

## **New Non-Executive Commissioner to the Forestry Commission appointed**

Paul Brannen appointed for a three-year term

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## **Research: Peste des petits ruminants in Europe**

Preliminary and updated outbreak assessments for peste des petits ruminants in Europe.

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## **Inheritance tax reliefs threshold to rise to £2.5m for farmers and businesses**

£1m Agricultural and Business Property Reliefs threshold increased to £2.5m from April 2026 – allowing spouses or civil partners to pass on up to £5m in qualifying agricultural or business assets between them

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## **UK secures additional £8 million in valuable fishing opportunities for 2026**

The UK has secured bilateral fisheries agreements with Norway and the Faroe Islands for 2026, worth approximately £8 million in historic UK landing prices.

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## **Bird flu (avian influenza): latest situation in England**

Find out about the latest bird flu situation in England and guidance for bird keepers and the public.