

# Living Soils Event

## CS Water Grants and future of CSF

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# Catchment Sensitive Farming

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- Water Grants
- What's on offer in 2015?
- Key messages
- Next year



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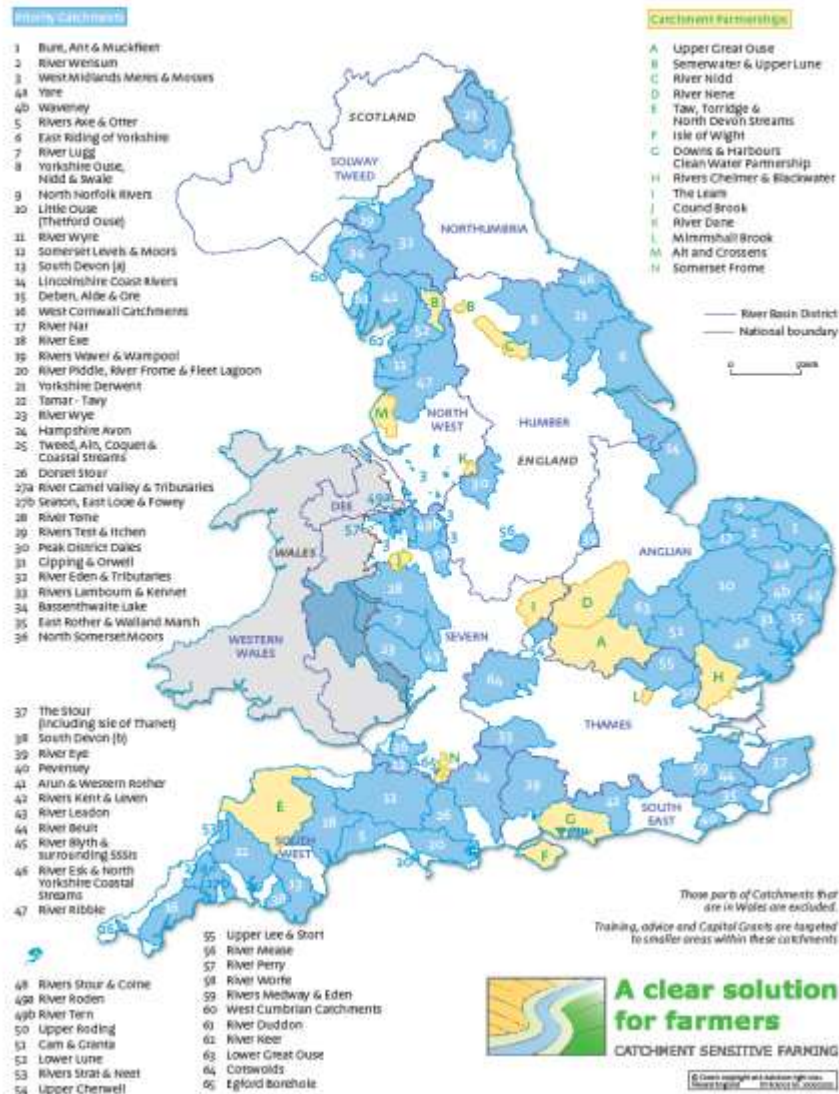
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# What is Catchment Sensitive Farming?

- **Free and confidential** advisory services linking to capital grants
- Helping to manage the risks of runoff & leaching to assist in water protection
- Management of soil, nutrients, pesticides & muck
- Source / pathway / receptor

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) catchments

As at 18 November 2010



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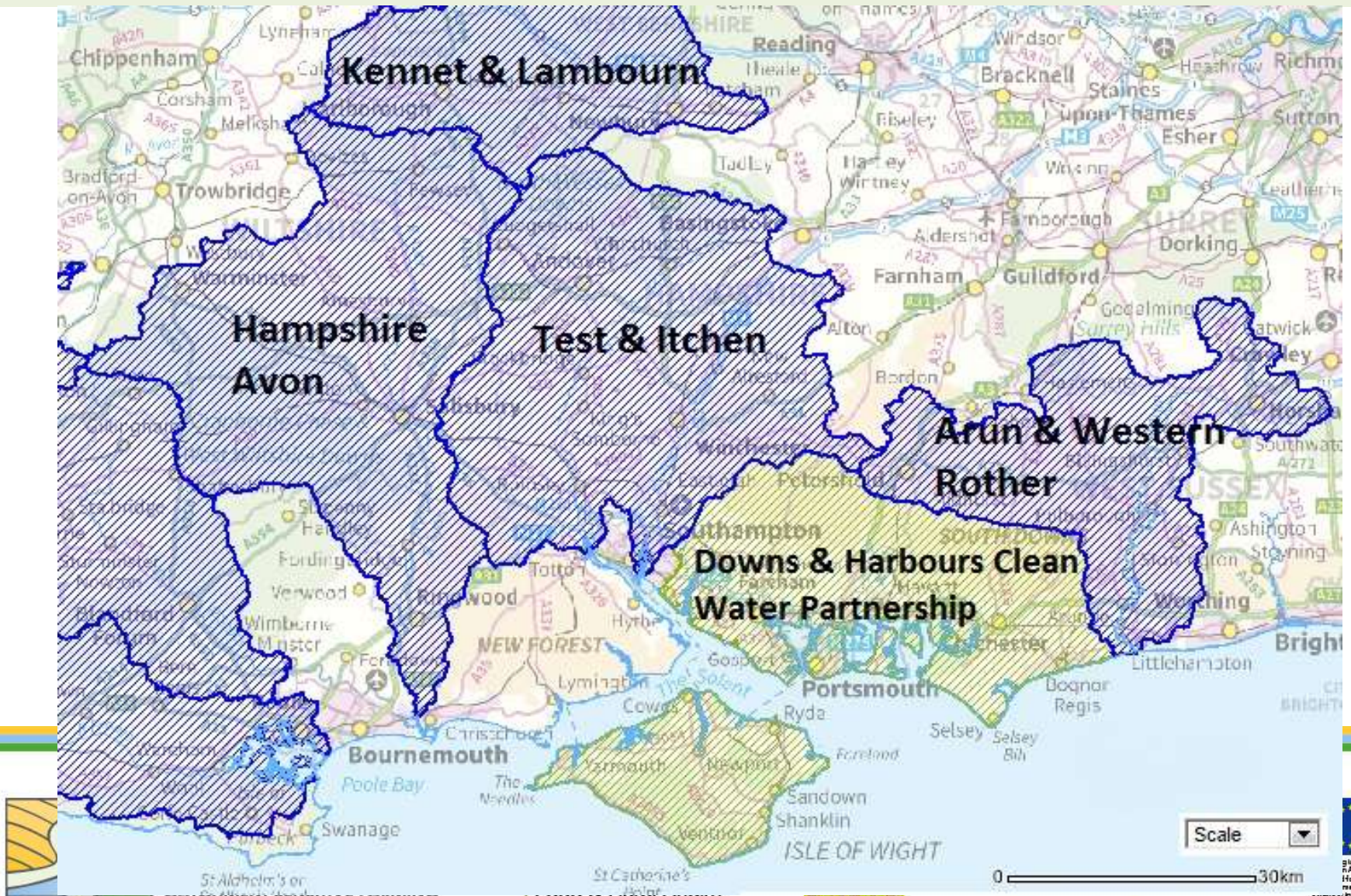


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# Where?



# Test & Itchen Issues

- **Reduce sediment and nutrient run-off from cropped areas and grassland**
- **Reduce diffuse pollution from farmyard areas and tracks**
- **Protect groundwater by trying to reduce nitrate leaching**
- **Reduce the potential risk of pesticide pollution**
- **Reduce livestock impact on watercourses**



# Capital Grants

## Water Grants 2015

**2<sup>nd</sup> March until 30<sup>th</sup> April**



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# Water Grants 2015

- Water Grants available in 2015 prior to launch of Countryside Stewardship in 2016
- Replaces CSF stand alone scheme
- Available in CSF catchment **target** areas only
- Applications to go through a competitive scoring process
- Best bet to engage with CSF advice



# Water Grants 2015

Similar to previous CSF scheme, i.e.

- Maximum £10K grant aid per farm
- Similar options with standard costs & prescriptions
- Similar timeline & deadlines
- Competitive scoring process with priority options
- Farmers with existing ES can apply
- Five year agreement





# Example options and proposed funding rates

Item	Previous max funding	New fixed rate
Lined biobed with washdown pad	£3500/unit	£118/m <sup>2</sup>
Lined biobed with existing pad	£2250/unit	£77/m <sup>2</sup>
Biofilter	£625	£990
Sprayer washdown pad	£1250/pad	£40/m <sup>2</sup>
Roofing sprayer pad	£42/m <sup>2</sup>	£62/m <sup>2</sup>
Above ground rainwater tank	£100/m <sup>3</sup>	£100/m <sup>3</sup>
Guttering & downpipes	£4.38/m	£11.40/m
Outdoor concrete yard renewal	£25/m <sup>2</sup>	£27.14/m <sup>2</sup>
Cross drains	£139/unit	£245/unit

<b>Resurfacing of gateways *</b>	<b>92/unit</b>
<b>Gateway relocation *</b>	<b>340/unit</b>
<b>Watercourse crossings</b>	<b>300/unit</b>
<b>Livestock and machinery hardcore tracks *</b>	<b>33/m</b>
<b>Cross drains</b>	<b>245/unit</b>
<b>Installation of piped culverts in ditches</b>	<b>340/unit</b>
<b>Sediment ponds and traps *</b>	<b>10/sq m</b>
<b>Earth banks and soil bunds</b>	<b>155/unit</b>
<b>Silt filtration dams/seepage barriers</b>	<b>75/unit</b>
<b>Swales</b>	<b>5.95/sq m</b>
<b>Check dams</b>	<b>42/unit</b>
<b>Yard – underground drainage pipework</b>	<b>5.5/m</b>
<b>Yard inspection pit</b>	<b>200/unit</b>
<b>Concrete yard renewal *</b>	<b>27.14/sq m</b>
<b>Rainwater goods</b>	<b>11.4/ m</b>

# Important Dates

- **Copies of all permissions / consents by 29 May (or with applications).**
- **Applicants informed by 30 June**
- **Claims made by 29 January 2016 with no exceptions**



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# How to find out more and apply

- Applications and guidance will be available to download from [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) NOT CAPIS
- Enquires should be made to:

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) Section

Natural England

Telephone: 0300 060 1111

Email:

[catchmentsensitivefarming@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:catchmentsensitivefarming@naturalengland.org.uk)

**or myself / other local CSFO**



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# What else is on offer in 2015?

- Continued free advice through events & farm visits
- Water Grants and CS applications

## Farm visits:

- By CSFO and farm consultants
- Taking bookings now for consultant visits next financial year

## Upcoming events:

- Rivers Week 21<sup>st</sup> April



# Consultant farm visits

- ❖ Free half day visit with follow up report
- ❖ Site specific - costs, design, location & regulatory requirements

For example:

- Pesticide handling, biobeds & biofilters
- Water audits - rainwater harvesting, abstractions & boreholes
- Soil husbandry – assessing texture, structure, OM, biological activity to reduce compaction & improve soil health
- Water runoff management – reducing runoff at source (field, track, gateways), along flow pathways and protecting receptor



# Key Messages

- Taking requests for consultant farm visits now (delivery summer onwards)
- Intended grants:
  - priorities will change in June
  - be ready - short turnaround
  - keep your CSFO in the loop
- Please take any leaflets



# Thank you

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