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SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 18TH APRIL 2025

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 2354



TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE TO 400P/KG & £2771 CULL COWS/BULLS TO 374P/KG & £2624 TO 310P/KG & £150.50 CULL EWES/RAMS SPRING HOGGS TO £199 STORE HOGGS TO £160 **CALVES** TO £790 PIGS TO £190 DAIRY TO £2320 TO £2550 STORE STEERS STORE HEIFERS TO £2290

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FOOT CLINIC

9am – 1pm Pre-booking required Wednesday 23rd April Wednesday 14th May

Wednesday 7th May Wednesday 21st May ● IMPORTANT BLUE TONGUE RESTRICTION ZONE CHANGES AS 14/02/2025

Please see the most recently updated map to see whether the new zone now affects your farm. https://defra.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=514ec88edec74575958d860f0196d2ea

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If you are outside of the zone, then no restrictions apply to buying or selling at Frome Market

● Inside the Zone ●

For Wednesday Prime Stock market (prime & cull cattle, prime & cull sheep) - a general license EXD634 will need to be obtained from:-

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/85605744/t8JbDQL8BEWaAPjOP9pEtA?u=https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67acc8da4fd41c3a24cd21cf/EXD634 E GL-movement-to-slaughter-out-of-the-BTVZ during the seasonal vector low period 12.02.25.pdf

Your stock will be declared as coming from the BT zone and can be purchased by any Abattoir as well as being able to go home. NO OTHER MOVEMENTS COMPLY WITH THIS LICENCE.

Store animals for Wednesday & Friday Markets (calves, store lambs & store cattle) see update below. Please note that pig movements do not apply to these restrictions.

The tests are carried out by Farmcare UK. Please note the test is free of charge.

20800 6125289 Email:- admin@ukfarmcare.com

Results will take 48 hours to be confirmed and then animals must be accompanied by License to Frome Market. If you require any assistance in this matter and would like to speak to one of our team please see numbers below:-

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Details for Licence Application: Market Holding: 36/122/8000 BA11 2QB

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BLUE TONGUE UPDATE WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

DEFRA have extended the temporary easing of pre-movement testing for Blue tongue for non-breeding livestock leaving the restricted zone. Specific licence EXD632 is still required but non-breeding cattle, goats and sheep over 60 days can now move without a BT pre-movement test. Only the following animals still require testing:

- Entire males intended for breeding
- Pregnant females (or pregnancy status unknown)
- Stock aged 60 days or younger (unless travelling at foot with the maternal dam where the maternal dam should be tested by PCR and ELISA)

This is a temporary change that will apply until 15th May 2025. DEFRA reserve the right to withdraw the extension at any time should new disease be confirmed.

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1773

A busy day in all sections this week drawing a crowd to bid for stock on offer. A good selection of breeding bulls with trade exceeding vendors expectations. Calves off the clock again topping at £790. More cattle and cows forward this week selling to a consistently fair trade. Hoggets harder work as expected and pigs a fair trade overall.

PRIME CATTLE (49) to 400p/kg and £2771 AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 Start 12.30pm

An improved number of prime cattle and cull cows forward this week selling to a consistently fair trade with no sign of trade easing.

TOP PRICE STEER	398p/kg for a Simmental from CW Butcher & Son							
TOP PRICE HEIFER	400p/kg for a Limousin from RMJ & AL Robinson							
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	No MIN P/KG MAX P/KG						
STEERS								
Steer 100-550kg	2	375.00	390.00					
Steer 551-650kg	10	359.00	398.00					
Steer 651kg+	4	349.00	369.00					
HEIFERS								
Heifers 100-500kg	6	277.00	365.00					
Medium 501-590kg	10	330.00	394.00					
Heavy 590kg+	17	286.00	400.00					

UTM STEERS (16) Max. 398p/kg £2693

A good show of meat and finish in the steer section topping at 398p/kg for Simmental x from CW Butcher & Son grossing £2305. Heavy Hereford steers from LM Maidment & Sons topping at £2693 at 369p/kg and £2462 from RMJ & AL Robinson. Werll-bred and fed Charolais steers from CR Hartley & Son to 390p/kg and £2339. British Blue x from BJ & EM Yandle to 368p/kg and £2339.

UTM STEERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg) VENDOR			VENDOR		
Simmental	398.00	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	2305	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes		
Hereford	391.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham		LM Maidment & Sons, Corsham		
Charolais	390.00	CR Hartley & Son, Woolley	2339 CR Hartley & Son, Woolley			
Angus	386.00	Reeves Farm Bratton Ltd, Westbury	2355	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock		
Blue	370.00	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock	2346	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock		

UTM HEIFERS (33) Max 400p/kg £

A super run of heifers from RMJ & AL Robinson to 400p/kg grossing £2480 for Limousin x and Simmental x to 393p/kg £2476 and Blonde x to 391p/kg topping at £2737 and £2734. Hereford heifers from MD & LM Keen to 370p/kg coming to £2771. Simmental x from CW Butcher & Son to 388p/kg and £2226. Charolais from CR Hartley & Son to 370p/kg and £2257. 21 heifers over £2000.

UTM HEIFERS						
BREED	D MAX (p/kg) VENDOR		MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Limousin	400.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham 2480		RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham		
Simmental	393.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	2300	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham		
Blonde	391.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	2737	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham		
Hereford	370.00	MD & LM Keen, Melksham	2771	MD & LM Keen, Melksham		
Charolais	370.00	CR Hartley & Son, Bath	2257	CR Hartley & Son, Bath		
Angus	368.00	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet	2085	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet		

CULL COWS/OTM's (60) to 334p/kg and £2624 AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 Start 12.30pm

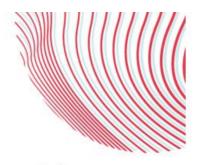
OTM steers to 374p/kg and £2439 for Angus x with Dairy Shorthorns to 319p/kg, British Blue x to 317p/kg and British Friesian to 312p/kg. OTM heifers to 348p/kg and £2234 with others 300p/kg to 340p/kg. Grade 1 cows to 330p/kg and £227 with others 280p/kg to 310p/kg. Best covered Friesians to 280p/kg and £2204 and others 270p/kg, 267p/kg and 258p/kg. Grade 3 Friesians to 270p/kg with Grade 3 and 4 processing cows 200p/kg to 248p/kg.

Grade 1 cows 280p/kg to 330p/kg Grade 2 cows 265p/kg to 317p/kg Grade 3 cows 248p/kg to 270p/kg Grade 4 cows 200p/kg to 235p/kg Cows averaged 273p/kg and £1762 overall.

CULL COWS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Angus	348.00	The late HO Martin, Wimborne	The late HO Martin, Wimborne			
Sussex	304.00	The late HO Martin, Wimborne	1912	The late HO Martin, Wimborne		
Hereford	297.00	Somerdown Farm, Wells	1850	NR Hitchins, Paulton		
Swedish Red	289.00	WR Phippen, Buckland Dinham	1765	WR Phippen, Buckland Dinham		
Friesian	280.00	LM Maidment & Sons, Corsham	2230	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton		







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SHEEP (1348) Start 10.30am

AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985737

PRIME LAMBS (81) Max 400p/kg £200

A tidy entry of spring lambs where meat and weight were wanted. All lambs need to be 40kg+. Best lambs to 400p/kg from John Kendall with an average of 380p/kg for handy weight types.

PRIME HOGGETS (934) Max 310p/kg £150.50

Huge numbers coming out in livestock markets everywhere with some major abattoirs now not accepting entries until the middle of May. Trade is more difficult as reported everywhere. Best still 310p/kg and £150.50 with meated handy weights all 290 – 305p/kg. Best handy weights all 310p/kg and £135 from TM & RM Godwin. Heavies to 300p/kg and £150 from NF Clothier & Sons Ltd. Over 52kg to 283p/kg and £150.50 from NF Clothier & Sons Ltd.

PRIME HOGGETS					
KG	£	Vendor			
54.00	150.50	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton			
53.50	150.00	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton			
53.00	150.00	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton			
51.00	150.00	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton			
49.50	145.50	TM & RM Godwin, Romsey			
48.00	139.00	TM & RM Godwin, Romsey			
47.00	137.50	TM & RM Godwin, Romsey			
46.00	135.00	P Watts, Bath			

EWES & LAMBS

A large entry of ewes and lambs which sold to a flying trade. Best couples to £350, £175 per life for hogg singles. Older ewes with lambs £100 per life.

ORPHAN LAMBS (10) £33

A small entry of orphan lambs flew to £33 from Church Farm Publow LLP.

STORE HOGGETS (139) Max £125

A good entry of store hoggs which looked well sold considering the fat. Best hoggs to £125 from C & J Smart of Pensford. More could have been sold to the advantage.

CULL EWES & RAMS (47) Max £199

A tight entry of cull ewes which sold to a storming trade. Best ewes flying to £199 from S & D Carnie with an overall average of £115.61. Many more ewes needed each week.

DAIRY Start 11am

AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401

CALVED HEIFERS TO £2300 CALVED COWS TO £2320

A very smart entry in the Dairy section today for both freshly calved heifers and also in-calf heifers. Super quality 'Cheers' black and white daughters home bred and cubicle trained from Roger & Matt Masters produced excellent bidding all over £2000 and twice over £2200 topping at £2300. Tidy British Friesian types from Brian Fielding saw his 2nd lactation cows at £2320. A real quality consignment of May/June calving Organic Friesian Holstein heifers from Waldegrave Farms created amazing interest. All were sold to the commercial trade (non organic) and average £2100, selling 4 times over £2200 topping at £2320 for a 'Lakemead Jingle' daughter. Overall, a really well supported Dairy section from both vendors and purchasers alike. More needed regularly in this section.

PIGS (171) Start 10.15am

AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A smaller entry this week as a result of a shorter week not allowing many to kill. Trade similar again with best demand again for lighter weights and native breeds.

FAT PIGS (134)

Trade for fat pigs good with the best heavies to £190 from J & S Mulroy of Herefordshire. Best from PB Weeks to £186 x 17 and £180. Lighter porkers from the same farm selling well to £170. Saddlebacks to £180 for S & S Gould. Overall average £140.66.

STORE PIGS (8)

Very short on stores this week with stronger stores to £138 from GA Dean.

CULL SOWS/BOARS (29)

A smaller entry down to a short week. Best culls to £150 from RJ Maltby. Others to £132 from G Moore and £130 from JR Bodman.

Next Pig Sale: Wednesday 30th April

BREEDING BULL SALE Start 2pm AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401 BULLS TO £3200

This week saw our spring sale of breeding bulls with close to 30 penned for sale seeing a 100% clearance.

Angus were the first through the ring, only 3 this time but real quality from Jamie's Farm and at 13mo were keenly sought by local dairy farmers at £2600-£3000. A mixed entry of Hereford with both older and younger bulls forward. Smart long bulls (24mo) from the Sandridge Herd at Melksham saw lively trade with both at £3200! Older Herefords generally £2500-£2880. Strong older Galloway stock sires £2500. A nice selection of Limousin forward today from Roche Court Farms Ltd Salisbury; these quality well conformed bulls, all in their working condition, produced plenty of competition. Their 24mo bulls to £2700 while 12mo sires from the same home £1960-£1990. Well-shaped good quality Purebred Simmental 25mo bulls from Chris Tucker Devizes had a real lively trade at £2650-£3000!! Top quality Parthenaise older bulls peaked at £3150 from Paul Hurd. Overall, a super 2025 Spring sale. Thank you to all who supported today.

Annual Spring Stirk Fair Wednesday 23rd April

Stirk fair to commence at 12pm prompt, late arrivals risk losing their slot in the sale so please help us to help you!! Cattle can be lairaged Tuesday 22nd pm and can arrive from 5.30am on the day of the sale. Please have your entries with us by 18th April (Good Friday) to Tom Rogers, Andrew Frizzle, the office or email info@fromeslivestock.com. 500 already booked and 600 expected.

Stock from restricted Blue Tongue Zone
Due to the temporary easing of the Blue Tongue pre-movement
testing your stock for the Stirk Fair can move to market on licence
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Vaccinations: Whole herd vaccinations to regular youngstock vaccinating, reminders, deliveries, and administration.

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Calf Routines: are new services we are offering for youngstock. These New VetTech include growth checks/calf weighing, disbudding, vaccinations, colostral immunity testing and reports. These routines ease your workload and ensure youngstock are getting quality and regular care, keeping every animal up to date with disbudding and vaccinations and talking the pressure off you. You can make use of these services at a frequency that works for your farm e.g. weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

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Anything else?

Or if you just need extra hand for few hours, whether that is needing extra labour for your tb test, vaccinating, or even just getting sheep in from the field ready for lambing, give us a shout and we might be able to help. It can save you paying someone for all day or if you're struggling for staff.

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CALVES (107) Starts 10am AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A fantastic show of calves led to a stronger trade again on the week. Nice to see a good number of well-presented calves here with vendors trying to maximise calf returns and this reflected in the trade here today. All calves reported under 42 days unless otherwise stated.

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £790 / HEIFERS TO £492

35 Blue bulls today with 10 over £500 and only 4 under £360. Best Blue bulls from Stavordale Farms flying to £790 (8wks); other bulls from the same stable to £772 and £700. More quality from RJ Jackson & Sons saw Blue bulls to £605, £575 from AJ Scott & Sons, £510 from NF Clothier & Son, £502 from Daniel & Hole, £495 from DO Webb and £458 from Bayley Partners. Blue heifers flying to £492 from Stavordale Farms, £458 from DA James, £440 (10wks) from EL Norris & Son, £430 from RJ Jackson & Sons and £395 from Bayley Partners. One Simmental bull from NAC Taylor to £400their brace of Simmental heifers to £450 per head. Limousin bulls from RE Trowbridge & Son looked well sold at £452.

NATIVE BULLS TO £585 / HEIFERS TO £378

Cracking Angus bulls to £585 again from Stavordale Farms to £585, £532 from SC Eavis, £395 from NF Clothier & Sons, £370 from AJ Scott & Sons and £342 from K & PA Moorse. Older hard Angus bulls 10-12 weeks from Elliscombe Farm to £290. Hereford bulls a storming trade to £452 from AK & AD Parker, £418 from RG & SE Hawker and £310 from Friars Hayes Farm. Hereford heifers looking particularly dear to £325. One baby Longhorn heifer to £95 looking well sold.

DAIRY

British Friesian bulls from Dan Heal & family to £178 going to rear!

Calves will start at 10am prompt next Wednesday 23rd April with our annual reared calf fair to commence at 12 midday.

Please continue to pre-book; it really helps with buyer procurement. Text or phone Tom Rogers or email the office info@fromelivestock.com

WEEKLY TOP PRICE CALF WINNER!



This week's winner of £25 for the top price Native Sired Heifer under 41 days was a Angus to £378 from SC Eavis.

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FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 2025 STORE CATTLE

STEERS TO £2550

Starts 10.30am AUCTIONEERS:

TREVOR ROWLAND BRADLEY TOWELL

LESTER WILLIAMS

07968 480 401 07496 263 916 07778 646 031

1 HEIFERS TO 2290 TOTAL

HEAD

SOLD

581

A super show of 581 store cattle forward and selling to a roaring trade with fierce demand for short term cattle very much wanted. Forward stores topping at £2550 with several large consignments over £2000. Store cattle averaged £1465 overall.

ORGANIC

Only a handful forward on what was a non organic week but trade was electric. Hard, lean Dairy 3 way crossbred steers 23mo to an amazing £1440.

GRAZING COWS

Not many forward but a blistering trade. Hard young feeding Charolais cows easily over £1500 and topped at £1530.

YOUNG CONTINENTAL

What an excellent entry of quality young Continentals for our 2nd sale of April. Demand was superb for all the types on offer, but the better single suckled cattle produced some outstanding prices. Tom & Martin Bartlett of Weymouth once again presenting some truly outstanding 12-13mo Limousin all home bred and full of potential. Their best steers all over £1900 topping at £2150. 12mo heifers from the same home to £1750. These were closely followed by regular supporters PJ & A Boulton of Pucklechurch, again some tremendous cattle forward from this home with 11-13mo steers seeing plenty of bunches over £1700 to peak at £1790. A cracking consignment of 30 (mainly Limousin) 12-13mo steers and heifers from the Godwin family at Timothy Rise Farm. These wonderful cattle were very much wanted and their best steers 12mo to £1960 with heifers close behind at £1750, sadly Brian left us this year but I know would have been so happy with today's prices! Overall so many excellent prices today and too many to mention but a huge thank you to all who support this section today.

YOUNG STEERS			YOUNG HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Limousin	2150	14mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth	Angus	1800	14mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth
Angus	1930	15mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth	Limousin	1750	26mo	BA & CM Godwin & Sons, Bath
Charolais	1755	14mo	D & GJ Stevens, Maiden Bradley	Charolais	1700	14mo	D & GJ Stevens, Maiden Bradley
Hereford	1690	14mo	CT Knott, Thronhill	Blue	1590	15mo	RG MJ & DC Ractliffe, Harescombe
South Devon	1610	13mo	J Virgin, Pulham	Hereford	1460	`15mo	RG MJ & DC Ractliffe, Harescombe
Blue	1600	15mo	RG MJ & DC Ractliffe, Harescombe	Parthenaise	1010	9mo	PJ Snook, Frome

ANGUS

Over 220 Angus forward met massive interest with several consignments selling to advantage. The good conformation steers from R Bowring of Lymington met fast bidding from £2310 to £2400 and topping at £2550 (22-25mo) what a trade! Other younger steers equally selling well from £2380 twice to £2490 (19-24mo) all from JKW Hollister of Yate, £2360 (21mo) from Isgar & Sons of Shaftesbury, £2060 to £2140 (24-25mo) from M & T Gregory of Sherborne, £2080 (23mo) from FK & JE Gibbs of Langport and £2000 (20-21mo) from both CF Hobbs & Son of Blandford and RC Few & Son of Longbridge Deverill. Forward heifers also in demand with over aged heifers (35-41mo) selling from £2270 to £2290 from T & SAK Flower of Tisbury. Younger well presented heifers equally sought after and selling to £2130 (23mo) from Isgar & Sons, £2110 from JKW Hollister, £1900 from R Bowring, £1890 (19mo) from K & J Hames and £1860 from Handy Compact Tractors Ltd. Yearling steers a highlight with forward steers to £1930 (15mo) from Tom & Martin Bartlett & Son, £1580 (13mo) from Darren & Liz Halliwell from Frome, £1420 (13mo) from RG MJ & DC Ractliffe of Gloucester, £1420 (12mo) from DB & BJ Hill & Sons of Shepton Mallet and £1420 (only 9mo) from PW King of Ston Easton. Yearling heifers also in demand with forward heifers to £1800 (14mo) from TWG Bartlett & Son, £1580 (13mo) from RJ Hopkins of Lacock, £1400 (11mo) from DB & BJ Hill & Sons, £1240 (12mo) from MGJ & JA Hares of Wells, £1200 (14mo) from CE Hillier & Sons of Melksham.

HEREFORD & OTHER NATIVES

Several consignments of forward store cattle with the strongest topping at £2100 for a cracking steer at 27mo from RE & D Woodward. Similar quality from Handy Compact Tractors to £2000 and £1965 from S Matthews. Steers with frame and potential to £1940 from RF & S Godwin and £1825 for Handy Compact Tractors with heifers from the same home £1785 and £1780. Younger yearling Herefords to £1350 for 7mo from GMS Farming and others to £1110. A good run of South Devon steers from MJ lles to £965, £940 and £910. Heavier South Devon steers from J Virgin to £1610.

FRIESIAN

Friesians & Holstein Friesian more scarce today but those forward were well sold just as all other breeds. Forward Holstein Friesians from Martin Gregory well over £2000 with other younger types £950 - £1395. Younger British Friesians from £800 - £1190 and generally seeing prices "off the clock." Several Holstein Friesian heifers 24mo on offer and all saw strong demand from feeders and fatteners, best pens to £1880.

FORWARD CONTINENTAL

Mainly younger Continentals on offer, however demand stays strong for farm assured, good conformation forward cattle with well presented Simmental steers setting the trade at £2410 (24mo) from Willowbrook Farm of Melksham. Younger Blue steers equally selling well to £2160 (18mo) from BA & CM Godwin & Sons of Bath and £1980 from RC Few & Sons of Longbridge Deverill. Younger Limousin steers also keenly sought after to £2150 (14mo) from Tom & Martin Bartlett & Sons of Weymouth.

The similar entry of heifers also wanted with Blue heifers selling to £2100 (27mo) from Handy Compact Tractors Ltd of Rowde, Devizes. Their younger heifers also keenly bid to £1835 to £1820. Good feeding heifers wanted and selling to £1760 from RDR Stevens & Sons of Stanton Drew. Younger Limousin heifers another highlight twice to £1750 (only 13mo) from both BA & CM Godwin & Sons and Tom & Martin Bartlett.

FORWARD STEERS			FORWARD HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Angus	2550	25mo	R Bowrig, Lymington	Angus	2290	35mo	T & SK Flower, Tisbury
Simmental	2410	24mo	Willowbrook Farm, Melksham	Blue	2100	27mo	Handy Compact Tractors Ltd, Devizes
Blue	2160	18mo	BA & CM Godwin & Sons, Bath	Friesian	1880	18mo	HG Perkins & Sons, Terry Hill
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Limousin	1545	26mo	RDR Stevens & Sons, Stanton Drew	Limousin	1760	26mo	RDR Stevens & Sons, Stanton Drew
Charolais	1500	18mo	BA & CM Godwin & Sons, Bath	Longhorn	1650	18mo	BA & CM Godwin & Sons, Bath
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Chaplain's Prayer

'As the sun rises Lord, let your light shine upon us; the warmth of your presence, the brightness of your love, the radiance of your joy, and the Shining of your hope...As your sun rises Lord let your light shine upon us, your light to guide, to lead, to direct, to brighten our lives. Let your light shine upon us!' We give thanks for light over Darkness Warmth and growth...and fervently pray for the rain to keep crops growing to maturity!



The **Police** will be in attendance at Wed Frome market **30 April**

9.30 to 12.30 to give out **Agri Trailer marking Kits** free of charge...this is kindly sponsored by the **NFU**. The thieves are stealing agricultural equipment almost on a daily basis... so please let's support this initiative!

FCN. This year marks the 30 year anniversary of This fine pro farming National organisation! They have helped and supported thousands of farming and farming related folk find their way forward through many different challenges and situations. We attend shows, hold fund raising events, and promote positive health and Wellbeing. Our **Farmwell website** recently launched the greenzone checklist to help farmers and businesses review some of the common components of business and personal resilience, helping them to identify strengths and highlight areas where additional beneficial information and support is needed! Find information on this site farmwell.org.uk/greenzones/

Here are the contact details for agencies that can help and guide you if you have a need!: FCN 7am to 11pm 03000 111 999, help@fcn.org.uk, RABI free helpline 0800 188 4444, Open mental Health (Somerset)24hr day 01823 276892, Samaritans 116 123 jo@samaritans.org Blessings to you all , and see some of you at Wednesday market! Here's my mob if you need a chat!? 07880770887

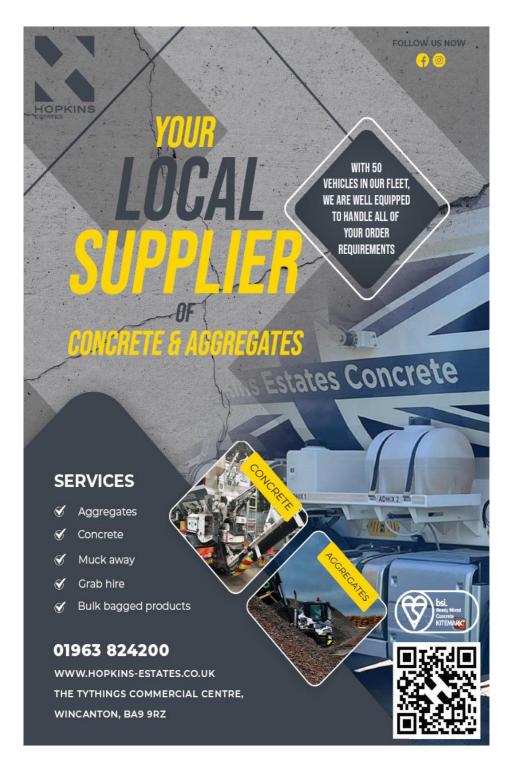
Remember your farming neighbours as yourselves! Veville (Chaplain)



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