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## Information Sheet

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Hi to all members -

As autumn ends and winter approaches, we are writing this update while busy making gritting and snow ploughing arrangements for the winter. The weather men have made no secret of the forecasted hard winter coming up so if you are able to offer gritting or snowploughing or indeed require these services then please get in touch with the ring office.

If the wet weather sees you doing paperwork, why not try the automated system on the members section of the ring website - [www.lothianmachineryring.co.uk](http://www.lothianmachineryring.co.uk) - it really is very straightforward and much quicker than posting work tickets to us. If you would like to try the online system for the first time then feel free to phone the office and we would be happy to talk you through it.

The increase in fuel ordering through the Ring has continued throughout the year, and if you don't currently order your fuel through the Ring, why not phone the ring for a quote for all your fuel supplies, you have nothing to lose!

On the subject of fuel, many of you will be aware that from January 2011 Gas Oil, (red diesel), must contain less than 10 milligrams of sulphur per kilo of fuel (ie virtually sulphur free). The reason for this is to meet EU cleaner air quality emissions requirements.

Gas oil used for heating or stationary equipment will not change however some fuel suppliers may for logistical reasons choose to supply sulphur free gas oil for these applications as well.

Road Diesel (derv) is already sulphur free and it is anticipated that suppliers will supply the new style of Gas Oil as Road Diesel but with the red excise marker dye added. As Road Diesel already contains some Biodiesel (up to 7%), Gas Oil by default will also have 7% Biofuel in it. You may not however be aware that this new mixture requires improved storage 'housekeeping' arrangements. It is recommended that the contents of a tank are 'turned over every six months, and certainly every year. This may have implications for those members who may leave fuel for long periods, eg in a grain dryer. There is a possible solution to this problem in the form of additives and the ring has suppliers who have this additive available to members. Please see the ring website ([www.lothianmachineryring.co.uk](http://www.lothianmachineryring.co.uk)) for the full EU Directive.

With regard to communication, more and more ring members have asked us to continue exploring communication with members by email. We have been trialling this system for some time now with a large number of members and it has been very successful. If you are not currently receiving information by this method and are now able to, please let us know by emailing [jenny@lothianmachineryring.co.uk](mailto:jenny@lothianmachineryring.co.uk) and we will add you to the growing email distribution list. This is proving to be a quick and cost effective way for the ring to keep members up to date with news and special member offers.

List of members/Guide Prices/Regulations of Membership - if at any time you require any of these items, then please let us know and we will get a copy to you.

We have included a few notes about various services and special discounts on offer through Lothian Machinery Ring in this information sheet. Please let the ring office know if you would like to promote your products or services in our next information sheet.

Email – Frank@, Gordon@ or Jenny@lothianmachineryring.co.uk



# CASE IH AND SCOTTISH MACHINERY RING ASSOCIATION WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



For more details about our products and personalised Safeguard coverage for your Case IH machinery, contact your nearest Case IH dealer.

[www.caseih.com](http://www.caseih.com)

CASE IH. For those who demand more.

Following the innovative new deal with S.M.R.A. (Scottish Machinery Ring Association), we are delighted to report that in the second year of operation (which ends 30<sup>th</sup> Nov) we already have 9 members eligible for a rebate from CASE IH. The first year showed 7 sales and resulted in a rebate to LMR members of £4484 – with individual payments ranging from £200 to £1064.

So if you are considering buying a new tractor, baler or combine and want to save some money, read on.

The scheme works as follows – ring members negotiate their own deal with their own preferred dealer as you would normally. On completion of the deal, a welcome fixed rebate will be payable.

Your negotiations will not affect the amount of rebate payable. The rebate amount varies from £140 to £2515 and is dependant on the model of equipment you purchase.  
CASE IH UK have branches at the following locations in our area –

Albamec in Biggar & Stirling  
J Rutherford in Earlston, East Linton and Swinton Mill

Contact your local CASE dealer or LMR at the Ring office for more information on the Case Managed Farm Account Scheme.

#### Ring members offering members' discounts

##### Agriparts

Baxter Johnson Oils  
Beatson Building Supplies  
GAP Plant Hire

Greenstone Energy Solutions Ltd  
Hamilton Waste Skip Hire  
Highland Fuels  
Industrial Services Scotland

New Life Tyres  
Nixon Plant Hire  
Rix Petroleum  
Saltire Safety & Security  
Scottish Fuels  
Utility Warehouse  
Wolseley Building Supplies

If you use any other suppliers regularly that are not ring members and you think other members could benefit then why not contact Frank at the ring office (or [Frank@lothianmachineryring.co.uk](mailto:Frank@lothianmachineryring.co.uk)) so he can arrange a visit to them explaining the benefits of ring membership.

#### Dates for your diary –

LMR AGM – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Swanston Golf Club at 7pm ( \*\* NEW \*\* fork buffet following AGM)

#### L.M.R Training Services Ltd

If you have not already booked your training requirements for the coming months, then please get in touch with Gordon at the ring office ([Gordon@lothianmachineryring.co.uk](mailto:Gordon@lothianmachineryring.co.uk)). Here's a selection of our most popular courses and if there is something specific you would like, please let us know and we will strive to tailor make our courses to meet your requirements -

##### Estate Maintenance

Abrasive Wheels/Welding (Electric, Oxy & MIG)  
Mowers/ (Ride on, Pedestrian & Gang)  
Brush cutters /Strimmers  
Chainsaws (all units)/Wood Chipper/Stump grinder/Winch  
Mobile Elevated Work Platforms/Harness & Fall Arrest/Scaffolding (All Types)  
Dry Stone Dyking  
Vermin Control

##### Vehicles

A.T.V./Quad Bikes/Gator (sit in and sit astride)  
Backhoe 180/Excavators 360 (wheeled & tracked)/Loading Shovels/Dumper trucks (1 tonne to Moxey)/ Road Rollers (ride on and pedestrian)  
Tractor Driving/Fork Lift Trucks (all groups)

##### Pesticides (F.E.P.A)

Safe use of pesticides (PA1) and all applicator courses including Fogging/Misting/Smokes



Health and Safety plays a very important role in all aspects of food production and indications are that H.S.E. involvement will not decrease. L.M.R. is experiencing a rise in demand for courses relating to food production.

Health & Safety Executive

Safety Awareness

Health & Safety (manual handling/risk assessment)

Safe Use of Ladders

All First aid including Defibrillation

Food Hygiene

And whilst on the topic of Health and Safety, we were recently shown the attached photograph which made us smile –



#### Members' For Sale & Wanted Items

The following items are currently appearing on the ring website ([www.lothianmachineryring.co.uk](http://www.lothianmachineryring.co.uk)) If you would like to purchase any items or indeed advertise items for sale, then please get in touch with the ring office.

Category	For Sale	Area	Approx £
Trailers	Twin axle box trailer. Dimensions, width 6ft, length 10ft 4ins, height 6ft	Broxburn	£450
Pickup	Truck top for Ford Ranger Pickup	Broxburn	£150
Tractor Mounted Sprayer	Allman 200lt tractor mounted sprayer	West Lothian	£400 ono
Stone Seperator	Reekie 330 Stone Seperator with spares	East Lothian	£1500 ono
Grain Dresser	Law-Denis D 101 10 tonne per hour grain dresser Although taken down a few years ago this dresser has not done a great deal of work, and has been stored in a dry shed.It comes complete with stand and all the attachments and can be delivered.	East Lothian	offers

Combine Side Knife	Matrot sideknife for a combine harvester for sale, (for cutting through oilseed rape). It has only done two seasons and is in excellent condition	Winchburgh	£500
Fencing Materials	wooden fencing stobs - square and round (collected)	Broxburn	offers
Fencing Materials	10 rolls of barbed wire (collected)	Broxburn	offers
Fencing Materials	3 new gates (collected)	Broxburn	offers
Road Metal	rough road metal for filling in farm tracks	Broxburn	offers
Feed Mixer	Scotmec half tonne feed mixer complete with discharge auger-three phase	Pathhead	offers
Cultiterra	Lely cultiterra - four metres wide complete with flexi coil	Pathhead	offers
Big Bag Lifter	RHPSB 1000 big bag lifter single and double acting	Pathhead	offers
Gloss Paint (5l)	5L Buckingham green gloss paint mixed at Houstoun Paint Co. Wrong colour ordered. Small donation to RSABI secures	Broxburn	donation
Slurry Seperator	Bauer Screw Seperator. Slurry Seperator c/w high capacity submersible pump. Hardly used, excellent condition	Kirkliston	offers
Slurry Irrigator	Slurry Irrigator reel and rain gun, approx 400m	Kirkliston	offers
Grain Bucket	large capacity grain bucket, 8 feet wide	Winchburgh	£400
Tripping Trailer	Weeks tipping trailer for tractor. 2 wheel, small approx 3 tons	Winchburgh	£550
Scaffolding	Large quantity of 'Quicklock' scaffolding for sale or hire, enough to do several houses. Included are 600 scaffold battens	Bathgate	£15,000 can be split into smaller lots
Straw Bedding Machine	Straw bedding machine called 'Spread a Bale' made by Simba 2008 model. Never used. Price when new approx. £10,000 now for sale at £7,000 ono	Kirknewton	£7,000 ono
Roller Door	14ft x 14ft Roller Door	Broxburn	£300
3 Phase Augers	3 Phase Augers 20ft by 4inches, working condition	Broxburn	£200 each
Car Trailer	Hazelwood car trailer good condition twin axle 10 feet by 4 and a half feet	Broxburn	£700
Mercedes Lorry	Mercedes lorry under 7 and half ton with working tail lift, suitable for motorbikes etc	Broxburn	£2500 ono
Bale Grab	8 bale grab, working order,	Broxburn	£250
Bale Sledge	Flat 8 bale sledge working order	Broxburn	£450
Bale Trailer	56 Bale trailer working order	Broxburn	£500
<b>Category</b>	<b>Wanted</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Approx £</b>
Root Crop Bucket	Root Crop Bucket	Biggar	

### New Members update

The following have all joined the ring since the last newsletter –

#### Keyline Builders Merchants

Paddy Crerar t/a Newmains Farm, Stenton, Dunbar, EH42 1TQ

Agrihire, Unit 4D Bandeath Ind Estate, Throsk, Stirling, FK7 7NP

JB Construction Services, Bandeath Ind Estate, Throsk, Stirling, FK7 7NP

W & AM Aitken, Scotstounbank Farm, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, EH46 7DF



## **THINKING OF BUYING A NEW PICK-UP, 4X4 OR CAR THEN WHY NOT TRY A.F. NOBLE & SON**

**They have recently joined Lothian Machinery Ring  
and are (for an initial period to 28th Feb 2011)  
Offering a **£450 Rebate** on any new Isuzu or  
Subaru purchased by any **L.M.R member****

To receive your rebate, simply make your own deal with A.F. Noble & Son and then let them know that you are a member of L.M.R. Followed by a phone call to us at L.M.R on 0131 339 8730 and we will arrange for your rebate to be paid direct to your account

### **Alex F Noble & Son**

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