

Southern Steams Project

Catchment Sensitive Farming



Soil Health Workshop

19th March 2015
9.30 -13.00
Tea/Coffee and bacon baps
On arrival



Welcome to the Southern Steams Project

The Southern Steams Project is a partnership project between Action for the River Kennet (ARK) and Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF).

The aim of the project is to provide advice, support and information to farmers about minimising the risks of agricultural diffuse pollution and looking after the biggest asset on the farm – the soil.

You will also be able to get the latest news on the CSF Grant Scheme

Programme

- 9.30 Arrive and Register
- 10.00 Karen Davies, CSFO for the Kennet and Lambourn catchment will give an update on the CSF Capital Grant Scheme
- 10.15 Martin Wood – Earthcare Technical Ltd. Author of “The Soil Lives”. Martin will set the scene about the role of soil organic matter and soil biology in striving to achieve healthy fertile soils
- 10.45 Henry Wilson – Fishers Farm will introduce the farm and the work he has undertaken to try and protect his soil and the local water bodies
- 11.00 Depart for Fishers Farm (RG17 7AA)
- 11.10 Farm Walk that will include
- Understanding soil compaction
 - Water infiltration
 - Soil biology and the role of organic matter on soil health
 - Remedial work to prevent runoff and soil erosion
 - Q&As
- 13.00 Workshop closing remarks

BASIS & NROSO points available



Venue:
Woodlands St. Mary
Village Hall
School Lane,
Woodlands St Mary,
Berkshire,
RG17 7SL

Site visit:
Fishers Farm
RG17 7AA

Date:
Thursday 19th March
2015

Time:
10:00 – 13:00
Bacon rolls and coffee
served from 9:30

The site visit is being held at Fishers Farm by kind permission of
Mr Henry Wilson

Please let us know if you can come to the FREE Soil Health Workshop, by contacting the ARK office:
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