

Lameness is the most significant welfare problem on UK dairy farms. It is also the second most costly disease of dairy cows after mastitis. Farm workers need to be able to identify and treat lame cows promptly and effectively. This has been shown to be the single most effective measure on farms to reduce lameness.

A 3-day course, delivered by BCVA Accredited Foot Health Trainer, Sarah Smith, in partnership with a CHCSB Accredited Foot trimmer & Instructor covering:

- Anatomical overview and lesion development
- Tools for the job (including knife sharpening) and grinder use
- Mobility scoring overview
- Recognition of lesions causing lameness and recording
- Handling, lifting and examination of a foot
- The 5-step method
- Treatment protocols: Block choice and NSAID administration (including vet referral)
- Practical trimming and lesion treatment/blocking
- Lameness prevention: Success Factors

This course is accredited for those doing routine trims on Sainsburys dairy farms.

