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Shelterbelt and Hedgerow Information day 12th October 2005

Shelterbelts and hedges give many benefits to landowners. They provide protection from the weather and can shelter farm livestock and crops and buildings. They harbour beneficial animals and insects and form habitat corridors to allow them to travel from one area to another. They form the pattern of our countryside and help protect our landscape. They often have many plant species associated with them providing wild foods and natural remedies.

The Centre for Alternative Land Use in association with Coed Cymru and the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Landscape Improvement Grant will be holding an event on Wednesday 12th October at the Anglesey Showground. There will be talks from the Forestry Commission Wales and the Welsh Assembly Government on the importance of shelterbelts and hedgerows, how they can be created and managed and how they can fit with x-compliance and agri-environment measures for hedgerows. There will be the opportunity to look at some recently planted shelterbelts on the Showground and discuss their relative merit. There will also be the opportunity to look at the management of hedgerows and discuss different methods such as coppicing and hedge-laying.

Please come along if you're interested in managing hedgerows or planting trees. The day will start at 10.00am and run to 4pm at the Anglesey Showground.

All welcome, refreshments provided, please ensure that you bring outdoor clothing! For further information please contact Ed Henderson, Isle of Anglesey County Council on 01248 752106, or Kerrin Buckler of CALU 01248 680450.

EDITORS NOTE:

The Centre for Alternative Land Use (CALU) is one of a network of Farming Connect Agricultural Development Centres.

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Farming Connect offers a range of services to help farming families adapt to changes in the industry, become more sustainable and better understand the market place.

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Coed Cymru is a Wales wide initiative to use, protect and enhance our native woodlands and is supported by more than twenty statutory and voluntary bodies throughout Wales. Coed Cymru is based in The Old Sawmill, Tregynon, Newtown, SY16 3PL tel. 01686 650777

The Isle of Anglesey County Council's Landscape Improvement Grant 2003 – 2007 is funded by EAGGF Objective 1. The grant is administered by the Built and Environment and Landscape Section of the Planning Services and funds the restoration of hedgerows and traditional boundaries, and small tree planting projects. For more information phone Ed Henderson at 01248 752106.