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Trehane Trust awards Net Zero research fellowship to The Dairy Group

The Trehane Trust has awarded a £15,000 bursary to national dairy advisory company, The Dairy Group, to research and recommend a roadmap for UK dairy farmers to become net zero within the Government timeframe.

Led by The Dairy Group consultant Richard Lane, the team will co-ordinate the 12-month research project and report findings to the Trehane Trust and to the wider dairy industry.

“We had some very strong applicants, that reflects the importance of a research project that looks at the current science in driving down the dairy industry’s carbon footprint,” says Trehane Trust chair Diana Allen. “But we also want this project to provide a blueprint for dairy producers that gives clear, cost-effective and practical pointers that will help them at farm level.

“We feel confident that, with the expertise within their team and their UK and international contacts, and their national network of dairy clients, that The Dairy Group can deliver on this,” adds Ms Allen.

“We are looking for well-researched and realistic pointers for producers and their advisers as they look to mitigate the negative effects of climate change and promote more sustainable and efficient dairy businesses, and in doing so, meet the Government’s net zero targets.

“This must not be a report destined for a shelf, but one that will provide a catalyst in our mission towards net zero.”

Alongside Richard Lane, The Dairy Group team includes managing director Ian Powell, and dairy consultant Christine Pedersen specialising in nutritional aspects and environmental consultant Rebecca Tavernor who has expertise in nutrient management and has accreditations relating to soil and water management.

“The Dairy Group is delighted to have been awarded this prestigious fellowship to help the UK dairy industry towards Net Zero,” says Richard Lane. “We will review research and identify key strategies and use these to measure and benchmark dairy systems.”

The Dairy Group will use its findings and knowledge of UK dairy farming to make recommendations aimed at measuring and reducing carbon emissions on farm, both practically and profitably.

“The marketplace is shifting rapidly, and climate change is at the forefront,” adds Mr Lane. “We will liaise with the supply chain, to ensure our report meets market expectations and contributes to creating a healthy and sustainable UK dairy industry.”

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The Trehane Trust was set up in 1977 on the retirement of Sir Richard Trehane from Chairman of the Milk Marketing Board to mark his outstanding contribution to the UK dairy industry and to the dairy industry worldwide.

Its aim is to support knowledge transfer and career development within the dairy supply chain. Through its sponsorship of scholarships, it provides awards for study of any aspect of the dairy industry and offers up to two dairy-focused Nuffield Scholarships each year. There are now more than 70 Nuffield Farming Trust Trehane Scholars.

The Trehane Trust awards and manages its fellowships independently. It awarded its first fellowship in 2017.

The Dairy Group is a privately owned dairy consultancy business, with consultants working throughout the UK and overseas. We pride ourselves in providing independent advice and practical solutions to our clients. We have developed a wide range of services to meet the needs of dairy farmers and those that operate in the dairy sector.

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