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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 Rother 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 Rother Valley 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 River Rother catchment, West Sussex.

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ARRT Offers

Our Western Rother 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 Rother 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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Rother Valley Farmers Group

Alongside local farmers and experts in the Rother Valley we help to facilitate the Rother Valley Farmers Group (RVFG). Currently we have over 30 members, covering over 10,000 hectares. With farmers leading the agenda, RVFG sets targets and focus for environmental improvements. **If you would like to sign up or learn more contact: info@arrt.org.uk**



Riverfly Monitoring



ARRT have an established river monitoring scheme on the River Rother, West Sussex, which looks at river invertebrate life at fixed points along the river, and linked to the Riverfly Partnership (www.riverflies.org). The range and abundance of these invertebrates can give an indication about the health of the river. We are always looking for new sites and additional volunteers, and can provide training, equipment and support. **Get in touch with coordinator Ses Wright—email ses.wright@gmail.com**

Floodplain Meadows in the Rother Valley...

We have an exciting new project planned for next year with South Downs National Park to rediscover lost hay meadows of the Rother Valley. We hope to restore two sites, and provide guidance and direction for future restoration across the Rother.

We would love to hear from you if you have memories or stories of local hay meadows, were involved with them or if you have a site you think could be suitable for restoration...

contact details overleaf.

