

Isle of Wight Catchment Sensitive Farming Project

Newsletter – Spring 2014

The Isle of Wight Catchment Sensitive Farming (IWCSF) Project is co-ordinated by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. This project aims to provide well informed advice and guidance to farmers and landowners on all aspects of catchment sensitive farming. The project officer may also provide assistance with applications for grant funding to protect water resources, address diffuse and point source pollution and enhance wetland habitats.

Catchment Sensitive Farming – Additional Capital Grant Funding available for Isle of Wight

In addition to our annual CSF capital grants programme we have been allocated further funding specifically for improving local water quality. This is because the Solent is designated at a European level as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The aim is to improve and maintain the water quality as it runs into the rivers which feed into the Solent. *(See overleaf for further information).*



We are able to offer a free no obligation farm visit to help identify any potential farm infrastructure improvements that could be made with the assistance of capital grants to reduce farm pollution, and thus improve water quality as it enters either ground or surface waters. You may already know of areas on the farm that are vulnerable or where you could improve water quality as it leaves the farm. Any applications for this additional funding **must** be discussed with the IWCSF Project Officer before the application is submitted.

Examples of possible grant opportunities include; creating sediment traps, diverting run off from tracks or separating clean water from dirty in the yard, and rainwater harvesting (full list overleaf).

The Isle of Wight Catchment Sensitive Farming Project can also offer a free no obligation advice service on a variety of subjects including environmental stewardship, soil husbandry, or a general look at how your farm interacts with the local watercourse or groundwater. If you would like to have a free farm visit, or discuss this additional funding opportunity please contact Lucy Temple on 01983 760016 or by e-mail at lucy.temple@hiwwt.org.uk

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Background Information
Natura 2000 Sites & Catchment Sensitive Farming
(CSF)
Capital Grant Scheme funding 2014/2015

The Solent is designated as a SAC/SPA for its complex of marine and estuarine habitats. It is failing its conservation objectives because of high Nitrate levels. We are therefore looking to fund applications in the Solent area which address the need for a reduction of Nitrates entering the Solent.

- We have allocated £5m of additional Capital Grant Scheme funding specifically to address diffuse water pollution on Natura 2000* designated sites within CSF Priority Catchments in England.
- The money will be targeted very tightly to where it is most needed.
- The standard application rules (outlined in the CSF Capital Grant Scheme handbook, link below) will apply to all agreements allocated to address Natura 2000 priorities. Natura 2000 applications will be offered and approved by the Isle of Wight Catchment Partnership on a case by case basis, depending on how well they address the specific site objectives.
- We are keen to work closely with farmers who are able to make a difference on these sites, due to their geographical location, topography, farm type etc, to produce effective Capital Grant Scheme agreements.

**Natura 2000 or "N2K sites are European designated sites that aim to ensure the maintenance of habitats and species of European importance. The Natura 2000 Network consists of Special Protection Areas (SPAs), which are designated for birds, and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), which are designated for species other than birds. These sites are important to Natural England because over 75% of SSSIs by area, are also Natura 2000 sites.*

You can read more about the CGS grant via the Natural England website;

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/csf/cgs/default.aspx>

Items available under the new scheme:

- CSF001 – Relocation of gates
- CSF003 - Watercourse fencing
- CSF005 – Solar-powered electric fence kits for seasonal fencing
- CSF007 - Hard bases for livestock drinkers and feeders
- CSF008 - Pasture pumps and associated pipework
- CSF009 - Ram pumps and associated pipework
- CSF010 - Livestock troughs with associated pipework
- CSF011 - Cross drains on or in farm tracks or within farm yards for clean and dirty water separation
- CSF012 - Sediment ponds and traps
- CSF014 - Yard works for clean and dirty water separation
- CSF015 – Installation of piped culverts in ditches
- CSF016 - Resurfacing of gateways
- CSF017 - Rainwater storage tanks, first flush rainwater diverters and downpipe filters
- CSF021 - Livestock and machinery tracks (new)
- CSF023 – Roofing of manure storage and livestock gathering areas
- CSF026 – Roofs for slurry and silage stores including self feed silage stores

If you are interested in applying for the grant please contact the IWCSF Officer as soon as possible. The application window is:

1st February 2014 – 31st March 2014

Applications made after the deadline will not be accepted.

Annual Capital Grant Scheme 2014/2015

The CSF Capital Grant Scheme has been revised and will now open for applications between

**** 1st February – 31st March 2014 ****

This is a nationally competitive scheme to encourage farmers and land managers to improve or install facilities that will benefit water quality by reducing losses of pesticides, nitrates and sediments from land and yards.

*****A maximum of £10,000 may be awarded to any farm to cover 50% of the costs (labour/machinery/materials)*****

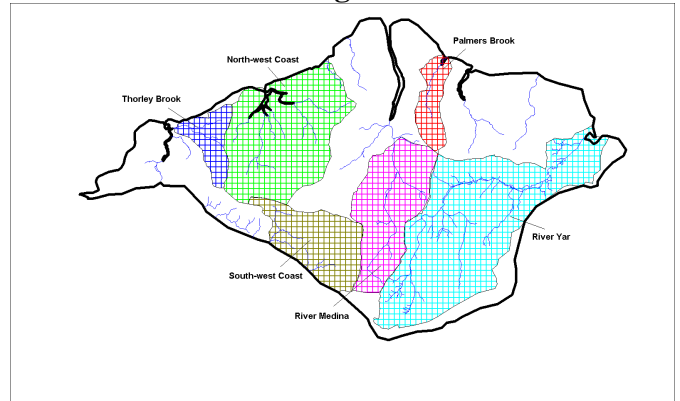
Grants for items such as:

- Hard bases for livestock drinkers and feeders
- Cross drains
- Sediment ponds and traps
- Yard works for clean and dirty water separation
- Rainwater storage tanks
- Relocation of sheep dips
- Livestock and machinery tracks and associated livestock fencing
- Lined biobeds
- Roofing of manure storage and livestock gathering areas
- Roofs for slurry and silage stores

Priority is given to:

- Projects within the catchment target areas
- Applicants who have received 1:1 on farm advice from the IWCSF Project Officer
- Those with holdings in Environmental Stewardship Agreements

IWCSF Catchment Target Areas 2014-2015



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To request an application pack and handbook please contact:
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Further details may be found at www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/csf/cgs

