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## **Spirit scores a 'bull' with its data capture solution for cattle hooves**

Spirit Data Capture Limited, the independent data capture consultancy, has sourced and installed some Xplore C5 tablets for the Westpoint Veterinary Group. The tablets are meeting an unusual need – capturing data related to the health of cattle hooves.

Westpoint wanted rugged data capture devices that could be used on farms by its Foot Technicians (who examine the health of the livestock's feet). The devices had to be usable in all weathers and had to be able to withstand the rigours of the farm environment (including the inspection of large bulls!).

Previously, the technicians recorded the data using pen and paper. In poor weather, this could often lead to soggy bits of paper, with information that was hard to read.

IT Technician, Vincent Rees, explains: "We basically needed the toughest solution currently available for farm work." The group started looking for a supplier that could provide friendly and helpful support and came across Spirit Data Capture Limited. Spirit recommended the Xplore C5 tablet - a fully rugged PC, built to withstand the harshest working environments. The tablet offers an extensive range of features, including a 10.4" full colour display, a 3 megapixel camera and a 6.5 hour battery life.

Vincent says: “We have now had our data collection software installed on the Xplore tablets. This collects information about the hooves of the cattle, which in turn helps us to provide the farmer with a foot trimming report and a health plan for their cattle.”

He adds: “The technicians are very happy with the Xplore tablets – they can’t do without them now. It means that they now have a reliable piece of kit that they can use in all weathers, with confidence that it won’t let them down. The tablets have been performing really well and we don’t foresee any problems with them - unless a bull charges at them head-on!”

Vincent concludes: “Spirit’s support has been first-class and they are always very polite – and they can’t do enough for us. We wouldn’t use anyone else now for our data capture needs.”