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# Water Friendly Farming

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# Grant Funding Sources

**Countryside Stewardship**

**Environmental Land Management – no grants yet announced**

**The Future Farming Resilience Fund – National Parks & AONB's**

**England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO)**

**Woodland Trust**

**Trees for Climate/Mersey Forest**

**Farming in Protected Landscapes**

**Farming Investment Fund:**

**Farming Equipment and Technology Fund**

**Farming Transformation Fund:** Water Management Grant, Improving Farm Productivity grant,  
Adding Value grant

# Grant schemes

## Available grants:

- Defra are offering various grants for a range of purposes through the Farming Investment Fund, look at the web site: [Farming Investment Fund - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

**The Farming Equipment & Technology Fund** provides funds to improve business performance and is completed online with a range of small grants between **£2k - £25k** which is not restricted by the previous Countryside Productivity Grant scheme. **Prices per unit are fixed.** You can apply for a total of **£50,000** over the scheme's duration.

**The Farming Transformation Fund** supports larger investments to improve productivity, profitability and enhance environmental sustainability and split into 3 parts:

- 1. Water Management** with grants between **£35k - £500k** based on a grant of up to **40%** i.e. the minimum eligible cost would be **£87,500 to £1,250,000**
- 2. Improving Farm Productivity grant** between **£35 - £500k** based on a grant of up to **40%** i.e. the minimum eligible cost would be **£87,500 - £1,250,000**. Farmers, horticulturalists and contractors are eligible and can make up to 3 claims over the project life for:
  - Annex 1:** Robotic equipment definitions and requirements
  - Annex 2:** Additional slurry equipment under the Farming Equipment & Technology Fund
- 3. Adding Value to Agricultural Produce**, *expected to be launched later this spring*



## Grants schemes cont'd

Defra are planning to roll out a package of support over the next few years, to support investment options across slurry management:

- **Slurry equipment:** the first round of the [Farming Equipment and Technology Fund](#) (the small grants part of the Farming Investment Fund) offered funding for the best available slurry techniques, including separators and low-emission spreaders. Defra will soon ask people to share their views on how we can improve this offer in future rounds i.e. ***grass aerator, Moscha slurry spreader***.
- **Slurry acidification:** In January 2022, Defra launched a new offer for slurry acidification projects, under the [Improving Farm Productivity strand of the Farming Transformation Fund](#). This is the large capital grants part of the Farming Investment Fund. Applicants have until 16 March 2022 to submit applications via the on-line checker.
- **Slurry stores:** From Autumn 2022, Defra are planning to offer a new slurry storage infrastructure scheme. This will be offered under **Farming Transformation Fund** (rather than a completely separate slurry investment scheme).

If you require guidance on manure storage (FYM & slurry) talk to me this includes slurry lagoons

## Grants schemes cont'd

### Animal Health and Welfare Pathway

Animal Health and Welfare Grants – being worked on:

#### Some ideas include:

- better housing for your cattle to deliver improvements in lameness, cow comfort and calf mortality
- providing foraging items and ramps for your laying hens to improve feather cover
- installing environmental and behavioural monitoring equipment in your broiler sheds
- improving sheep handling equipment and weigh scales
- introducing further biosecurity measures on your pig unit

[Animal Health and Welfare Pathway - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)



# Catchment Sensitive Farming Expansion



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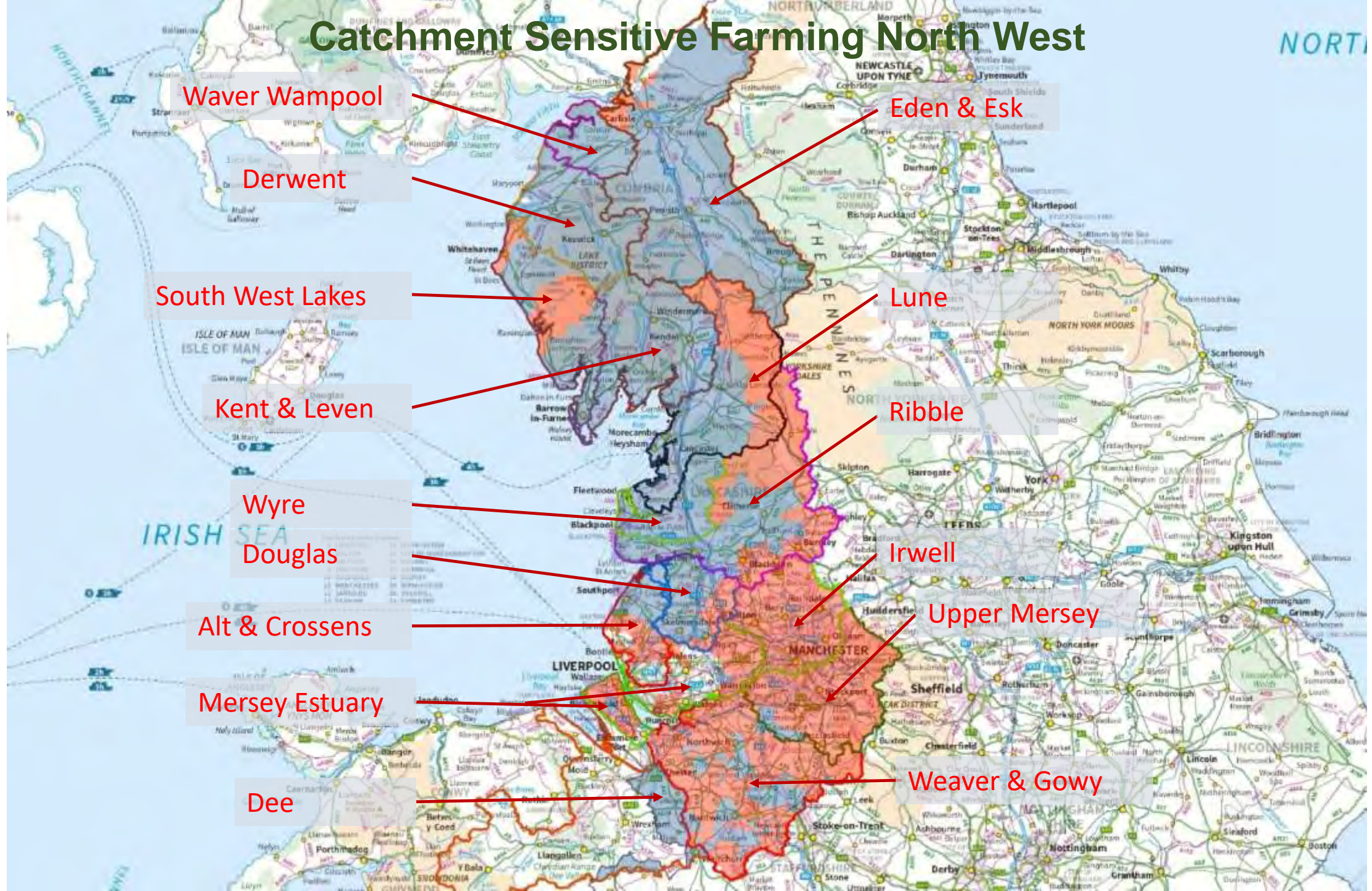


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# Catchment Sensitive Farming North West





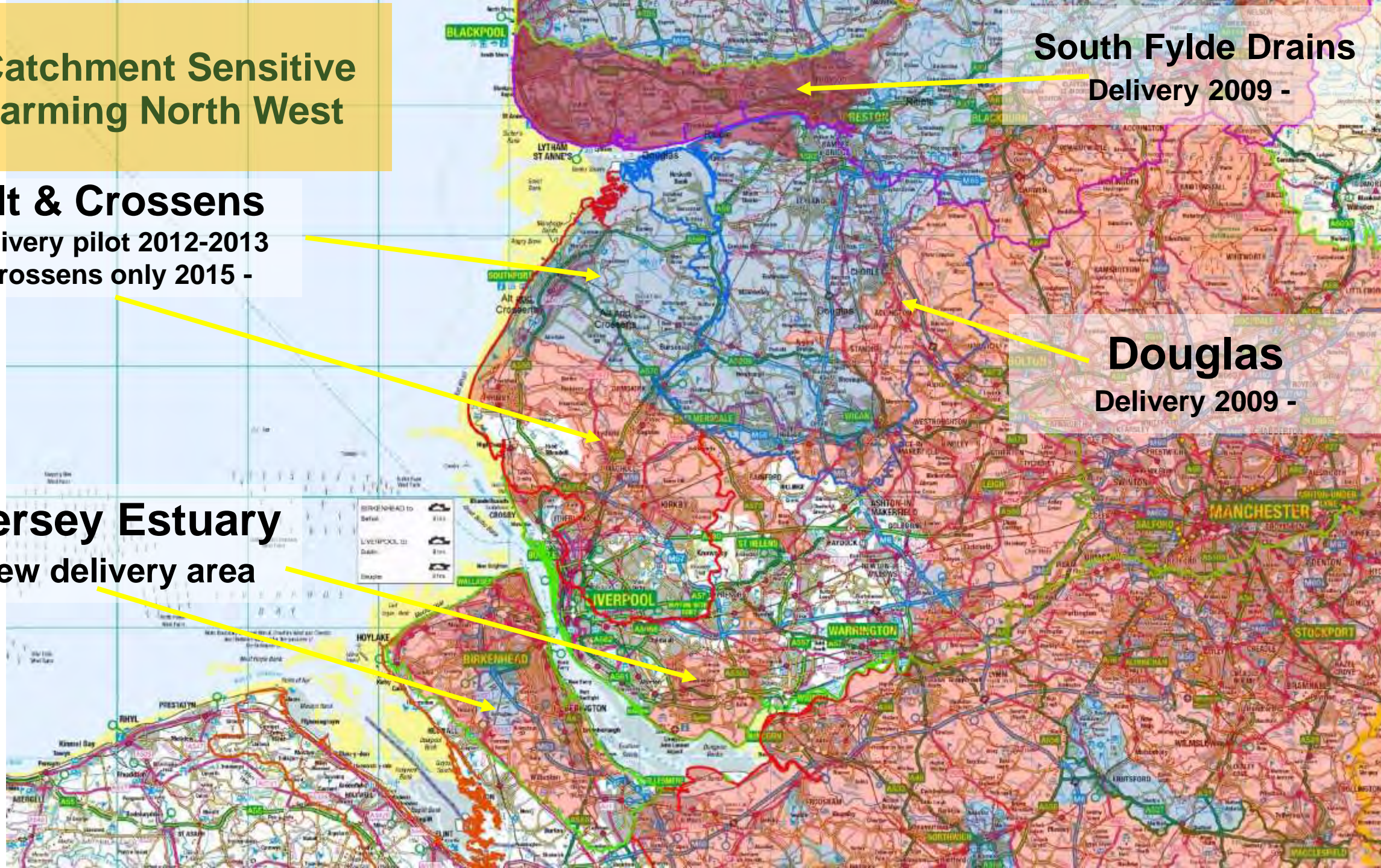
**Catchment Sensitive  
Farming North West**

**Alt & Crossens**  
delivery pilot 2012-2013  
Crossens only 2015 -

**Mersey Estuary**  
new delivery area

**South Fylde Drains**  
Delivery 2009 -

**Douglas**  
Delivery 2009 -



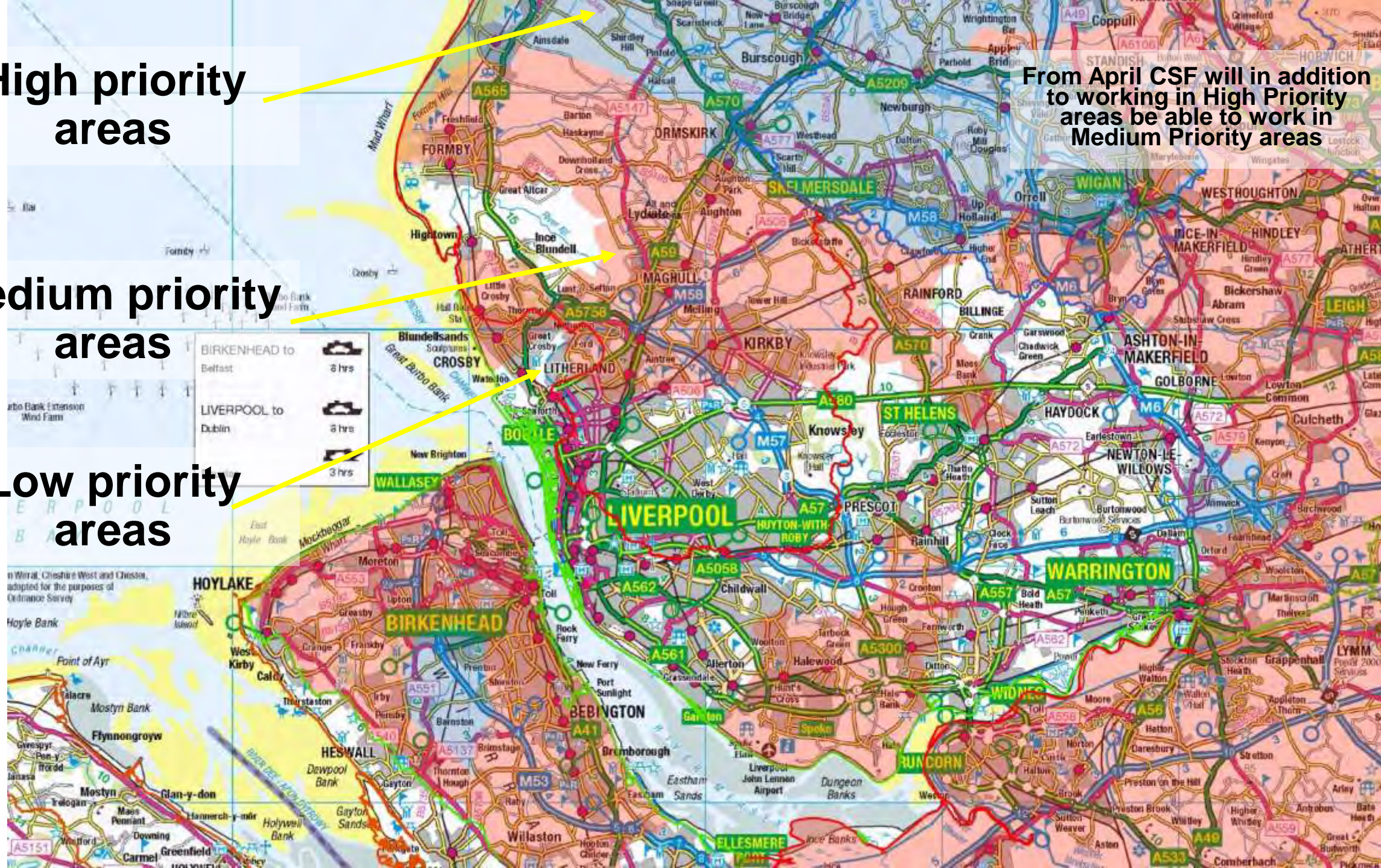


**High priority  
areas**

From April CSF will in addition  
to working in High Priority  
areas be able to work in  
Medium Priority areas

**Medium priority  
areas**

**Low priority  
areas**





## Identifying problems



Water contamination



Runoff



Nutrient Loss



Silage Liquor Loss



Water management



Waste management



Soil management



# Meeting our customers



Event promotion & awareness

## Widening and developing CSF Priorities:

Water Quality  
Clean Air - Air Quality  
Flood Risk Mitigation  
Agricultural Transition Advice  
Including: Biodiversity, Climate Change, Soils



Getting feet on the ground

## Signposting to:

Countryside Stewardship & Grants  
Sustaining Farming Incentive  
Local Nature Recovery  
Farming Equipment & Technology Fund  
Farming Investment Fund  
England Woodland Creation Offer  
Future Farming Resilience Fund  
Partner Schemes



Attending local & national events



# Management reports – understanding farm issues



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Funding to resolve pollution  
risk and environmental  
solutions



Concrete



Keeping rivers cool



Tree planting



Water management



Hedgerow management



Fencing watercourses



Wall management



Fence & Hedges





Tracks



Roofing



Managing water



Roofing



Pesticide management



Air quality – slurry scrapers



Cross Drains



Water course fencing





# Thank you

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**North West River Basin**

**Catchments: Alt & Crossens, Douglas & SFD's**

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