

# Ringlink GROUP News

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**Dear Member,**



Welcome to our March newsletter along with our 2017 handbook, this year the handbook has been completely revamped and is designed to provide you with relevant information to help you in the course of running your business.

You will find the full range of services available through Ringlink together with their guide prices. We have updated the section on employment regulations in an attempt to steer you through the complexity of rules and legislation and you will also find additional sections highlighting, amongst other things Electricity supply, the Internship together with an outline of the various training courses available.

The training season is currently in full swing with a lot of training taking place in preparation for the coming season. Pesticides training continues with its high demand particularly from local authorities who are well aware of the risks and potential litigation arising from the failure to ensure operator competence. Similarly, there remains a large uptake of both knapsack and granular applicator training especially for the use of slug pellets which has been very much driven through quality assurance requirements.

Refresher training has become increasingly accepted as a means of ensuring competence within the workforce and as a result we have seen an enormous increase in the demand for refresher training in particular for both chainsaw and forklift operation.

Health & Safety should always remain an absolute priority within the workplace and I make no apology for raising the subject once again. All too often the news brings us the tragic details of yet another fatality within our industry and in almost every case a fatality that could have been avoided.

**Please Please remember 'Health & Safety and Risk Assessment Training saves lives'.**

## **Spring Workload**

As spring approaches, have you got around to booking your sowing or any other spring service required, skilled labour as usual is in short supply and therefore early bookings are advised.

Fertiliser sales over the past month have been steady and haulage will no doubt come under pressure over the next few weeks. If you still have to order, don't delay, contact your local office for a competitive quote and have it delivered on time.

Straw and Feed Barley is still in strong demand, for Supply or Demand, again speak with your local office.

## **Members Fuel Card Service**

We are pleased to announce that we can now provide Fuel Card Solutions to members businesses throughout the UK, for full details look up page 34 in the handbook.

Finally, lets hope that winter is over and the weather settles down allowing a fine early start to the spring workload.

Graham Bruce  
Managing Director

## CASE IH REBATE

Case IH have confirmed that the Rebate Scheme on offer to Scottish Machinery Ring members has been extended until November 2018. Further good news is that the rebates on some models have been increased as detailed below and supersedes the table in the handbook. Last year was the highest rebate returned so far with close on £160,000 being rebated to members. If you are in the market for a new Tractor, Combine, Baler or Telehandler, visit your local Case IH dealer and obtain these rebates in addition to any deal you make. T&C's apply.

SMRA Rebate scheme - 2017/18	Benefit
Quantum	£560
Farmall A& C	£560
Luxxum	£855
Maxxum	£1,015
Farmlift (Telehandler)	£1,015
Puma/Puma cvx upto inc 175	£1,090
Puma/Puma cvx 185 & above	£2,040
Optum	£2,230
Magnum	£2,420
Magnum RowTrac	£2,800
STX	£3,275
R BALER	£665
B BALER	£1,850
COMBINE	£3,275



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## RINGLINK INTERNSHIP

Applications for the fifth year of the land-based Internship have been well received with just a few days remaining till the closing date. Telephone interview screening has commenced for all applications with face to face interviews scheduled for late March – early April.

### Calling All Mentors

We need suitable Mentors from the land-based sectors throughout our area to host an Intern for their 6 month's work placement.

- Do you want to support our industries future workforce?

***"Mentoring is to support and encourage people to manage their own learning in order that they may maximise their potential, develop their skills, improve their performance and become the person they want to be"***

- Do you want to share your knowledge with others?
- Do you enjoy encouraging and motivating others?
- Do you want to benefit from mentoring to meet your own workplace requirements?

If the answer to the above questions is 'Yes' and you would like to participate in this initiative please email: [gail@ringlinkscotland.co.uk](mailto:gail@ringlinkscotland.co.uk) or call 01561 377790 to discuss or request a mentor information pack.

