

# GOLD STANDARD SCHEME – APRIL 2015 UPDATE

## ACHIEVED GOLD STANDARD

- Heidi Platts – Metflex
- Carla Hogg – Carrs Billington
- Helen Penna – Mole Avon Town & Country Stores
- Murray Phillips – Countrywide Farmers
- Emma Shaddick – Mole Avon Town & Country Stores
- Mark Pass – Beeston Animal Health
- Charlotte Quinn-Smith – H&C Pearce & Sons

- Deborah Skillbeck – BATA
- Georgina Morrison – St Helens College
- Clare Norman – Mole Valley Farmers
- Megan Peberdy – H & C Pearce
- Gavin Barrie – MC Caskie's
- Leanne Ward – National Farmers Union
- Steve Thorpe – Anglia Farmers
- Helen Hodgson – BATA

## NEW GOLD STANDARD ACHIEVERS THIS ISSUE

### ● REBECCA LAMBERT, NORBROOK LABORATORIES

As a territory manager for Norbrook Laboratories I find my qualification to be very beneficial. Part of my role involves providing advice and product support to both SQPs and end users; it is therefore important to feel confident that my knowledge of relevant issues and changes within the industry is up to date. Taking part in the Gold Standard scheme ensures I am constantly increasing and refreshing my knowledge via quizzes, CPD events and conferences. I have a background in sheep and cattle farming and qualified as an R-SQP in 2012 while working for Carrs Billington.



### ● ANNA BUTLER, GREENS FARM SUPPLIES

Growing up on the family farm I always knew I wanted to be involved in farming when I 'grew up' and after leaving school I studied Agriculture at Bishop Burton College while maintaining an active role on the farm. At a young age I felt very lucky to be given the opportunity to work for Chris and Kate at Green's and have since tried to prove my worth. Nine years and many qualifications later I still enjoy being part of the team, and the Gold Standard Scheme has been an ideal chance to prove myself further. With a lot of hard work, and help from the team, I feel very proud to have achieved the Gold Standard SQP status and even prouder that I've managed to do it while being on maternity leave bringing up my son. The knowledge I've gained over the years gives me the confidence to advise farmers on their livestock and farming practices and I've made many friends along the way. It's also made me look at changing some practices at home, not always to my fathers' approval – sorry, Dad!



### ● MIKE FOSTER, GREENS FARM SUPPLIES

I qualified as an R-SQP in 2005 and have worked for Green's Farm Supplies at Thirsk and Northallerton since 2007. I farmed for 28 years on the family farm prior to taking my R-SQP qualification, and I still run the farm with my wife near Fountains Abbey. I believe this farming experience gives me valuable help when dealing with farmers and at Green's we always strive to give them the best possible advice. By completing the Gold Standard this has given me more knowledge of all the POM-VPS products that are available, and allows me to keep up with any new developments.



### ● HAYLEY WOOD, GREENS FARM SUPPLIES

I started working for Greens in 2008 at lambing time and achieved my AMTRA in the September. I love the challenge of working in such a dynamic company with the array of opinionated



characters which all adds to the feeling of satisfaction. I am able to use my previous experience working within the farming industry to good use but also like to keep up with the changes within the industry as it is vital to the future of farming. I am married to Richard, with a three-year-old daughter named Jovi who I want to grow up to be a vet or a rock star. We have a tiny herd of Bleu du Maine sheep which are due to start lambing in three weeks and a 22-year-old Dales pony, Billy, who still enjoys an odd day out hunting, which doesn't leave me with much spare time but when I can I enjoy reading, particularly Jill Cooper and attempting Mary Berry recipes – some attempts are more successful than others!

### ● SALLY BAYES, BATA

I've worked for BATA, an agricultural merchant in North Yorkshire for many years, both in the country stores, and more recently as a farm rep. I've always had a keen interest in animal health, and think it's so important to keep up to date with developments within our industry. Our role as SQPs is one which must be protected, and I believe we should do our utmost to be able to continue to offer friendly, approachable, expert advice, alongside vets.



### ● LINDSAY MONAGHAN, MOLE COUNTRY STORES

Prior to the acquisition of Farmway by Mole Valley Farmers in March 2013, Lindsay managed the Farmway Country Store in Leyburn, North Yorkshire. So that Lindsay could further develop her interest in animal health and in particular sheep and beef production, she is now based at the Mole Country Store in Piercebridge, where she manages the agricultural offering in the retail store. Lindsay studied for her R-SQP qualification at Harper Adams and has been committed to maintaining her CPD portfolio and obtaining Gold Standard status ever since.



### ● TRACEY LOCKYER, COUNTRYWIDE FARMERS

I started with Countrywide Farmers nine years ago as store manager. I have managed three stores – Bridgwater, Taunton and currently Glastonbury. I love my job doing retail, which I have always done, and being able to live my passion of rural life, especially helping farmers. I was brought up on a farm and currently help my father with his farm and between us have 250 texel sheep. I passed my AMTRA eight years ago and enjoy learning. I love being able to provide a professional service to my customers by helping them and to understand the safe and responsible use of medicines. The Gold Standard scheme has encouraged me to continue gaining valuable knowledge through online quizzes webinars and attending seminars. And I am still continuing with my learning! I am proud to have achieved the Gold Standard.



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- Kelley Boswell, Mole Country Stores
- Jackie Dixon, BATA
- Ben Hull, BATA
- Philip Booth, BATA
- Rose Thompson, BATA

- Sally Howard, self-employed
- Alan Strain, Farmlife Agricultural Supplies
- Adam Black, Farmlife Agricultural Supplies
- Antony Bird, Countrywide Farmers, Leominster

The Gold Standard SQP scheme is an AMTRA-recognised, industry-wide endorsed scheme, and has been created for SQPs who want to go that extra mile to further their training by attending events and completing technical CPD modules. To qualify for Gold Standard SQP status, you need to achieve:

- 160 CPD points
- Three completed event review forms
- One farm/location visit form

It's not too late to sign up for the current period (1st July 2013 to 30th June 2015) so enrol today! To sign up, please give Cara a call on 01892 861664 or email [cara@ghpublishing.co.uk](mailto:cara@ghpublishing.co.uk) for a registration form.

