

A clear solution for farmers



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The Avon Catchment Sensitive Farming Project

The River Avon in South Devon has been selected to take part in 'Associate Programme of the England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative (ECSFDI) to raise awareness of diffuse water pollution and encourage voluntary action by farmers to tackle the problem.

The project will work with farmers and landowners to help them reduce nutrient and sediment inputs into the Avon catchment.

It is designed to help farmers in the following ways:

- Make better use of, and savings on, fertilisers and manures
- 'understand' cross-compliance
- prevent soil loss

Partners include Natural England, South Devon AONB, Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG), Aune Conservation Association and the Small Farms Association. The project will run until March 2008.

The project is offering free initial farm visits, from FWAG advisers, to discuss natural resource issues. Where necessary, a more in-depth follow-up visit can be arranged to help with specific issues, such as soil, manure or nutrient management. Farmers will also be invited to workshops in the area. Advice will include signposting to other schemes such as Environmental Stewardship.

How to get involved

If you think your farm could benefit from an initial visit and discussion with an adviser, please contact Devon FWAG on Tel: 01392 882080 or Tel: 01364 73140.

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