



A clear solution for farmers

CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING

Whole farm appraisal in the River Wye Catchment

Vowchurch, Hereford

River Wye Catchment (23)

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Description of the farm and issues

Stall House Farm is on a tributary of the River Dore. There are unfenced watercourses where stock access can cause poaching and siltation especially in the winter. Access to fields on slopes can also cause problems in wet weather. Advice from the whole farm appraisal in February 2007 and a follow up visit in December 2007 included recommendations on how to reduce the risks from the following:

- Coppicing alders, fencing banksides on the watercourse at Stall House, moving crossing points, installing drinking points, putting up gates and planting willows.
- Stoning gateway into Woodhouse and possible track repair
- Maintaining the few field drains on the farm
- Continue to choose outwintering and feeding sites carefully
- Keep management plans up to date



Description of action being taken now or planned for future

Since the first visit the following have been successful:

- A CSF grant has been awarded to stone gateways, fence watercourses, improve yard drainage, install livestock drinkers and troughs and to improve access tracks and cross drains. This work is taking place on all three blocks of land on the farm
- The farmer has also stoned additional feeding areas in some fields to reduce run off
- The farm management plans have been reviewed and updated
- N use on the farm has also been reviewed and the implications of the new NVZ regulations have also been considered



Access track and gateway after CSF grant work

Conclusion

When all the capital work is completed the advice and guidance through CSF will have helped to reduce diffuse water pollution through agriculture by:

- Reducing bankside erosion by stock
- Reducing the risk of run off from gateways, tracks, drinkers and feeders
- Better nutrient management on the farm

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