

# **GREEN FUTURES 2023**

## Water: Save and Protect

# Tuesday 24 January 2023



#### AGENDA

Graham Dixey -Senior Environment Officer, East Midlands Area, Environment Agency

Chris Hewis - Catchment Advisor, Anglian Water

Dr Adam Freer - Senior catchment management scientist, Severn Trent Water

Robert Marsden- Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer, Natural England

Caroline Hook - Agricultural Regulations Inspection Officer, Lincs & Northants Area, Environment Agency



# **Green Futures 2023** WATER QUALITY and EA PLANNED INSPECTIONS – what to expect

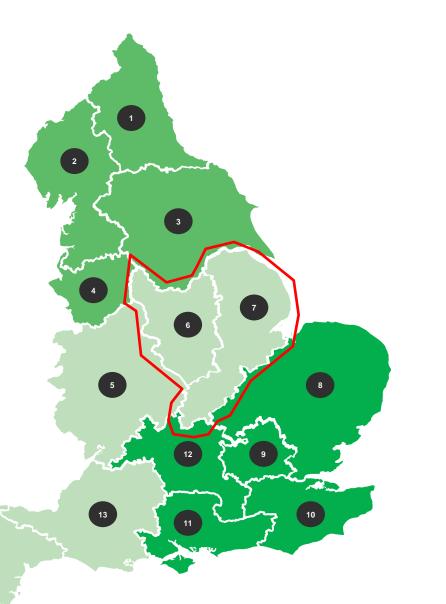
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# **Our areas**

1 North East Cumbria and Lancashire 2 Yorkshire 3 Greater Manchester Merseyside and Cheshire (4) 5 West Midlands **East Midlands** 6 Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire 7 East Anglia 8 Hertfordshire and North London 9 Kent, South London and East Sussex 10 Solent and South Downs 11 12 Thames Wessex 13 Devon Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly 14





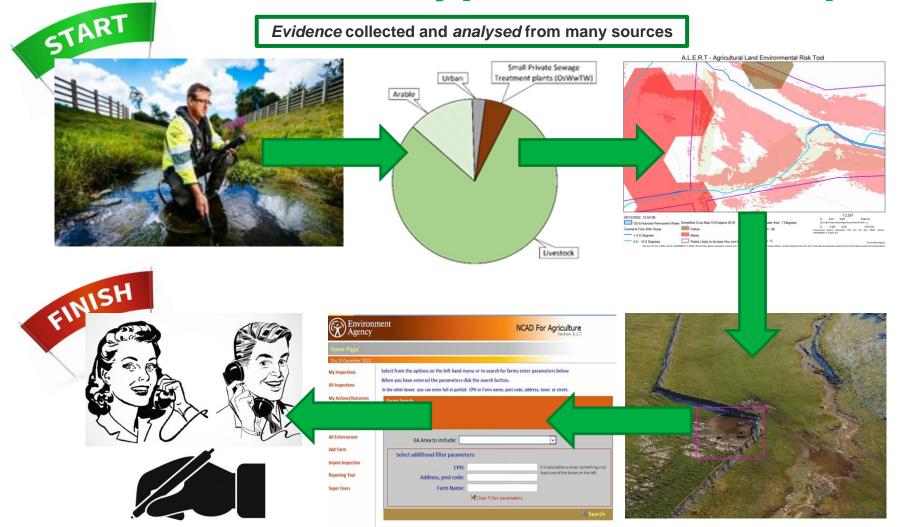
# Who might visit you, and why?

- We now conduct farm visits in two ways, but *only with good reason*:
  - Local Environment Officers
    - local evidence-led, risk-based catchment campaigns
    - to follow-up pollution incidents
  - Defra-funded Agricultural Regulations Inspection Officers\*
    - catchments draining into water-dependent Nutrient Neutrality/Natura 2000 sites
    - Protected Areas impacted by dairy/livestock farming

## We are principally a Regulator who gives advice



# How it works – hypothetical example



We produce a *risk-based* and *ranked* farm inspection list



# What we'll talk about:

• Note 1 - we're not trying to catch you out!



- Note 2 we're *empathetic* to farmers and recognise *life can be difficult* for some, especially at the moment...we want to help
- Confirm we have the correct contact details, CPH, SBI numbers etc.
- Discuss why we're getting in touch, e.g., poor river water quality
- Your current farming practices: e.g., dairy/mixed/arable, owner/tenant
- Awareness of environmental regulations, Basic Payment Scheme
- Agree a convenient date/time to visit
- Let you know we'll put it all plainly in writing beforehand



# What you'll receive in the post/email

- Firstly, a bespoke cover letter
  - Confirms inspection info as discussed
  - Confirms reason(s) we're coming
  - Provides a checklist of what rules/regulations we'll check
    - <u>This can really help you</u> prepare! E.g.,
      - yard drainage plan
      - NVZ records
      - soil samples
      - Nutrient Management Plan
      - Water abstraction figures
      - risk map
  - Officer contact details
  - Data protection





# **The Pre-Visit Letter:**

• This is a generic letter that can be adapted to the catchment/customer

Swampy Farm Riverside Lincolnshire EA1 1EA

Our ref:

Date: 2023

Dear Farmer,

#### Swampy Farm CPH: XX/XXX/XXXX

Following our conversation, I confirm that I will visit Swampy Farm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 13:30 <u>Please contact me as soon as possible if you cannot make this date or time</u>.

#### Reason for our visit

We would like to discuss with <u>you</u> ways to protect the [RIVER NAME] and associated groundwater, by preventing diffuse pollution, and the effects of nutrient enrichment from Phosphorous and Nitrogen. Agriculture represents about 40% of the problem. Please read the enclosed leaflet for more detailed information.

We are therefore visiting to check you understand, and are complying with, the environmental regulations that control pollution from your farm business, which can affect the [RIVER NAME].

What happens on a farm visit?

- I will discuss your farming practices, look at your records, and inspect parts of your farm.
- We will provide guidance where improvements might be necessary, and signpost where additional help may be available (e.g., CSF).
- If non-compliances are found, we will advise you of the actions you need to take to become compliant, and we will help you to become so with agreed timescales.

The following table is a checklist of the main requirements of the environmental regulations that apply to your farming business. Please ensure that you have this basic information available at the time of our visit.



# **The Checklist:**

• This is a generic letter but can be adapted to the catchment and customer

| Checklist   | Tick |  |  |  |  |
|---|------|--|--|--|--|
| The Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) |      |  |  |  |  |
| Regulations 2010 (SSAFO Regulations)  |      |  |  |  |  |
| Location, dimensions and volume calculations of any slurry lagoons/stores, solid      |      |  |  |  |  |
| manure stores, and silage clamps/silos/field heaps                                    |      |  |  |  |  |
| An accurate yard drainage plan showing location of clean and dirty drains, and        |      |  |  |  |  |
| size of yard area (in m <sup>2</sup> ) draining to the slurry and dirty water systems |      |  |  |  |  |
| Your slurry storage capacity calculation (months)                                     |      |  |  |  |  |
| Your silage effluent tank storage capacity calculation (days)                         |      |  |  |  |  |
| Location, volume and age of your agricultural fuel tank/s                             |      |  |  |  |  |
| The Reduction and Prevention of Agricultural Diffuse Pollution (England)              |      |  |  |  |  |
| Regulations 2018 (Farming rules for water)  |      |  |  |  |  |
| A nutrient plan showing planned applications of manure and/or fertiliser for          |      |  |  |  |  |
| cropping year (2020/2021), application rates, and dates.                              |      |  |  |  |  |
| For Nitrogen use, SNS (Soil Nitrogen Supply) should be recorded                       |      |  |  |  |  |
| Soil test records for pH, P, K and Mg   |      |  |  |  |  |
| Field sizes (ha), and crops grown including yield where applicable (t/ha)             |      |  |  |  |  |
| Field records of manure and/or fertiliser applied                                     |      |  |  |  |  |
| Applications of fertiliser and/or manures are adjusted to meet crop needs             |      |  |  |  |  |
| General   |      |  |  |  |  |
| Map and area of farm (including rented land)  |      |  |  |  |  |
| Location of chemical stores (herbicides, sheep dip, disinfectants, etc.)              |      |  |  |  |  |
| Sewage discharges (septic tanks/cess pits) (General Binding Rules)                    |      |  |  |  |  |
| Water abstraction licence and records of water abstracted, and calibration            |      |  |  |  |  |
| certificate/s (if required by Licence)  |      |  |  |  |  |
| Waste Storage, Treatment, Use, and Disposal Exemptions                                |      |  |  |  |  |

If you are in the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) and/or you are in possession of any Rural Development agreement, the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) will also use the results of our visit to inform the payment decision. If you have not complied with the relevant regulations, the RPA may decide to reduce your payment.



## What you may also receive in the post/email Environment Agency Pollution Prevention Technical Information note

Secondly, any **useful guidance** documents, leaflets and/or links



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# **The Inspection**

- Inspections usually take between 1.5 and 5 hours, depending on:
  - the size of your operation
  - the complexity
  - the advice needed
    - Paperwork
    - Yards
    - fields



# When we leave

- We'll re-cap on what we've found (good and bad)
- if we find a real issue that requires immediate action, we'll tell you this
- Confirm that you'll receive:
  - a post-visit cover letter
  - A Compliance Assessment Form (CAR) with:
    - agreed actions
    - agreed timescales
    - Illustrative photos
    - Our 'Enforcement Response'
  - Issue you with a PACE Code B Notice if we've taken photos/collected evidence
  - Thank you for your time



# **Post-Visit Letter:**

 This is a generic letter but can be adapted to the catchment and customer

creating a better place for people and wildlife

Swampy Farm, Riverside, Lincolnshire. EA1 1EA Environment Agency

Our ref: XX/XXX/XXXX

Date: 2023

Dear Mr. Farmer,

#### Farm Inspection - Swampy Farm - XX/XXX/XXXX

Thank you for taking the time to meet me on 24<sup>th</sup> <u>January</u> 2023. Please find enclosed a farm action plan detailing our discussions during the visit.

This plan clarifies the legislation that I have checked whilst on the farm visit and details actions that are required. If the inspecting officer has discussed any breaches of regulations during the visit, the action plan will indicate if any enforcement action will be taken. Please note the dates the actions are required by. If you have any difficulty in meeting the deadline/s please contact me as soon as possible

If you are in the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) and/or you are in possession of any Rural Development agreement and are in breach of certain regulations, we may be obliged to inform the Rural Payments Agency (RPA). If you have not complied with the relevant regulations, the RPA may decide to reduce your payment.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,





# Farm Inspection Report (FIR)

| Environment<br>Agency                              | Farm Inspec   | ction Report             | Report ID: SWAMPY/210123/OFFICER |  |             |  |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| This form will report comp<br>officer              | liance with Environmen  | tal Regulations as deter | mined by an Er                   | vironn                                 | nent Agency |  |
| Farm name:   | Swampy Farm   |                          | Farm address: Swa                |  | mpy Farm,   |  |
| Legal entity:                                      | Farmer & Son  |                          | 1                                | Riverside,<br>Lincolnshire.<br>EA1 1EA |             |  |
| Person responsible for day to day running of farm: | Farmer Senior   |                          |                                  |  |             |  |
| Employee in charge of inspection:                  | Mr./Mrs. X  |                          | Date of<br>inspection:           | 24/01/2023                             |             |  |
| What regulations were assessed                     | Legislation   |                          |                                  | X if assessed                          |             |  |
|  | The Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2015 (NVZ)   |                          |                                  |  |             |  |
|  | Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil)<br>(England) Regulations 2010 (SSAFO) |                          |                                  |  | x           |  |
|  | The Reduction and Prevention of Agricultural Diffuse Pollution (England)<br>Regulations 2018 (FRfW)                     |                          |                                  |  | x           |  |
|  | The Sludge (Use in Agriculture) Regulations 1990 (SUiAR)  |                          |                                  |  |             |  |
|  | Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 (EPR)   |                          |                                  |  | X           |  |
|  | Water Resources Act 1991 (WRA)  |                          |                                  |  |             |  |
| Officer's name and contact details                 | Name: X   | Tel: XXXXXXXXXXXX        | Date                             | 0                                      | 20/01/2022  |  |
|  | Email: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX          | emailed/posted:                  | d: 30/01/2023                          |             |  |



# **Section 1: Findings of inspection**

- Agreed actions and deadlines
- Any additional comments at the end

#### Section 1 – Findings of inspection

This section contains a report of our findings and will usually include information on:

- > non-compliances with legislation identified
- > pollution prevention guidance

- > actions required
- a reference to photos taken

#### Farm Action - 1

#### Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 (EPR); Pollution Prevention

#### Issue:

Downpipes – during our site meeting (heavy rain), we noted that many downpipes were not connected to the soakaway system directly and were discharging into yards – we recommend sealing downpipes to help recharge groundwater.

#### Action:

Connect downpipes directly to your soakaway drainage system. Speak to your CSFO about possible grant-aid.

#### Deadline: 01/03/2023

Photo Reference: 1

#### Additional Comments:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your time explaining your farm operation to me and my colleague during the site meeting, and your constructive attitude towards getting your site right for the future. I hope you found our input, and this Report useful in achieving your goal of better and safer operations on site going forward.



# **Section 2: Photos**

- Used to illustrate
   Farm Actions
- Avoids confusion

| Section 2 - Photos   |   |
|--|---|
| Photo 1<br>Description: Clean roof water is discharging onto your yard and mixing<br>with dirty water rather than discharging to groundwater via your soakaway<br>Checkertrade | Photo 2<br>Description: Clean roof water is discharging<br>onto your yard and mixing with dirty water<br>rather than discharging to groundwater via<br>your soakaway<br>theemerginghome |
| Photo 3  | Photo 4   |



# Sections 3 & 4: Enforcement Response & Information Notes

3 'Enforcement'
 options

 Our approaches to help you comply depending on the issues

 Data Protection (not shown)

| Section 3 - Enforcement Response Only one of the boxes below shou  | IId be ticked |
|--|---------------|
| Please read the detailed assessment and the actions required in Section 1. Please take action to rectify any issues ident agreed with your inspecting officer.<br>Non-compliance with environmental legislation constitutes an offence and can result in enforcement action up to and inclusion criminal prosecutions. |               |
| Other than the provision of advice and guidance, at present we do not intend to take further enforcement action in respect<br>of the non-compliance identified above. This does not preclude us from taking enforcement action if further relevant<br>information comes to light or advice is not followed.            | :t            |
| In respect of the above non-compliance you will be issued with a Warning Letter. At present we do not intend to take further enforcement action. This does not preclude us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.                              |               |
| We will now consider what enforcement action is appropriate and notify you, referencing this form.   |               |

Section 4 – Information notes

To ensure you take appropriate action to comply with relevant legislation we may:

- · advise on corrective actions verbally or in writing
- require you to take specific actions in writing
- issue a notice
- require you to review your site management

Any breach of relevant legislation is an offence, and we may take legal action against you.

- We will normally provide advice and guidance to assist you to come back into compliance either after an offence is committed or where we consider that an offence is likely to be committed. This is without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.
- Enforcement action can include the issue of a formal caution, prosecution and/or service of a notice or application of a civil sanction.
- A civil sanction Enforcement Undertaking (EU) offer may also be available to you as an alternative enforcement response for some offences.

See our Enforcement and Civil Sanctions guidance for further information

This report does not relieve you of the responsibility to ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply.



# **Things to Remember!**

- Firstly, we will speak to you in a civil manner and expect the same in return your attitude may ultimately influence how well the visit goes!
  - being open and honest is always a good staring point!
- These visits can actually benefit YOU by:
  - helping you prepare for an RPA inspection if you claim BPS and farm in an NVZ
  - highlight Regulations and Rules you **must** comply with
  - support you in becoming compliant
  - signpost you to helpful partners and grant schemes
  - support your with Planning Applications
- NB! We are still regulators, and on occasion may need to use the Powers bestowed on us, but this is usually after all other options are exhausted
- Finally, if we visit due to a pollution incident or complaint, then we will take an approach applicable to the situation we are dealing with
  - We will revisit to help you get your farm and operations right



For more information or just a chat (please don't suffer in silence):

# East Midlands Area

Graham Dixey graham.r.dixey@environment-agency.gov.uk

## Lincolnshire & Northants Area Caroline Hook caroline.hook@environment-agency.gov.uk

Remember, for potential or actual incidents, please call the FREE EA 24/7 Hotline: 0800 80 70 60



# Anglian Water- Why & How we work with farmers



# **Chris Hewis**



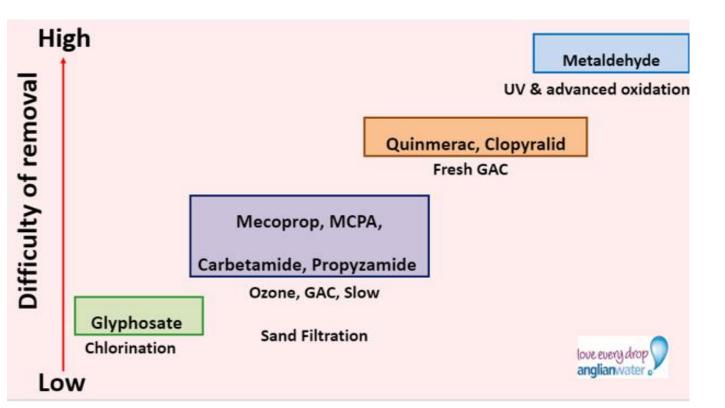
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# **Pesticides**

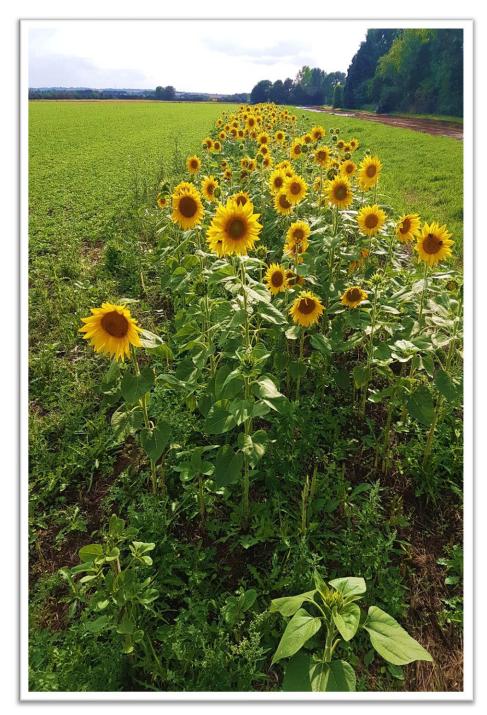
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Water Supply (Water Quality) regulations 2016



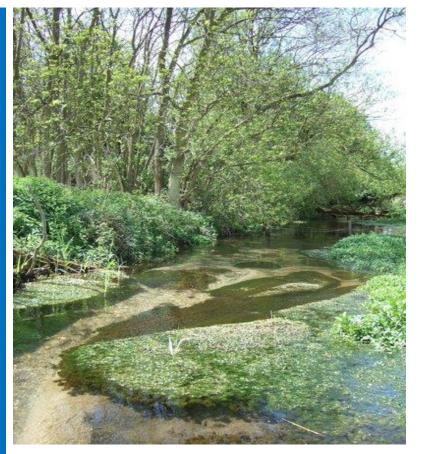
We can't always treat these pesticides and it can result in us

having to switch off abstraction if levels are too high.



# Get River Positive by 2030 Our 5 Get River Positive commitments Ensure storm overflows and sewage treatment works do not harm rivers Create more opportunities for everyone to

- Create more opportunities for everyone to enjoy our region's rivers (90% of population to live within 1 hr from bathing site)
- Support others to improve and care for rivers
- Enhance our rivers and create new habitats so wildlife can thrive
- Be open and transparent about our performance and plans





# **Farm Innovation Grant**

- £7,500/holding available
- Autumn2022
- Register through



- Open to all ways to protect water quality, soil loss, nitrate loss- has to show clear benefit
- In specific catchments



Yellow= priority catchment Green= area where grant applications will be considered.

Examples of previous projects funded are: Smart beet, Water bowser, Living mulch, PWM liquid fertiliser nozzles, Yard re-profiling/silt traps, Soil scanning/mapping, Direct drill

https://entrade.co.uk/news/a-new-deal-for-farmers-with-anglian-water

# **Cover crop offer**



For Autumn 2022 we partnered with Oakbank Game and Conservation to offer £25/Ha for a minimum of 10 Ha of cover crop seed. Many farmers used this to subsidize seed purchases for either a greater area or a more complex seed mix.

We had 94 applicants who purchased seed for a total of almost 1900 Ha.





# **Farmer Training Grant**

Throughout November we offered funding towards farmer training courses.
BASIS, FACTS and Principles of Sustainable
Land Management were just some of the requests for training that we were able to subsidize.

We offered 50% of the training /event cost up to £500.



# Landscape Enterprise Networks (LENs)

A system for organising the buying and selling of nature based solutions

LENs systematically brings a diversity of private and public-sector organisations together around a common interest in funding nature-based solutions within a given geography. LENs then brokers negotiations, and eventually transactions, between these buyers and groups of landowners who are in a position to deliver them on the ground. See more details at

landscapeenterprisenetworks.com





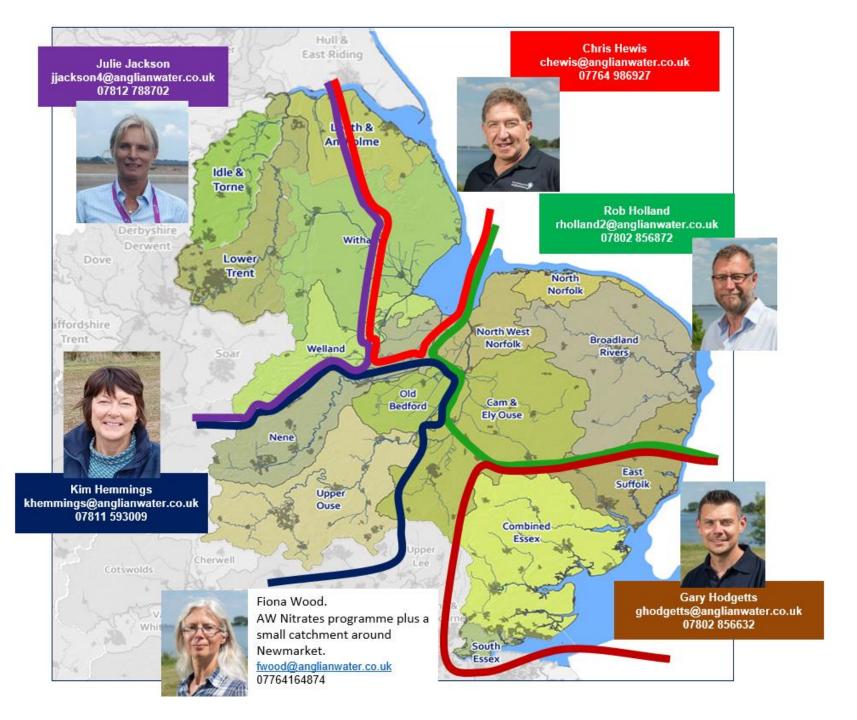
#### **Catchment Advisors**

- Farm scale trials
- Seasonal newsletters
- Annual NRoSO workshops
- BASIS courses
- Discussion group presentations



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# SEVERN TRENT WATER GRANTS AND SUPPORT 2023

Dr Adam Freer, Senior catchment management scientist Severn Trent Water





## **OVERVIEW**

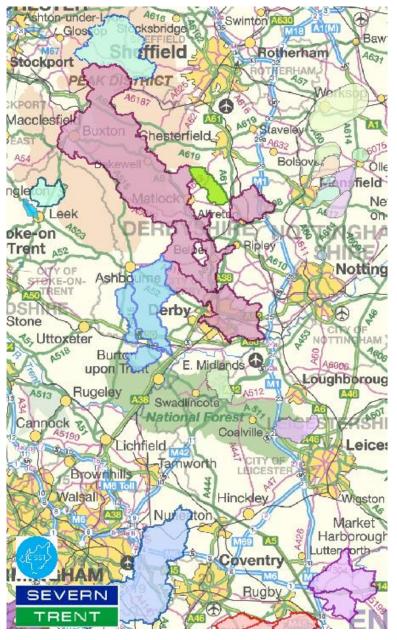
- **1.** Why are Severn Trent doing catchment management?
- 2. Where are our catchments and support available?
- **3.** Closed Transfer System offer
- **4.** STEPS scheme
- 5. Priority item packages
- 6. Test, Protect and Improve
- 7. What else is on offer?



# WHY DO WE UNDERTAKE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT?

- Many of our surface and groundwater abstractions are impacted by water quality risks from the surrounding land
  - Pesticides e.g. crops
  - Nitrate e.g. fertiliser, slurry, digestate
  - Cryptosporidium e.g. Animal waste, slurry
- Working with landowners rather than just pouring more concrete!
  - Benefits for farming businesses
  - It's the sustainable option
  - Wider environmental benefits for every £1 spent for catchment management £4 are gained in wider environmental benefit
  - Some risks are hard to remove e.g. Some pesticides are persistent, cryptosporidium resistant to disinfection

# WHERE ARE OUR PRIORITY CATCHMENTS?



- We work in 44 priority catchments across the midlands from Nottinghamshire down to Gloucestershire
- Each has a water quality priority for either pesticides, cryptosporidium or nitrate depending on the local issue.
- <u>Check online https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/environment/working-with-farmers-and-land-managers/farming-for-water/</u>
- Delivered through 7 STW Agricultural Advisors and 12 partnership advisors
- 1-1 advice and support, grant funding, webinars, support schemes





# **CLOSED TRANSFER SYSTEM (CTS) OFFER**

- A closed transfer system (CTS) is a device that allows pesticide mixture to be transferred from its container to the spray tank with negligible exposure to the operator and the environment.
- Improved efficiency and increased productivity, the time taken to load the sprayer is significantly reduced.
- Improved accuracy of quantities used
- For **February 2023** Severn Trent Water are offering to pay **100% of the cost** of a CTS for eligible operators. A choice of 2 different products will be on offer and we will also pay for any fitting or installation that may be required to fit the equipment to your machine
- After February, CTS's will be available in STEPS at a 50% funding rate
- Eligible operators are those who spray PPPs within a Severn Trent pesticide priority catchment (both farmers and contractors)
- You will need to supply maps and areas of any arable and/or grassland that you spray in our catchments.



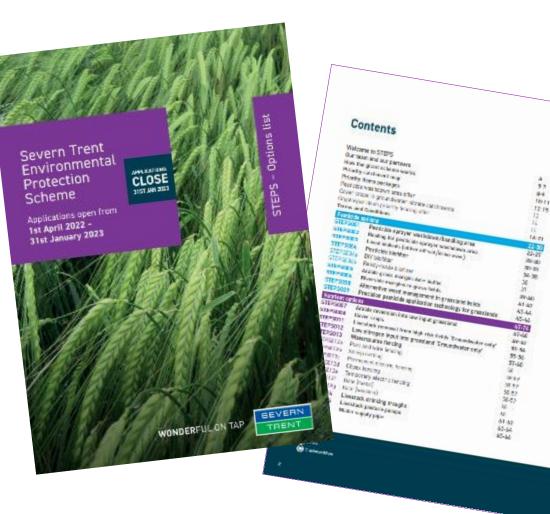


## SEVERN TRENT WATER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SCHEME - STEPS

- STEPS is a voluntary, but competitive scheme open to farmers in Severn Trent priority catchments
- 50+ options to pick from, ranging from cover crops to pesticide washdown areas and precision equipment.
- Use your own ideas through Farmer Innovation option
- Applicants can apply for several times a year until 2025.
  - Apply online
  - 12 months to do the work, submit evidence and claim
  - STEPS 2022 closes 31st January
  - STEPS 2023 reopening March January 2024
  - 1-1 support from STW agricultural advisors

• A fixed rate is offered per item at approx. 50% but some are more

• STEPS offers a maximum payment of £10,000 per farm holding per year across all applications.



# PRIORITY ITEM PACKAGES – PESTICIDE WASHDOWN AREA OFFER

- **50% funding up to £20,000** plus up to an additional £5000 for rainwater harvesting if required
- If completed inside of 6 months Severn Trent will contribute an extra 25% up to a maximum of £30,000
- Select from the following items
  - STEPS 001 Pesticide washdown/handling area
  - STEPS 002 Roofing for pesticide washdown area
  - STEPS 003 Lined biobed
  - STEPS 004 Biofilter
  - A biobed or biofilter must be included in the application
  - Provide, plans, quotes and photos with your application
  - Specialist on Farm Advice (SOFA) visits can be provided to help plan the project.



# PRIORITY ITEM PACKAGES – COVER CROP OFFER

- Applicants in our groundwater nitrate catchments can take advantage of uplifted grant rates for cover crops whist also benefiting from free soil testing and soil health and nutrient planning webinars.
- 1. Select the type of cover crop that suits your business, including undersown maize, specifying the areas and fields. If you are still finalising cropping plans indicate this on your application.
- 2. Tick the 'Soil testing' box on the application form if you are interested in this service.
- 3. Clearly mark the fields you are entering on a map of your farm and include pictures to show how the fields currently look.
- 4. When we run our spring webinars we will send you an invite to register!



## **OTHER SUPPORT**

- Swap your Nozzles now closed but a free webinar for farms outside our priority catchments is on 24th February 09:30-12:00 (BASIS and NrOSO points available)
- Specialist On Farm Advice (SOFA) visits for a wide variety of specialist issues
  - Soil testing
  - Farm infrastructure
  - Pesticide washdown areas
  - Water management
  - Plus others!
- Spring STEPS (biodiversity driven options)
  - Details TBC but will likely be April



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#### INTRODUCING TEST, PROTECT AND IMPROVE



#### WORKING TOGETHER FOR HEALTHY ANIMALS AND CLEAN WATER

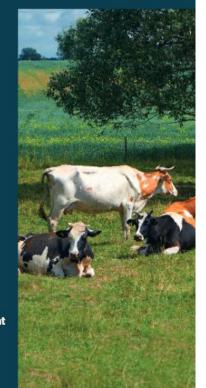
At Severn Trent we've spent over 10 years working with farmers across our region, protecting raw water quality, working across 44 priority catchments, to mitigate agricultural run-off from pesticides and nutrients.

We're always looking at ways to do more to protect water quality and to support farm productivity, and we're really pleased to introduce Test, Protect and Improve.

Learn all about faecal diseases, their possible impact to your farm productivity and also the local water environment. Our package of advice and testing, utilises the farm vet and experts in the industry. Our webinars are tailored to specific livestock types, and hosted by our partners ADAS and their Livestock Consultants.

#### Find out more and learn how to:

- Reduce faecal disease in your stock
- Reduce faecal losses to the environment
- Improve biosecurity
- Improve your stock productivity



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## **THANKYOU!**

General Queries: <a href="mailto:farming4water@severntrent.co.uk">farming4water@severntrent.co.uk</a>

Find your local STW agricultural advisor

https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/environment/working-with-farmers-and-land-managers/farming-for-water/contactyour-local-agricultural-advisor/

Check if you are in our priority catchments

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# **CSF** in the East Midlands









# **Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF)**

- Who
- What
- Where & When
- How









# Who



#### **Bob Marsden**

River Basin District Co-Ordinator East Midlands

Part of a team of 16 in Catchment Sensitive Farming









# What is CSF

- Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) is led by Natural England in partnership with Defra and the Environment Agency
- CSF works together with farmers and organisations in all areas across England to improve the quality of our water and air and reduce the risk of floods.









# Over 100 farmers attended







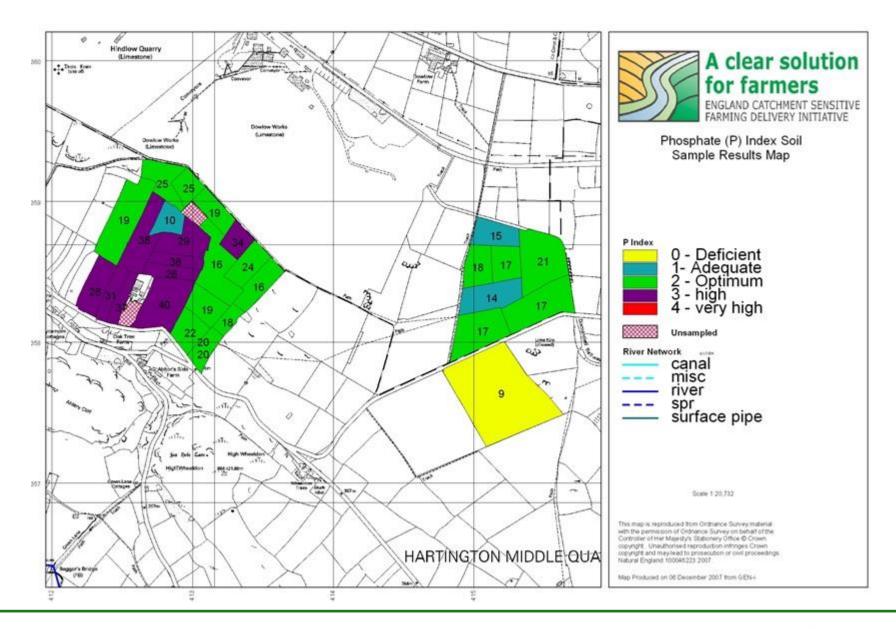












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## Farmers having Pesticide Training

Training for 12. 100% turned up! 3 on waiting list













#### Midsummer evening River Walk : 50 farmers attended Over subscribed

#### **Catchment Sensitive Farming**



#### Free Mid-summer Evening River Walk

When: Wednesday 7th July 6pm - 9pm

What: An evening River Walk at Alan Grindy's Mill Lane Farm, Hartington, with free local food BBQ by Nick and Helen Bonsall's Peak District Farm Shop

Why: A look and a chat about Mill lane Farms:

- CSF grant aided covered feeding yard, Bob Marsden (CSF), Bob will also demonstrate his EMDA grant aided slurry injector on the farm. Grant aid for these injectors is available to all livestock farmers in England
- Upland Entry Level Scheme Options (UELS): Mark Taylor (NE), How to get your £62/Hectare (£25/Acre) modulated & HFA money
- Passport Fishing Scheme: How to make money from your river bank, Andrew Heath (Trent Rivers Trust)
- English Woodland Grant Scheme: Get paid for planting trees on that awkward bit of ground, Tristan Galletty (Forestry Commission)
- River Dove Ecological Survey: What it all means, Dave Otterwell (Ecologist EA)









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Slurry Store Tours, 60 farmers attended Slurry Solutions Seminar 80 farmers attended









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Farm Walks

# Are your Cultivations Costing the Earth 6th, 8th March 13th Feb















# Legume Herbal Leys Monthly Farm Walks April to October













## Livestock Drop in Centres

Bakewell Market

Drop in Centre











# **Environmental Stewardship**

## Great options for all farmers

AB6 Enhanced overwinter stubble AB15 Two year sown legume fallow GS4 Legume and herb-rich swards AB7 Whole Crop Cereals <del>£469</del>-£522/Ha <del>£569</del>-£593/Ha <del>£358</del>-£382/Ha <del>£554</del>-£584/Ha









# **Environmental Stewardship**

Case Study Holstein Holding

- 100 Ha
- 120 dairy cows plus followers
- Rotation for Temporary Grassland registered as TG01
- 20% Land Whole Crop Cereals (Wheat/Peas or Barly Beans & Oats) £584/Ha
- 80% Land Legume and herb-rich swards £382/Ha

# Averaged payment £422/Ha (£42,400/Year)

Savings on Nitrate Fertiliser £26,300/Year

Payments + Savings £68,700/Year better off!



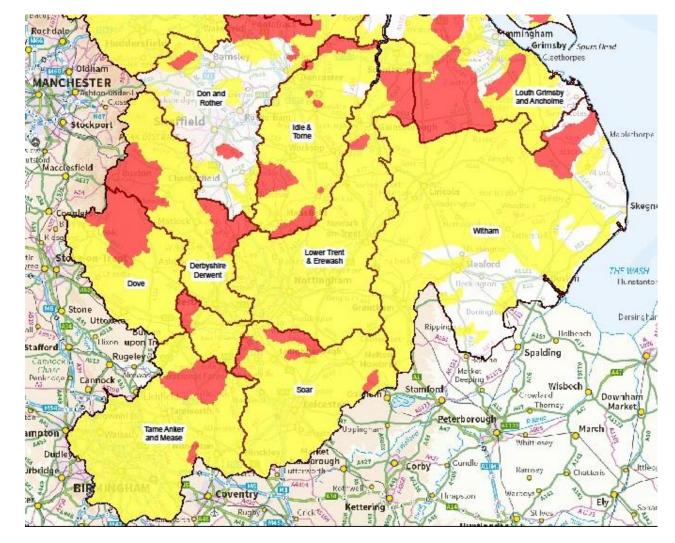






## Where & When: CSF

From 1<sup>st</sup> April this year Working in all areas Red, Yellow & White Spaces All River Dove and Tame Anker and Mease is in East Midlands











### **Contact CSF**

Keep an eye out for news letters & invites to events

## csf.eastmidlands@naturalengland.org.uk





