

Natural Flood Management: Can we use rural land management to slow the flow on Deeside?

Meeting for land managers, 29th March, 12.30pm, Belwade Farm (Aboyne)

Summary:

Natural flood management (NFM) uses natural means to slow the flow of water through river catchments. Commonly used techniques include woodland planting, temporary field storage, floodplain reconnection, and river channel restoration. Together these could contribute to reduced localised flooding and have benefits for soil protection and biodiversity.

Dee Catchment Partnership is working to encourage and support the use of NFM techniques on Deeside, using a collaborative approach will bring wider benefits to all. We are running a meeting for land managers which will give an opportunity to 1) learn more about NFM from those with practical experience of developing and using these techniques; 2) hear about funding and other resources available to support NFM; and 3) share views on how Deeside could benefit from this approach.

Topics:

- An introduction to Natural Flood Management techniques (James Hutton Institute).
- Best practice in action – Tweed catchment case study (Tweed Forum).
- Funding and other resources (SAC consulting).
- Planning and delivery on Deeside (mapping, knowledge base, demonstration sites) (Dee Catchment Partnership).
- Discussion session to help guide how the work goes forward.

Date: 29 March 2017

Time: 12.30pm (lunch) – 4pm (close)

Location: Belwade Farm, Aboyne, AB34 5BJ – 1.5 miles east of Aboyne on the A93 (follow brown signs for World Horse Welfare) www.worldhorsewelfare.org/Farm/Belwade-Farm

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Agenda

- 12.30pm** **LUNCH**
- 1.00pm** **Welcome and introduction**
Susan Cooksley (Dee Catchment Partnership)
- 1.10pm** **An introduction to Natural Flood management techniques**
Mark Wilkinson (James Hutton Institute)
- 1.30pm** **Implementing NFM measures**
Hugh Chalmers (Tweed Forum)
- 2.00pm** **Questions**
- 2.15pm** **TEA AND COFFEE**
Opportunity to operate model catchments, use interactive touch-table, take away information sheets and leaflets, talk to NFM practitioners
- 2.45pm** **Putting NFM into practice on Deeside – what resources are available/needed?**
1) Funding and Delivery Mechanisms
Paul Chapman (SAC Consulting)
2) Opportunity maps, demonstration sites, knowledge base
Susan Cooksley (Dee Catchment Partnership)
3) Discussion
Chaired by Will Boyd-Wallis (CNPA)
- 4.00pm** **CLOSE**

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