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The Healthy Livestock initiative is a two year project funded by the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE). Its aim is to improve the health of livestock in the South West by concentrating on certain key diseases, and therefore, also improve the profitability of the farms in the region. This funding will contribute 70% towards the cost of specified training events, one-to-one on-farm consultations, diagnostic testing and discussion groups. The aim is to assess the level of disease on farms and provide training and agreed action plans to reduce that disease incidence. We are supporting this project and are registered to deliver the training to our farms.

For cattle, there will be a mixture of group training and individual on-farm sessions, depending on the disease.

- Dairy cattle – BVD, Johne’s disease, lameness and mastitis.
- Beef cattle – BVD, Johne’s disease and respiratory disease.

For sheep, the project will revolve around approximately 12 focus farms in the South West, concentrating on nutrition, breeding, lameness and parasite control.

Details about how these projects will be run are currently being finalised, but we are now making a list of farmers wanting to take part. If you are interested in one or more of these disease control areas, please fill in the tear –off expression of interest form below and return to the practice, or alternatively fax back on: **01963 31995**

Name:

Farm:

I / we are interested in the following disease control areas (please circle):

Dairy cattle - BVD    Johne’s disease    Lameness    Mastitis

Beef cattle - BVD    Johne’s disease    Respiratory disease



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