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## RAISING MONEY FOR FARM CRISIS NETWORK IN THE ENGLISH UPLANDS

The Tenant Farmers Association is a strong supporter of Farm Crisis Network (FCN) and is pleased to be organising a sponsored walk and charity auction to take place in May next year to help raise funds for the charity.

TFA Chief Executive George Dunn said "FCN provides vital support to farming families during periods of anxiety, stress and problems relating to both the farm household and the farm business. FCN supported huge numbers of our farmers during the recent outbreaks of foot and mouth disease, and continues to support them today through issues such as TB and the collapse of Dairy Farmers of Britain."

"FCN relies on the generosity of others to allow it to provide these services, and the TFA believes it is enormously important to work together with FCN to support the whole farming community. Over the past years the TFA and FCN have developed a good working relationship, and the organisation of the sponsored walk is a natural extension of that relationship," said Mr Dunn

The TFA has chosen Upper Wharfedale for the walk to highlight the importance of our hill areas as national assets.

"The hills represent the beginning of the livestock production chain. Our hill farmers are extremely important and are fundamental in the management of the land and production of food. The hill farming community is invaluable and must be supported. Without these communities in the uplands making money from ruminant production, the landscape will change out of all recognition in a very short period of time and once it has gone it will be impossible to get back," said Mr Dunn.

The sponsored walk and Charity Auction will be held on **Saturday, 22 May 2010** in Upper Wharfedale in the Yorkshire Dales, starting from Buckden with two routes of 5 and 7 miles available depending on the walkers' ability. To register for the walk or for further information, please contact the TFA Membership Department on 0118 930 6130 or email [membership@tfa.org.uk](mailto:membership@tfa.org.uk) .

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### Notes for Editors:

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