



FARMER CLUSTER

Working together to restore and protect the Evenlode Valley landscape

An Evenlode Catchment Partnership Project

Smarter Water Catchment (SWC) grants have helped farmer engagement through various channels over four years. A grant helped catalyse the early formation of the North East Cotswold Farmer Cluster (NEFC) before Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Funding became available.



“Data, farmers and stakeholder engagement are all critical to establishing where, and how, nature recovery is best targeted and delivered.”

Why it's important



The willingness and openness of the farming community to try new techniques, schemes and conservation initiatives, whilst battling climate change and a transition in government policy has been truly inspiring.

The combination of ECP activity and farmer collaboration has enabled one of the most progressive river catchments in the country, exemplified by the development of the first multi-farm Landscape Recovery Pilot project. Subsequent spin-off projects are pioneering new routes to private finance to enable more resilient businesses and natural systems in the Evenlode catchment.



Project highlights



pioneering natural systems in the Evenlode catchment



seeded engagement of **165** farms



18 projects delivered

Restoring the Evenlode Catchment for People & Wildlife



THE EVENLODE CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP

Funding urgently needed

Since 2014, the Evenlode Catchment Partnership (ECP) has been dedicated to improving water quality and flood management, enriching biodiversity, fostering greater community engagement with our rivers and increasing climate resilience across the Evenlode catchment area.



“Our rivers deserve to be saved”
Chloe, age 12

Why it's important



Much of our incredible work has been funded by Thames Water. However, Thames Water have failed to deliver the promised upgrades to their sewage treatment works. Due to the serious harm from sewage pollution to our rivers and wider catchment, we have made the moral decision to not accept any more funding from them beyond March 2025.

The ECP now desperately needs your support. We have made great strides, but we need your help to continue. By donating, fundraising or volunteering, you can help us restore and protect our precious river environment for generations to come. Join us in saving our water habitats.



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