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## Natural England encouragement for CRRU Wildlife Aware initiative

The recently launched Wildlife Aware training for rural pest controllers, developed by the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) and accredited by BASIS, has received the backing of Natural England chief executive Dr Helen Phillips. While visiting the CRRU stand at the Oxford Farming Conference, she welcomed the contribution that the training promised towards her organisation's responsibility to protect wildlife.

"In the farming sector, our role includes protecting the environment and eliminating detrimental activities," said Dr Phillips. "The availability to farmers and land managers of BASIS-accredited Wildlife Aware pest controllers is very supportive of these priorities."

On a practical level, Natural England senior wildlife adviser Paul Butt says responsible and effective rodent control are one and the same thing. "Short, sharp and properly monitored treatments are the cornerstone of the Wildlife Aware approach," he says. "It is the way to maximise both effectiveness and responsible practice."

The first CRRU Wildlife Aware course takes place on Wednesday 10th February at Killgerm Training, Ossett, West Yorkshire. The one-day course offers an easy-to-follow code of practice for responsible and effective rodent pest control, and an update on essential knowledge and recent developments. Course places can be booked with BASIS ([sue@basis-reg.co.uk](mailto:sue@basis-reg.co.uk)) or Killgerm Training ([training@killgerm.com](mailto:training@killgerm.com)).

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Photo (high res JPG available from Phil Christopher, e-mail address and phone number below): Natural England chief executive Dr Helen Phillips and CRRU member Jonathan Peck of Killgerm Chemicals on the CRRU stand at the Oxford Farming Conference, January 2010.



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