

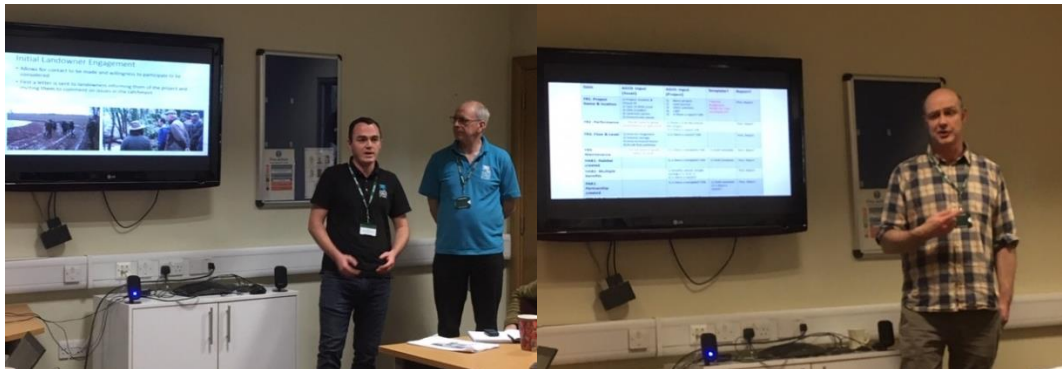
Building capacity for communities, local authorities and catchment partnerships to do successful natural flood management (NFM) - visits, videos, webinars and workshops meeting your training needs

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- In January 2019, 50 people attended two workshops in Reading and Leeds by the Environment Agency, NGOs and the Catchment Based Approach National Support Group.
- The workshops were to share and embed good practice, input into NFM guidance and identify training needs helping project managers deliver successful community scale projects within the Defra 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 you who expressed an interest. If you didn't put your name down but now want to be involved, please let Dom know by email dom@theriverstrust.org
- You want visits, videos, workshops and webinars. We will contact you soon to communicate events from spring 2019 into the autumn and beyond. See indicative events below.
- Topics of interest? A wide variety from start to finish, lots of requests for landowner and land agent best practice messages, good practice design and build, monitoring and evaluation, consenting, maintenance and liability.
- If your project is funded by £15m Defra NFM please complete information on your work: <https://catchmentbasedapproach.org/learn/natural-flood-management-monitoring-and-evaluation/>
- See up-coming programme and materials <https://www.therrc.co.uk/integrated-catchment-delivery-events-2019>. A video of Stroud Rural SuDs <https://vimeo.com/137996880>
- Thank you for completing your feedback, you made some great suggestions we're taking on!

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

“Natural flood management is not just fluvial, its estuaries and coasts too”



2019 working programme – celebrating 2019 Year of Green Action, 1st July London Climate Action Week and 29th September World Rivers Day

These bespoke events are part funded by Environment Agency National Flood and Coastal Risk Management to build capacity for natural flood management. We will update you as dates are confirmed and at the River Restoration Centre webpage for Integrated Catchment Delivery events.

Visits

1. **1st week in July – London Climate Action Week – 3 July Evenlode Thames NFM pilot** - project conception, engagement, consenting, design and build to monitoring and appraisal. One of a number of events across Thames from source to sea celebrating London Climate Action Week.
2. **NFM in London** an urban approach – various site visits across London to see what's possible and planned in our densely populated capital city.
3. **Yazor Brook**, Wye catchment, Herefordshire, see how this NFM initiative compliments the Yazor Brook flood alleviation scheme, a strategic measure to help deliver Herefordshire Council's regeneration plans.
4. **Derwent Villages** NFM project, Yorkshire aiming to reduce local flooding through entirely natural methods such as tree planting and 'leaky dams', constructed from trees and other riverside material, slowing flows following heavy rainfall. The four becks are in North Yorkshire on the river Rye and the upper Derwent.
5. **Southwell and Loundhum**, Trent Rivers Trust, seeing NFM design and construction.
6. **Dartmoor and Wilton** natural flood management pilot project.
7. **Wrye Rivers Trust** - Farmer led delivery day with leaky dams. Covering design, site assessments, tree installations and planting, Lancashire.
8. **Belford, Northumbria** – seeing one of the best practice NFM initiatives.

Workshops

9. **Turning NFM evidence to action workshop** - improving flood resilience, multiple benefits and profitable land management, South West.
10. **NFM best practice community and catchment delivery workshop** - turning evidence into action in the Severn and Wye and Thames.
11. **18 June tbc Visit and workshop: best practice community NFM delivery and monitoring** - Calderdale, River Aire catchment, Yorkshire.
12. **NFM consenting workshop** - top tips and embedding best practice with Lead Local Flood Authorities, communities, catchment partnerships and Environment Agency, Severn and Wye location, Northumbria.
13. **Soils, beavers and NFM**, Devon.
14. **16 July, 11 September, 26 November Webinars** – natural flood management surgeries – trouble shooting pain points and sharing top tips for embedding best practice and working with NERC NFM Programme.

Wider Integrated Catchment Delivery events this training is a part of. All are inclusive and free

- **3 June Devon and Cornwall soils alliance** – Roadford Lake, Broadwoodwidge, PL16 ORL
- **13 June Tame, Anker and Mease Catchment Partnership – creating an attachment to your catchment.** Visit and workshop to Southfields Farm and Meriden Lakes project
- **Whole catchment approach to NFM including Holnicote** - a successful source to sea project protecting around 90 properties, Wessex
- **Thames, River of Life** floodplain and rural SuDs
- **Pontbren**, Wales
- **Tweed**, Scotland

23 April 2019 briefing – future events - building capacity for communities, local authorities and catchment partnerships to do successful natural flood management