

Partnership Meeting

Agenda

Wye Catchment Nutrient Management Board

Date: **Wednesday 7 October 2026**

Time: **2.00 pm**

Place: **Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough
Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE**

Notes: For any further information please contact:
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Agenda for the meeting of the Wye Catchment Nutrient Management Board

Voting membership

Chairperson	Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst	Herefordshire Council
	Merry Albright	Herefordshire Construction Industry Representative
	Louise Bodnar	Voice of the River
	Councillor Jackie Charlton	Powys County Council
	Helen Dale	Country Land and Business Association
	Nick Day	The Friends of the Lower Wye
	Simon Evans	The Wye and Usk Foundation
	David Gillam	Save the Wye
	Gordon Green	Wye Salmon Association
	Saul Herbert	Herefordshire Wildlife Trust
	Christine Hugh-Jones	Council for Protection of Rural Wales
	Georgie Hyde	National Farmers Union
	Sarah James	Farm Cymru
	Councillor Catrin Maby	Monmouthshire County Council
	Councillor Andrew McDermid	Forest of Dean District Council
	Andrew McRobb	Council for Protection of Rural England
	Silvia Sivers	Radnorshire Wildlife Trust
	Pat Stirling	Friends of the Upper Wye
	Adam Taylor	Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence and to note any substitutes.	
2. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING To receive the notes of the meeting held on 6 July 2026. HOW TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS The deadline for the submission of questions for this meeting is 5.00 pm on Thursday 1 October 2026. Questions must be submitted to nutrientmanagementboard@herefordshire.gov.uk Questions sent to any other address may not be accepted. Accepted questions and, where possible, any responses received from the relevant agencies will be published in a supplement to the agenda papers.	7 - 12
3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC To receive any written questions from members of the public and related responses; including any updates to questions received at the previous meeting.	13 - 14
4. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN To receive an update on progress with the development of the Nutrient Management Plan. [Oliver Bowers, Haskoning UK Ltd; 30 minutes]	
5. WYE AND USK FOUNDATION: DISCUSSION ON MONITORING To receive an update from the Wye and Usk Foundation, covering: • The need for, and benefits of, continuous monitoring (e.g. ammonia) • The question of which indices are the correct ones to monitor • Examples of successful monitoring, and where monitoring needs improvement [Simon Evans, Wye and Usk Foundation; 30 minutes]	
6. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY: DIFFUSE WATER POLLUTION PLAN UPDATE The following update was forwarded to board members on 21 September 2026. A briefing note is also attached. In November 2025, the Environment Agency developed the Diffuse Water Pollution Plan (DWPP) for the River Wye Special Area of Conservation, which sets out five strategic priorities to improve water quality and help protect this nationally important river system. We are now sharing the DWPP, accompanied by two supporting documents: a Statement of Intent and an Implementation Plan. The	15 - 16

Statement of Intent explains how the Environment Agency, working with Natural England, will take forward the strategic priorities, while the Implementation Plan sets out how progress will be reviewed, how evidence will inform future decisions and how findings will be reported over time.

The documents can be found using the above links of via [River Wye Water Quality](#) | [Engage Environment Agency](#).

[Martin Quine, Environment Agency; 30 minutes]

7. NATURAL ENGLAND: UPDATES

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To note the attached updates from Natural England, including:

- Nature Restoration Fund
- Business Readiness Forum / Draft Norfolk Environmental Delivery Plan consultation

[10 minutes]

[Note: It is intended that an item on Catchment Sensitive Farming work will be included in the agenda for the board meeting on 20 January 2027.]

8. WIDER UPDATES FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

To receive updates on activity from members of the Wye Catchment Nutrient Management Board.

[5 minutes]

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next scheduled meeting: [Wednesday 20 January 2027, 2.00pm](#).