

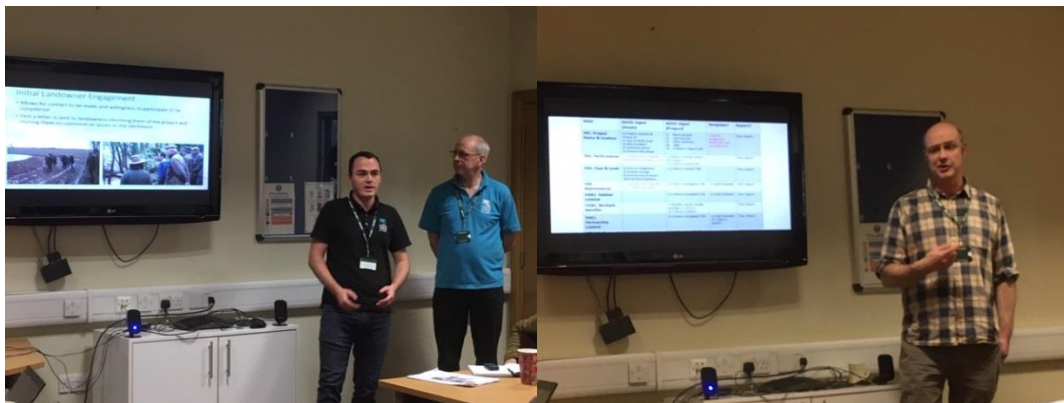
## Building capacity for community groups, local authorities and catchment partnerships to do successful natural flood management

Summary and next steps by Dom Martyn, Chris Uttley, Dave Johnson and Margarita Papadopoulou: *A programme of bespoke visits, webinars and workshops designed to meet your training needs*

- In January, over 50 people attended 2 workshops in Reading and Leeds organised by the Environment Agency with sessions from NGOs and the Catchment Based Approach National Support Group.
- The purpose of these workshops was to share and embed good practice, input into NFM guidance and identify training needs to help project managers deliver the community scale projects within the Natural Flood Management Programme. Thank you for your collective offers of up to 20 visits, hosting workshops and practical sessions. Dom Martyn will liaise with those who expressed an interest in being involved. If you didn't put your name down but now want to, please let Dom know by email ([dom@theriverstrust.org](mailto:dom@theriverstrust.org))
- You would like a mix of visits, videos, workshops and webinars. We will be in touch with you soon to communicate events from spring 2019 into the autumn and possibly beyond. See indicative events below.
- Topics of interest? A wide variety from start to finish, lots of asks for landowner and land agent best practice messages, good practice design and build, monitoring and evaluation, consenting, maintenance and liability.
- Thank you for completing your feedback: there were some great other points made:

**“We want to work with contacts other than just from the NFM programme”**

**“NFM is not just fluvial, its estuaries and coasts too”**



## 2019 draft programme of events – to be confirmed... Site visits and workshops

- **8 to 10 March** - Visit tree planting with [Treesponsibility](#)
- **2 April Norfolk, River Ingol** - integrated constructed wetlands including discussion on applying techniques to natural flood management and good practice landowner agreement
- **Visits dates tbc:**
  1. **mid-May - Evenlode, Thames NFM pilot**
  2. **Yazor Brook**, Severn and Wye
  3. **Derwent Villages** NFM project, Yorkshire
  4. **Southwell and Loundhum**, Trent Rivers Trust, seeing NFM design and construction
  5. **Thames, River of Life** floodplain and rural SuDs
  6. **Holnicote** - a successful source to sea project protecting around 90 properties, Wessex
  7. **Pontbren**, Wales
  8. **Tweed**, Scotland
  9. **Dartmoor and Wilton** natural flood management pilot project
  10. **NFM in London** an urban approach – various sites visit
  11. **Wrye Rivers Trust** - Farmer led delivery day with leaky dams. Covering design, site assessments, tree installations and planting
  12. **Belford, Northumbria** – seeing one of the best practice NFM initiatives
- **9 July Turning NFM evidence to action workshop** - improving flood resilience, multiple benefits and profitable land management, South West
- **NFM best practice community and catchment delivery workshop** - turning evidence into action, Severn and Wye and Thames
- **Visit and workshop: best practice community NFM delivery and monitoring** - Calderdale, River Aire catchment, Yorkshire
- **NFM consenting workshop** - top tips and embedding best practice with Lead Local Flood Authorities, communities, catchment partnerships and Environment Agency, Severn and Wye location
- **Soils, beavers and NFM**, Devon

**Webinars** – natural flood management surgeries – trouble shooting pain points and sharing top tips for embedding best practice

**Practical training** – in the Severn and Wye, Thames, Rise Park Stream

**Please note these are draft dates where shown and subject to change. We will keep you updated including at the River Restoration Centre webpage for Integrated Catchment Delivery events**

- <https://www.therrc.co.uk/integrated-catchment-delivery-events-2019>
- Please see 2017/18 resources including best practice natural flood management <https://www.ciwem.org/events/workshop-integrated-catchment-delivery>  
<https://www.therrc.co.uk/integrated-catchment-delivery-events-2017-18>
- A video of Stroud Rural SuDs <https://vimeo.com/137996880>