



A clear solution for farmers

CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING

Tackling cattle poaching in Herefordshire

Eaton Hall Farm, Leominster, Herefordshire

River Lugg Catchment (7)

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Farm Description

Trevor Price farms a mixed farm at Eaton Hall Farm, Leominster Herefordshire. The River Lugg, a SSSI for its fish stocks and ecology, runs through the middle of his farm.

Pollution Problems

When first visited on his farm in 2006 Mr Price had endured a very dry summer and the cattle had been tracking back through the River Lugg and a stream in order to gain access to supplementary fodder. The bank erosion was severe and Mr Price was keen to mitigate the damage on his farm.



The banks of the River Lugg are no longer eroded by stock



Fencing of the stream

Pollution Solutions

1. Over the last three years an HLS scheme has been put in place to protect the river. The measures used included fencing of the stream and parts of the river bank where it does not flood together. Animals now get their drinking water from troughs.
2. Mr Price has been awarded a grant by CSF to roof his silage store to reduce the threat of silage effluent being created.
3. The land close to the River Lugg and stream that traditionally floods is no longer cultivated by Mr Price, reducing the impact of sedimentation on the river and flooding on his farm business.



Fencing of the River Lugg showing the bank recovering



Mr Price no longer cultivates land that floods for fodder beet; he only cultivates above the normal extent of the flood plain

Farmer Engagement and Motivation

Mr Price was already aware of the need to improve his farming system and was able to do so effectively given the guidance of his local CSFO and the financial assistance offered by an HLS scheme.



Erosion still visible just after the fencing was finished

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