

# Thames Water Catchment Fund additional information sheet for herbicide priority areas 2025

Our Catchment Fund is intended to help farmers in our priority areas make changes to protect water, go above and beyond legal requirements, and aim for the very best practice. Our separate Catchment Fund handbook explains the background to the Catchment Fund, how it works, includes maps of our priority catchments and lists the specific requirements for all of the options you can apply for.

## Application deadlines 2025

The application deadline for 2025 Catchment Fund applications is 30 November 2025. You can submit your application any time before this date, and we may get in touch with you for more information, but the full review process will start after the deadline. The outcome of all applications will be announced by 27 February 2026.

## Find your local project partner

The Catchment Fund is managed and funded by Thames Water, but we use local agricultural partner organisations to provide on-the-ground engagement, farm visits and application support.

Which local project partner organisation you'll be supported by depends on where you farm. You can check which priority catchment you're in using the maps in the Catchment Fund handbook.

If you're not sure if you farm in one of our target catchments or would like a copy of the Catchment Fund handbook, please contact the Thames Water Catchment Projects team by email at [catchment.projects@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:catchment.projects@thameswater.co.uk)

Priority catchments	Project partner
Source of Thames (12) Ampney Brook (13) Marston Meysey Brook (14) Wiltshire Ray (15) Key and Thames to Coln (16) Cole (17) Middle Windrush (18) Lower Windrush (19) Upper Evenlode (21) Lower Evenlode (22)	<b>FWAG South West</b> Sarah Wells Email: <a href="mailto:sarah.wells@fwagsw.org.uk">sarah.wells@fwagsw.org.uk</a>  Nicola Jameson Email: <a href="mailto:nicola.jameson@fwagsw.org.uk">nicola.jameson@fwagsw.org.uk</a> Office : 01666 503668
Great Brook and Thames to Farmoor (20) Upper Cherwell (incl. Ashby Brook) (23) Hanwell Brook and Middle Cherwell (24) Tadmarton Stream (25) Lower Cherwell (26) Upper Oxon Ray (27) Lower Oxon Ray (28) Ock (29) Thames to Thame and nearby tributaries (30) Upper Thame (31) Middle Thame (32) Lower Thame (33) Enborne (35) Lower Kennet and Sulham Brook (36) Foudry Brook (37) North Wey (38) Slea and Bucks Horn Stream (39) Cranleigh Waters and Compton Stream (40) Tillingbourne (41)	<b>Promar</b> Lauren Busby Email: <a href="mailto:lauren.busby@genusplc.com">lauren.busby@genusplc.com</a> Mobile: 07866 820731  Navjot Gill Email: <a href="mailto:navjot.gill@genusplc.com">navjot.gill@genusplc.com</a> Mobile: 07813 636888
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## Funding rates for herbicide options 2025

The table below shows the options available and their funding rates for herbicide priority areas.

Category	Option	Funding rate
Crop and land management	Winter cover crops	£129 per hectare
	Whole-year cover crops	£570 per hectare
	Cover crops following maize crops	£203 per hectare
	Undersown spring cereals	£380 per hectare
	Legume ley	£593 per hectare
	Arable reversion to grassland Option A	£165 per hectare
	Arable reversion to grassland Option B	£489 per hectare
	Reduced input grassland Option A	£85 per hectare
	Reduced input grassland Option B	£151 per hectare
	4m-6m buffer on cultivated land	£515 per hectare
	Non-chemical weed control	50% up to a total contribution from Thames Water of £15,000
Farmyard Infrastructure	Roofing	£73 per square metre roof surface
	Clean and dirty water separation	50% up to a total contribution from Thames Water of £15,000
	Concrete yard renewal	£36 per square metre
	Pesticide sprayer washdown and loading area	£40 per square metre
	Pesticide biofilter	£2,026 per biofilter unit
	Lined biobed	£120 per square metre of biobed
Education	Training & development	50% up to a total contribution from Thames Water of £1,500
Technical	Weed management - equipment	50% up to a total contribution from Thames Water of £15,000
	Precision pesticide application technologies	50% up to a total contribution from Thames Water of £15,000
	Farmer innovation	50% up to a total contribution from Thames Water of £15,000