



A clear solution for farmers

ENGLAND CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING DELIVERY INITIATIVE

Welcome to Catchment Sensitive Farming Autumn 2009 – The River Nene Catchment Partnership

Our aim - To improve water quality in the River Nene by working with, and advising farmers about reducing the amount of soil, nutrients and pesticides which are entering our rivers.

The England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative (ECSFDI) is funded by Defra and delivered in partnership by Environment Agency and Natural England. The River Nene Catchment Partnership is one of 10 new catchments offering free advice to targeted farmers to improve water quality. The initiative is voluntary, offering free advisory visits, specialist visits and training events to encourage changes in farm practices to reduce water pollution.

Staff from Natural England, the Environment Agency and the River Nene Regional Park will be working in partnership to offer free advice and support to farmers in the River Nene catchment to tackle diffuse water pollution from agriculture. See www.riverneneregionalpark.org/CSF. Two of your Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers are based at the River Nene Regional Park and are:

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Robin has worked on the River Nene Regional Park Project since 2006, firstly as the Land Advisor and now as Revital-ISE Project Officer.



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Neil is the Project Officer for the River Nene Regional Park and joined the organisation in July 2008.



What are the water quality issues?

The River Nene Catchment Partnership have carried out an appraisal for the River Nene catchment and have identified river stretches that are impacted upon by sedimentation and phosphate enrichment. In addition we are working with Anglian Water and the Metaldehyde Stewardship Group to tackle the issue of Metaldehyde (slug pellets) contamination of the Pitsford Reservoir.



The River Nene Catchment Partnership will be targeting our free advisory activities at farms in the areas highlighted on the map above. Farm advisory visits to assist with soil, nutrient, and pesticide management will be available soon.

If you are interested in finding out more about the free advisory services available from the River Nene Catchment Partnership please contact Robin or Neil. Alternatively see overleaf for details of the launch event.



RIVER NENE CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH EVENT

10am to 3pm Friday 27th November 2009

Manor Farm, Strixton, Wellingborough, Northants, NN29 7PA
By kind permission of David Hutchinson

Programme

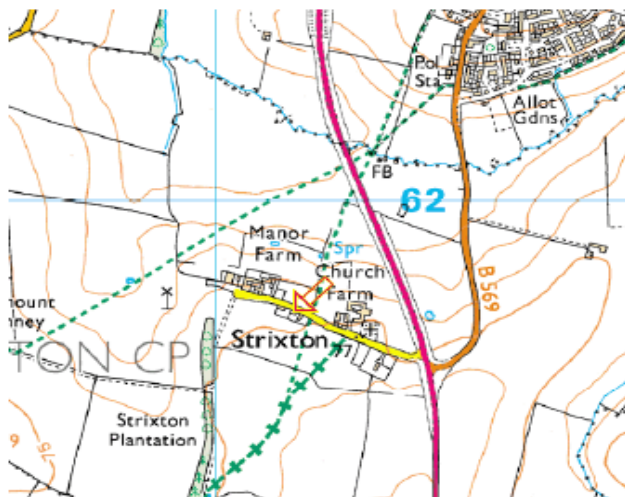
9.30am Refreshments available

10.00am Start

- Introduction to the River Nene Catchment Partnership – Robin Field
- Practical Soil Management – Simon Draper
'How to identify and deal with soil problems and the new Soil Protection Review and what you need to do'
- Lunch
- Metaldehyde best practice and a demonstration of pellet applicator calibration – Colin Myram

3.00pm Refreshments and depart

Free Think Soils Manual for all attendees. Find out more about our free farm advisory visits and sign up.



Directions to Manor Farm:
Strixton can be found on the A509 between Wollaston and Bozeat. If coming from the A45 leave it at the A509 junction near Wellingborough and if coming from the south join the A509 from the A428 Northampton to Bedford road

This event is FREE but please book to secure a place and lunch
To book please call Caroline Arnold on 01604 236 764
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This event will be registered for BASIS and NRoSO CPD points