



Alt Crossens Catchment Partnership: Water Friendly Farming Group

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MRT Water Friendly Farming Hub



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The Mersey Rivers Trust have developed an online hub for farmers or anyone who has an interest in farming and the environment. It has information on water friendly farming practices, sources of funding, case studies and useful links.

Farming Newsletter



WELCOME!



As the extremely rainy weather continues this month, let us hope that the April showers bring May flowers. In our newsletter this month there are updates to farm schemes, training and events happening. Read on to find out more about what's on offer this month, and you can also keep up to date with our **Farming Hub** online.

WATER RESTORATION GRANTS

Funding is now available for groups of farmers to improve freshwater habitats, with a goal of farm clusters to work together and deliver projects at the catchment scale. The new Water Restoration Fund offers grants to support projects which improve the water environment. There are grants for both development and delivery of projects. The deadline for applications is **7 June 2024**. For more information and to read the Water Restoration Fund Guidance please click [here](#).



NEW MEASURES AGAINST AVIAN FLU

Defra has set out new measures to better protect the poultry sector from future avian influenza outbreaks. Under these new



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Water Friendly Farming

Welcome to the Mersey Rivers Trust Water Friendly Farming Hub

Newsletter produced monthly with latest updates about grant funding, training and policy announcements from Defra & regulators

You can also join the email distribution list by sending an email to: farming@merseyrivers.org

Let us know what you would like to see on the Hub or in the newsletter !

Farming Advice Service Website

www.farmingadvice.org.uk

The Farming Advice Service provides free, confidential advice for farmers & land managers to help protect people, livestock and the environment. A partnership with Catchment Sensitive Farming. Funded by Defra

Technical advice line: 03000 200 301 | Email: advice@farmingadvice.org.uk



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Guidance

Farming Resilience Fund: free business advice for your farm

Offer ends early 2025

Guidance

Organisations giving free advice in your area (listed by county)

Updated 27 September 2024

The Farming Resilience Fund provides business support to farmers and land managers in the first few years of adapting to agricultural transition.

If you have received direct payments since October 2022, you can get this support and it is free of charge. It is designed to help you make the right business choices for the future.

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Farm sector	Organisation and what it can offer	Contact	Organisation website
All	ADAS	resilience@adas.co.uk 03301 755 839	ADAS website
All	Brown & Co	defrafr@brown-co.com 01480 598 869	Brown & Co website
All	Ceres Rural LLP	futurefarming@ceresrural.co.uk 01223 679 679	Ceres Rural website
All	DJM Consulting	djmc@theruralbusiness.co.uk 01746 714 089	DJM Consulting website
All	GSC Grays Ltd	FBAS@gscgrays.co.uk 03333 059 059	GSC Grays website
All	Laurence Gould Partnership	keith@laurencegould.com 07968 412 052	Laurence Gould website
All	NIAB	futurefarming@niab.com 01223 342 289	NIAB website
All	Ricardo-AEA Ltd	ffrf@ricardo.com 01235 753 530	Ricardo - AEA Ltd website

Future Workshops for Alt Crossens

- We aim to hold the next workshop in March 2025 – probably at Mere Brow again
- What topics would like to see covered ?
- If you have any suggestions for future workshops you can also email us at: **farming@merseyrivers.org**
- We hope to organise a farm visit in early spring 2025 to look at some rainwater harvesting installations and other water management actions



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