WHITE PEAK FARMERS - LONGCLIFFE SUSTAINABLE FARMING AWARD 2026

A chance to win a prestigious local award for farmers and land managers in **Derbyshire**, **Staffordshire** and the **Peak District**. All farmers and land managers in these areas are eligible to apply, or you can nominate an eligible farmer or land manager.

The Longcliffe Sustainable Farming Award celebrates outstanding and dedicated farmers who are working towards producing food in a sustainable and nature-friendly way; or land managers who are making successful gains for nature; as well as those who are sharing knowledge in their community or more widely. This inaugural award is sponsored by Longcliffe Quarries Ltd.

This award is to be given in memory of Wilf Ward, a local farmer who championed farming and the environment. Wilf managed a nationally important SSSI, was a founding member of White Peak Farmers Facilitation Group, and supported the next generation of farmers. Wilf sadly passed away in 2023.

There are two prizes on offer - £750 to the winner and £250 to the runner up.

To apply just complete these few questions about you and your farm, or someone you are nominating. The deadline for applications is Friday 8th May.

Longcliffe, based near Wirksworth, is a family-owned independent company which produces over 100 calcium carbonate-based products, including a wide range of agricultural products used in applications such as liming and animal feeds.

White Peak Farmers is a registered Charity (registration number: 1214635) which brings farmers and landowners together to benefit the environment.

* Required

About you

1. Are you applying on behalf of someone else (nominating them for the award)? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

2. If you are nominating someone, please provide your name and contact details (email/phone number)

3. Name of applicant or nominee *

4. Your address or address of the person you are nominating *

5. Please provide a contact telephone number *

6. Please provide an email address if you have one

About your farm

7. What type of farm do you have? *

- [ ] Dairy
- [ ] Beef
- [ ] Sheep
- [ ] Mixed
- [ ] Other

8. What is the size of your landholding? *

9. Are you in an agri-environment scheme? *

- [ ] Higher Level or Higher Tier
- [ ] Mid-tier or SFI
- [ ] Other

10. Do you have any designated land? *

- [ ] SSSI
- [ ] Local Wildlife Site
- [ ] In a protected landscape e.g. Peak District National Park
- [ ] No
- [ ] Other

Conservation Practices

Please tell us as much information as you can about how you farm and how you manage your land for nature.

11. What grazing practices do you use, which types of animals and what are the benefits? *

12. What are you doing to make sure your livestock are in good health? How are you balancing this with managing the land for nature and producing food? *

13. Describe the habitats you manage and the actions you've taken to manage or improve them. What changes you have seen? Which species do you think have benefitted? *

14. Have you carried out any activities to improve soil health or protect soils on your land? If so, what have you done? What changes have you seen? *

15. Are you helping to manage and protect water? What are you doing to keep rivers, streams, ditches and ponds healthy? *

16. What measures are you taking for climate change - describe what you are doing e.g. calculating the farm's carbon footprint, planting trees, minimum/no till. *

17. Are you helping to manage invasive species? If so, which species do you control and how? *

18. What are you doing to help reduce use of chemicals? *

19. Are you involved in community or farmer groups and what do you do to share your experience and knowledge? *

20. Describe any trials you've been involved with or how you have adapted your management or found solutions to any problems. *

Please email photos and any supporting information to: **info@whitepeakfarmers.org.uk**

White Peak Farmers facilitation group is open to farmers, land managers and landowners to join for free. Membership provides many benefits, access to events, advice and funding. Get in touch via our website www.whitepeakfarmers.org.uk or call our Facilitator, Ann Cantrell on 07729101574.

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