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CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING



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Invitation

11th October 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Arun & W. Rother Rivers Catchments Discussion Group **A Southern Water and Catchment Sensitive Farming Partnership**

You are warmly invited to participate in a joint discussion group to learn more about water quality challenges and our work with farmers in the Arun & W.Rother river catchment.

**The Royal Oak
Oaklands lane
West Lavington, Midhurst
West Sussex, GU29 0EP**

**Wednesday 9th November 2016
18:30 – 20:30**

Light dinner will be provided

As part of a package of measures to assist in the management of metaldehyde levels in the river we will be gauging interest in the following options:

- ❖ **Farm visit consultation with your catchment officer**
- ❖ **PA1 and PA4S (slug pellet applicator) training**
- ❖ **Slug peller calibration**
- ❖ **Ferric phosphate substitution**

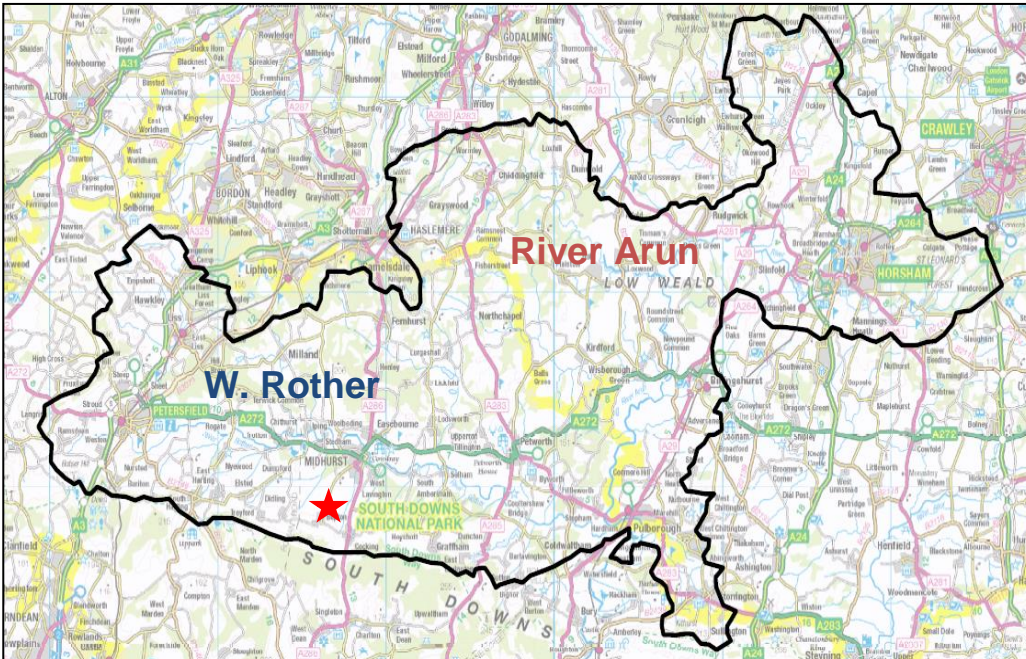
This year **Southern Water** is launching a partnership programme with **Catchment Sensitive Farming** in the Arun & W.Rother rivers aimed at helping farmers to reduce diffuse water pollution and increase on-farm efficiency. This builds on the work previously undertaken by Catchment Sensitive Farming in the Arun & W.Rother rivers catchment.

In the first year of our programme we will be focusing on slug control and the management of metaldehyde, the active ingredient of many slug pellets. Metaldehyde is an effective chemical against slugs but it is difficult to remove from drinking water sources such as rivers and reservoirs. We would therefore welcome your input as to how the farming community and water industries can work together to manage the use of this product.

Attendance at this event will be eligible for BASIS and NRoSO points.

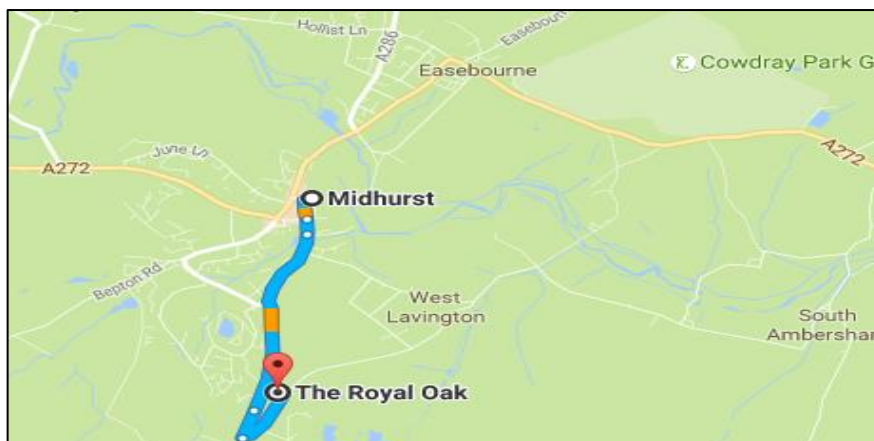


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Farms within the boundaries may be eligible to apply for advice and incentives to assist in the management of soils, pesticides, manures and nutrients.

★ Midhurst location for discussion group launch event.



Places at the launch event are limited. To reserve your place and receive further information about the advice and incentives we offer, please contact us via one of the methods below (*Your agronomist and farm adviser are also welcome*):

1. Fill in our online form at - tiny.cc/CSF0911
2. Contact us via the details below.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts.

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