

Hedges and Edges Event

The importance of good field edge management to reduce water pollution

You are invited to a free meeting which looks to provide guidance on the best management strategies for field edges, to help reduce water pollution.



Tuesday 24th October 2017

Location:

**Kilsham Farm, Kilsham
Lane, Petworth, West
Sussex, GU28 0LJ**

Time: 10:00am - 14:30pm

Lunch: 12:15

**A free Lunch and refreshments
will be provided**

The Western Rother, Test and Itchen catchments are high water quality priority areas requiring attention to reduce diffuse water pollution from agriculture.

- Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) aims to reduce the quantities of nutrients, sediment and pesticides reaching watercourses.
- A key method of reducing pollution is to enhance field edges (hedges, buffer strips and ditches), thereby breaking the pollution pathway to a watercourse.

There will be talks from specialists who will provide expert advice on effective field edge management, as well as the mitigation approaches and possible funding available.

Agenda:

- **10:00 - 10:30 - Tea and refreshments**
- **10:30 - 11:15 - Introduction:** Management of field edges for the benefit of water quality and flood management - Suzie Qassim (Catchment Sensitive Farming).
- **11:15 - 11:45 - AHDB Farmbench tool:** Introduction to the new benchmarking tool, how it works and how it can save you time and costs - Paul Hill (Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board).
- **11:45 - 12:15 - The Rother Valley Farmers Group** - working on a landscape scale delivery - Colin Hedley.
- **12:15 - 12:45 - Lunch**
- **12:45 – 14:15 - Farm walk:** Look at how and where to apply field edge management.

To Book a place, please log on to: www.tiny.cc/CSF2410

Please advise us if you have any special dietary or other requirements.

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