



Life R4EVER KENT

HELP FOR FARMERS

The **LIFE R4ever Kent** project aims to help make the River Kent Special Area of Conservation more resilient to environmental pressures, with a particular focus on populations of Freshwater Pearl Mussel, White-clawed Crayfish, Salmon, Trout and Bullhead.

We have **funding to work with farmers** in the catchment to help support the work that is already being done to care for and maintain this special environment. This includes free **advice on accessing environmental land management schemes**, such as Countryside Stewardship and the Sustainable Farming Incentive, and **funding for physical river restoration work**, including fully funded fencing and tree planting on farms, and other restoration works (such as removal of redundant features, de-culverting and flood plain reconnection) that would support fish migration and the health of the river.

Upcoming FREE soil health WORKSHOPS for River Kent Catchment Farmers & Land Managers

WEATHERPROOF FARMING

Sustainable farming expert, Niels Corfield, talks about the fundamentals of soil health and how your most precious resource can be managed to provide increased resilience and improve your bottom line. Niels will provide practical guidance to improve farm system efficiency, including: How poor soil and pasture health is bringing systemic weaknesses to grazing operations; How to build soil health, improve drainage on your land and reduce compaction and poaching; How to grow more grass with less fertiliser and hold on to water and nutrients after a rainfall event; How to use herbal leys and grazing management to become more weather resistant.

9th November | 7:30pm to 9pm | Ings Village Hall

Hosted by Ambleside and District Farmer's Discussion Group (Tea & sandwiches afterwards)

10th November | 10:30am to 3pm | Skelsmergh Community Hall

Includes: farm visit and soil health assessment demonstration – how to dig soil pits and diagnose problems (Pie and peas lunch provided)

To find out more about the project and to book your free place on our workshops, visit: www.r4everkent.co.uk/news-events or email hello@r4everkent.co.uk

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