

The Farmers Club Charitable Trust

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2025



'SUPPORT LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE FOOD, FARMING AND ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES'



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

Welcome to our trust newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our sector.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our Trustees, collaborators and awardees who have continued to support us keeping our organisation running smoothly and effectively.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully made several travel bursaries to agricultural educators, enabled future and emerging leaders to undertake innovative training and shared resources to inform the sector of innovative ideas.

We are also excited to announce there are currently two awards open for applications. The Windsor Leadership Trust Bursaries and the Snapshot Studies.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our trust relies on the collaborative support from within the sector and beyond. Please share information and opportunities with your networks.

Together, we can make a real difference in the agricultural sector. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this summers newsletter!

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Nick Green
Chairperson



Bursary / Award News

Applications Now Open for Snapshot Studies 2025 –

Bring Your Innovative Ideas to Life!

The Farmers Club Charitable Trust is excited to announce that applications for Snapshot Studies 2025 will open on 19th May and close on 31st July. This initiative offers a unique chance for individuals within the agricultural and food industry to transform their innovative ideas and thoughts into impactful groundbreaking projects with funding of up to £2,000 available for successful applicants.

Applicants are invited to submit a one-minute video and very short application (through the website) outlining their study concept and its potential impact. To support them, each successful awardee will be assigned a Mentor from the Trust's Board of Trustees, providing guidance throughout the process. Those successful will receive 80% of funding upfront, with the remaining 20% awarded upon satisfactory completion.


Studies must be completed by 31st December 2025. As part of the initiative, successful participants will present their findings in a three-minute video, contributing to a valuable resource bank housed on The Farmers Club Charitable Trust's YouTube channel and website. Previous studies have explored diverse topics, including:

 Past studies have covered diverse topics, including:

- **Slow Growing Broilers in Denmark**
- **Effective Mineral Supplementation for Grazing Ruminants**
- **Translating Viticulture**

Christine Tacon, Chair of the selection panel, shared the impact of the program:

"Since launching in 2022, more than £60,000 has been awarded, creating a valuable and unique opportunity for individuals in the agricultural food sector to expand their expertise, knowledge and skills."

 Apply today! Your idea could drive the next big innovation in agriculture. To get involved, visit our website, follow us on social media, or contact Lisa Turner (Awards Ambassador) for guidance on the application process.





**Windsor Leadership Trust
BURSARY 2025**

Are you a senior leader in agriculture or food production?

Are you ready to challenge your leadership?

Would you like the opportunity to access the prestigious Windsor Leadership Development Programme?

Providing the platform...

The Farmers Club Charitable Trust offers a bursary pathway to enhance and support your Agri-leadership journey

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 31st JULY 2025

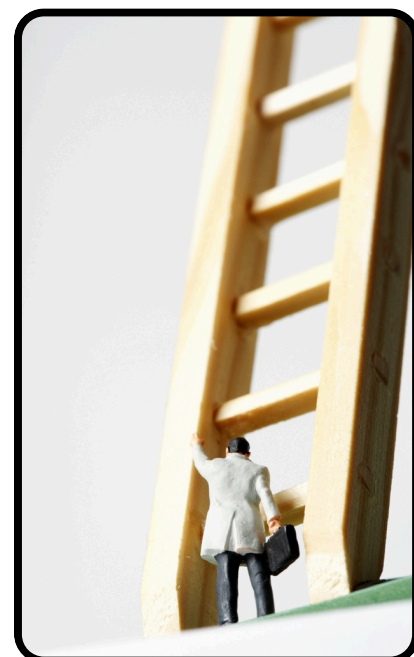
Follow the link below to access the application form

[Windsor Leadership \(tfct.co.uk\)](https://www.tfct.co.uk)

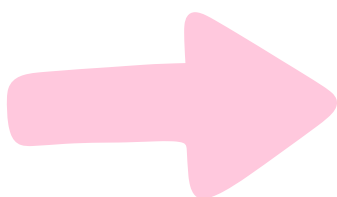
Alternatively, please contact Lisa for further details

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Windsor Leadership Trust Bursaries



The FCCT is offering bursaries for individuals in agriculture to participate in one of Windsor Leadership Trust's prestigious leadership programmes. These residential programmes, held at Windsor Castle and Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park, provide immersive leadership development experiences, incorporating insights from leaders across various sectors, including the military, clergy, charities, business, and civil service.

Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence serves as Patron of Windsor Leadership, continuing its legacy of tackling complex challenges through innovative leadership development. The structured programme includes a Part One experience lasting two to five days, followed by a Part Two session up to six months later, allowing participants to reflect and build upon their leadership journey.

Awardees will also gain access to peer-to-peer networking opportunities through the FCCT Professional Forums, ensuring ongoing engagement beyond the programme. Former participant Philippa Wiltshire reflected on her experience:

"DO IT! Embrace the process, be prepared to be nervous but also to be honest. Don't worry about being vulnerable—you will learn a lot about yourself and come away with a network of friends who, having been through the experience together, can help and support you in the future."

Meet the people behind the Trust - Part One...

Mrs. Stella Muddiman PATRON

Mrs. Muddiman is the Patron of the Trust. Her late husband Mr. Trevor Muddiman was one of the initiators of the Trust established in 1981. They very generously transferred assets from a family trust to The Farmers Club Charitable Trust.



Mr. Nicholas Green CHAIRPERSON

Nick was appointed as a Trustee in 2018 and became Chairperson in 2022. Based in North Somerset, Nick is Farms Director for Alvis Brothers Ltd. Away from the business Nick is a Fellow and former Chair of the Council for Awards of Royal Agricultural Societies (CARAS) Fellow of the Institute of Agricultural Management, Chartered Environmentalist, Nuffield Scholar and Trustee of FarmLink Education Ltd.



Dr. Jenna Ross OBE VICE-CHAIRPERSON

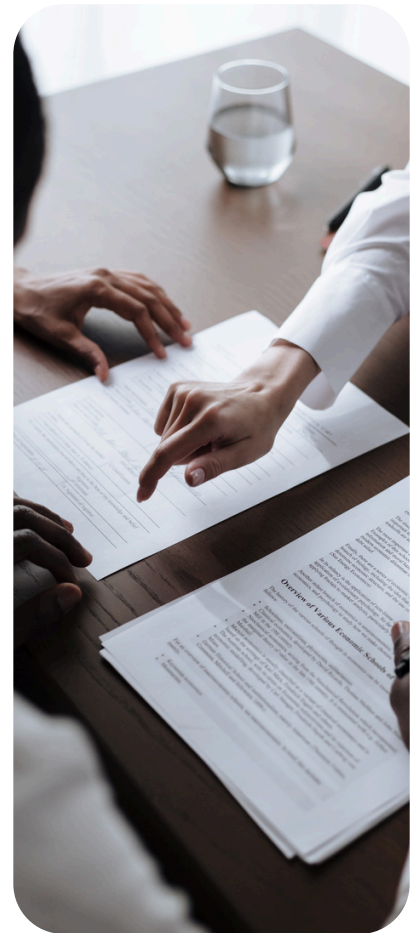
Jenna is a farmer's daughter from Aberdeenshire with a passion for driving innovation in agriculture and associated industries. Jenna holds a PhD in Environmental Science. Jenna has completed a Nuffield Farming Scholarship and a FCCT Educator Award in 2020, focused on US and Brazil markets. Jenna is also Windsor Leadership Trust Alumni. Jenna was appointed as a Trustee in 2022 and took up the role of Vice-Chairperson in 2024



Mrs. Meryl Ward MBE

Meryl operates a large pig farming enterprise in Lincolnshire, with a successful farm shop and restaurant, Uncle Henry's.

Meryl has been a Trustee since 2017 and oversees the Governance aspect of the Trust. Meryl is herself a Nuffield Scholar and Chair of the Lincolnshire Rural & Agricultural Chaplaincy.



Role of a Trustee

- **Ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit**
- **Comply with your charity's governing document and the law**
- **Act in your charity's best interests**
- **Manage the charity's resources responsibly**
- **Act with reasonable care and skill**
- **Ensure your charity is accountable**

MORE INTRODUCTIONS IN
PART TWO...

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS AWARDED OVER £25,000 FOR GLOBAL STUDY TOURS

Six outstanding agricultural educators have been selected to receive a share of just over £25,000 to undertake groundbreaking study tours across Lesotho, the USA, Canada, Botswana, and Zambia. Funded by The Farmers Club Charitable Trust (FCCT), these educators will extend their expertise across a diverse range of agricultural themes, enhancing education and innovation in the sector.

The FCCT selection panel, chaired by Mr. Tim Jackson, retired principal of Sparsholt University, alongside Farmers Club Chair Karen Mercer and FCCT Trustees Meryl Ward and Des Lambert, carefully evaluated the applications and agreed to support six visionary projects.

Exploring Global Innovations in Agriculture

Each recipient will embark on a transformative journey, with insights and findings shared through their own teaching platforms and also through the FCCT's social media channels. Final reports and video presentations will be published on the FCCT website, creating a knowledge bank for the wider agricultural community.

Among the award recipients:

- **Mr. Gus Cassie** – Lecturer in applied animal husbandry at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Medicine, traveling to Canada and the USA to explore successful learning environments for teaching livestock skills.
 - **Dr. Claire Cresswell** – University Centre Sparsholt, expanding knowledge on regenerative and sustainable agriculture with a study tour to New Zealand.
- Miss Carla Coghlan** – SRUC Aberdeen, researching her project 'Cow to Cone,' which aims to enhance agricultural education through the joy of ice cream, in New Zealand.
- **Professor David Rose** – Harper Adams University, investigating approaches to improve mental well-being education in UK agricultural universities, with a visit to the USA.
 - **Dr. Rosie Everett** – SRUC, focusing on the sustainable management of upland peatlands during her research trip to Lesotho.
 - **Professor Prysor Williams** – Bangor University, visiting research and teaching farms in the UK and Netherlands to strengthen agricultural education strategies.

Celebrating Agricultural Education & Knowledge Sharing

Chair of the selection panel, **Mr. Tim Jackson**, said he was "delighted to chair the panel and praised the calibre of applications and emphasised the immense benefits the research will bring to the industry."

In such a fast-moving environment, it is absolutely vital that we learn from others and expand our knowledge and understanding," said Awards Ambassador and Trust Secretary **Lisa Turner**.

Trust Chairman, **Mr. Nick Green**, reaffirmed the importance of education in shaping the future of agriculture: "Educating the next generation to the highest standard cannot be underestimated. By supporting these studies, we equip educators with the latest worldwide innovations and knowledge they can disseminate to future agriculturalists."

The next round of FCCT awards will open in mid-September. Further details are available at www.tfcct.co.uk or by contacting Lisa Turner at 07879 625660.



MR. GUS CASSIE



DR. CLAIRE CRESSWELL



MISS CARLA COGHLAN



PROF. DAVID ROSE

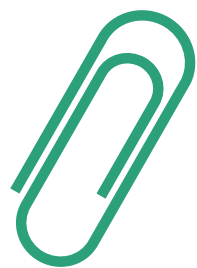


DR. ROSIE EVERETT



PROF. PRYSOR WILLIAMS

Thank you for reading!



REPORTS AND RESOURCES

Rewilding

Hannah Robinson - Oaklands College



An investigation is undertaken to gain a greater understanding of “rewilding”.

Three locations were visited: Mapperton (Dorset), Coombeshead (Devon), and Knepp (West Sussex). The visits consisted of guided tours and presentations, in which Knepp was the most in depth regarding the information given.

Each location built on the knowledge of the previous place, resulting in a sound overview of rewilding and a great starting point to begin formulating a plan at Oaklands College.

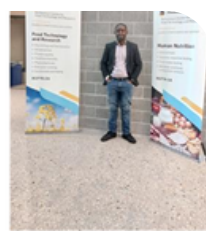


ACQUIRE PROTEIN CHARACTERISATION SKILLS FOR TEACHING AND HELPING THE FOOD INDUSTRY

Dr Samson A. Oyeyinka - University of Lincoln

This report provides a concise overview of a two-week professional development experience in Manitoba, Canada, involving laboratory research and farm visits. The visit to the Richardson Centre for Food Technology and Research at the University of Manitoba was generously funded by The Farmers Club Charitable Trust in the UK.

Hosted by Professor Rotimi Aluko, a leading expert in food protein and peptide chemistry, the primary objectives were to enhance my protein characterization skills to benefit teaching, research, and UK food businesses, and to learn sustainable pulse farming practices applicable to UK agriculture.





Dr. Annie Williams

EFFECTIVE MINERAL SUPPLEMENTATION FOR GRAZING
RUMINANTS



Zoe Legg

ZOE LEGG - EXPLORATION OF POTENTIAL FARM DIVERSIFICATION PROJECTS



Hannah Scott-Cook

SLOW GROWING BROILERS IN DENMARK



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