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The **Arun and Rother Rivers Trust** are a registered charity working to improve rivers in West Sussex and East Hampshire.

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*We are a not-for-profit organisation and need funds to continue our vital work— you can help by making a donation or becoming a sponsor... you can also support us by using Amazon Smile... see our website for ways to help.. www.arrrt.org.uk **THANK YOU!***



Help for the



River Arun Landscape

Since 2012 we at the **Arun and Rother Rivers Trust** have been working with landowners and others to improve and protect the health of rivers across West Sussex and East Hampshire. We have already completed a range of projects that have had real benefits, including river enhancements, increasing fish movement, tree planting, on-farm sediment measures and more. There is still much to do to improve our rivers and ensure they are resilient to future change, and we are working with partners to plan and deliver projects that will help. But we need your help to make a difference. You live, work and breathe within the Upper Arun and we need your support, comments and wisdom to make these improvements successful. If any of this information is of interest ,or you can offer us your support for improvements to the river and its valley catchment, please do get in touch.

This leaflet outlines a range of offers, specific practical support and tailored advice that is available for farmers , landowners and land managers in the

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ARRT Offers

Our Upper Arun project has funds to enhance water quality and habitats for fish and other species. The following offers are available to landowners.

Riverbank Trees

Rivers need shade to keep temperatures low for fish and other species—with increased temperatures and tree diseases predicted we need to act now.

We are looking for river banks that would benefit from tree planting, for example where trees have been lost to disease or where erosion is taking place. Supported by the Woodland Trust, trees are native species from native grown stock and supplied guards and stakes. We can even help with planting them.

River Enhancements

Some areas of the Arun lack habitats for fish and other species, such as vegetation or a range of flow types. We have funds to help restore river habitats using natural materials. If your stretch is missing deep and shallow sections, plants in the water, has undercut banks and tree roots, then get in touch.

See contact details on the back of this leaflet.

Catchment Sensitive Farming

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) is a project run by Natural England in partnership with the Environment Agency and the DEFRA. It's staffed by trained, qualified and experienced advisors. Catchment Sensitive Farming Officers work with independent specialists from the farming community to deliver free advice tailored to the area and farming sector. This advice includes workshops, farm events and individual farm appraisals. CSF also offer capital grants, at up to 60% of the total funding, to deliver improvements in farm infrastructure. **For more information get in touch with your local CSF Officers:**

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A new farm cluster for the Upper Arun?

Farmers do a lot for Britain's rural environment, but there is only so much that an individual, acting in isolation, can do on his or her farm. By working together, helped by a facilitator, farmers and land managers can work more cohesively together in their locality, enabling them to collectively deliver greater benefits for soil, water and wildlife at a landscape scale (see www.farmclusters.com for more info).

Following the success of the growing Rother Valley Farmers Group (RVFG) we are hoping to help local farmers to create a new farm cluster for the Upper Arun landscape. In the coming months we will be meeting with farmers and running events to get ideas and input from about direction and focus.

If you would like to learn more or get involved in discussions please get in touch (contact details overleaf).

Southern Water— Catchment First

Southern Water is now offering capital grants of up to £10,000 per holding per year, in the Upper Arun, for infrastructure improvements and other initiatives which reduce the risk of pesticides reaching surface waters, and so help protect and improve water quality across the catchment. These pollutants can harm wildlife, cause human health issues and create risks for our drinking water supplies.

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