



what is the YDFN?

YDFN stands for the Yorkshire Dales Farmer Network. A not-for-profit organisation, owned by farmers, working for farmers.

why join YDFN?

Join today and benefit from...

Cost savings

Fuel, plastic recycling, carcass disposal, electric, vet & med, business/technical advice and other products or services on request.

Typical savings of £300 - £500 p.a.

Group development opportunities

Help to organise meetings, raise funding and manage funds.

Equipment sharing

Help to organise meetings, provide group agreements, find funding.

Farm visits to view best practice

Help to find appropriate farms and organise the event, find funding.

Ease the burden of regulation

Provision of a regulation checklist folder to help with inspections. Organise livestock transport tests at cost at the most convenient locations for you.

Problem solving

Our farmer coordinators understand your problems and can call on many other experts if needed.

Specialist advice and ideas sharing

We design and organise events that farmers want, find the specialist that farmers ask for and find funding.

case studies



I used the Network fuel buying service buying over 9,000 litres, with savings in excess of £300.

I would recommend the Network to anyone – the more that get involved, the better the savings for us all.

James Butcher, Rylstone

I spoke to our local coordinator, Carol Gardner and asked if there was any grants for a soil aerator. The Network was successful in securing a 50% grant, provided we share this with others and organise some demonstrations. This has more than paid for my membership and I can see more benefits to come...

Malcolm Lund, Ingleton



what others have said...

"I have been impressed with the Network deal to recycle our plastic from a local mini-hub. Prices are at least £5/liner cheaper than last year with the collection at a time that we control." Ian Sedgewick, Burton in Lonsdale

"I have heard the Network has found funds to set up a low interest loan scheme to support young people to enter farming. I think this is really great." Richard Caton, Settle

"If you are willing to put in a little bit of effort to work with like minded farmers you get on with, you will get a lot out of it. I can recommend it to anyone."

Robert Weatherhead, Nidderdale

more benefits...

Grants

YDFN can find out information about grant funding opportunities eg. slurry separators.

Advice

YDFN can help and advise on new regulations eg. spraying regulations.

Funding

YDFN can apply for group funding and manage the grant for groups; past successes: weed wipers, soil aerators, pasture toppers etc.

Inform

YDFN can find funds and organise open days and farm walks for the general public.

Youth opportunity

YDFN can find funds to run training schemes and to provide low interest loans.

what next?

Join right now - just fill in the application form overleaf and post with a cheque to the address overleaf.

Membership pack includes

Membership card - when presented will give discounts on plastic recycling/recycled products.

Access to the members only section of the website.

Regulation checklist folder

An A4 ring binder packed with vital information on regulations, licenses, record charts etc. all easy to use, making a comprehensive farm check list document ready for use in the event of an inspection.

**more members - more benefits to farmers
join now**

More members - more savings - opportunity for membership payback within 6 months - www.thefarmernetwork.co.uk

membership form

NAME (Capital letters please)

ADDRESS

Parish

District Council Area

Telephone

Mobile:

Holding Number

Email

Declaration:

I confirm that I would like to join the Farmer Network Limited as (please tick as appropriate):-

There are 3 categories of membership:-

- Farmer – you must be engaged in farming activities in Cumbria or the Yorkshire Dales.
 Corporate – be a farmer controlled business engaged in farming activities in Cumbria or the Yorkshire Dales (or other corporate organisation with an interest in the work of the company)
 Associate – open to anyone who wishes to support the Network (no voting rights).

I agree to pay the annual membership fee set at the AGM - £40 + VAT (total £48)

Signed

Date

Please make cheques payable to - The Farmer Network Limited.

Return Address - The Farmer Network Ltd, The Old Stables, Redhills, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0DT.



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