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23 May 2024: Making Biodiversity Net Gain work for your farm business

With visit to Hendred Farm Partnership

Heard about [Biodiversity Net Gain](#) (BNG) and want to learn more about its practical application in a local farm business? Then join us at Top Buildings, Newbury Road, East Hendred, OX12 8LG to hear from OCFC member Julian Gold about how the [Hendred Farm Partnership](#) is fitting BNG into farming operations to generate income from less productive land parcels.

Julian has a wealth of experience, having 6.1 ha in a 25 year voluntary BNG scheme and a further 14 ha planned for a 30 year mandatory BNG scheme, yielding a mixture of lowland calcareous grassland, neutral grassland and mixed native woodland biodiversity BNG units for sale. Julian will take us on a tour of the BNG area on the farm. We will also be joined by BNG expert Karen Lindley, from [Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment BNG team](#), who sell Habitat Bank BNG Units to developers.

Programme

9am Networking, tea & coffee, Hill Farm, Top Buildings, Newbury Road, East Hendred, OX12 8LG

9.30am Welcome *Tom Allen-Stevens, OCFC Chair*

9.35am Introduction to the Clumps & Ridgeway Clusters *Sophie Cunnington, Wild Oxfordshire*

9.40am OCFC Update *Adam Bows, OCFC Facilitator, Freshwater Habitats Trust*

- Landscape Recovery Project – latest news
- Event and Training programme – farm carbon toolkit & soil sampling
- Environmental baselining programme – plant surveys & remaining Water Quality Test Kits

9.55am Biodiversity Net Gain *Julian Gold, Hendred Farm Partnership and Karen Lindley, TOE*

Overview of BNG, payments, legal agreements and a practical explanation of how it can work in a local farming context

10.30am Farm Visit *Julian Gold, Hendred Farm Partnership*

Guided visit to see the areas of the farm business given over to BNG and opportunity for practical questions on putting land into BNG, payments and management requirements

12 noon Lunch Ploughman's lunch provided by Nina Gaylard

1pm Close

About the OCFC

The [OCFC](#) are a group of farmers working together to access agri-environmental funding and share knowledge and expertise 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 for farmers, facilitated by [Freshwater Habitats Trust](#).