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NIVA BUSINESS MEETING
7:30PM (MEMBERS ONLY)

NIVA Autumn Meeting

Wednesday 7th November

Four Season's Suite, Galgorm Resort

MAIN PRESENTATION
THE VET'S ROLE IN
SUSTAINABILITY
DR RUTH CLEMENTS
8:30PM

The vet's role in sustainability

At a time when some of the world's most pressing socio-political and environmental challenges come into sharp focus, what is the veterinary surgeon's role in driving a sustainable food system fit for the future? What role can and should we take in feeding the world's growing population, and how do we use our unique expertise to best effect? How do we balance this demand with our responsibility for the welfare of animals in our care and with the long-term viability of the farming communities of which we are a part? What can we all do today and into the future, as vets, prescribers, consumers and human beings to leave our mark in a positive and potentially transformational way?



Dr Ruth Helen Clements BVM&S MRCVS



Ruth Clements graduated as a Veterinary Surgeon from Edinburgh University in 2008, has a degree in molecular biology, and is currently studying for an advanced Certificate in Veterinary medicine, with a focus on welfare, ethics and law. She is head of Veterinary programmes at Benchmark, leading the founding principles of the Benchmark group by working with the natural biology of the animal and understanding the full epidemiology of disease processes to bring together practical, actionable, balanced solutions for farmers to some of our most challenging diseases. Ruth is best known for her work on lameness in sheep where her approach has now been accepted by industry stakeholders as the national control strategy against this disease, and as a result prevalence levels in the UK are steadily declining. She now takes these principles across agriculture and aquaculture, looking towards tackling some of the most challenging blockers to sustainable production in the various sectors.



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Autumn Meeting Programme

- 7:30PM NIVA Members Arrive for NIVA Business Meeting
8:15PM Tea, Coffee and Shortbread
8:30PM Main Presentation—The Vet's Role in Sustainability
with speakers Dr Ruth Clements

Registration & Cost

Please email info@vetni.co.uk or call the **VETNI Office on 02825 898543** to register for this event on or before the 5th November.

Free of Charge for NIVA Members

£30—Non members

Directions to Galgorm Resort and Spa

136 Fenaghy Road Ballymena Co Antrim BT42 1EA. Tel: 028 2588 1001



From Belfast (30-40 Minutes) Take M2. Take the turnoff for A26 to Ballymena. Travel along the A26 for approximately 5 miles. Take turnoff on the left sign posted for County Hall. Continue straight ahead at the 3 mini roundabouts. At the end of the road, just past the County Hall keep left at the 2 mini roundabouts. At the next roundabout take the third off (Fenaghy Road) Galgorm Resort & Spa is approximately 2 miles along the left. At the end of the road, just past the County Hall keep left at the 2 mini roundabouts. At the next roundabout take the third off (Fenaghy Road) Galgorm Resort & Spa is approximately 2 miles along the left.