

## Launch Event – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024, 12:00 – 15:00

### Ock and Thame Farmers: Freshwaters and Floodplain Restoration Landscape Recovery Project

Venue: Fison Barn, Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4QZ (Free parking at [///orange.petition.polices](http://orange.petition.polices))

Freshwater Habitats Trust have secured £750k from [Round Two of Defra's Landscape Recovery](#) for farmers and land managers to deliver projects supporting net zero, protected sites and habitat creation. We are very excited to announce the 'Development Phase' of the Ock and Thame Farmers: Freshwaters and Floodplain Restoration Landscape Recovery Project is ready to begin.

Please join us for this launch event to hear about planned activities, timelines, meet the project partners and project team and identify how we can all work collaboratively to deliver the project.

Working across 9,000 hectares of the Ock and Thame Catchments, with 90 landowners, managers and key partners, this two year Development Phase aims to:

- Work in partnership to develop opportunities for environmental and carbon goods at both the farm and landscape scale that deliver for biodiversity, farm businesses and communities;
- Understand and identify how private and public funding mechanisms can be blended to deliver these opportunities through the long-term 'Delivery Phase' from 2026 onwards; and
- Understand what roles, structure, legal agreements and risk management are required for long term delivery.

## Agenda

**12:00 Arrival, tea and coffee**

**12:15 Introductions**

**12:20 Introduction to the Landscape Recovery project**

An overview of the project including objectives, timeline, budget, key partners and team.

**13:00 Lunch**

**13:40 Workshop**

To capture your feedback on the proposed approach for the Development Phase, understand the issues you'd like to be addressed through the project, how we can best work with you and how you can help us deliver this project.

**14:30 NE Cotswold Farmer Cluster – learnings from Round One of Landscape Recovery**

Tim Field, NE Cotswold Farmer Cluster Facilitator and LR Project Lead

**15:00 Close / Optional guided walk - River of Life 2**

See first-hand a fantastic example of floodplain wetland restoration completed in 2021 by project partners, Earth Trust. Earth Trust. Composed of 16 ponds, seven backwater channels and 1.6 hectares of woodland it covers an area the size of 6 football pitches. **Pre-book via**

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