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**Warwickshire Rural Hub Environmental Farming Group**

**Forsyth Lapwing Challenge Cup**

**Awarded for excellence in environmental farming and**

**conservation on a commercial Warwickshire farm**

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**2019**

**Application Form**

Sponsored by:

 

**ENTRANT’S DETAILS**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
|  |  |
| **Tel: No:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

**Status**: **Owner** **Farm Manager Tenant**

**If you are completing this form on behalf of the entrant, please let us know your name and status:**

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| **Name:**  |  | **Status:** |  |

**ABOUT THE FARM (please tick appropriate boxes)**

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| **Total Farm Area (Ha):** | **Under 100** | **100 – 300** | **Over 300** |
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**Enterprise Type(s)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dairy** |  | **Beef** |  | **Sheep** |  |
| **Pig** |  | **Poultry** |  | **Other** |  |

**Arable operations**

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| **Combinable****Crops** |  | **Grassland** |  | **Root Vegetables** |  |
| **Woodland** |  | **Poultry** |  | **Other** |  |

**ABOUT THE FARMING OPERATIONS**

**Environmental impact considerations**

Have you implemented any of the following measures?

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|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Resource protection (of air, soil and water) |  |  |
| Effective manure/fertiliser management |  |  |
| Waste management/recycling |  |  |
| Pest and weed control |  |  |

Which existing features on your farm have you managed for the benefit of wildlife, landscape or historical conservation?

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Woodlands |  |  |
| Wetlands/ponds |  |  |
| Hedges |  |  |
| Grassland (improved and unimproved) |  |  |
| Other (Please specify) |  |  |

Which new features have been created and managed for conservation within the context of the farming system?

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|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Woodlands |  |  |
| Ponds/wetlands |  |  |
| Hedges |  |  |
| Field margins |  |  |
| Wildflower meadows |  |  |
| Winter bird seed plots |  |  |
| Pollen and nectar mixes |  |  |
| Beetle banks |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |

How do you promote your conservation measures to the farming community and general public?

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Farm website |  |  |
| Twitter |  |  |
| Instagram |  |  |
| Facebook  |  |  |
| Open Farm Sunday |  |  |
| Other farm open days/school visits |  |  |
| Other (Please specify) |  |  |

***CONDITIONS OF ENTRY***

**FORSYTH CUP**

The award is given annually to the farmer in Warwickshire who, in the opinion of the Judge, has done most to integrate conservation on his/her farm alongside successful commercial activity. Consideration will be taken to include flora and fauna but must also be given to landscape and historical interests.

**WHO CAN ENTER**

Entries are invited from all farmers, farm managers and landowners running a farm with a Warwickshire holding number, whether tenants or owners. A previous winner of the Award must wait three years before he/she can re-enter.

**ENTRY PROCESS**

When you have completed your entry, please send this application form to the Rural Hub Co-ordinator at info@ruralhub.org.uk or **Warwickshire Rural Hub, c/o 11 Church Street, Marton, Rugby CV23 9RL.**

After the closing date of the competition entries will be reviewed and a shortlist will be contacted to arrange for the judge to be shown around your farm in late May. The judge’s visit will take a maximum of 2 hours and will involve you showing the features that you feel are important to support your entry.

The winner will be presented with the Forsyth Lapwing Challenge Cup to retain for one year and a Syngenta voucher.

Entries must comply with the above conditions.

The decision of the judge is final.

**Entries must be received by: Tuesday 7th May 2019**

 **I have read the conditions of entry and would like to be considered for the**

**Forsyth Lapwing Challenge Cup**

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| **Signature (or name):** |  | **Date:** |  |