

## **Nene Catchment Partnership - Newsletter Summer 2011**

### **Catchment Sensitive Farming back for another two years**

Funding has been agreed for Catchment Sensitive Farming to run for another two years with the added bonus that from March/April 2012 farmers within the priority areas will be able to apply for funding from the Capital Grant Scheme (national pot). The priority areas have now been extended to include all of the River Ise and all the River Nene above Northampton. The actual local priorities within the Capital Grant Scheme have yet to be set but these will be reported in the next letter. The procedure will be a visit from the Catchment Officer followed by support to complete the application. Up to **£10,000 per holding** can be claimed but the applications need to be strongly focused on national and local priorities to have the best chance of being successful.

Once again we will be running a range of **free** training workshops and these are based around application of slug pellets (PA4S qualification), the soil review and a sediment workshop. Details of planned workshops can be found at the end of the newsletter. Hopefully a localised 'water quality bulletin' will be available in the near future.

In the first two years the partnership provided free of charged:

- Seven farmer events with over 150 farmers attending
- 105 farm one to one visits
- Seven specialist one to one visits
- Seven partnership newsletters
- Improved monitoring in Upper Nene, CSF website, working with MSG and catchment modelling from Anglian Water

We hope to continue in a similar mode for the next two years concentrating on sediment issues on the River Ise and sediment and Metaldehyde issues on the River Nene. **Free** farm visits are available from now so please contact us if you would like one.



## Future Events

**October 5th:** Slug pellet applicator training and assessment (11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> Oct) (leading to PA4S) full day training event. Light lunch provided. To book please contact: [ecsfdi.events@adas.co.uk](mailto:ecsfdi.events@adas.co.uk) or 0845 6023864

**November 15th:** Sediment workshop, especially relevant for farmers on the River Ise. Newton Field Centre, 9.30-12.30 followed by light lunch. To book contact RNRP at: [rnrp@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:rnrp@northamptonshire.gov.uk) or 01604-236764

**January 31st:** Soil review event, half day training event (am or pm). Light lunch provided for both groups. To book please contact: Simon Draper. 01359 251 804 - [Simon@indagronomy.co.uk](mailto:Simon@indagronomy.co.uk)

**More free visits:** The Nene Catchment Partnership will be targeting our free advisory activities at farms in the target areas of the Upper Nene and Upper Ise catchments. Farm advisory visits to assist with soil, nutrient, and pesticide management are also available.

**A range of events will be organised:** These are for your benefit so if you have any good ideas for events please let us know. Watch the next newsletter for details.

*If you are interested in finding out more about the free advisory services available from the Nene Catchment Partnership please contact us at:*

Email: [RNRP@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:RNRP@northamptonshire.gov.uk) Tel: 01604-236764 Web: <http://www.rnrp.org/CSF>

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I would like to have a visit please