

OCFC

Ock Catchment
Farmer Cluster



12 November 2024: Land Agent advice on the latest CS Capital Grants & SFI

Blanchard Enterprises, New House Farm

This joint event of Ock, Upper Thames, Clumps and Ridgeway Farmer Clusters will focus on incorporating Countryside Stewardship (CS) Capital Grants and Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) into your farm business. Farming consultants from [Ceres Rural](#) will talk us through what is currently available, using local case-studies. A farm walk will follow showing practical examples of how SFI has been used at New House Farm, allowing us to think about how they could relate to our individual farms and troubleshoot issues. We will also hear about Oxfordshire's recently published draft [Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#) and what it means in practice for farmers and landowners.

Venue: New House Farm, Southmoor OX13 5HR.

Programme

9am tea, coffee and networking

9.30am OCFC Update

Adam Bows, OCFC Facilitator, Freshwater Habitats Trust

9.45am Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Chloe Edwards, LNRS Project Manager, Oxfordshire County Council

The draft LNRS was published for consultation this autumn. Hear about what the strategy proposes to do and what it means for farmers and landowners

10.00am CS Capital Grants and SFI

Chloe Timberlake, Associate Partner and Philip Miles, Partner, Ceres Rural

Latest on the CS capital grants and SFI options available and how to fit them into your farm business, with Q & A.

11.00am Farm walk – SFI on the ground

Chloe Timberlake, Associate Partner and Philip Miles, Partner, Ceres Rural

Chloe and Philip will take us on a walk of James's farm to show and talk through practical examples of how CS capital grants and SFI options have been incorporated practically into farming operations at New House Farm.

12 noon Lunch

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](#).