

## Animal medicine seizure notice: Essex Vets

The following unauthorised product was seized following a routine inspection of a veterinary practice:

- 1 x 10ml Busol 0.004mg/ml (part used)

The UK authorised version of Busol is used to induce ovulation and improve conception rates in cattle, horses and rabbits.

This is not a UK authorised product. This is an offence under regulation 26 (Possession of an unauthorised veterinary medicinal product) of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013.

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## Kenya closes its first ever green bond

The Ksh 4.3 billion bond, a first for East Africa, is a milestone in Kenya's transition to a low-carbon economy, and national vision of being a centre of financial excellence in the region.

The UK has been working with the Kenyan government to develop capital markets and attract the private finance needed to deliver on the Big 4 Agenda. Since 2015, UK aid has funded FSD Africa's work with the Capital Markets Authority and their green bond programme, which created the regulatory framework for green bonds in Kenya.

Speaking at an event celebrating the bond closing, British High Commissioner to Kenya Jane Marriott said:

I am delighted to help mark the arrival of East Africa's first ever green bond here in Kenya today, which has been delivered with support from the UK.

This brings together two of the UK and Kenya's partnership priorities: strengthening our economic partnership and working together to respond to climate change.

This bond will result in Ksh 4.3 billion supporting a Big 4 Agenda priority, investing in affordable, environmentally friendly housing for 5,000 students in Nairobi. This is great news for young Kenyans continuing their educations, and good news for the planet we share.

Issued by Acorn Holdings, the bond has been certified as green by the UK Climate Bonds Initiative due to its expected contribution to reducing carbon emissions, after funding and support from UK aid. The bond is also the first Kenyan corporate bond rated by an international ratings agency.

UK aid funded GuarantCo has also provided a partial guarantee to reduce the risk to investors who buy into the bond. This helped to raise the full amount of the bond and make it a success.

UK Secretary of State for International Development Alok Sharma said:

The UK is mobilising private sector investment to help African nations make the most of their enormous potential. We are leading the way in the listing of green bonds, with over 100 bonds listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The growth of the green bond market in East Africa is supporting vital climate resilient infrastructure and helping provide 5,000 students in Kenya with environmentally-friendly, affordable housing. I look forward to building on this success at the UK-Africa Investment Summit next year.

CEO of Acorn Holdings Ltd Edward M. Kirathe said:

Acorn is delighted to have successfully pioneered the issuance of Green bonds in Kenya. We are truly grateful for the unprecedented support we have received from UK DFID supported entities – especially GuarantCo and FSD Africa without which it would not have been possible to bring this bond to Market.

This is an example of how the UK is sharing its experience of delivering clean growth, having cut our emissions by over 43% whilst growing the economy by 71% since 1990. The UK was the first country to introduce legally binding emission reduction targets through the 2008 Climate Change Act.

## **Further information**

- The UK is one of Kenya's largest bilateral donors. Through UK aid, we are helping those living in poverty in Kenya to build institutions, create jobs, reduce the risk of poverty among marginalised people, increase climate resilience, and solve social challenges through the private sector.
- Acorn is a Kenya-based real estate development company, which has closed the country's first certified green bond, raising finance for the construction of environmentally-friendly student accommodation in Nairobi. This is a landmark moment for the "Green Bonds Programme Kenya", a partner initiative between Financial Sector Deepening Africa (which is backed by UK aid), Kenya Bankers Association, Nairobi Securities Exchange, Climate Bonds Initiative and the Dutch Development

Bank.

- Financial Sector Deepening Africa, a not-for-profit organisation which works in 28 countries, has helped more than 3 million people, 39% of whom are female, get better access to financial services like bank accounts and loans. It is 100% funded by the UK Government and has also supported financial technology firms, pension funds and payment platforms.
- GuarantCo is a facility of the Private Infrastructure Development Group, which is majority funded by the UK Government. GuarantCo provides innovative local currency contingent credit solutions, including guarantees to banks and bond investors to develop local capital markets.
- Home to the City of London, the world's most innovative and most international financial centre, the UK can play a uniquely valuable role in attracting private investment in support of Kenya's development priorities. The Africa Investment Summit, which the UK will host in January, will be the next major milestone in expanding our financing offer to the continent.
- Last week, the UK's International Development Secretary announced a new UK aid package to help mobilise £500 million in private sector investment and create 50,000 jobs across sub-Saharan Africa. The support will help small financial services businesses and entrepreneurs to grow, creating jobs and boosting economic growth.
- The British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, last week also announced that the UK will increase its support to International Climate Finance to at least £11.6 billion over the next five years. This comes ahead of the UK hosting COP26 in Glasgow in 2020.

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## New Fintech envoy appointed for Northern Ireland

Andrew Jenkins, Director of mobility data and analytics company Arity, has today (Friday 4 October) been appointed as the government's new Fintech Envoy for Northern Ireland.

Fintech is one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK economy, and Northern Ireland is increasingly recognised as an important destination for new development and investment in Fintech, with over 36,000 people employed in the financial services sector.

Mr Jenkins will become the lead ambassador for Northern Ireland's thriving Fintech sector, promoting it as a place for firms to develop and grow their business. The appointment, made by the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, John Glen, underlines the UK government's unwavering commitment to the Union as the UK prepares for Brexit, as well as promoting Northern Ireland as a great place to do business.

The Economic Secretary to the Treasury, John Glen, said:

Fintech is vital to the future of financial services, and we want every corner of the UK to be able to harness its power.

I want to congratulate Andrew on taking up his new role as Fintech Envoy, where he will play a critical role in helping the sector to grow and flourish in Belfast and beyond.

I have no doubt that he will build on the success of the existing envoys in ensuring that we remain a world leader in Fintech and at the cutting edge of the digital revolution.

Fintech Envoy for Northern Ireland, Andrew Jenkins, said:

I am honoured to be chosen as the Fintech Envoy for Northern Ireland, where I will collaborate with the sector here to harness our incredible potential to lead the region and beyond in Fintech expertise and offerings.

I will work to bring together business and civic leaders to invest in leading edge technologies and applications, focusing on emerging capabilities in blockchain, artificial intelligence and data security, to further grow the sector in Northern Ireland.

Our mandate as part of the UK Fintech strategy is to capitalise on what we have already have in place here in Northern Ireland. With strong government support, close collaboration between big companies and start-ups and a world class workforce, Northern Ireland has the potential to become the best place in the world to start and build a Fintech company.

Financial Technology – or Fintech – refers to the new innovations made in financial services which are giving people greater choice and control over their finances. This includes areas like digital banking, payment technologies, peer-to-peer lending and crowdfunding platforms.

Mr Jenkins has more than 20 years of experience in the technology sector, including the financial services, utilities, insurance, telecoms and transportation sectors. In his current role at Arity, a company founded by The Allstate Corporation, he leads work to harness mobility data to create more relevant and safer mobility experiences for everyone. He will take over the role from Georgina O’Leary, who was appointed to the role in May 2018.

He will join the current envoys based around the UK in championing the power of Fintech:

- David Ferguson, CEO of Nucleus Financial, and Louise Smith, Head of Intelligent Automation at RBS (envoys for Scotland)

- David Duffy, CEO of CYBG (envoy for England)
- Chris Sier, Chairman of Fintech North (envoy for the Northern Powerhouse)
- Richard Theo, CEO of Wealthify (envoy for Wales)

## **Further information**

Fintech is the apps, computer programs and other technologies that support and improve how we bank and access finance. It encompasses innovation in financial services such as crowdfunding, e-banking, payment technologies, peer-to-peer lending, and cryptocurrencies.

Fintech is one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK economy, contributing nearly £7 billion to GDP and employing 76,500 people across the country. The UK has been independently ranked as the world's leading hub for Fintech – the best place in the world to start and grow a Fintech firm.

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## **Three Commissioners appointed to the Historic England board**

### **Sue Wilkinson**

Sue was an executive board director at the National Trust until the end of 2016 and was the executive board lead on tourism, representing the Trust on a number of tourism industry fora.

Sue was responsible for membership, fundraising, volunteering and participation and during her career with the Trust she oversaw the growth of membership to nearly 5 million members, led the Trust's marketing, visitor experience and customer service teams and ran a number of successful fundraising campaigns. She also delivered several multi-million pound IT projects and led a successful brand review. Sue is currently a trustee of the Canal & River Trust and chairs the annual Living Waterways Awards.

Sue is also deputy chair of the Churches Conservation Trust, a board director of the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (ALVA) and a trustee of the Medical Research Foundation. Until 2018 she was a trustee at the Greenwich Foundation with responsibility for the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich and in earlier years she served on the Visit England Board and as a trustee of the Institute of Fundraising.

### **Helena Hamerow**

Helena Hamerow is Professor of Early Medieval Archaeology in the Faculty of History and the School of Archaeology, University of Oxford. She is also a Fellow of St Cross College, where she was Vice-Master from 2005-2008. She

served as Head of the School of Archaeology from 2010 to 2013, during which time she served on the Board of Visitors of the Ashmolean Museum and the Board of Curators of the Bodleian Libraries.

Helena is a former President of the Society for Medieval Archaeology and Vice-President of the Royal Archaeological Institute. Her research interests lie in the economy, villages and farming practices of rural communities in northwest Europe during the Early Middle Ages. Helena is on the Board of Directors of Oxford Archaeology, on the Board of Visitors of the Pitt Rivers Museum and is an elected member of the Council of the University of Oxford. She was appointed as a Historic England Commissioner in 2019.

## **Ben Derbyshire**

Ben Derbyshire is Chair at HTA Design LLP, a design consultancy to the home building industry specialising in Creative Collaboration between its multidisciplinary team, clients, communities and other professionals. A member of the practice since 1976 and a partner since 1986, Ben became a main board director when the practice incorporated in 1998 and was appointed Managing Director of HTA Architects Ltd in 2005.

Ben became Chair and Managing Partner of HTA Design LLP when it was formed in 2013 until 2016 and now acts as its Chair. He has built up broad-ranging expertise through involvement in much of HTA's work in regeneration, master-planning, housing and mixed use design across all sectors. Ben leads the practice's internal design review processes and heads up its marketing effort.

Other recent posts include:

- President of RIBA, between September 2017- August 2019, having been elected onto Council in 2014, and becoming President Elect in August 2016. The RIBA is a global professional membership body driving excellence in architecture.
- Chair of the Housing Forum between March 2013 – March 2016, having served as a board member from March 2011. The Housing Forum is a cross-sector, industry-wide organisation with 150 member organisations, from both public and private sectors.
- Trustee of The London Society between March 2013 – April 2016. The London Society is a membership organisation established to encourage public interest and participation in urban planning and transport as well as to study and celebrate the capital's unique history and character.
- Board member of Design for Homes between April – 2010 – April 2016. Design for Homes champions the value of good design in the housing industry. It owns the Building for Life quality standard and promotes

the highly regarded annual Housing Design Awards.

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These roles are remunerated at £4,133 per annum. These appointments have been made in accordance with the Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments. The process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Government's Governance Code requires that any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years is declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation or candidature for election. Sue, Helena and Ben have made no such declarations.

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## **Committee Members reappointed to the Advisory Committee on National Records and Archives**

### **Dr Helen Forde**

Helen Forde worked as an archivist in local government archives, private archives and finally at The National Archives where she was in charge of what is now Collections Care. She was both chairman and president of the professional archives organisation – the Archives and Records Association – and worked extensively overseas with the International Council on Archives.

Helen taught postgraduates on the archives course at University College London for many years and after retirement worked with the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, The Postal Museum and Banbury Museum. She is the author of numerous articles on archive preservation as well as historical subjects.

### **Jeannette Strickland**

Jeannette Strickland is an independent archive and records consultant. A qualified archivist and records manager, she has worked in local government and for a major charity and for 20 years was Head of Art, Archives & Records Management for Unilever PLC. She took Unilever Archives & Records Management successfully through submissions for Designation of Unilever's collections (Arts Council) and The National Archives' Accreditation process; implemented a digital preservation programme; and was responsible for writing the company's record retention policy and global retention schedule.

She has written several papers and chapters for academic texts, spoken at a number of conferences, organised the International Council on Archives'

Section for Business Archives conference in 2014 and taught on the postgraduate archive training programme at University College Dublin.

Active throughout her career in both the Archives & Records Association (ARA) and the Business Archives Council, her current professional activities include membership of ARA's Archive Services' Accreditation Committee, ARA's Qualifications Accreditation Panel and acting as a Mentor to several candidates on the ARA Registration Scheme. She is also studying for a PhD in History at the University of Liverpool.

These roles are remunerated at £386 a day for up to 24 days a year. This reappointment has been made in accordance with the Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments. The process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Government's Governance Code requires that any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years is declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation or candidature for election. Ben has made no such declarations.