

Catchment Approach
Steering Group Meeting
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The Leam catchment

Catchment Sensitive Farming
(CSF) Catchment Partnership

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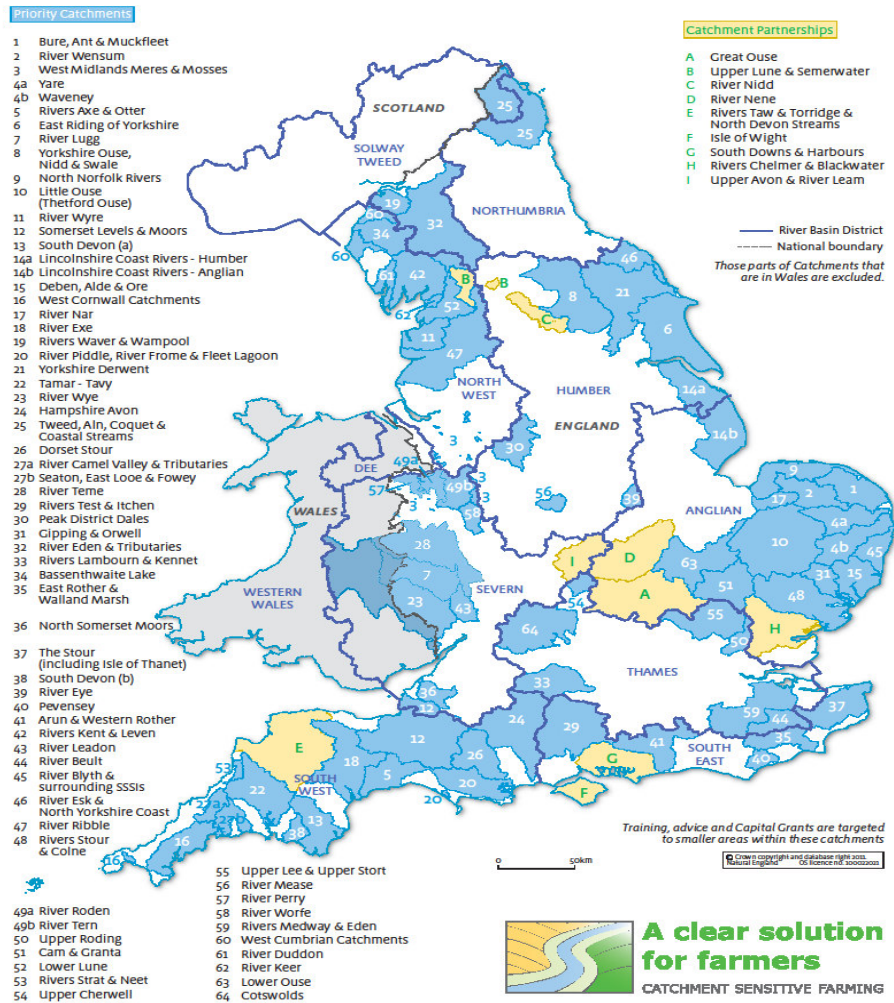
Phase 3 CSF

9 Catchment Partnerships covering 10 catchments

4 National partnerships on DWPA themes

Extending CSF free advice to more farmers and advisers

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) catchments



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Catchment

Partners

1. River Taw & Torridge EA, Devon CC (Biosphere proj)
2. Rivers Chelmer & Blackwater EA, Essex Suffolk Water
3. River Nene EA, River Nene Regional Park
4. Upper River Ouse EA
5. Upper Avon EA, Severn Trent Water
6. Isle of Wight HIW Wildlife Trust, EA
7. River Nidd Nidderdale AONB, Yorkshire Water, York Dales Rivers Trust
8. Semerwater & Upper Lune Yorkshire Dales National Park and Yorks Dales Rivers Trust
9. Downs and Harbour Clean Water Partnership (New) Portsmouth Water and EA

(Blue Anchor - not continuing as CSF catchment partnership)



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Evaluation of CSF Partnerships in phase 2

- Partners' feedback

- Partnership projects provided a source of funding CSF+ Partner
- Partners found partnerships to be of great value in providing a united approach to tackling diffuse water pollution issues.
- Partnerships were able to engage farmers quickly because of the partners existing local presence or profile and networks
- Partnerships enabled a sharing of resources and information helping to facilitate farmer engagement and advice provision.
- Partnerships provided catchment sensitive farming with a joined up and collaborative approach
- Recommended - simplify MoA process and capital grants



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Upper Avon Catchment Partnership

Upper Avon catchment including the Leam

Partners

- *Severn Trent Water (lead)*
- *Environment Agency*
- *Natural England on behalf of Catchment Sensitive Farming*

- *Set up Memorandum of Agreement in 2009 - ran to March 11*
- *Set up new MoA to extend to March 2013 (potential to 2014?)*
- *Steering Group: Jodie Whitehead (STW), Steven Bailey (CSF) and Paul Meakin (EA)*



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Upper Avon Catchment Partnership 2011-13

Objective: Reducing DWPA

Approach: advice on farming practices
and capital grants for farm infrastructure
up to £10K in target area for priority items

Evaluation - CSF telephone survey and
audit of 10% farm visits 1 year later

Issues: pesticides and nutrients

Target : Farmers, agronomists

Catchment Coordinator: Melissa Hoskings



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Upper Avon - Farm Advice Programme

- Visit to Water Treatment Works
- Farm demonstrations on biobeds
- PA1, PA2, PA4 pesticide training
- Soil moisture Deficit and text service
- PLANET workshops
- Nutrient management plans for farms
- Precision Farming event
- Slug control workshop
- Oilseed rape weed control workshop
- ELS/HLS on farm event
- River Walk
- Pesticide handling/grant scheme demo
- Farm visits - new and follow up
 - EA advice, biobed design visits
- Fertiliser spreader/sprayer calibrations
- Newsletter



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Natural England Interests

- Natural England local team leader Jennie Hughes
- HLS Target area to South - farmland birds
- HLS outside target areas - multi-objective agreements. Resource protection theme statement - options to reduce soil erosion and run off to improve water quality - CSF priority catchments
- ELS
- SSSI Long Itchington and Ufton Woods
- Leam Valley Local Nature Reserve

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CSF Catchment Partnership and Catchment Approach - Discussion

Dispel confusion?

Join up between catchment partnership and catchment approach?

Better integration?

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4. Voluntary Initiative (with AIC, NFU, AEA, CPA)

Theme: Pesticides best practice

Target : Agronomists, CSF, farmers, sprayer testers/operators

- Biobeds - guidance, costed examples, design manual, training
- H2OK Water protection booklet + bentazone - updated
- Grassland weed control - training agronomists and
 - Leaflets on hand-held sprayers and grassland weeds control
- Check it out farm audits- pesticide handling/field use on FWi
- Sprayer Testers workshops
- Media/NFU journal articles/FW Academy
- 7 CSF catchments - pesticide monitoring graphs and text messages on spray risks

- <http://www.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk> VI website
- Agronomists focus group



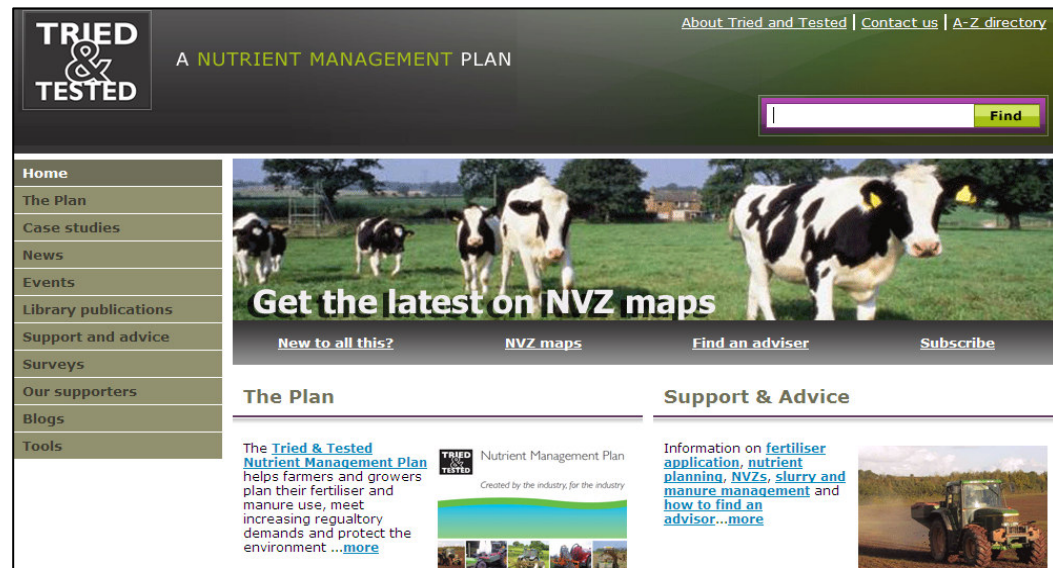
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1. Professional Nutrient Management Group

AIC, FWAG, LEAF, CLA, NFU

New booklets: Think Manures, FACTS leaflet,
New to Nutrient Management and Feed Plan 2012
Surveys on soil nutrients/farm practice, case studies



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