



PROTECTING WATER QUALITY

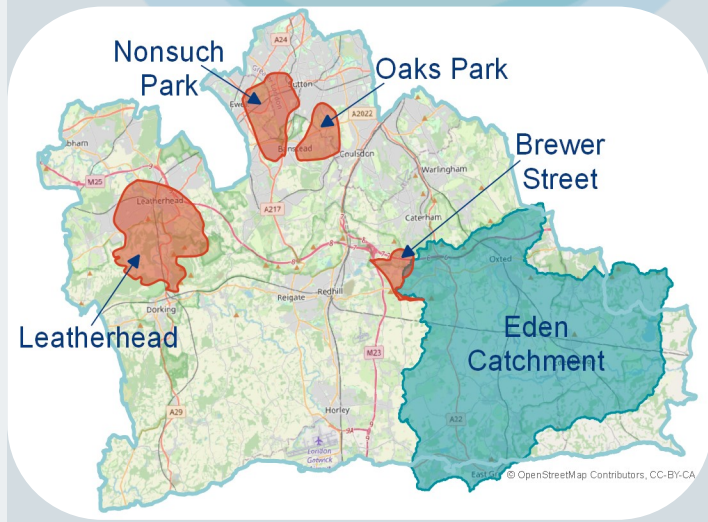
WATER FRIENDLY FARMING SUPPORT



PRIORITY CATCHMENTS

We currently have 'water friendly' farm support schemes where farmers may be eligible for funding in the following priority catchments:

- Leatherhead groundwater — nitrate scheme
- Nonsuch groundwater — nitrate scheme
- Oaks Park groundwater — nitrate scheme
- Brewer Street groundwater — nitrate scheme
- River Eden surface water catchment — pesticide and phosphate schemes



To register your interest in any of our funded initiatives and discuss payment rates please contact us at catchment@seswater.co.uk.

More information on the work we are doing in the catchment can also be found at www.seswater.co.uk/your-environment/catchment-management.

CASE STUDIES

Past examples of how we have supported farmers include:

- Subsidising alternative plant protection products that are lower risk to water quality
- Working with a farmer in one of our highest risk areas to improve pesticide handling by helping fund a new biobed
- Funding seed for a herbal ley in one of our nitrate vulnerable groundwater catchments
- Part funding a dedicated Farm Cluster Officer to help with the establishment and development of a local farm cluster



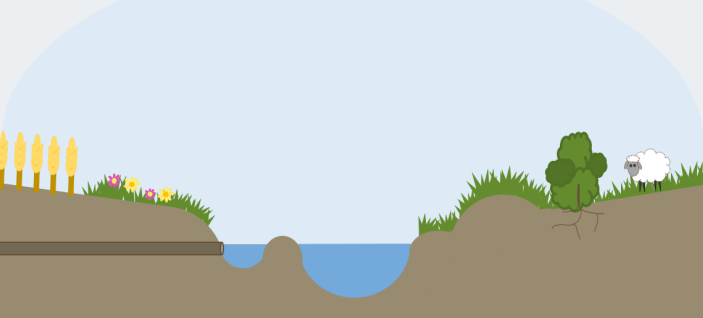
SES Water can offer financial support for farmers in our priority areas to help protect drinking water supplies at source.

INITIATIVES WE ARE SUPPORTING THIS 2024 SEASON:

Being a small company we are able offer bespoke, case-by-case, support and funding and have the ability to be more flexible than some alternative funding options. Below we outline some of the key initiatives we are looking to support this 2024 season. This list is not exhaustive - if you have a great idea about how we might be able to work together to protect water quality in our priority catchments, please get in touch with us at catchmenteseswater.co.uk.

INTERCEPTION DITCHES/3D BUFFER STRIPS

We are looking for farms to join our pilot study trialling interception ditches/3D buffer strips. We would like to improve the functionality of existing buffer strips, working with farmers to add features such as interception ditches and increasing the diversity of plant species in the strips to better trap sediment, pesticides and nutrients and prevent them being washed into watercourses.



CROP MANAGEMENT

We can support farms looking to use cover crops, intercropping, companion crops and herbal leys. These practices have been shown to improve soil health and can help protect water quality.

PASTURE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

We are currently offering free Pasture for Life (PfL) membership for livestock/mixed farms not already eligible through the FiPL funded Pasture and Profits in Protected Landscapes programme. There is no obligation for farms to work towards PfL certification, however for those interested in pursuing this we would be happy to discuss additional support needed.

1-2-1 ADVICE VISITS

We offer farm visits with our partners Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF), offering 'water friendly farming' advice along with help signposting to Rural Payments Agency funding (and potential for SES Water funding on a case-by-case basis where gaps exist). Funding for follow-on expert advice visits from independent third parties may also be available in priority areas. These visits are free and impartial.

FARM CLUSTER SUPPORT

We are keen to offer support to local farm clusters within our priority catchments and work together to help achieve shared aims across the catchment.

VOLUNTARY WORK

SES Water regularly run a number of corporate 'give-a-days' to help with local environmental projects and give back to local communities. If you have projects taking place on your farm, we can help out.

FARM INNOVATION IDEAS

We are keen to keep our funding as flexible as possible and are always open to bright ideas on how we might be able to work together to protect our drinking water at source whilst also bringing benefits to farms, the environment and local communities. If you have a great idea, please get in touch.

STATIC WATER TANKS

SES Water are looking to rehome a large number of our static water tanks. The stackable tanks come with a sight glass and can each hold up to 1800 L. They can also be linked in series. If your farm could benefit from one or more of these free tanks, please get in touch.

