



ACTION FOR THE RIVER KENNET

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Reducing the impact of farming on the River Kennet

CSF Capital Grant Scheme 2013 launch event Three Tuns, Great Bedwyn on 27 March at 6.45 pm.

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) improves water quality by working with farmers on a voluntary basis to reduce diffuse pollution from agriculture. The Kennet and Lambourn catchment is a priority under CSF because of high levels of nitrates, phosphates, sediment and pesticides in the rivers and groundwaters.

Latest research shows that a high proportion of the sediment and nutrient entering the river is coming from agricultural land. Farmers want to keep soil and fertilizers on their land, so it is in their interest to stop it getting into the river. This project helps to identify problems and fix them. Good news for farmers, and good news for the river.

We have a list of 31 farmers who are not currently engaged in Catchment Sensitive Farming, although some may have been in the past. They should have received an invitation by post to an evening event to launch the 2013 Capital Grant Scheme.

They are in the priority area for 'Catchment Sensitive Farming' grants and we can also offer them a **free one to one advisory visit from Tim Clarke** who is a qualified agronomist and catchment sensitive farming advisor. He works with FWAG, Natural England and ARK. The grant window is open until the end of April 2013, so to take advantage farmers need to act **now**.

Please let Tim know if you are coming to the event: Phone: 07713 333196 or email timothyclarke55@gmail.com

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