

NMB Partner reporting template

Organisation:	Natural England
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Specific Actions attributed to NE in Action Plan and progress on these	<p>CSF Review (jointly with EA & WUF) – below is NE specific progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract being progressed by NE for Farmscoper 5 to be run using RePhoKUs study• New Senior Agricultural Advisor for Wye appointed.• Discussions with national team, on further detailed analysis for the Wye catchment with regard CSF. <p>RBMP water target review completed</p> <p>Exploring further voluntary measures for phosphate reduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TAG farm advice working group set up, supported by agricultural senior advisor for the Wye• Local Nature Recovery Statutory Senior Advisor (Rhiannon Pierce) appointed for Herefordshire, to support Herefordshire Council in developing the LNRS• NE ran an Agro-forestry event in early Nov, was well revived• Working with WUF and poultry CSF expert to explore options to help with funding to reduce pollution from ranges and verandas through capital grants.• Slurry Advice will launch next Feb, developing series of events for the catchment
Wider actions contributing to delivery of action plan	<p>Farm Advice</p> <p>For details of Farm Visits, technical advice provided, agri-environment agreements delivered, please see September report. Will provide updated figure in March.</p>

Chair of TAG and develop working groups

See TAG update

Reviewing Condition of the River

Evidence reviews almost completed, final review of new reports from EA. Will confirm ahead of next Board meeting. Will not change status on Nutrient Neutrality. Nutrient Neutrality remains in place on the Lugg which is failing its water quality targets. The Wye is not currently failing its water quality targets. The river Wye is close to its phosphate targets on some of the monitoring points. This situation is regularly reviewed by NE.

Providing SSSI consent/assent/advice

This is ongoing with over 100 cases on the Wye and Lugg this year.

Ongoing work regarding prosecution case on the Lugg. NE lead witness working on restoration plan.

Continued close working with EA team on cases.

Providing Statutory Planning Advice

Ongoing engagement with HC. Will provide comments on agricultural SPD.