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**New funding available to support snapshot studies within the farming sector**

The Farmers Club Charitable Trust (FCCT) is seeking ‘Snapshot study’ applications from anyone in the farming sector seeking funding to study a topic or theme they are deeply interested in exploring.

“Over the past five years of awarding the Snapshot Study grants we have been so impressed by the range of topics, themes and discoveries the recipients have made,” says Nick Green, FCCT Chair. “Since launching the studies in 2022, more than £60,000 has been awarded, enabling recipients to expand their expertise, knowledge and skills.”

The Snapshot Study grants, worth up to £2,000 each, have been awarded to a wide diversity of people from all over the UK exploring pertinent themes like Forest Schools and their role in food learning, farmer donations of ‘waste’ crops to foodbanks, regenerative farming, attracting the under 30s into agriculture and black soldier fly farming.

“Some studies have had a profound impact,” explains Nick. “For example, Easter Ross farmer John Scott researched farmers’ mental health, his study was one of the catalysts for the launch of a sister charity to Farmstrong New Zealand’s wellbeing and mental health charity in Scotland. Farmstrong Scotland has been supporting the farming community north of the border for over a year now, and the Farmers Club Charitable Trust is glad to have played a small part in the preliminary research.”

In a very different Snapshot, Hannah Buisman utilised her grant to explore viticulture practices and business models to benefit not only her family’s fledging winery in Hertfordshire, but also the burgeoning UK wine sector.

“Hannah’s study looked at all of the technical facets of wine making, with a particular focus on using wild yeast and marrying the ancient art of the human palate with the ultra-modern use of advanced laboratory testing,” Nick says.

The FCCT is seeking applications from anyone with a strong idea for a research project. Applications are being taken via the FCCT website, the closing date is the end of July 2025. Studies must be completed by 31st December 2025. As part of the initiative, successful participants will present their findings in a three-minute video, contributing to a valuable resource bank housed on The Farmers Club Charitable Trust’s YouTube channel and website

The application process is simple – just a one-minute video outlining the study concept and its potential impact, contact information and details of a referee to support your submission. Awards made are up to £2,000 and those successful will receive 80% of funding upfront, with the remaining 20% awarded upon satisfactory completion of the study. Mentoring will be provided for snapshot recipients by a FCCT Trustee.

The application form and more details can be found here: <https://tfcct.co.uk/snapshot-studies>

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**Notes to Editor**

The FCCT was founded in 1981 by Trevor Muddiman, its aim to award grants and to support initiatives that contribute to the development of the industry.

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