

# FARM FUNDING AND TRAINING ROUNDUP

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Below is a list of upcoming events, webinars and funding available to support your farm business, and help you to get the best out of your land and livestock. Read on to find out more about what's on offer this month....

### The Big River Watch

Big River Watch is a chance to be part of the movement improving our freshwater spaces. In just three easy steps, you can contribute to a national data set that will help us build a picture of river health across the country. Some info on the app, how to join in and what has been recorded on there so far

<https://theriverstrust.org/about-us/news/big-river-watch-weekend-first-look-data>

### Farmers continue to get access to plant protection products

British farmers and growers will continue to have access to important pesticides to support resilient and profitable food production and cut input costs, the government has announced. Click the link for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/farmers-and-growers-to-be-given-continued-access-to-crucial-plant-protection-products>



### Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund

Last month, the RPA published the latest round of the Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund, which gives groups of farmers and landowners in England the opportunity to work together and share knowledge to protect and enhance the local environment, in line with their local Countryside Stewardship priorities. The £2.5 million fund for this round encourages collaboration between farming groups and supports government efforts to improve the environment and create cleaner, greener landscapes. You can read more about this grant [here](#)

### Training, workshops and demo days in the Weaver Gowy catchment!

The Weaver Gowy Agricultural Sub-Group is looking for your advice for upcoming training, workshops and demo days... we want to know **what would YOU find useful?** Previous events have included talks from vets, precision farming events, and talks on Water Friendly Farming  
Please send your suggestions to: [sally@merseyrivers.org](mailto:sally@merseyrivers.org)



## Slurry Infrastructure Grant

A further £74 million is being made available to help farmers invest in improved slurry infrastructure to tackle water pollution, improve air quality and make better use of organic nutrients, the government has announced today (21 November 2023).

Applications are now open for the second round of the [Slurry Infrastructure Grant](#) which forms part of a total £200 million being invested in infrastructure and equipment to tackle agricultural pollution from slurry over the agricultural transition period.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/74m-investment-to-reduce-water-and-air-pollution-from-slurry>



## Get involved in Test and Trials

Help test and further develop environmental land management schemes. Click the link for application documents and information on how to get involved.

<https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/2023/10/30/get-involved-in-tests-and-trials/>

## Workshops

ADAS Climate Change webinars

Open to everyone, each webinar is aimed at a different stakeholder within the food supply chain. From producer to retailer and leaders who decide policy, all have a role to play in helping agriculture adjust and adapt to the effects of climate change.

Follow the link and register for webinars.

<https://adas.co.uk/events/countryside-cop3-webinars/>



## Pie and Pint Evening

Last Wednesday evening, a free Pie and Pint night was held at the was held at Alvanley Arms pub, Cotebrook for farmers across the Upper Weaver as part of the [United Utilities BRBNW](#) Programme.

At the evening, whilst pints were enjoyed, presentations were given by both Mersey Rivers Trust and [ADAS](#) staff to those present, with extensive opportunities throughout to ask questions and discuss opportunities.

The evening was well received by the 25 farmers in attendance, with two farm visits immediately booked on the evening, and six attendees already having benefitted from farm visits.

Mersey Rivers Trust will continue to host these types of events throughout this year and next year, and if you would like to know more about what we do please email us [here](#) to be added on to the Farm Newsletter mailing list.

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