

# News story: APHA exhibition stands at industry shows in 2019

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) will be exhibiting at a number of livestock, agricultural, horticultural, bee and veterinary shows in 2019.

## **Agricultural shows**

APHA Veterinary staff will be attending the following livestock industry and agricultural shows:

These shows are an important way for us to meet livestock keepers and answer questions on their animal health and welfare concerns. We can also raise awareness of current disease threats, for example from [African Swine Fever](#), and discuss our [Surveillance](#) services and Field Operation work to help vets to detect, diagnose and control both endemic and exotic diseases in livestock.

Anyone can sign up for [free disease alerts](#) for exotic diseases.

## **Veterinary show**

APHA will be exhibiting at the [London Vet Show](#) on 14 and 15 November at the Excel Centre in east London. We attend this annual event, alongside our colleagues from the [Veterinary Medicines Directorate](#), to raise awareness of the veterinary and para-veterinary careers across the [Government Veterinary Services](#) network. We also talk to attendees about the range of [APHA surveillance](#), diagnostic and veterinary services.

## **Horticultural shows**

The APHA Plant Health and Seeds Inspectorate will be attending a wide range of plant/horticulture industry shows to raise awareness of new and emerging plant health threats, changes to legislation and biosecurity best practice.

The shows are as follows:

- 12 – 14 April 2019: [RHS Cardiff Flower Show](#) Bute Gardens, Cardiff
- 5 – 7 June 2019: [Fresh Produce Show](#) Grosvenor House in London
- 5 – 9 June 2019: [RHS Chatsworth Flower Show](#) Chatsworth House, Derbyshire
- 18 – 19 June 2019: [HTA National Plant Show](#) Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
- 17 July 2019: [Fruit Focus](#) East Malling Research, Kent
- 22 – 25 July 2019: [Royal Welsh Show](#) (in the Horticulture Pavilion) Builth Wells, Wales
- 31 July-4 August 2019: [RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show](#) RHS Hyde Hall Chelmsford, Essex
- 16 – 18 August 2019: [RHS Rosemoor](#) RHS Rosemoor, Torrington, Devon
- 3 – 4 September 2019: [Four Oaks Trade Show](#) Macclesfield, Cheshire

- 2 October 2019: [South West Growers Show](#) Matford Centre, Exeter, Devon
- 16 – 17 October 2019: [Aquatics Trade Show](#) Telford International Centre
- 7 November 2019: [GroSouth Horticultural Exhibition](#) Roundstone Nurseries, Chichester, West Sussex.
- 19 November 2019: [Futurescape](#) Sandown Park racecourse, Surrey
- 20 – 21 November 2019: [British Potato Show](#) Yorkshire Event Centre in Harrogate
- Date and venue to be confirmed: [ICL/HTA Horticultural Science Live](#) (Palmstead)

For further information on the shows page please view the shows websites (listed above) or contact APHA Corporate Communications by email [apha.corporatecommunications@apha.gov.uk](mailto:apha.corporatecommunications@apha.gov.uk) for other enquiries.

## Bee shows

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## [News story: NHS patients to get faster access to pioneering treatments](#)

New improvements to the Accelerated Access Collaborative (AAC) will put the most promising medicines, diagnostic tools and digital services through the clinical development and regulatory approval process faster.

The [AAC was set up in 2018](#) to speed up the time it takes for patients to benefit from ground-breaking products for conditions such as cancer, dementia and diabetes.

It will now become the new umbrella organisation for UK health innovation. It will act as the 'front door' for innovators looking to get their products funded by the NHS and will provide support to overcome barriers that can prevent the best medical innovations from reaching patients.

To do this, a new unit in NHS England and NHS Improvement will be established, led by Dr Sam Roberts as chief executive.

The new AAC will:

- implement a system to identify the best new innovations and make sure the NHS is ready to make use of them
- set up a single point of call for innovators working inside or outside the NHS, so they can understand the system and where to go for support
- signal the needs of clinicians and patients, so innovators know which problems they need to solve
- establish a globally leading testing infrastructure, so innovators can generate the evidence they need to get their products into the NHS
- oversee a health innovation funding strategy that ensures public money

- is focused on the areas of greatest impact for the NHS and patients
- support the NHS to more quickly adopt clinically and cost-effective innovations, to ensure patients get access to the best new treatments and technologies faster than ever before

The AAC has already selected and supported 12 [‘rapid uptake products’](#) to increase their use within the NHS. This includes a blood test for pre-eclampsia, which can diagnose the condition earlier in pregnancy and significantly reduce life-threatening complications.

Together the products have the potential to improve the lives of around 500,000 patients and save the NHS up to £30 million.

Health Minister Nicola Blackwood said:

I want the NHS to be at the forefront of cutting-edge treatments and medical innovations – but often it can take too long for products to get from the bench to the bedside.

The Accelerated Access Collaborative will speed up this process so patients and the NHS can be the first in the world to benefit from the most transformative technologies and treatments as part of our Long Term Plan.

Lord David Prior, chair of NHS England, said:

Our ambition is very clear: the NHS will be the most innovative health care system in the world with much easier access and much quicker uptake of new and innovative products. This applies to therapeutics, diagnostics, digital devices and our whole supply chain. It is a top priority for the NHS.

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## [News story: Home Office seeks law change to give police more confidence to pursue suspects](#)

The Home Office is seeking to change the law to ensure that highly trained police drivers, chasing suspected criminals on the roads, and driving to the very high standard required by their training, are better protected from the risk of lengthy investigation and potential prosecution.

Home Secretary Sajid Javid plans to introduce a new legal test aimed at

giving police drivers greater confidence to pursue suspects, including those on mopeds.

Current laws do not recognise the training that police response drivers undertake and the tactics they may have to employ to respond to emergencies and pursue criminals.

Police drivers are currently held to the same standards as members of the public and have to rely on the discretion of the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to avoid misconduct investigations and criminal prosecution.

Any changes will make it clear that officers should not be held accountable for the driving of a suspected criminal attempting to avoid arrest, providing the pursuit is justified and proportionate.

The move follows a [public consultation](#) which saw the overwhelming majority of respondents back the proposals. Home Secretary Sajid Javid said:

It's vital police officers feel confident and protected when pursuing suspects on the roads or responding to an emergency.

It's also crucial that we send a clear message that criminals – whether in cars or on mopeds – cannot escape arrest simply by driving recklessly.

These proposed changes will strike the right balance – giving trained officers the confidence they need to fight crime effectively and ensure our roads are safe.

In summary, the changes will seek to:

- introduce a new legal test so that an officer's driving is compared to that of a competent and careful police driver with the same level of training performing the same role, rather than a member of the public
- apply to all police officers trained to response driver level as well as advance driver level, therefore covering those pursuing criminals and also emergency police responders

In addition the government will look to review the various emergency service exemptions to traffic law to ensure they remain fit for purpose.

National Chair of the Police Federation of England and Wales, John Apter, said:

We are pleased and reassured by this announcement, which means police officers will be able to spend more time serving their communities rather than facing lengthy court proceedings simply for doing their job.

Police officers are relied upon to respond to emergency and life-threatening situations.

Members of the public would expect police officers to use their skills and training to respond to calls for assistance and a much needed change in the law will enable officers to do that without fear of prosecution.

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## [News story: Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy welcomes the Committee on Climate Change 'Net Zero' report](#)

Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy welcomes the Committee on Climate Change 'Net Zero' report – GOV.UK

Greg Clark welcomes the Committee on Climate Change 'Net Zero' report.



This government committed to legislating for a net zero emissions target in its [Clean Growth Strategy](#) and last year [wrote](#) to the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) asking for advice on whether we should set a date.

Today the CCC published its advice recommending a 2050 net zero emissions target.

Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Greg Clark said:

Few subjects unite people across generations and borders like

climate change and I share the passion of those wanting to halt its catastrophic effects.

One of our proudest achievements as a country is our position as a world-leader in tackling this global challenge, being the first country to raise the issue on the international stage, introduce long-term legally-binding climate reduction targets and cutting emissions further than all other G20 countries. Today's report recognises the work we've done to lay the foundations to build a net zero economy, from generating record levels of low carbon electricity to our ambitious plans to transition to electric vehicles.

To continue the UK's global leadership we asked the CCC to advise the Government on how and when we could achieve net zero. This report now sets us on a path to become the first major economy to legislate to end our contribution to global warming entirely.

## **Additional information**

- We are convinced of the urgency of action on climate change, which is why we [asked](#) for this advice from the Committee on Climate Change last October.
- We are not immediately accepting the recommendations set out in the Committee on Climate Change's detailed report but will be responding in due course to ensure the UK continues to be a world leader in tackling climate change.
- The UK is committed to tackling climate change and we are a world leader in cutting emissions while creating wealth. Between 1990 and 2017, the UK reduced its emissions by over 40 per cent while growing the economy by more than two thirds.
- In October 2017, we published our [Clean Growth Strategy](#), setting out our plans for meeting our carbon targets and our ambition to legislate for a net zero emissions target. Since then we have continued to bring forward new policy and deliver on the strategy.
- We also put clean growth at the heart of our modern [Industrial Strategy](#) through making it one of four 'Grand Challenges', boosted by significant innovation funding.
- We've heard the urgent calls to protect our wildlife and habitats, and we are already acting to do so. Our ambitious [25 Year Environment Plan](#) outlines our commitment to supporting and protecting the world's most biodiverse forests, supporting sustainable agriculture and enhancing sustainability, and supporting zero-deforestation supply chains.
- As the Environment Secretary said, the transition to a clean economy "will require us to change the way in which our energy is generated, change the way in which our homes are built, change the way in which our land is managed and farming operates. But that change is absolutely necessary."
- We are playing a leading role internationally, at COP24 in Katowice, we reached global agreement on a robust and transparent rulebook to drive genuine climate action.

- As a world leader in clean growth, we recognise the need to ensure the momentum generated by the Paris Agreement is maintained. Everyone is feeling the impacts of climate change and we know that we need to work with other countries, civil society and businesses to drive ambitious action together.
- To energise the country we've set a date for this year's [Green GB Week](#). From 4 November all parts of society will be hosting events to showcase the challenge and the opportunities of moving to a greener, cleaner economy. More information can be found [here](#).
- We have therefore offered to host [COP26](#) in 2020, and we are committed to ensuring it is a success.

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