October 2026 Newsletter

Your recent roundup & what's ahead for Dorset YFC

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Thank You

As I come to the end of my year as Chair, I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout the year.

Thank you to all our members for getting involved and continuing to make our organisation what it is. It has been lovely to see clubs coming together and participating in the competitions and events we have hosted throughout the year and watch you succeed in many ways - from representing your club and county at all levels, or growing your confidence and skills.

As we move towards the AGM, I wish the incoming team the best for the year ahead and hope to see Dorset YFC continue to move forward and provide the best opportunities for our members.

Bethany, County Chair



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Sonia Cade



County Chair
Bethany Mitchell



Vice Chair
Joanna House



Junior Vice Chair
Sophie Berry



Deputy President
Jennifer Curtis

You Don’t Have To Be A Farmer To Be A Young Farmer

A huge welcome to all our new club officers for the 2026/27 year!

Taking on an officer role is a brilliant opportunity to help shape your club, support fellow members and play a real part in everything that makes Young Farmers so special. We’re really looking forward to the year ahead and seeing the ideas, events, competitions, socials and opportunities that each club brings to life.

It’s also fantastic to be starting the new club year with Wareham & Purbeck Young Farmers officially up and running and part of Dorset Young Farmers again. It’s great to see another YFC club re-established in the county, creating even more opportunities for young people to get involved, meet new people, learn new skills and be part of the wider YFC community.

Here’s to a brilliant 2026/27 year for all our clubs, officers and members across Dorset. We can’t wait to see what you achieve!







Fun, Learning and Achievement!

Dorset Young Farmers: Summer & Autumn Round-Up

It's been a busy few months for Dorset Young Farmers, with national competitions, agricultural shows, South West Area Junior Camp and plenty of opportunities for members to get involved, represent their clubs and showcase their skills. Here's a round-up of what we've been up to!

Flying the Flag at Nationals
A huge well done to Beaminster YFC, who represented Dorset at the National Tug of War competition, and Gillingham & Shaftesbury YFC, who competed in the National Cookery competition. Reaching national level is a fantastic achievement, and we're incredibly proud of everyone who took part and represented Dorset. Congratulations to both teams!







Out and About Across Dorset
We've enjoyed getting out and about at some of Dorset's biggest agricultural events this summer, attending the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show, Dorset County Show and Melplash Show. It was brilliant to meet so many people, catch up with members and promote everything Young Farmers has to offer.

We also attended the Kingston Maurward Freshers Fair, spreading the word about Dorset YFC and encouraging new faces to get involved. Thank you to everyone who helped represent the county at these events.

Sheep Show Success
A big thank you to Puddletown YFC for organising and running a successful County Sheep Show. It was a great day of competition, with members putting their stockmanship and showing skills to the test. Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to all those who helped make the event possible. Results will be announced at the County AGM.

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Dorset YFC Mock Auction

Our recent Mock Auction, hosted by Beaminster YFC, gave members a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate their livestock valuation and auctioneering skills. Congratulations to our winners and everyone who competed!







Autumn Ploughing Match

Well done to Puddletown YFC for organising a brilliant Autumn Ploughing Match! It was a fantastic day bringing members and supporters together and celebrating traditional agricultural skills. Thank you to everyone who competed, helped organise the event or came along to show their support including Jennifer Forward-Hayter for taking the photos.





Here's to the Months Ahead!

From representing Dorset on the national stage to supporting our local shows and county competitions, it's been a fantastic few months. A huge thank you to our members, club officers, volunteers and supporters who continue to make Dorset Young Farmers such an active and welcoming community. We look forward to another great year of competitions, events, friendships and plenty of Young Farmers fun!

Dates For The Diary 2026/2027

November 2026

Monday 2nd – County AGM – United Church, Dorchester, 7pm for 7:30pm
Saturday 7th – Puddletown YFC Harvest Supper – Morton Village Hall
Sunday 15th – Club Officer Training Day – Coastland College, Kingston Maurward Campus

December 2026

Tuesday 1st – Executive Meeting – including F&GP at 7pm – 7:30pm, Coastland College, Kingston Maurward Campus, Courtyard Classroom 11
Tuesday 8th – Marshwood Vale YFC Christmas Bingo – Whitchurch Village Hall 7:00pm for 7:30pm
Wednesday 9th – Rally Meeting – 7:30pm, Coastland College, Kingston Maurward Campus, Courtyard Classroom 11

January 2027

Monday 11th – Executive Meeting – 7:30pm, Coastland College, Kingston Maurward Campus, Courtyard Classroom 11
Saturday 16th – Quiz Night
Sunday 24th – Speaking Comps Day – Coastland College, Kingston Maurward Campus, Courtyard Classrooms

February 2027

Wednesday 3rd – Rally Meeting – 7:30pm, venue TBC
Monday 8th – Junior/Senior Member of the Year Interviews – Coastland College, Kingston Maurward Campus, Courtyard Classrooms
Saturday 20th – Entertainments – Cerne Abbas Village Hall – TBC
Monday 22nd – Executive Meeting including SWA Briefing 7pm – 7:30pm, Coastland College, Kingston Maurward Campus, Courtyard Classroom 11
Sunday 28th – Sports Day – TBC

March 2027

Friday 5th – Sunday 7th – SWA Weekend – Torquay
Saturday 20th – Auctioneering – Venue TBC

April 2027

Tuesday 6th – Executive Meeting including F&GP 7pm – 7:30pm, Coastland College, Kingston Maurward Campus, Courtyard Classroom 11
Saturday 10th – Calf Show – TBC
Saturday 24th – Clay Pigeon Shoot – TBC

YFC Clubs 2026 - 2027 Dates



If you have any events planned that you would like added to the Newsletter or Website Calendar, please email them to the County Office - office@dorsetyfc.org.uk