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## Mobility Mentor Training

**Tuesday 19th March 2024** - Part One: Delivering the Healthy Feet Programme (ONLINE)

**Wednesday 24th April 2024** - Part Two: Feedback and Facilitation (FACE TO FACE, South)

**Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th June 2024** - Part One (Extended): Delivering the Healthy Feet Programme (FACE TO FACE, Cheshire)

**Thursday 31st October 2024** - Part One: Delivering the Healthy Feet Programme (ONLINE)

**Thursday 28th November 2024** - Part Two: Feedback and Facilitation (FACE TO FACE, North)



## About the Healthy Feet Programme



The AHDB Healthy Feet Programme was first launched in 2011. It followed extensive research at Bristol University (The Healthy Feet Project) in how to successfully help farmers reduce their lameness. The HFP is delivered by Mobility Mentors who are specially trained in herd lameness control and advisory skills. Since then, AHDB-funded research has further enhanced our understanding of lameness reduction. The HFP has also been extensively “road tested”, demonstrating that it works. Now entering its second phase, a refreshed HFP offers better tools, clearer materials and new Mobility Mentor training.

## Who can become a Mobility Mentor?

This course is open to anyone, however, only the following are able to become Mobility Mentors:

- Qualified vets with at least 12 months relevant experience
- CHCSB fully audited foot trimmers or Licenced NACFT trimmers (former Category 1)
- Farm consultants/advisers who have attended the Royal Agricultural University Level 4 course on Bovine lameness and professional cattle foot trimming

The Mobility Mentor training is designed to build upon a pre-existing sound and up-to-date knowledge about the lesions and aetiology of lameness. Therefore, we ask that before enrolling on Part One of the Mobility Mentor Training Programme delegates will have previously attended one of the following courses:

- BCVA Practical Lameness Solutions online course
- BCVA Advanced Lameness CPD course
- The Liverpool University CertAVP Module
- The 3 day Blowey/Bell Lameness Course
- ECBHM Lameness Module
- RAU Level 4 Bovine Lameness and Cattle Foot Trimming Course

**There is also the option to attend a two day ‘Extended Part One’ which is held face-to-face as an alternative to attending one of the above courses.**

**Mobility Mentors must also be accredited with the Register of Mobility Mentors (RoMS) prior to being eligible to completing Part Two of the Mobility Mentor Training Programme.**

## Mobility Mentor Training Programme

Mobility Mentor training consists of two separate parts which both must be undertaken in order to become a fully trained Mobility Mentor and be able to deliver the AHDB Healthy Feet Programme.

### **PART ONE: Delivering the Healthy Feet Programme**

This one-day workshop will usually be delivered as an online workshop and cover all aspects of the AHDB Healthy Feet Programme (HFP) and HFLite. Delegates will learn how to deliver the programme, familiarise themselves with the available HFP resources and learn about the provenance of the programme and the importance of facilitation and mobility scoring.

## **PART TWO: Feedback & Facilitation**

This will be a one-day, in-person, practical workshop to develop delegates' facilitation skills and enable them to facilitate farm team meetings and the development of their Mobility Contract, and then how to follow this up with the farm team to ensure its successful implementation.

***Please note that prior to attending Part Two of the training you must be RoMS accredited and also have completed a Healthy Feet Programme or Healthy Feet Lite. You will present a case study and feedback on this will form part of the day.***

## **The Course Tutors**

Nick Bell and Owen Atkinson have many years experience between them in herd lameness control. They have recently overseen a revamping of the Healthy Feet Programme and development the HFLite approach. They are recognised nationally and internationally for their expertise in this field, as well as being experienced trainers; their workshops are engaging, popular and fun.

## **Key Learning Outcomes**

On becoming a Mobility Mentor, delegates will:

- Understand the importance of lameness in the dairy industry and the role of the vet in planned healthy feet management.
- Have an in-depth knowledge of the most up to date research on lameness aetiology, risk factors and control points.
- Understand the principles of the AHDB Healthy Feet Programme.
- Develop enthusiasm and confidence to deliver the Healthy Feet Programme and HFLite to farmers.
- Learn an effective approach to herd lameness investigation and control, including assessment of four key areas: low infection pressure; a robust foot; forces on feet and early detection, prompt effective treatment (EDPET).
- Learn new advisory and coaching skills to help farmers to develop and implement their plan.

## **Register of Mobility Mentors**

An online register is kept of Mobility Mentors and these are the only people who are licensed to deliver the Healthy Feet Programme. A strong network of Mobility Mentors, supported by AHDB, is envisaged as an important plank of the UK's drive to reduce lameness in dairy cattle. As champions of lameness reduction throughout the UK, farmers will be signposted towards these individuals to help them reduce lameness.

# Registration Form

Mobility Mentor Training (2024) *Each day is limited to 10 delegates*

Name:	
Practice:	
Address:	
Tel:	Fax:
Email (this is the one you will use on the day):	

Course	BCVA Member Inc VAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-BCVA Member Inc VAT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 1 - 19th March	£216.00		£264.00	
Part 2 - 24th April	£350.00		£410.00	
Part 1 (extended) - 18th & 19th June	£500.00		£630.00	
Part 1 - 31st October	£216.00		£264.00	
Part 2 - 28th November	£350.00		£410.00	

Total £

\*Would you like to receive future CPD information from BCVA? YES  NO

Your name will be added to a Delegates List which will be distributed to other delegates on this course. Please tick here if you do NOT wish to be added to this list.

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**Method of Payment** - Please send completed forms with remittance (in £ sterling) preferably by BACS to: BCVA, Unit 17, The Glenmore Centre, Waterwells Business Park, Quedgeley, Glos, GL2 2AP. Tel: 01452 725735, Fax: 01452 725780, e-mail: [office@cattlevet.co.uk](mailto:office@cattlevet.co.uk), Web: [www.bcva.org.uk](http://www.bcva.org.uk)

**Details for Payment by BACS - Account name:** BCVA Ltd

**Sort code:** 20-33-83, **Account number:** 13495434 (Please send a remittance advice slip)

**Payment by Credit Card (We do not accept American Express)**

Credit Card: .....

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### Refund Policy for CPD bookings

*Cancellations - Please note a cancellation fee will be charged as follows:*

- Cancellation made at least 14 days before the event - no charge
- Cancellation made between 7-14 days of the event - 20% of the event fee charged
- Cancellation made within 7 days - event charged in full.

*Transfers - Transfers can be accepted without charge if made at least 14 days before the event. Transfers made at least 7 days before the event attract a 10% charge and within the 7 day period before the event, a 30% charge will be made.*