

1. Welsh Evidence Review to inform updated NMP

NRW are working with Herefordshire County Council (HCC) and Powys County Council with newly appointed consultants to support work using Welsh Government funding provided to HCC. This will inform the Welsh elements of a new Wye Nutrient Management Plan.

2. Rapid Evidence review on the spreading of poultry manure

In 2024, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) commissioned a Rapid Evidence Assessment (REA) to improve our understanding of how manures generated by the farming sector can impact on freshwaters. The study has examined how nutrients such as Phosphorus and Nitrogen are released from different manure types and the role of storage and spreading. A systematic review of relevant literature was undertaken, in addition to interviews with key academic experts working in this field. The report will be published in full on NRW's website within the next few weeks.

3. Constructed Wetlands Policy now on Website

[Natural Resources Wales / Constructed wetlands](#) Also, NRW endorses the use of the design concepts within the Natural England Framework Approach for Responding to Wetland Mitigation Proposals, with the caveat that NRW's Constructed Wetland Policy should be consulted.

4. Upper Wye Restoration Programme

- Work continuing be delivered in Jan and Feb including on the Irfon to prevent livestock being able to enter the watercourse and slow the flow work in the Tarenig and Hafren forest both on the Upper Wye. Additional work is planned on 2 farms in the Upper Wye and the Ithon in March/April subject to agreements being signed with farmers.
- Initial round of farm visits has been completed on the Ithon catchment We are developing agreements with these farmers to deliver more work on farms next financial year, as well as starting a new round of visits on the Aran, Ithon and Upper Wye.