



WELLAND VALLEY FEEDS NEWSLETTER

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Out-front Mowers



No cuttings to collect, beautiful healthy lawn. This also means no trips to empty the hopper saving time and fuel.

Drive an out-front mower and you will immediately see another of their advantages; visibility. You can see and cut the grass before you drive over it, going right up to trees, flower beds and walls. You can even cut under hedges and fences.

An out-front mower has its' cutting deck at the front. Moving it from the more common rear or central position has many advantages that could make an out-front mower ideal for you.

Simply put an out-front mower will finish your mowing faster and travel less distance than a cut and collect mower: And, not produce a pile of cuttings to dispose of.

Putting the cutting deck out-front means these are mulch mowers. Their special decks retain the clippings and cut and recut them into small particles. These are blown down into the turf where they decompose.

Being articulated they easily manoeuvre around garden furniture, ponds and paths. Mow right into corners and reverse out, do it right and you will be able to put your strimmer out to pasture. Call us now and see one in action.



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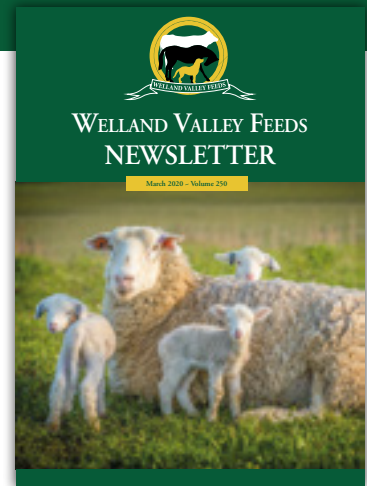
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SPRING FAIR

In the middle of February, Hannah and Mandy visited the Spring Fair at the NEC in Birmingham looking for new and enticing stock for our gift section. We arrived spot on time and were perplexed by the number of people wheeling little suitcases around. There were hundreds of suppliers to get around and once we started collecting our own selection of brochures and catalogues, we soon wished we had a little wheeled suitcase too! With suppliers and visitors from all around the world, we were all welcomed with a show directory, a lanyard and a hand sanitiser.

There were sections on greetings and stationery, homeware, gift, wellbeing and a massive Christmas section with giant moving reindeer and snowmen. Very odd to see in February. We soon saw recurrent themes trending, including a focus on sustainability and the environment as well as a plethora of wild animals – seen on everything from umbrellas to mugs.

We had a great time catching up with existing suppliers and meeting potential new ones. After 25,000 steps, 8 hours of browsing and bags of brochures, we were ready to call it a day. Now the fun starts as we get to sift through and choose some lovely new items for the store.



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Win £20 worth of James Wellbeloved Pet Food

For your chance to win £20 of James Wellbeloved pet food for your dog or cat, just complete and return the word search below. Words can read up, down, sideways & diagonally. Send your entries to the address below by Monday, 16th March stating whether you would like dog or cat food.

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Name

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

Email Telephone

MSF Welland Valley Feeds – Competition Terms:

When entering this competition, you are agreeing to us using your information for our marketing purposes. The information is NOT shared with any third party. We will announce the winner on our Facebook page and in the next issue of our newsletter.

Please indicate how you would prefer us to contact you: Post Email Telephone

Once we have updated our database with your information and after the winner has been chosen and advised the paper copy of this competition will be destroyed.

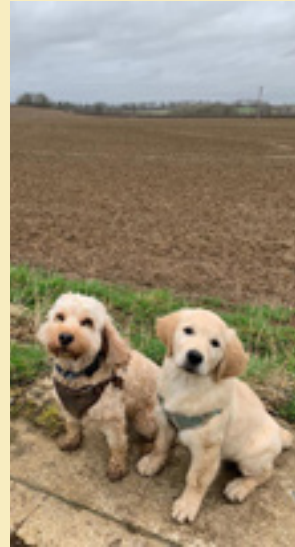
Send completed entries to: MSF Welland Valley Feeds Limited, Rockingham Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire. LE16 7QE.

Or by email to: sales@wellandvalleyfeeds.co.uk Or drop off your entry in store. **Good Luck. Closing date: Monday, 16th March**

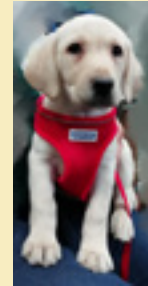
We are loving the pictures you are sharing with us, please keep them coming! Email them to us as jpeg or pdf - please make sure they are a large size, to sales@wellandvalley.co.uk



Lucky Chucky - 'Come on Glenn, faster faster!!!!'



Barry and Susan



Beautiful Mabel the 9 week old Golden Labrador, a gorgeous visitor to the office!



Amazing photography to catch this mole above ground - check out his claws!




Milo says "Its exhausting trying to finish the crossword!"



Nothing like a sheepskin cushion to keep you warm....

GUIDE DOGS  You have kindly donated to Guide Dogs £17.35 - £227.12 to date

 You have kindly donated £68.55 to Air Ambulance. Thank you

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION **POPPY APPEAL** You have kindly donated £79.73 to Poppy Appeal. Thank you

Dog Lost is a free service run by volunteers. Reuniting dogs with their owners. www.doglost.co.uk Tel: 0844 800 3220

Congratulations



The winner of February competition is Lois Usher from Drayton seen in this lovely photo riding Goose. Congratulations!

New from Red Horse Products

Hoof-Stuff 190ml £14.50

Antibacterial hoof packing

Hoof-Stuff plugs deep holes and cracks that leave hooves susceptible to microbial invasion. Active ingredients eliminate bacteria and fungi, and natural fibres create pressure to support and promote healthy, natural tissue growth.

The fibrous, sticky consistency helps Hoof-Stuff stay in place so the active agents can provide lasting support to healthy tissues.

Hoof-Stuff is useful for white line cracks, central sulcus separation, cavities and grass cracks. For shallower, wider cracks, try Artimud.



Artimud 190ml £14.00

Clay-based antibacterial hoof putty

Artimud fills shallow gaps in hooves and provides long-lasting protection against damage. It contains naturally active agents that eliminate bacteria and fungi and promotes the formation of healthy tissue.

Its thick, putty consistency makes it easy to apply and helps it stay firmly in place so the protective agents can work for longer.



Sole Paint 500ml £17.00

Hoof sole conditioner

Sole Paint suppresses microbial invasion on the underside of a horse's foot. The powerful active ingredients disinfect the underside of the foot, toughen the hoof and support the natural growth of healthy frog tissue.



Sole Cleanse 500ml £9.50

Hoof disinfectant spray

Sole Cleanse spray disinfects the frog and sole to reduce and prevent foul odour and blackening.

Its active ingredients destroy bacterial and fungal microbes and help healthy tissue to grow.



Field Paste £17.00

Antibacterial hoof dressing

Already in stock and proving to be popular with our customers.

Field Paste cleanses and conditions the underside of the horse's foot, helping frogs and soles stay strong and healthy.

Its ingredients promote the natural growth of healthy tissue, especially when rubbed well into the surface of the frog. The active agents also help the hoof and frog tissue to toughen without being caustic or damaging.





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Available from Welland Valley Feeds

For more information

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Mr Tom →
Fed on Baileys
Lo-Cal Balancer





New in stock

Equutech Venture Waterproof Trench Coat

Long, stylish waterproof casual coat, worn by international dressage riders and trainers. Perfect for training, as well as dog walking and equestrian all pursuits. A two-layer storm flap conceals our shorter, waisted easy wear durable zip to front, for simplicity and durability.
Navy Sizes XS – 2XL £149.95 each

Aubrion Parsons Tech Polo

XS – XL. Navy or Coral £29.50

Smartly styled polo made from lightweight, breathable fabric for practical performance. Style detail: ¼ zip, ribbed sleeve cuffs and collar, neat fit, Aubrion emblem.



Aubrion Bayswater Light Jacket

Navy XS-XL £69.98

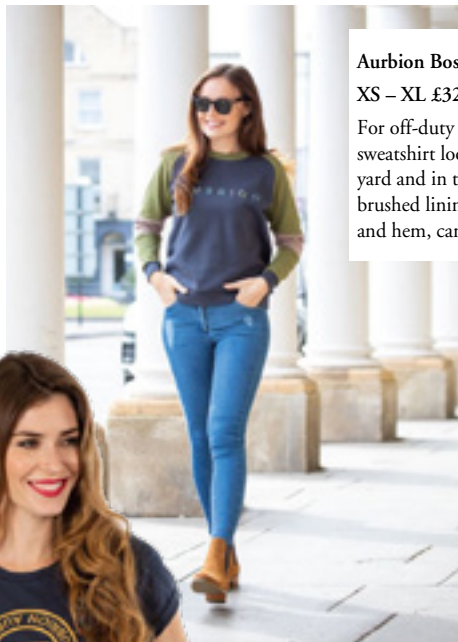
Combining stretch softshell with warm padded panels, this showerproof jacket delivers lightweight insulation. Style detail: breathable, elasticated cuffs, two-way zip, dipped rear hem, two zip pockets, flattering fit, Aubrion emblem.



Aubrion Boston Sweatshirt

XS – XL £32.99

For off-duty style, this relaxed fit sweatshirt looks the part on the yard and in town. Style detail: soft brushed lining, ribbed cuffs, neck and hem, camo Aubrion detailing.



Aubrion Stanmore Riding Tights

XS – XL Black and Navy £47.99

Lightweight, flexible riding tights with the look of jodhpurs but the comfort of quick drying, stretch fabric. Style detail: flattering contour leg panelling, full silicone grip seat, elasticated waist band, belt loops



Aubrion Croxley T Shirt

XS – XL £19.50

Paired with jeans or breeches, this casual t-shirt looks effortlessly stylish. Style detail: round neck, turned up sleeves, dipped rear hem, printed Aubrion logo

POO!

GRAB IT →

BAG IT → BIN IT

8 million dogs in the UK, producing nearly 1000 tons of dog poo! Harborough FM recently reported on the threefold increase in complaints about dog fouling. This is not only an eyesore; it is a health hazard which can cause blindness due to toxocarasis. A single gram of dog poo can contain 23 million faecal coliform bacteria known to cause cramps, diarrhoea, intestinal illness and serious kidney disorders in humans. Toxocarasis can also harm sheep and cattle causing Neospora and Sarcocystosis.

Legally, the person who is in charge of the dog at the time of fouling (i.e. not necessarily the owner) is responsible for clearing up. Failure to do so can lead to fixed penalty fines from £80 or being prosecuted in the Magistrates Court for up to £1,000.

Whilst the Council provide designated dog bins, if one isn't readily to hand, double wrap and place the waste in normal litter bins or take home and place in an outside household refuse bin.

Welland Valley Feeds supplies several different options to help GRAB IT and BAG IT – but we need you to BIN IT.

In addition to good hygiene, it is essential to worm your dog regularly to reduce risks.



Out & About Poop Bag Dispenser £2.60

Includes 2 rolls of 20 bags
Clips to any belt, bag or lead;
quick and convenient; holds up to 20 bags



8 | 1 Poop Patrol £2.99

Pet waste bag dispenser
Easy to use refill dispenser with secure adjustable strap fits any leash
Safety reflector on both sides;
EZ pull dispensing – releases

one bag at a time
Refill bag fits any standard dispenser

Earth Rated Eco-Friendly Bags

A range of strong bags unscented / lavender
120 bags - £4.99
300 bags - £9.98
315 bags - £11.50



Lawn Rescue – Get Off £6.59

Revives soiled, discoloured lawns (when using for faeces, remove all solids and spray on underlying area). Non-toxic, 100% bio-degradable

Dog Toilet – Complete Set (Clean and Green Dog Loo) £24.98

Natural and safe way to dispose of dog waste in your garden
Uses bio-activator capsules specially formulated to liquify matter, eliminates smells, repels flying insects
Can be positioned amongst plants, shrubs, flowers without harming them
60 cm (24”) diameter x 70 cm (27”) with wide hole



Customer Review – Smart Arm's Length Pooper Scooper £21.98

Smart by name this cleverly designed two-piece pooper scooper has been a godsend. Now I'm not the only one to clean up as the telescopic handles mean the smell is kept at arm's length! Scoops poop off soil, grass and concrete into the scoop with rake one side and straight edge the other. A handy clip holds the two items together for storage.



Poop Shovel £2.99

Serrated edge makes poop easier to remove from grass



GRAB IT → Always keep a supply of bags near your dog's lead so you don't forget to take them with you on every walk. Simply insert your hand in the bag and pick up your dogs waste.

BAG IT → Carefully turn the bag inside out and 'bag' your dog's mess.

BIN IT → Dispose of the bag in a bin. Dog waste can be put in a public litter bin if a specific dog waste bin is not provided. Grab it, bag it, bin it.

Health Risks

Dog fouling can lead to an increased risk of disease if dogs are not regularly wormed. Toxocara canis can pass from dog poo to humans as Toxocarasis through contaminated sand or soil, or by playing with dogs which have licked eggs from their bodies or faeces.

The National Farmers' Union (NFU) in Scotland has warned that faeces left by dogs near agricultural land can harm cattle and sheep. There has been an increase in cases of a disease, Neospora, which is spread through the faeces of infected dogs and causes cows to miscarry. Another parasite, Sarcocystosis, is spread the same way and can cause illness and death in livestock. Cattle can also pick up the disease from contaminated feed or water but dog faeces are a potential risk too so the precautionary principle would be to pick up your pets faeces from rural and city locations

Far from Fertilizer

It is actually toxic to your lawn, causing burns and unsightly discoloring. Beyond your grass, it has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and **serious** kidney disorders in humans.



CALVING

Farmgate Calf Starter Pellets 18%
25kg £8.95

Calf Starter

A specialist calf starter diet formulated for:
Quick rumen development
Safe early weaning
High daily liveweight gain

Provita Newborn 5 in 1 calf paste

15g £4.12 + VAT
Recommended for use at birth, for bought in calves or at times of stress.



Volac Calf Blossom Easy Mix

20kg £39.95
Blossom Easymix is ideal for once or twice day feeding and some ad lib systems requiring an instant mixing powder.



Volac Calf Colostrum
450g £16.95
High quality natural alternative to colostrum recommended for use when maternal colostrum is unavailable.

Country Calf Colostrum

300g bottle £14.95
Country Calf Colostrum Concentrate is specifically formulated to supplement natural colostrum from the cow. It should be used in the event of the cow having little or no colostrum. It should be fed as soon as possible after birth and during the first 12 hours of life



Provita Rumen Stimulant

100g £3.95
Provita Rumen Stimulant is a powder supplement that has been specifically formulated to restore rumen function. It is useful as a microbial stimulant to promote the rapid multiplication of the beneficial rumen microflora which is essential for normal digestion within the rumen.
Provita Rumen Stimulant - 12 x 100g



Calf Feeding Bottle + Teat
£7.45 + VAT



Calf Feeder Bag
£12.07 + VAT



2 Gallon Blue Calf Bucket
£3.74 + VAT

Nutri Scour
£19.49

With its 5 in 1 formula incorporating natural fibre from psyllium husks to absorb water and electrolytes to restore fluid and salt balance in the small intestine, Nutri-Scour 5 in 1 helps support gut health. Feeding Nutri-Scour at the first sign of scours will rehydrate and help restore gut health.



Country Scour Formula

76g sachet £1.95
Country Scour Formula+ is a Re-hydration solution to boost energy and digestion in scouring calves. Formulated with beneficial bacteria and anti-oxidants, it provides a balanced source of electrolytes, contains alkalisng agents and glucose and is for the use on newborn and bought in calves.



Udder Cream

400g £4.96 + VAT
5kg £34.95 + VAT



Battles Udder Cream. The original udder cream. A readily absorbent cream to maintain good udder condition and aid in the treatment of chaps and sores



Calf Lyx Easy Breather

5kg £11.95
22.5kg £39.95
Crystalyx Easy Breather is a feed lick specially designed with the intention to help alleviate stress and respiratory problems in calves and sheep. Respiratory problems in calves and sheep are most prevalent in autumn and winter, especially when the animals are housed.

Disposable gloves Silkies 100pk
£13.32 + VAT



United Farmers Superlube
Available in 500ml, 1ltr, 5lr

Prevention & Treatment of Top Six Lambing Diseases

Hypothermia

If lambs become cold or hungry they will rapidly deteriorate or even die if early action is not taken. Ensure they are well fed (colostrum if new born) and that extra shelter is provided during harsh weather, especially wet and windy spells. If hypothermia is severe, putting the lamb under an infrared lamp can warm it through quickly.

Twin Lamb Disease (Pregnancy Toxaemia)

Often seen in ewes carrying multiple lambs and in poor condition. Correct nutrition in the form of good hay and concentrates in the last two months of pregnancy is essential. Oral drench administered as soon as ewe shows signs of depression and loss of appetite can be helpful.

Hypocalcaemia (Milk Fever)

Caused by abnormally low levels of calcium in the blood. Stress in late pregnancy should be avoided and there should be an adequate food supply. An injection of calcium under the skin can be administered which may have a rapid response. Often co-exists with twin lamb disease.

Vaginal Prolapse

Avoid allowing the ewes to become overweight and cull any ewes that have already suffered a prolapse as it could happen again. If a prolapse occurs, thoroughly wash the area and gently push the prolapse back in using the palm of your hand. Use a spoon or harness to keep in place.

Joint Ill

Joint ill (an infection of the joints) in lambs is caused by bacteria entering the bloodstream. Good hygiene is essential, ensure bedding is clean and disinfected and that iodine is applied to the navel as soon after birth as possible. Also, an adequate intake of good quality colostrum is essential to fight the infection.

Watery Mouth

Caused by E coli usually in the first few hours from birth. Adequate colostrum, plenty of clean bedding and good hygiene is essential in preventing this disease. Keep the lamb hydrated by using electrolyte solution instead of colostrum feeds until the gut distention has gone down. Use of antibiotics can also be useful. Treatment can be successful if caught early.

Country Lamb Colostrum

Specifically formulated to supplement natural colostrum from the ewe. It should be used in the event of the ewe having little or no colostrum. It should be fed as soon as possible after birth and preferably during the first 12 hours of life.

50g £2.50 each, 12 x 50g £28.95,
500g £23.95, 1.25kg £46.95



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Concentrated milk protein which is highly digestible for faster growth.

Ultrafiltrated milk protein for natural health protection with less risk of nutritional upsets.

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Provides all the nutrients required by the lamb.



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A unique lamb milk feeder providing a simple system of delivering warm, fresh milk to lambs 24 hours a day.

£163.33 + VAT



Pull on Spare Rubber Shepherdess Teat

Available in Red or White

£1.24 + VAT

Nettex Lamb-Defence 100ml (50 lamb)

Colostrum protein for comprehensive support of new-born lambs. This product is formulated with colostrum, egg protein and trace elements to support lambs in the critical first few days of life when they are most vulnerable to disease.

Administer to the back of the tongue as soon as possible after birth. £15.95 / 100ml



Country Newborn Lamb 5 in 1

Newborn 5 in 1 is a complementary feed which provides EU sourced colostrum, egg powder, vitamins and trace elements.

Use at birth, at the first signs of scouring, following digestive upsets or at times of stress. 100ml £12.45 + VAT



Country Twin Lamb 4 in 1

A complimentary feed which provides vitamins, trace elements, energy sources & appetite stimulants. Recommended for use in cases of twin lamb disease in ewes. 500ml £12.95



Remember we are open on Sundays from 10am – 4pm if you run out of your lambing essentials



G&T Highball £29.94
On the Rocks Highball £29.94

12oz Single Gin Hiball Glass.
 Produced using a combination of high quality pewter and glass, each hiball glass is supplied together with a gorgeous cream and black English Pewter Company presentation box to keep it safe when not in use.



Mother's Day

Sunday, 22nd March



Waggydogz Mugs £6.49
 Border Collie, Boxer, Springer and loads more

Sweet William Mugs £15.95.
 Black Lab, Border Terrier, Cockapoo, Golden Retriever, Westie and loads more breeds



Royal Equestrian Scarf
 Light Grey or Navy £14.94
 Elegantly Designed Chiffon Scarf Featuring Beautifully Designed Horse Artwork. Perfect For Breezy Summer Days And Cool Summer Nights.



Amy Tote Bag
 Grey £59.94



Mary Tote Bag, Magenta £64.94
Matching purse £24.94



Cast Iron Daffodil Feeder Dish
 £7.99

Natalie Shoulder Bag
 Blossom or Meadow £44.94
 Matching purse £14.94



Jessica Tote Bag.
 Crock Leather or Brown Leather £154.99
 This tote leather handbag features a zipped top closing along with long handles and a detachable strap complete with protective feet on the base. Made from buffalo leather which is a thick strong leather. It has natural waxes and oils in the leather which means it softens as it's used. This leather will also get character to it as it's used. It will slightly alter in tone and initially it may mark but after time that will stop. It is an antique style leather which is designed to wear with you.



CANVAS CUTIES - beautifully crafted cotton mix canvas on a solid wood frame, £11.95 each. Many more designs in store



Farmer's Kitchen 50 x 30 Cushion £14.94



Woodland Cushion 50 x 30 £14.94



Snaffles Cushion Grey or Navy £24.95



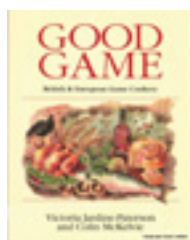
Birds Night Out Makeup Bag £9.49



Posh Pussy Glasses Case £6.95



Game & Fish Cookbook
 £25



Good Game Book
 £16.99



The Kamado Grill Cookbook £18.95



Hens Vanity Bag £15



Her Ladyship Compact Mirror
 £4.96



Spring CLEANING

Grab your rubber gloves, throw the windows open and get stuck in!
We have everything you need to Spring Clean your home.



Squeaky Clean XL Dish Cloths
£1.49 + VAT



Daz Powder
130 washes
£19.16 + VAT



Persil Non Bio Powder
130 washes
£19.99 + VAT



Persil Colour Liquid
57 washes
£8.33 + VAT



Comfort Fabric Conditioner
5 ltr Pure, Lily & Rice,
Original £7.49 + VAT



Domestos Bleach
5lt £7.91 + VAT



Fairy Liquid 5lt
£9.99 + VAT



Fairy Liquid Antibac
870ml £2.21 + VAT



Dettol 41 Liquid
£16.66 + VAT



Refuse Sacks Pack 20
£1.66 + VAT



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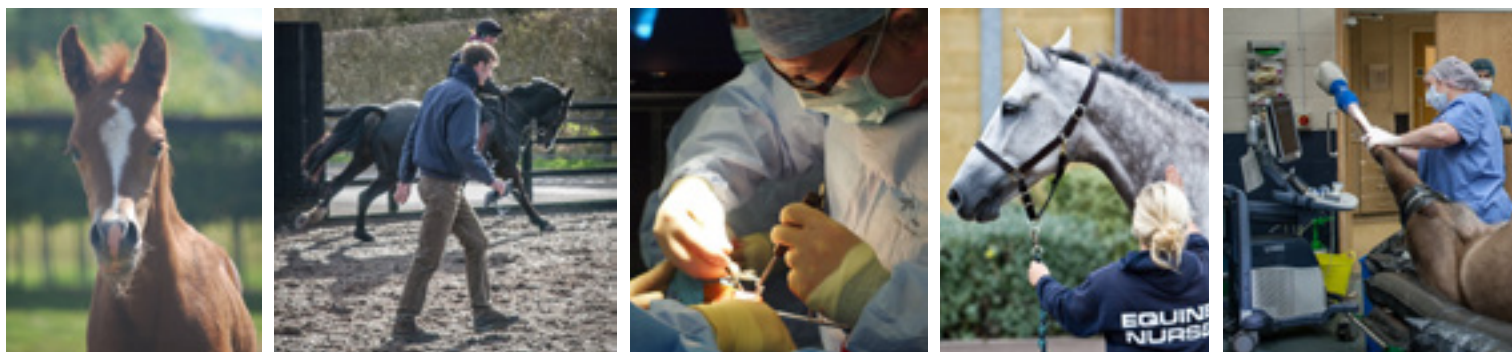
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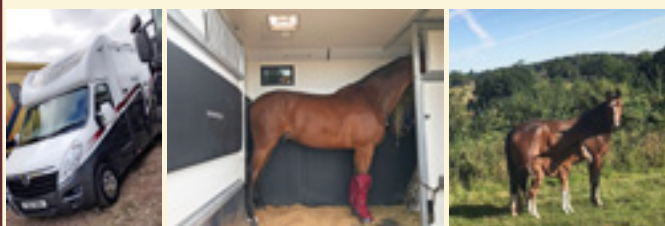
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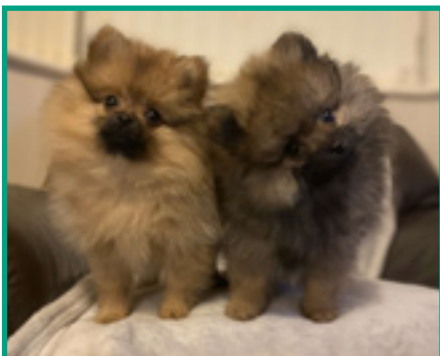


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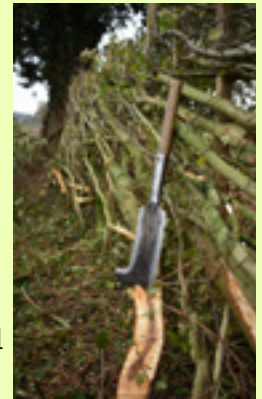
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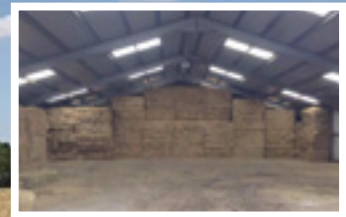
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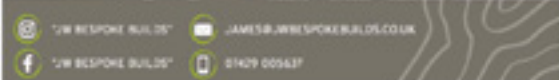


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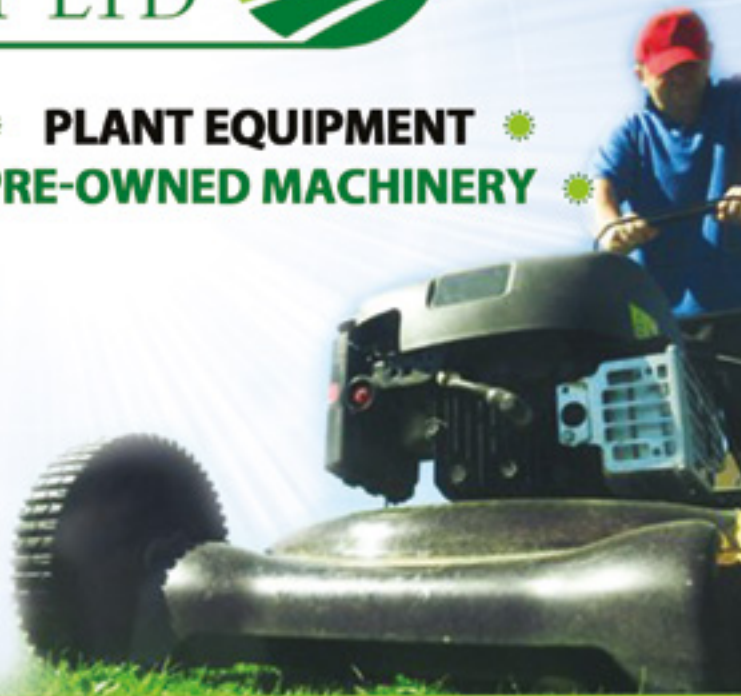
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- Delightful rear garden
- EPC Rating D

£ Guide price – **£400,000**



NEW



Great Bowden, Leicestershire

Elegant ground floor apartment

- Open plan living/dining/kitchen
- Double bedroom with fitted wardrobes
- Recently refurbished wet room
- Secure off-road parking
- Cellar store and garden room
- Beautifully maintained communal garden
- Superb village location
- EPC Rating C

£ Guide price – **£255,000**



SOLD

Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire

- Craftsmen built new home**
- High quality mews development
 - Sitting room, kitchen breakfast
 - 3 bedrooms, family bathroom
 - Private walled gardens, parking

£ Guide price – **£250,000**



SOLD

Medbourne, Leicestershire

- A charming, 3 storey, stone built home**
- Open plan, live-in kitchen
 - Separate sitting room
 - 4 bedrooms
 - Double garage and parking

£ Guide price – **£400,000** EPC: C



Wilbarston, Northamptonshire

- Beautifully restored listed manor house**
- Large kitchen/breakfast room, 2 reception rooms
 - 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
 - Double garage and outbuildings
 - Walled garden

£ Guide price – **£660,000**

