

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

NEWS RELEASE

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R.A.B.I TO FAST-TRACK HELP TO FLOOD-AFFECTED FARMERS

For the second time in a month, farming charity R.A.B.I is releasing money from its Crisis Fund to provide emergency grants to farming families via its Helpline 0808 281 9490.

The decision to offer emergency payments to those affected by the latest flooding comes on the back of a sustained period of wet weather which has put a strain on many rural communities, particularly in the North of England and Midlands. As of today, Monday November 11, there are currently five severe flood warnings across the UK – all associated with the River Don – as well as 39 flood warnings and 99 flood alerts.

Alicia Chivers, R.A.B.I CEO, said: “We are working closely with other farming organisations to make help available quickly to people who need it. By simplifying our criteria and application process, we will fast-track assistance to farmers affected by the latest floods.

“Having provided over £25,000 in emergency grants due to the flooding in Yorkshire, we know how devastating the impact of extreme weather can be for farmers.”

Since mid-October, R.A.B.I has also given emergency grants from its Crisis Fund to 15 families affected by Tomlinson’s Dairies going into administration, with applications still coming in.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I) is the agricultural sector’s oldest and largest charity, offering support, practical care and guidance to farming people of all ages.

To apply for assistance, call R.A.B.I’s confidential Freephone Helpline 0808 281 9490.

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Notes for Editors:

1. R.A.B.I – the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution – has been providing support to farming families since 1860. Support is offered in confidence to farming people of all ages and includes guidance, practical care and financial assistance, including one-off and regular grants.
2. Extreme weather, illness, accidents, family breakdown, animal disease, bereavement and cash flow problems are just some of the reasons why working people approach us for help.
3. We support the elderly, sick and disabled in various ways, such as paying home help costs or contributing towards care home top-up fees. We own two residential care homes of our own, Manson House in Bury St Edmunds and Beaufort House in Burnham-on-Sea.
4. Our work is funded by voluntary income, including donations from individuals, businesses, charitable trusts and fundraising activity by supporters / county committees, as well as investment income and legacies. To find out more visit www.rabi.org.uk

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