

OCFC

Ock Catchment
Farmer Cluster



28 March 2023 – Woodland creation farm visit with FiPL grants and ELMS update

At our next event, the Ock Catchment Farmer Cluster (OCFC) will meet at [Ducklington Village Hall](#) for updates from the cluster, discuss the latest position with ELMS, hear from Rob West about grants available through the North Wessex Downs AONB Farming In Protected Landscapes initiative (FiPL) and gain a quick overview of the Woodland Carbon Code. The focus of the morning is a visit to [Ducklington Farm](#) where we will have a networking break over sausage baps, tea and coffee before heading out to see a recent woodland planting scheme and ancient woodland management, funded through the Forestry Commission English Woodland Creation Offer.

9.00 Tea & Coffee

9.15 OCFC Chairs update (Tom Allen Stevens)

9.25 OCFC Facilitator update (Adam Bows, Freshwater Habitats Trust);

- Ock Arable Project
- Curlew Recovery Project
- CS Facilitation Fund bid
- Landscape Recovery bidding opportunity

9.40 Latest on ELMs – SFI, CS+ and LR (Ellen Fake, Natural England Catchment Sensitive Farming team)

10.00 FiPL Grant Opportunities (Rob West, FiPL Officer, North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)

10.20 Woodland Carbon Code (Sam Riley, Woodland Officer, Forestry Commission)

10.30 Travel to [Ducklington Farm](#) Coursehill Lane, Ducklington, Oxon, OX29 7YL

10.40 Networking break with sausage baps from pork raised at [Ducklington Farm](#), tea & coffee

11.00 Site visit of woodland planting scheme at [Ducklington Farm](#) with opportunity to hear from the landowner about his experience of woodland creation and management and how it affects the farm business and from Sam Riley about questions about the English Woodland Creation Offer. Bring wellies and wet weather gear.

12.30 Close.

About the Ock Catchment Farmer Cluster

We are a group of farmers who work together to access agri-environmental funding, share knowledge and network in order to improve the nature and ecosystem services such as clean water, carbon sequestered and fertile soil on our land. It is led by farmers and farmers, facilitated by Freshwater Habitats Trust