing up her experiences, Darcy said:

“I think my biggest take-home message is that, if the UK is really serious about improving efficiency and production, it’s not just going to come from pumping more inputs – it’s going to come from better grazing.”



WINDSOR LEADERSHIP TRUST BURSARIES



The Farmers Club Charitable Trust has announced The Windsor Leadership Trust Bursaries are now **open for applications**, offering sector professionals the chance to develop their leadership skills through nationally recognised programmes. Applications can be made via the Trust's website. The closing date is the end of July.

Clare Mike who recently completed a programme said

“The experience was profoundly influential in shaping my understanding of leadership and the kind of leader I aspires to become. The course brought together senior figures from the armed forces, emergency services, public service, and faith organisations, creating a rare environment for honest reflection, cross-sector learning, and open discussion about the realities of leading through change and uncertainty.”

Windsor Leadership Trust
Bursary Funding

ARE YOU A SENIOR LEADER WITHIN THE FOOD, FARMING OR ASSOCIATED INDUSTRY ?

Elevate Your Leadership Journey

Are you ready to challenge your leadership skills and elevate your career in the agricultural sector? The prestigious Windsor Leadership Development Programme offers a unique opportunity to enhance and support your agri-leadership journey. The Farmers Club Charitable Trust provides a bursary pathway designed to help you achieve your leadership potential.

Program Details

Applications Open: Annually in May
Interviews: Conducted at The Farmers Club in London every September

This opportunity not only allows you to develop your leadership skills but also includes membership in the Windsor Leadership Trust Professional Forum. This forum offers ongoing peer support and professional development, ensuring you continue to grow and succeed in your field.

Key Features

- **Inspire:** Gain new insights and ideas to inspire your team and organisation.
- **Discover:** Unlock your leadership potential and discover new approaches to agri-leadership challenges.
- **Transform:** Implement changes that will transform your professional journey and the agricultural sector.

How to Apply

Further details and the Application Form are available from The Farmers Club Charitable Trust website - www.tfcct.co.uk. Interviews are held in September at The Farmers Club in London, where you will have the chance to showcase your passion and potential for leadership in agriculture.

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATOR AWARDS

The Trust held interviews for the 2026 Agricultural Educator Awards in March. These awards offer a valuable opportunity for individuals employed in the land-based education sector to undertake a study tour, update their professional skills, and share insights with others.

Trustees are proud to announce awards to the value of £17,500 were presented to the following:-

Dr Lisa Morgans – Royal Agricultural University

Project Title: Attendance at the International Dairy Federation (IDF) World Summit
Country/Countries: Auckland, New Zealand

Miss Jennifer Howse – Harper Keele Veterinary School

Project Title: To attend the International Symposium for Working in Agriculture in Switzerland in July 2026
Country/Countries: Switzerland

Miss Kitty Steele – Kendal College

Project Title: Building trust in sustainable livestock farming: comparing research, practice and public understanding across farming systems
Country/Countries: UK / USA

Mr David Walsh – DAERA, CAFRE

Project Title: Develop technical knowledge and experience in sustainable crop production in other countries outside Northern Ireland
Country/Countries: Europe

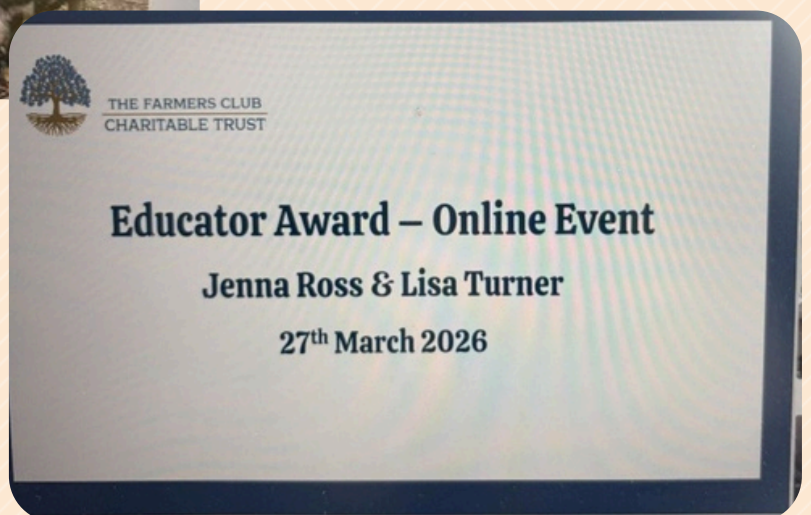


Agricultural Educator Awards Alumni Event 2026

At the end of March Agricultural Educator Award alumni attended an online event. Awardees each presented two slides on their project. Agricultural education has benefited from the range and diversity of the projects studied.

Those joining online presented topics based around agroforestry schemes, farm-to-fork initiatives, American dairy systems and sustainable upland research. Rosie Everett, a 2025 awardee, joined the call from Lesotho, whilst exploring sustainable management of upland peatlands.

The event was followed by a Q & A session based around the current Agricultural Educator Awards.



Thank you for reading!

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