

Why we need you!

We need to raise more than £2 million a year to help around 2,000 long-term beneficiaries and people of working age who, for various reasons, are in financial difficulty. Among things you might not expect, we help to pay fuel and utility bill arrears, council tax bills and funeral costs. Every year we also give out thousands of pounds in supermarket vouchers to help people buy food.

Farming is a wonderful industry with a great future and most farmers want no other life. They just need help to tide them over the bad times. If you can help us, thank you.



Help in difficult times

Who we are and what we do

R.A.B.I - the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution - is a welfare charity for farming people in financial difficulty.

Support is offered in confidence to people of all ages and includes, for example, one-off, emergency or regular grants as well as payments to cover the cost of replacing essential household items and disability equipment.

For working farmers we can also fund relief farm staff to help in a crisis. And for retired and/or disabled people we can pay towards care home and home-help costs and also run two residential homes of our own.

Founded in 1860, our work is funded by public donations; money raised at events arranged by our county committees, businesses, community groups and our fundraising staff, as well as legacies and investment income.

If someone needs help

Farmers are independent people who find it hard to ask for help, but if you are concerned about someone, please try to persuade them to call our helpline.

You can also contact us on someone's behalf, saying if you wish to remain anonymous. If the person has given you permission for us to call, we will telephone them. Otherwise we will write to say someone is concerned about them and offer help.

However we are contacted, depending on the urgency of the case, we will arrange for a welfare officer to visit or send out an application form. In emergencies we can also get payments to people quickly.

Even if we can't help financially ourselves, our welfare staff can help people access state benefits or refer them to other sources of help. If in doubt, just ask!



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Short and long-term grants

Anyone can get into financial difficulty through no fault of their own. We cannot help with business debts, but we can give one-off grants to working farmers and farm workers who are in financial difficulty and facing exceptional circumstances; for example as a result of accident, illness, family breakdown, bereavement or animal disease.

We also offer long-term support to people of all ages who are no longer able to work through age, illness or disability. As well as regular grants and help with things like fuel and telephone costs, we can replace essential household items and buy specialist equipment such as stairlifts and mobility scooters.

To qualify for long-term support applicants must normally be aged 65 or over and have worked in farming for at least 10 years. Whatever their age, our welfare officers will first check that people are receiving any state benefits they may be entitled to. They are also just a phone call away if further help is needed. We can do much more than you may think. Please call 0808 281 9490 or email grants.rabi@org.uk



Self-employed farm-worker Greg needed a replacement kidney. His wife Carol was his donor and we helped while they were both off work and recovering from their operations.

Greg said: "Without R.A.B.I it would have been very difficult and we'd have got into debt from which we'd have struggled to recover. We're very grateful for the support we received."

Other ways we help

Helping people to help themselves is another part of our work. Support is tailored to individual circumstances and may include paying for professionals to help get people's accounts in order so that they can claim state benefits or help them with ideas for how to improve their income.

Our Gateway Project can provide funding for training to help people use their skills to earn extra money off-farm. Ideas range from heavy goods vehicle driving to catering, hedge-laying, livestock scanning and book-keeping - the possibilities are endless!

We also help elderly people to keep safe in their own homes and as well as running two residential care homes of our own, Beaufort House in Somerset and Manson House in Suffolk, we can help by 'topping up' fees in other homes.

If you would like to know more about the support we offer to farmers, farmworkers and their families, please call 0808 281 9490 or email grants.rabi@org.uk



We helped young farmer David to train to start an arboriculture business to run alongside his farm. Some years later he now employs several people who all have year-round work.

David said: "Sometimes all you need is a little help to get you on the ladder and point you in the right direction. Without R.A.B.I funding in the initial stages, I don't think I'd be where I am today."

How to get involved

Whether you tell people about the support we offer or you help us to raise funds, you can play a vital role in enabling us to support farming people when help is needed most.

You may wish to make a one-off or regular donation, arrange a fundraising event, take on a personal challenge, buy our Christmas cards and calendars or a Christmas hamper for a beneficiary. Alternatively, why not join one of our county committees which work at local level across England and Wales to raise awareness of what we do, as well as funds?

We especially appreciate the support people offer in difficult times of their own, for example by requesting donations instead of funeral flowers or remembering us in their will. If the time is right and you are thinking about this, please talk to us. Every gift makes a difference, however large or small, and we promise to spend it wisely.

If you would like to get involved with R.A.B.I please call 01865 724 931 or email info@rabi.org.uk



Tenant farmer and former NFU county chairman Angela Sargent is chairman of our Derbyshire committee which works to raise awareness and funds for R.A.B.I.

Angela said: "Being part of an R.A.B.I committee with like-minded people is worthwhile and fun. Farming is a great industry, but it's also challenging and we may all need help at some time in our lives."

Group and corporate support

Many businesses, churches and community groups as well as agricultural colleges and societies, Young Farmers Clubs, NFU branches and branches of the Farmers Union of Wales also raise awareness and funds for R.A.B.I.

Whether it's by encouraging staff, congregations or members to support us, arranging fundraising events or collections, supporting our events and donating raffle prizes or by allowing us to promote our work at their events, we very much value their support.

Our annual fundraising campaigns such as Farmhouse Breakfast and Great British Beef Week, Cream Tea and Welly Week provide additional opportunities for people to get involved and have fun. They are also a great way to show support for our work by following and linking with us on social media to help us access a wider audience.

We have lots of ideas about how we can work together with other groups and businesses to mutual benefit - please call 01865 724 931 or email info@rabi.org.uk



Agricultural bank manager Tony arranged a two-day, 200-mile bike ride for R.A.B.I for three years running. He and his team raised well in excess of £15,000 for R.A.B.I.

Tony said: "The ride is a great team-building exercise for our staff and agricultural services colleagues, but it also allows us to give something back to the industry we care passionately about."

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