

# Bespoke Water Quality Improvement Projects

This year, we're doing a trial offer of an extra opportunity for funding for activities that will achieve significant, long term water quality improvements.

In this scheme, we're offering the same funding rates as for the Catchment Fund options, but with a contribution from Thames Water of up to £40,000 towards activities which address the most significant risks to water quality in your local catchment in the long term.

Each catchment has specific water quality priorities. Please check if we're looking to reduce pesticides or nitrate from reaching surface waters or groundwater in your area. Your application will need to address the specific water quality priority for your particular catchment.

Please be clear on how the proposed activity will give long term water quality benefits, over at least five years.

## Who can apply?

We welcome applications from any landowner or farmer who has land in a target catchment for surface water or groundwater. We ask that you're also willing to share your story of working with Thames Water via our website or other media or literature.

You can only have one successful application for a Bespoke Water Quality Improvement Project per calendar year. This trial scheme is separate from Thames Water's Catchment Fund; you are welcome to apply for both schemes in the same year.

## How to apply

Contact your local project partner who'll give you an application form and be happy to offer advice and assistance for putting together your application. Please send completed forms to [catchment.projects@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:catchment.projects@thameswater.co.uk)

There are only a limited number of funding agreements available under this scheme. A good application will include:

- A detailed explanation of what the activity involves and the benefits it will provide for water quality
- An explanation of how the water quality improvements will be sustained over a minimum of a five-year period
- Details of how you will demonstrate that the water quality benefits have been achieved, such as pesticide/fertiliser use records before and after the proposed activity
- Maps showing your farm/field boundaries, the location of the proposed activity and any local watercourses, ditches, or field drains
- Supporting evidence such as quotations, photos and infrastructure plans

