

NMB Partner reporting template

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Specific Actions attributed to NE in Action Plan and progress on these	<p><i>CSF Review (jointly with EA & WUF) – below is NE specific progress – this includes CSF actions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potato event “Producing whilst Reducing” on 5th July at Park Farm nr Leominster. 40 attendees booked on. Funded and organised jointly by CSF and WUF looking at ways of reducing inputs and minimising the environmental footprint of potato crops. A number of large potato processors have been involved in the planning, will be in attendance and have helped promote the event to their growers.• 77 Mid Tier support requests have passed the sift and will have received a visit by the 18th August which is the scheme application deadline.• 52 Capital Grant approvals have passed the sift and will be contracted out through the FaLMA system to be assessed.• 3 EA referrals have had visits and received advice.• Carried out 5 “Slurry Improvement Grant” visits in the catchment to discuss best practise at every stage of the “slurry journey” as well as the specifics of the grant.• CSFA Met with group of upland farmers from Black Mountains area alongside WUF. Initial meeting with view to possibly working as a cluster group in future to look at future upland land management options. <p>Reviewing Condition of the River - please see agenda for the following supporting documets.</p> <p>Natural England - Wye and Lugg stakeholder briefing (document published with NMB 12 July agenda)</p> <p>Natural England - Appendix 1_ Detailed Evidence Summary Wye and Lugg (document published with NMB 12 July agenda)</p> <p>Natural England - Appendix 2 Understanding terminology in River Condition on Wye (document published with NMB 12 July agenda)</p>

Providing Statutory Planning Advice

Natural England has a number of statutory duties and responsibilities in relation to SSSIs. These include providing advice to local planning authorities and developers on the potential impacts of development,, to ensure their protection and enhancement in line with regulation and planning policy. Local planning authorities (LPAs) have a duty to consult Natural England before granting planning permission on any development that is in or likely to affect a SSSI.

Natural England publishes Impact Risk Zones (IRZ's) for every SSSI, which it keeps under regular review to help local authorities decide whether appropriate to consult. The IRZ defines the zones around each SSSI which reflect the sensitivities of the features for which the site is notified, and indicates the types of development proposal which could potentially have adverse impacts.

Alongside the condition status review mentioned above, Natural England has also reviewed the coverage of the IRZ for the River Wye SSSI. We have concluded that this IRZ should be changed including areas that were previously not captured, to provide consistency in our advice across the whole catchment. The updated IRZ will now match the entirety of the River Wye catchment, covering Herefordshire and also extending slightly into Forest of Dean authority area. This will help to make it clear that drainage and potential impacts on water quality need to be considered in the whole of the catchment. The IRZ wording will remain the same, advising that the Local Authority should have consideration of how new discharges could have an impact upon the River Wye.

This change will take place on the 9th August

[Natural England - River Wye Impact Risk Zone \(IRZ\)](#)
(document published with NMB 12 July agenda)

***RBMP water target review
completed***

***Exploring further voluntary measures for phosphate
reduction***

	<p><i>Local Nature Recovery Statutory Senior Advisor</i> LNRS update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herefordshire Council formally appointed as Responsible Authority with Natural England as Supporting Authority. • Herefordshire LNRS steering group has been set up with monthly meetings now in place. Awaiting confirmation of a steering group chair. • Herefordshire Council are undertaking a review of existing partnerships in the county before establishing new LNRS working groups to avoid duplication of groups and streamline workflows • LNRS Terms of reference, approximate timelines and stakeholder engagement plan are progressing.
<p>Wider actions contributing to delivery of action plan</p>	<p>Farm Advice</p> <p>For details of CSF see above</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with Farm Herefordshire</p> <p>Potential for Landscape Scale Recovery Bids</p> <p>Chair of TAG and develop working groups</p> <p>See separate paper re working groups & Caba & TAG update</p> <p>Providing SSSI consent/assent/advice</p> <p>This is ongoing with over 100 cases on the Wye and Lugg this year.</p> <p>Restoration plan in place and underway for Mr Price</p>